



# Welcome to Laconia Links!



September 12, 2025 - Edition #703

The Prescott Farm Annual Harvest Festival is this weekend on Saturday, September 13 from 10 am to 3 pm. Don't miss it!

## 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)



Fundraiser to help find a cure for cancer through



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

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

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

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



**For more information go to [LaconiaRotary.org](http://LaconiaRotary.org) or email [LaconiaDBF@gmail.com](mailto:LaconiaDBF@gmail.com)**



Sponsors:



North Water Marine

**In Case Of  
Emergency CALL  
911**



If you need an ambulance or you are reporting an accident, fire or other emergency, **you MUST call 911**. Over the past week the Laconia Fire Department has received multiple calls to our NON-EMERGENCY phone number **(603-524-6881)** for brush fires, car accidents and medical emergencies and, in one case, an emergency in another community. This non-emergency number is for the business offices for the Laconia Fire Department and the folks who answer it do not have the ability to process emergency calls, nor to dispatch emergency vehicles.

It is always better to call 911 and give them the information so they may notify the appropriate dispatch center to have the correct agency and resources respond to your emergency in a timely fashion. Thank you!



# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

EXHIBIT

Laconia's Irish Heritage - in the Library Rotunda!

MULTI

MON 9/15

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

KID

TUE 9/16

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 9/16

Fiction Book Group @10am - 'We'll Prescribe You a Cat'

ADULT

TUE 9/16

Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11.

KID

WED 9/17

Fraud Basics @10am - The Scam Landscape & Staying Safe

ADULT

WED 9/17

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

KID

WED 9/17

Teen Craft: Mindfulness Jars @3:30pm

TEEN

WED 9/17

A History Lover's Guide to New Hampshire @6pm

ADULT

THU 9/18

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

KID

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

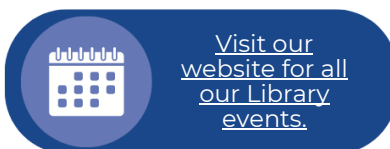
<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](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



# Pumpkin Carving Party



October 23  
5 - 7 PM  
at Canine Connection



for the Laconia  
Pumpkin Festival!

BYOP or \$10  
for pumpkin &  
carving supplies

## September is National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

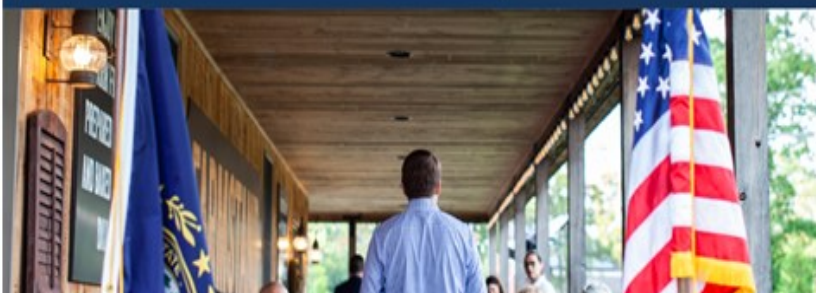
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
800-273-8255 or dial 988

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 10:00 am to Noon

## REP. CHRIS PAPPAS OFFICE HOURS

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

CONGRESSMAN  
**CHRIS PAPPAS**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 14 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**ROCK STEADY  
BOXING &  
LAKES REGION**

THE  
**DOWNTOWN  
GYM**



# 5K RUN & WALK

TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST PARKINSONS!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

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



**MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:**

[RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NH/LACONIA/RSBLAKESREGIONFORPARKINSONS5K](https://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NH/LACONIA/RSBLAKESREGIONFORPARKINSONS5K)

**DWN TWN** THE DOWNTOWN GYM  
TRAINING CENTER  
WHERE YOU TRAIN FOR LIFE!

[DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM](https://DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM)  
603 581-9392 | 171 FAIR ST. LACONIA NH



## Mental Health Symposium

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

@LRCC  
379 Belmont Rd.  
Laconia, NH



### Registration Fees:

\$75 Member

\$95 Non-Member

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

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

LEARN MORE AND  
REGISTER NOW:



LRCC Campus  
379 Belmont Rd  
Laconia, NH 03246

LRCC  
(603) 524-3207

[LRCC.edu](https://LRCC.edu)



# 10K & 5K RUN / WALK



**10 YEARS RUNNING**

## THE RUNAWAY PUMPKIN

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# OCTOBER 25TH

OPECHEE PARK, LACONIA

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

Register by October 10<sup>th</sup> to Receive a Long-Sleeve Event Shirt

Best Costume & Largest Team Challenge

**SPONSORS**































Information & Registration at

**WOWTRAIL.ORG**





# Let's Walk Together.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

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

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



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



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

**SPONSORS:**

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## Celebrate Laconia is hosting a FREE movie night on Canal Street!

September 20, 2025, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

We invite the community to select the featured film!

Harry Potter, Star Wars, Original Jumanji, Goonies, or The Princess Bride.

**You can Vote by going to Celebrate Laconia on Facebook.**

Voting will conclude on Thursday, September 18th.

Concessions, including candy, soda, and popcorn, will be available for \$5.

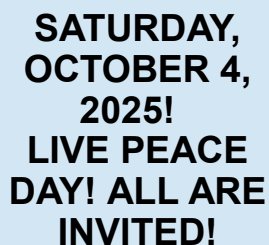
Attendees are encouraged to bring seating.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 20th!









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

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

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

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

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

Come for all or part of the day!

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

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

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

*Prescott Farm*  
Environmental Education Center

## ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

## Saturday, September 13th

## 10 AM - 3PM



Live Music | Culinary Samples from the Garden | Horse and  
Wagon Rides | Natural & Traditional Art Exhibit and  
Demonstrations | Food Trucks | Kids Games...AND MORE!

**This family event is FREE and open to the public**

## Connect with nature and your community



## 5th-8th Grade

# Radon Poster Contest

**Enter by October 31!**



Department of  
**HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**

Division of  
Public Health

It's time for our annual radon poster contest! We're asking students in grades 5-8 to design posters that highlight the importance of testing your home for radon. Entries are due by October 31. Learn more:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/.../2025-radon-poster-contest...>





# Lakes Region 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collections



## Protect the Water Resources of the Lakes Region!

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

## Collection Sites and Dates throughout 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

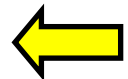
Bristol Transfer Station  
(100 Ayers Island Rd.)

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

Laconia Public Works Garage (27 Bisson Ave.)

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

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



## Participating Communities in the Lakes Region

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

### **What you can Bring!**

#### Yard and Garden

- Herbicides
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Driveway sealer

#### Household

- Toxic art supplies
- Cleaning fluids
- Roofing tar

#### Garage

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

#### Workbench

- Oil-based paint
- Stains & Varnishes

### **What is Not Accepted!**

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

**No Latex or Acrylic  
Paint!**

### **Questions???**

#### Contact LRPC Staff:

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

#### Email LRPC Staff:

Matt Rose [mrose@lakesrpc.nh.gov](mailto:mrose@lakesrpc.nh.gov)  
Dave Jeffers [djeffers@lakesrpc.nh.gov](mailto:djeffers@lakesrpc.nh.gov)

#### Visit our website:

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

Scan the QR code below:



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





## 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](http://www.FranklinVNA.org)  
(603)934-3454

In need of mental  
health or substance  
use support?

Call or text  
**988.**



A STRONGER YOU. A STRONGER NEW HAMPSHIRE.



**FAMILY  
MOVIE  
NIGHT**



Join us Friday, September 19th at 6pm

to watch

**The  
Little Bear  
Movie**



Popcorn + Water provided

Free of Charge

RSVP encouraged to:

[AMANDA.HOULE@LRCS.ORG](mailto:AMANDA.HOULE@LRCS.ORG)

 **LRCS  
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Family Resource Center | 719 N Main St. Laconia, NH 03246

[www.lrcs.org](http://www.lrcs.org) | 603-524-8811



# MILE FOR MENTORING

2025 Race & Fun Run

Presented by  CRAWFORD SOFTWARE

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

Sunday October 5th  
Gunstock Mountain Resort  
17 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249  
Race Start at 9:30am

Race timing by 

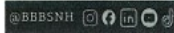
SCAN TO REGISTER



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



BBBSNH.ORG TKNEUER@BBBSNH.ORG | 603.256.5132



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

## LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 12:00 p.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

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

Friday, September 12 at 7:00pm

## Fleetwood Heart

"A Tribute To The Legends!"



"Fleetwood Heart" is a tribute that brings together the mesmerizing sounds of these iconic groups, celebrating their timeless music and the powerful women behind the hits.

**TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT - BUT STANDBY SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE DAY OF THE SHOW**

Due to no-shows there are usually 20-25% seats available. Unused tickets will be released to the standby line day of show, September 12th at 6:45 pm.

**ALL TICKET HOLDERS MUST BE SEATED PRIOR TO 6:45 PM**

Colonial Theater, 609 Main St., Downtown Laconia  
1-800-657-8774 • [www.coloniallaconia.com](http://www.coloniallaconia.com)

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

GET PREPARED BY

☒ Signing up for NH Alerts at ReadyNH.gov



☒ Making an emergency plan for family and pets



☒ Packing an emergency kit



☒ Having your prescription medications ready to go





Can't wait to see the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region at  
Laconia Pumpkin Festival!  
October 25, 2025  
Live performances throughout the day!



Keep our lakes clean!



Please do not put chemicals, debris,  
grass clippings, trash or dog poop  
into catch basins.

We all live downstream.



Please call the  
Department of Public Works  
([603-528-6379](tel:603-528-6379)) with questions or for  
more information.  
Thank you for your cooperation!

# In-Person Caregiver Connection



*A Caregiver Support Group*



**Tilly Market Cafe  
at the Belknap Marketplace**

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

**September 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



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

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CENTER**

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# Cooperative Co-Parenting Through Separation or Divorce

## Shielding Children from Conflict



Note: Co-Parents may attend this series together, but it is not required.

**\*HYBRID COURSE\***

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

Wednesday Evenings

6-8pm

8-Week Series Begins

September 24, 2025

Register at:

[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)

or with the QR Code:



### Topics Covered Include:

- Being child-focused
- Healthy relationships between parents & children
- Understanding roles
- Choosing your personal path
- Anger management
- Taking control of conflict
- Negotiating agreements

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



The Linden  
Foundation





## Unleash Your Inner Hero!

Don't miss out—register now!

Get ready to lace up those running shoes and transform into the hero you were born to be at the BE A HERO 5K!

Join us on September 27 at the stunning Castle In The Clouds for a fun-filled day where you can strut your superhero stuff, bring the whole family, and help save our furry friends in need!

With every step you take, you'll be making a paw-sitive impact on the lives of homeless pets. Plus, wear your coolest superhero costumes and let your imagination soar—because who says you can't save the day in style?

Leashed pups welcome. Just use your best judgment since this will be a busy and crowded event!

USE PROMO CODE NHHS FOR \$3 off each registration. Thank you for helping us save the lives of homeless pets!

[Join The Fun](#)




# Renew your driver license and non-driver ID online!



Many services at the NH DMV can be accessed without needing an in-person appointment. You can verify accident insurance, renew your driver's license, apply for a duplicate license or ID, check REAL ID documents, request your driving record, schedule a test, or respond to a ticket. For more information on these convenient at-home services, visit: <https://www.dmv.nh.gov/online-services>



## FLEX START OPEN HOUSE

 **SEPTEMBER 17**

 **4:30 - 6:00 PM**

 **LRCC BENNETT LIBRARY**



Explore Your Future at LRCC! Join us on Sept. 17 for an opportunity to meet LRCC faculty and staff and discover everything our academic programs have to offer. Get one-on-one support with your LRCC application and FAFSA. Register for classes on the spot (for accepted students). Learn more about LRCC and get the answers to all of your questions. Don't miss out! Register now and take the first step toward your future!

 <https://ccsnh.my.salesforce-sites.com/events...>



# Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

## Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, September 27**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot

9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



### Items we are accepting:

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

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

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

### Items we CANNOT accept:

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

***"Don't Throw It Out, Recycle It!"***

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions





## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689



### 2025 ACTIVITIES

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

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



### Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group



For those who have experienced the death of someone significant

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

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

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

**Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group**  
Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month  
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm  
Location: 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

For additional information, please call  
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454  
or email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

Franklin VNA & Hospice





“When you work as a CASA, you have the opportunity to change the trajectory of a child's life.”

GARRIE STOUTIMORE  
CASA VOLUNTEER



## Now Is the Time to Become a CASA – Join a Training This Fall

This fall, there are abused and neglected children who are waiting for a caring adult like you to advocate for their best interests. It is estimated that to meet this demand for advocates, more than 100 more volunteers are needed. Take the first step toward making a life-changing difference for these children by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to become powerful, caring advocates. You don't need to be a legal expert. You simply need to dedicate a bit of your time each month to get to know these vulnerable children and speak up in court for their best interests.

As a CASA volunteer, you spend 10-15 hours a month on one goal: helping children heal and thrive in a safe, permanent home. You may be the only adult who stays with these children from beginning to end of their cases, providing an important source of stability during a difficult time.

Start your journey to becoming a CASA volunteer advocate today. Hybrid and virtual trainings are available this fall.

**Take the First Step: Register for an Info Session**

[Not ready to register yet? Learn more with our FAQs](#)






## Take a Class


Get crafty this fall at the Belknap Mill with our cozy Knit & Crochet Workshops! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned maker, there's something for everyone to enjoy!


Register for a class or workshop at [www.belknapmill.org/classes](http://www.belknapmill.org/classes)

 Knit or Crochet Pumpkins - Saturday, Sept 13 - 11am–1pm

 Crochet Cat Plushies Series - Saturdays, Sept 6–Oct 18 - 2–3:30pm

 Crochet Snowballs - Saturday, Oct 11 - 11am–1pm

 Beginner Crochet 4-Week Series - Wednesdays, Sept 17, 24 & Oct 1, 8 - 10:00–11:30am

 Crochet a Sweater: 4-Week Class - Wednesdays, Sept 17, 24 & Oct 1, 8 - 12:00–1:30pm



**LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

**October 25, 2025**  
**11:00am to 8:00pm**

[www.LaconiaPumpkinFestival.com](http://www.LaconiaPumpkinFestival.com)

**We couldn't do this without you!**

**Jack O'Lantern Sponsor**



**Pumpkin Patch Sponsor**



**Sugar Pumpkin Sponsor**



**Pumpkin Seed Sponsor**



If you are interested in sponsoring, please feel free to reach out to Joia Hughes at [603-527-1270](tel:603-527-1270).

Just updated our

## Family Emergency Plan!

**ReadyNH.gov**  
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



Please consider updating or creating your family emergency plan! Know where to meet, who to call, and have what you need if something unexpected happens.

It feels good to be prepared and have peace of mind. Visit [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov) to make sure you're ready for whatever might happen!







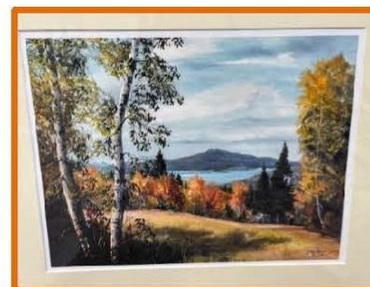
## ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

**3 tickets for \$10!**

*Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 19<sup>th</sup>.*

### Prizes to include:

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



Check out our website for up to date prize listings!  
[www.lrscholarship.org](http://www.lrscholarship.org)

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





## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community. If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at [603-527-1270](tel:603-527-1270) and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



### CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **September 22, 2025** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

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

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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  
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.



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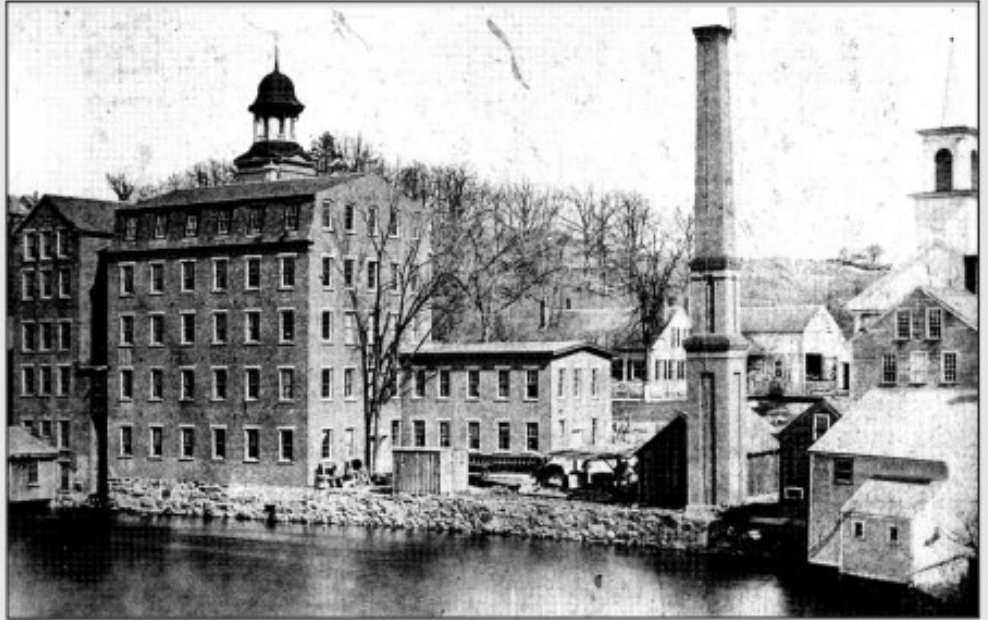


# Our Yesterdays

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

## THEN ...

**An early view of the Gilford Hosiery — later Clow and, still later, Cormier, Mill — on the south bank of the Winnepesaukee River in Laconia, as seen from the Main Street Bridge, also shows (at extreme right) the First Methodist Church — later, site of Sunrise Towers — at the corner of Union Avenue and Baldwin Street and, on the opposite corner, the Baldwin Cape — later Southgate Terrace. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**The area between the river and Union Avenue was cleared, during Urban Renewal, to create Stewart Park, dedicated, Nov. 19, 1973. Tenants started moving into Sunrise Towers, May 18, 1970, and Southgate Terrace opened in mid-1972. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)**





## MVSB TEAMS UP WITH RECYCLED PERCUSSION TO OFFER A FREE SHOW FOR VETERANS AND LOCAL FAMILIES

Meredith Village Savings Bank is proud to sponsor a special Recycled Percussion performance by providing complimentary tickets to Veterans and families who might not otherwise be able to attend a show.

The event will take place Sunday, Sept. 14 at the CAKE Theatre in Laconia.



Email [boxoffice@thecaketheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@thecaketheatre.com) for more information and to request tickets. Tickets are available while supplies last and are expected to go quickly.

The CAKE Theatre in downtown Laconia is home to Recycled Percussion, renowned for their groundbreaking performances and high-energy shows. Audiences can expect an unforgettable experience featuring electrifying music, jaw-dropping athleticism and an incredible light show that brings every performance to life.

Go to [recycledpercussion.com](http://recycledpercussion.com) to learn more.



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

Just click on the image (left).





## Belknap Mill Museum

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)

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

Send us an email at [info@belknapmill.org](mailto:info@belknapmill.org) to learn more!



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



### Hannaford Supermarkets Continues Tradition as Presenting Sponsor for the 2025 Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently announced that Hannaford Supermarkets has committed to serving as the presenting sponsor for the sixth consecutive year for the 2025 Children's Auction.

"We are so grateful to Hannaford and the support they have offered us for decades in the form of auction items, employee volunteers and now six generous years as our

presenting sponsor," said Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the Children's Auction. "Hannaford has proven time and time again that they are committed to our community and the families who call it home."

Larry Poliquin, store manager in Bristol, is a longtime auction volunteer who has been heading up teams to assist the organization for roughly 30 years, as long as he has been a Hannaford store manager. He is also a board member and a member of the Distribution Committee that makes recommendations on how auction funds are dispersed.

"Hannaford believes in the power of giving back to the communities it serves," Poliquin said. "We are proud to support the Lakes Region and happy to partner with and bolster the Children's Auction and other great organizations like it. We hope to continue to impact the region in our primary focus areas: hunger relief, health and wellness, and child development and families."

Learn more about the auction at [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org).



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



Registration deadline: Oct. 9th

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

PRIZES AWARDED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES



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

Proceeds to support the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund (FOFOF). [www.lrscholarship.org](http://www.lrscholarship.org)

**LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL  
PUMPKIN  
DROP-OFF**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

**WHERE: BEACON STREET EAST**

**TIME: 10AM - 6PM**

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



**QUESTIONS?  
CALL PARKS AND RECREATION AT  
524-5046**



# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



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

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



**A COLORFUL  
PLATE IS  
A HEALTHY  
PLATE.**

Make the healthy choice to  
eat "colorfully"!

Colorful fruits and veggies are  
often rich in vitamins, minerals,  
fiber, and antioxidants.

Get more tips for balancing  
your diet:

<https://go.medicare.gov/4n1nof0>



## Week of September 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:**

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

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

**Parks and Recreation**  
September 15, 2025, 6:00 pm  
**Agenda**

**Laconia Human Relations**  
September 16, 2025, 3:30 pm

**Master Plan Steering  
Committee**  
September 16, 2025, 6:30 pm



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)



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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Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)..... [603-491-8946](tel:603-491-8946)  
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes  
(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:603-524-3605)  
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)..... [603-524-7054](tel:603-524-7054)  
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3)..... [603-803-3425](tel:603-803-3425)  
Steven Bogert (Ward 5)..... [603-528-0613](tel:603-528-0613)  
Tony Felch (Ward 6)..... [603-998-1418](tel:603-998-1418)

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