



August 12, 2022 - Edition #553

*The "Sophie C." mail boat docked in Weirs Beach.
(Photo compliments of Rich Tilton Photography)*



Laconia Water Department Public Hearing

The Laconia Water Department will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to gather comments on raising its rates on the base rate from \$21.00 to \$25.00 per quarter and the consumption from \$2.35 to \$2.55 per hundred cubic feet (hcf).

This meeting will be held at the Laconia City Hall in Council Chambers, Room 200A beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Operational and maintenance increases have been taking place while simultaneously the volume of water billed has decreased approximately 1.3% per year (or 7.5 million gallons/yr) over the last 15 years. The majority of our customers fall into the single family residential category and the proposed increase will amount to approximately an additional \$36.00 per year per household.

Even after this increase, the average home only pays \$0.97 a day for water or less than 0.5 cents per gallon

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Crawford, Laconia Water Works Superintendent at (603) 524-0901.

We hope to see you there!

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 (603) 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



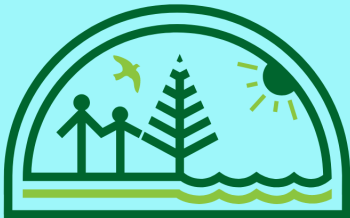
Library Pass



Thursday - Monday 10 - 4 pm

THE PASS IS VALID FOR THE FREE REGULAR ADMISSION OF ONE ADULT AND ONE YOUTH, AND 50% OFF ONE ADULT AND ONE YOUTH. IT IS NOT VALID FOR PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

LIBRARY PASS



SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

NEARER TO NATURE

Each pass allows up to four trail admissions for \$10 each every day from May 1 through November 1.

SHAYLA'S
TECH HELP
Wednesdays at 2pm

Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

August 17, 2022, 2 - 3:30 PM

Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian! (Please note that there will be no Drop-In Tech Help on August 24).

Adult Craft: Bath Fizzies

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

1PM OR 6PM



Adult Craft: Bath Fizzies

August 16, 2022, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

August 16, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Create exciting fizzies for your bath. A fun craft for adults; all materials provided. Sign-up is required as supplies are limited. Call, email, or text the library to reserve yours while they last! Phone: 524-4775,

Text: 603-556-4666,

Email: info@laconialibrary.org.

Summer Reading Program Results!

Our Children's Summer Reading program was a huge success thanks to the many families that participated this year! We ended the summer with **1,928** books read by the children of Laconia. Kids were able to add a scale to our giant library fish for each book read, and by the end of the summer, Tulip was filled with shimmering scales!

Laconia teens read 780 hours during the Teen Summer Reading Program this year, the most ever! They read everything from *Pride and Prejudice* to *Percy Jackson*, but their favorite clearly remains *Harry Potter*.

Summer Reading Totals!

The Teens read 780 hours this summer!

The Children read 1,928 books!

Community Yard Sale at



LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK

55 Growth Road, Laconia

Saturday, August 20th, 9 am - 1 pm

(Rain date: August 21st)

Table space \$20

Scan QR code or mail check to:
P.O. Box 6184, Laconia, NH 03247

Volunteers needed - email
info@htdpmh.org



SAFETY IN THE PARK

WITH LACONIA POLICE DEPT.

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 17TH
10AM

SPONSORED BY:



Kiwanis
CLUB OF LACONIA, NH



**Kids in the Park takes place
at the Belknap Mill in
Rotary Park. Bring a lawn chair
or blanket for this
FREE family fun.**

**Thank you to our great community
sponsors who generously help
provide this wonderful program.**

**In the case of inclement
weather please check the
website or social media
for updates.**

***When possible we will
move indoors.***

**Details can be found at
www.belknapmill.org/kidinthePark**

Public Information Meeting



UPCOMING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Walker Consultants, the firm conducting the Downtown Urban Study for the City, will hold a public information meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at the Belknap Mill to obtain input from residents and businesses on mobility and parking concerns in the Downtown area. The Downtown area that is being studied is bounded by Beacon Streets East and West, and by the River and the railroad tracks.

Public Works and the design/construction team will also hold a public information meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at the Belknap Mill on the plans to rehabilitate the City's parking garage. The presentation will include an analysis of the feasibility and costs of the public's suggestions collected earlier in the process.

Please call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379 for additional information.



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of August 15!



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

TRACTOR & WAGON TOUR
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
11AM-12PM



FMI & To Register:

prescottfarm.org



The Family Leadership Council of the Family Resource Center of Central NH invites community members to this celebration:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

When: Wednesday, August 24th, 2022

Time: 4-5pm

Where: The Family Resource Center,
719 N Main Street, Laconia

Why: To enjoy ice cream and visit with friends before school starts

*Backpacks/School Supplies may be available upon request

For more information, contact Alyssa Tandy at 581-1577



Lakes Region Community Services
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Empower. Engage. Inspire.

BOOKS & BARKS ADOPTION EVENT

Observing National Back to
School Month and National
Dog Month



Books & Barks Adoption Event



SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022
AT 11 AM – 4 PM
1305 Meredith Center Rd.
Laconia, New Hampshire

Observing National Back to School
Month and National Dog Month
(both in August)!

Find your new best friend just in time
for the school year!

New Hampshire Humane Society
seeks to open both hearts and minds
so every adopter can choose from a
selection of books to encourage a
broader perspective, a love of
literature, and bringing more love
into your family.

99th Annual Leavitt Park Carnival Saturday, August 20th 3pm to 6pm

Will be inside in case of rain

NEW GAMES DUNKING BOOTH FACE PAINTING BINGO, FOOD RAFFLE & MORE

Volunteers wanted!

Help with the carnival or become a member
For more info Call (603) 524-1886

Leavitt Park Carnival Raffle

Saturday, August 20, 2022

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- 1• Golf for 4 with cart Laconia Country Club - \$440.00 value (Laconia Country Club)
- 2• Auto Reconditioning - \$250.00 value (Donated by Irwin Automotive Group)
- 3• \$100.00 CASH - (Donated by Stewart Associates)
- 4• \$100.00 CASH - (Donated by Scotia Technology)
- 5• \$100.00 Gift Card to Heath Ace Hardware - (Donated by Heath Ace Hardware)
- 6• 2 tickets to the Colonial Theater - \$78.00 value (Donated by Colonial Theater)
- 7• 2 Vouchers for Scenic Lift & Coaster Rides - \$70.00 value (Donated by Gunstock)
- 8• 6 passes to Pirates Cove Adventure Golf - \$55.00 value (Pirates Cove)
- 9• \$50 Gift Certificate for Fratello's - (Donated by Fratello's)
- 10• \$50 Gift Card to Lakes Region Party & Gift - \$50.00 Value (LR Party & Gift)
- 11&12• (2) State Inspection - \$40 value ea. (Donated by Irwin Automotive Group)
- 13• \$30 gift card to Laconia Car Wash - \$30.00 value (Donated by Laconia Car Wash)
- 14• \$25 gift card to The Naswa Resort - \$25.00 value (Donated by The Naswa Resort)
- 15&16• (2) \$25 Gift Cards to Lake Opechee Inn & Spa - \$25.00 value ea. (Donated by Lake Opechee Inn & Spa)
- 17&18• (2) \$25 Gift Cards Tanger Outlets - \$25.00 value ea. (Donated by Kennell Orthodontics)
- 19&20• (2) \$10 Gift Cards to Happy Cow - \$10.00 value ea. (Donated by Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop)

And Thank You to Foley Oil, Hannaford, Vista & Shaw's for their Donations

20 Winners

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Pay with PayPal to ynotynot@peoplepc.com or Venmo to 603-998-1418



SOFT PLASTICS



Soft Plastics Collection

On Saturday, August 20th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club and the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia are holding another collection.

Soft clean plastics are accepted.
 No crunchy snack bags,
 No pet food bags,
 No boat storage covers.
 No attached paper

Our great and greater Laconia community is to be complimented on personal efforts to keep these plastics out of landfills and burned which pollutes our environment.

Should you have any question, you may email theandrews@verizon.net



* *Stan Jr. "The Showman"* *

* **Saturday, August 13th • 6pm!** *



**FREE
EVENT**

Weirs Community
Park
Association

A Variety of Musical Tributes

Tom Jones • Neil Diamond • Frank Sinatra
Pat Boone • Johnny Cash • ELVIS & More!

- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Bring Lawn Chairs!
- Flashbacks of Fabulous 50's



- Comfortable Sound System
- Performed in Vegas & Broadway
- Free Parking

Weirs Community Park - 49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia
Behind the Weirs Fire Department • TheWCPA@outlook.com



The 29th Annual Bolduc Park Golf Tournament will take place August 19 – 21 at the non-profit outdoor recreation center at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line.

A \$10,000 hole in one contest for amateur golfers, as well as a closest to the pin and putting contests, add to the fun.

A \$30 registration fee for 16 and over and \$20 for 15 and under includes a lunch on Sunday. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Bolduc Park Association's efforts to provide affordable golf, disc golf and cross country skiing to the Lakes Region.

Sign up now for tee times by stopping in at the clubhouse, calling 603-524-1370 or send email to golf@bolduc park.com



Update on the Downtown Urban Planning Study

As part of the downtown urban planning study, Walker Consultants has created a survey to obtain feedback on transportation to and parking preferences of business owners, employees and visitors to the downtown. A link to the survey is below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Laconia_Mobility_Survey.

Please take a few minutes and complete the survey.

The public information meeting for the Downtown Urban Study is August 17, 2022 at 6 pm at the Belknap Mill.

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, August 19th from 12:00-2:00
(while supplies last)

Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

This event is open to all. No proof of residency or income needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:



**Bank of
New Hampshire**



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

COOKING THROUGH THE SEASONS
Making Garden Pizza

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
1-3 PM

FMI & To Register:

prescottfarm.org



NEVER GIVE UP
ON HOPE

International Overdose Awareness Day

Join the community for our 5th annual candlelight vigil to raise awareness and commemorate those we have lost to drug overdose.

August 31, 2022 | 6PM-7:30PM

Rotary Park

30 Beacon St E Laconia, NH



Stories of Hope



Information and Resources



Candlelight Vigil & Music



Free Narcan



For Questions call us at (603) 524-5939 or visit
www.navigatingrecovery.org



**GILDA'S CLUB
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

An Affiliate of the
CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

SECOND ANNUAL

Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, September 24, Weirs Beach

Please Join Us for a Day of FUN and FUNdraising to support the
FIRST Gilda's Club in all of New England!



Organize a boat with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or business. Race your boat for fun or bragging rights (we'll supply the boats, equipment, and rehearsal time)!
Raise funds for Gilda's Club and give those impacted by cancer a place to go for support, education, and programs at no cost!

Don't have a team? Contact us and we'll see if there's an empty seat for you.

Become an event sponsor and highlight your support of this important cause!

www.gildasclubnh.org/dragon-boat-festival or info@gildasclubnh.org

Sponsors:

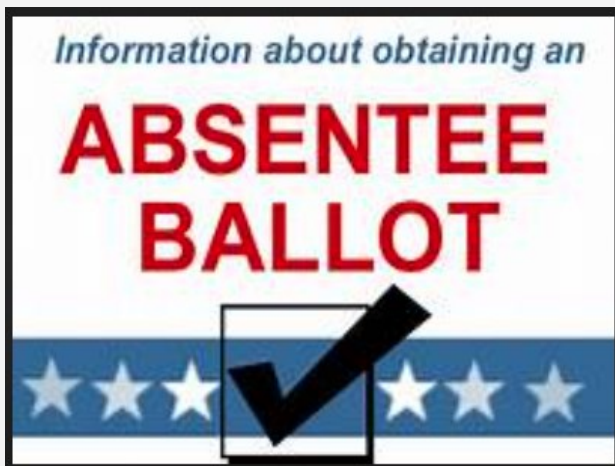




Laconia Senior Center #524-7689

AUGUST 2022 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Foot Clinic (9-1) *By Appt. Bingo (9-11) Manicures by Brenda (11-1:30) *By Appt.	2 Coffee Social & Snack (9-10) Activities Meeting (10-11)	3 Bingo (10-12)	4 Asian Noodle Salad w/Chicken (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	5 Bingo (10-12)
8 Bingo (9-11) Coffee Social & Snacks (10-11)	9 Board Games & Puzzles (10-11) Ice Cream Social (11-12)	10 Walking Group @ 8:30 Bingo (10-12)	11 Documentary Day & Snacks (10-12) Senior Comp. Meeting (12:30-2:30)	12 Chair Exercises (9:30-10) Bingo (10-12)
15 Bingo (9-11) Ice Cream Social (11-12)	16 BP Clinic @ 10:30 Chicken Provencal on Egg Noodles (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Peer Support Group Meeting (1:00-2:30)	17 Bingo (10-12)	18 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Chicken Fajitas (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Special Music by Don Smith (11:30)	19 Bingo (10-12)
22 Bingo (9-11)	23 ServiceLink Medicare Open Enroll Info @ 10 AM Documentary Day & Snacks (11:30-1:30)	24 Walking Group @ 8:30 Bingo (10-12)	25 Maddy's Foot Care (9-1) *By Appt. Childhood Memories & Snacks (10-12)	26 Bingo (10-12) Ice Cream Social (12-1)
29 Bingo (9-11) Baked Cheese Manicotti w/Marinara (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	30 Coffee Social & Snack (9-10) Calendar Fundraiser Meeting (10-11)	31 Chair Exercises (9:30-10) Bingo (10-12)		



Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

Absentee Ballots are now available in the City Clerks Office for the September 13th State Primary Election, Applications are also being accepted for the November 8th State General Election and City School Board Election for Wards 2 & 3. Applications are available in the office, and on our website by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view the State Primary Sample Ballots.

Completed applications can be hand delivered, emailed, faxed or mailed to the City Clerk's Office.

Physical Address: Laconia City Hall 45 Beacon Street East

Mailing Address: PO Box 489 Laconia, NH 03247

Email Address: cityclerk@laconianh.gov

Fax: 603-524-1766

Absentee Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

Ballots can be tracked on the NH Secretary of State's Website www.sos.nh.gov

Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office by calling 603-527-1265

or emailing cityclerk@laconianh.gov



COLONIALLAACONIA.COM

1(800) 657-8774



The Laconia Putnam Fund has just announced the Bachelors of Broadway show - scheduled for September 11 at 7 pm!

Visit the Colonial Theatre's website at www.coloniallaconia.com for more information on this and other upcoming performances.

Tickets available beginning August 26th on the Theatre's [website](http://www.coloniallaconia.com), or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Tickets available beginning Friday, August 26 at 10:00 am.

This is a free show, but tickets are required.



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ON ZOOM!



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A Program of Catholic Charities NH

<https://MWOW-kids-say-yes.eventbrite.com>
mkittery@nhfoodbank.org

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

MUSIC MAGIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
10-11 AM

FMI & To Register:

prescottfarm.org



**The Belknap Mill is delighted
to welcome Grayson Ty
to the 2022 Arts in the Park
Concert Series
Friday, August 12th at 6pm
in Rotary Park**

Grayson Ty will kick off the weekend at the Belknap Mill's 2022 Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series! All concerts are free and open to the public to enjoy. Bring a chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable for an evening of LIVE music in Rotary Park.

Grayson Ty is a Western Massachusetts-based singer-songwriter. Entirely unpretentious, his stage presence is easy, genuine, and unguarded. In an era of so much disconnection and artifice, Grayson brings audiences together with his honest, heartfelt lyrics, and soulful, soothing voice.

The Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by Founding Sponsor Laconia Putnam Fund, event sponsor Cisneros Realty Group, and media sponsor 104.9 the Hawk, and 101.5 Lakes FM .



The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is proud to present their summer concert series to Laconia on August 18 at 6:30 pm at Belknap Mill Rotary Park. Under the direction of long-time Laconia Music Educator Debbi Gibson, the Band will present music for all ages, from patriotic to swing, to the movies. Bring a blanket, chair, and an evening snack to enjoy while listening to the sounds of summer by the New Horizons Band. This concert is graciously sponsored by the Laconia Putnam Fund. Information on the organization or to join the band can be found [here](#) or follow us on Facebook.

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 ...

West side of Main Street, Laconia, opposite Canal Street, looked like this, around 1906, with false fronts on three of the wooden buildings and a dirt roadway. From the left, the Salvation Army and American Express Co. are at at No. 624, then at 626-628, Frank T. Durgin, electrical contractor, No. 630 appears to be unoccupied, and then, at 634-636, E.G. Baker, printer and stationer, with the photography studio of Elwin A. Elsam on the second floor. Close inspection discloses Elsam's sign to be in the form of a 'camera.' (Postcard collectors will recognize Baker's name, as he published a number of local views.) In the distance at right, the spire of the Christian Church is faintly glimpsed. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)

... AND NOW

The Pemaco Block (named for Thomas J. McIntyre Sr.'s PEoples Market CO.) at 634 Main St. replaced the four old wooden buildings in 1926. Until 1955, the Gardens Theater operated as a movie house on the upper floors. Over the years, Gerry's, Rogers Store (stationers), Jack C. Sawyer, Sweetland Restaurant and Maharajah's Royalty occupied the ground floor, among others; and, more recently, the Vintage Cafe, Wayfarer Coffee Roasters and Marketplace and Polished & Proper Barbershop. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



2022 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor: Laconia Putnam Fund



Tall Granite Big Band | Friday, May 20th



Club Soda Band | Friday, June 3th



Steve Dennis | Friday, June 17th



James Montgomery Trio | Friday, July 1st



Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 15th



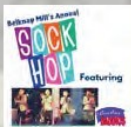
Martin and Kelly | Friday, July 29th



Grayson Ty | Friday, August 12th



Hickory Horned Devils | Friday, August 26th



**Sock Hop w/ Rockin Daddios
Friday, September 9th**



the Belknap Mill presents



All Concerts are Free & Open to the Public

All concerts are scheduled to begin at **6pm**

Connect with us.

www.belknapmill.org | (603)524-8813 | Cathy@belknapmill.org

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
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

The Emotional Benefits of Exercise—



Enhance your mood and
overall emotional well-being

Research shows
the benefits of
exercise go
beyond just
physical well-being.

Learn how physical
activity helps
support emotional
and mental health
by visiting the
National Institute
on Aging's [website](#).



City Meetings

Week of:
Aug. 15 - Aug. 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](#). 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:**

Lakeport TIF District Advisory Bd.

August 15, 2022, 8:30 am

[Agenda](#)

Government Operations & Ordinances Subcommittee

August 15, 2022, 4:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec Commission

August 15, 2022, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

August 15, 2022, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

August 17, 2022, 3:00 pm

Water Commission

August 18, 2022, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Airport Authority

August 18, 2022, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

Board of Assessors

August 18, 2022, 5:00 pm



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below
must be preceded by 603)

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
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 - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Katie Gargano	
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