

## Laconia Links

December 9, 2016 - Edition #265

Help restore the Colonial Theater to its former glory! Check out details of the "Buy a Seat" program [here](#)

## News From the Tax Department...

### PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/28/16!

Tax bills were mailed on Monday, November 28, 2016. They are due on December 28, 2016.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Follow this [link](#) to our Tax Department for more info...

Welcome to *Laconia Links* a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!*



## Bring on the snow!

### Snowman Contest!

Get outside with your family and make your best snowman ever from December 1st thru March 1st. Take a photo and send it to [parks@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:parks@city.laconia.nh.us) to be in the running to win a prize!

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events....



## Teen Holiday Craft

Thursday, December 15  
3:00 pm, Laconia Rotary Hall



Create a holiday ornament using a variety of materials. This program is open to students in 7th grade and up. Snacks will be provided.

## Adult Holiday Craft!

Monday, December 12 @ 6:00  
Monday, December 19 @ 6:00



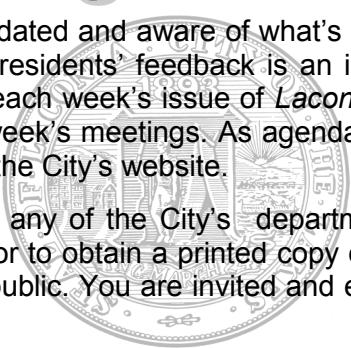
In this special 2-night adult craft program we will create Paper Mache holiday decorations. The first week we will be using Paper Mache, then let our creations dry for a week. The following Monday we will paint and embellish our works of art.

Space is limited, and sign-up is required. For questions or to register, please see the front desk or call 524-4775.

# Upcoming Meetings...

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council. Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.



Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Click on a specific meeting for more information.

Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.

**Become involved in your City and make a difference!**

Meeting  
in  
Progress

**Please see below for meetings scheduled for the week of December 12-16, 2016:**

### **City Council—Non-meeting**

December 12, 2016, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **City Council**

December 12, 2016, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### **Downtown Tax Increment Financing District**

December 13, 2016, 10:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200B

### **Heritage Commission**

December 14, 2016, 5:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Police Commission**

December 15, 2016, 3:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Laconia Airport Authority**

December 15, 2016, 4:00 pm  
Airport Conference Room

### **Board of Assessors**

December 15, 2016, 5:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

## PUBLIC WORKS



### CHANGE IN SCHEDULE LACONIA TRANSFER STATION CLOSED

**Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>  
& Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Laconia Transfer Station will be **closed** on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Transfer Station will be open for business on Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm for your disposal needs.

**We apologize for any inconvenience!**  
If you have questions, please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.

## Belknap Mill Presents 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar



25 Beacon St. East, Laconia NH

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Expanded Crafts and Food Exhibitors

Locally handmade art, jewelry, gifts, ornaments and many more treasures from New Hampshire artisans

### CRAFT RAFFLE

Explore the Knitting Room and Powerhouse Museums

Riverside Gifts

Baked Goodies by Boy Scout Troop #68



Connect with us: [f](#)

[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org) (603) 524-8813 [programs@belknapmill.org](mailto:programs@belknapmill.org)



## Notice to Residents and Visitors to Downtown Laconia

New public parking is now available in the lot at the corner of Pleasant Street and New Salem Street (see map above). Parking is open to the public to the right as you pull into the Salvation Army lot and towards the rear of the lot on the right in front of the shed area.

## Public Works Department

### PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM *Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

## Christmas with Fur-Ever Friends

Join Us in celebrating the season with a tree decorating party!

Saturday, December 17th, 3-6pm



Family Friendly Crafts from 1-3pm

Tree Blessing at 3pm

Decorating and lighting of the Tree to follow

Tour the facility and meet our many adoptable animal

Join us around the campfire for music, caroling and S'Mores

Food and drinks will be provided

*Bring an item to donate to make it a Merry Christmas for all of our shelter animals. See our full Wish List online*



Parking at Laconia Christian Academy, FREE shuttle courtesy of



1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia NH [nhumane.org](http://nhumane.org)

## Laconia Area Bike Exchange

LAGE, 343 Court Street, Laconia NH

It was a busy and productive year for the Bike Exchange with a record number of bicycles provided at low cost to those in need. However, many recipients were unable to pay the \$10 to \$20 cost; this represents \$1,000 in lost funds.

Please consider a donation of \$10, \$20 or more to our organization. Checks may be made payable to BWANH and mailed to Bike-Walk Alliance of NH, 2 Whitney Rd., Suite 11, Concord, NH 03301-1844 (put "Bicycle Exchange" in subject line). Thank you for your generosity!

Winter 2017  
Course Offerings

## Laconia Adult Education

345 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246



- Laconia Academy Diploma Program
- ABE: Adult Basic Education
- Enrichment Classes

Check us out: [adultedlaconia.weebly.com](http://adultedlaconia.weebly.com)

524-5712

### ABE: Adult Basic Education

All of these classes are FREE!

*Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 pm starting January 10th & 12th*

**-HiSET classes (formerly GED), Math, Reading**

**-ESL (ESOL): English as a second language**

**-Basic Education: Math and Reading for everyday living skills and increased job performance.**

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

*"Uplifting, hypnotic music that melts away holiday stress." - Wall Street Journal*  
*The Boys of St. Paul's Choir School's have "angelic voices" of "otherworldly beauty"*  
*Los Angeles Times*

**December 9, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Sacred Heart Church, Laconia**  
 (St André Bessette Parish)  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED**

Like us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



## **Lorentz Named New Executive Director of Land Trust**

Carmen Lorentz will be the new Executive Director of the Laconia Area Community Land Trust starting in January. Lorentz will succeed founding executive director, Linda Harvey, who is retiring in May after 24 years.



A Lakes Region native and resident of Belmont, Lorentz is currently serving as Director of the Division of Economic Development at the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. She was appointed by Governor Hassan in 2014, and was responsible for the division's first-ever strategic plan, which resulted in new marketing initiatives for the state and new economic development services being offered to local communities and organizations. Prior to serving at the state level, Lorentz was Executive Director of the Belknap Economic Development Council.

Lorentz and Harvey will work together for the first few months to ensure that the transition goes smoothly. "We are thrilled to welcome Carmen on board," said Jason Hicks, Chair of the Land Trust's Board of Directors. "And we are grateful to Linda for her continued service during the transition. We have all the right pieces in place for success in our first-ever transition to a new Executive Director."



## Belknap House Open Houses and Christmas Tree Sale!

The Kiwanis/Belknap House Christmas Tree Sale is now open, 9am-9pm every day through Dec 24th. Fresh-cut trees, wreaths, and hard-to-find extra tall trees, all from Freedom Firs of Canaan, Vermont.

Additionally, our CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPEN HOUSES will be held on Sat. and Sun, Dec 10 and 11, and Sat and Sun, Dec 17 and 18. Complimentary homemade Christmas cookies and hot cider! Plus, the opportunity to support Belknap House by purchasing unique ornaments in the shape of houses, handmade just for us by local artisans. The Christmas Tree lot is on Court St. in Laconia, across from Tire Warehouse. Stop by and tree farmer Matt Brooks & helpers will make sure you get a beautiful, fresh tree!



### Woodland Heights School PTO

### Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 17, 2016

9am — 3pm

Woodland Heights School Gymnasium

225 Winter Street, Laconia

10'x10' spaces are available for \$25 each

Chairs will be provided, Tables will not



For an application or more  
information

Please call  
Patti Boyle at  
603-998-7416

Tables are going fast...  
Get one while they last!



## Fusion Seeks to Expand Its Planning Committee in 2017

A lens has been placed over New Hampshire magnifying the critical need to develop and retain a qualified workforce. For the Lakes Region, that need is felt across many industries. As a connecting point for early and mid-career professionals, Fusion seeks to expand both its active planning committee and Fusion member base in 2017.

Kara LaSalle and Corey Hoyt, Fusion President and Vice President, invite prospective committee members and recruiters to an informational session on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bank of New Hampshire Community Room at River's Edge in Laconia. Attendees will learn about the mission of Fusion, our interactions statewide, how members can be involved, and our engagement in the Lakes Region community. Human resources professionals, hiring managers and business owners seeking to attract, develop and retain their workforce through community engagement are encouraged to attend.

Fusion serves as a connecting point in the Lakes Region and aims to be a valuable resource to area recruiters and young professionals that strive to grow their career in central New Hampshire. We offer an opportunity for early to mid-career professionals to become involved with an active non-profit in the Lakes Region. Committee members help to shape the future of Fusion and its activity as it thrives on events and creating opportunities to build meaningful connections. Many active members go on to hold non-profit board positions with prominent area organizations as a result of the skills they build and hone with Fusion.

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at [www.fusionnh.org/events](http://www.fusionnh.org/events) as space is limited. Questions prior to the event can be addressed to Kara or Corey at [fusionnh603@gmail.com](mailto:fusionnh603@gmail.com).

## City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

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.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**

Since both Christmas Day 2016 and New Year's Day 2017 fall on a Sunday, there will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash during these two weeks. Trash will be picked up on the normal schedule during the weeks of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379, Ext. 300. **Mark your calendars!**



## Hurray for the Holidays!

December 13th, 6~8 pm

Join us at the Parks & Rec. Community Center to make Christmas ornaments and sing Christmas carols! \$2/person. Call 524-5046 to register!

Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary

## Tree of Love



An annual symbol of community Christmas spirit, the Tree of Love is adorned with angels crafted by Holy Trinity students to honor and remember living and lost family and friends. Angels are \$3 each, and may be purchased in the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop.



### Holiday Shopping

The LRGH Auxiliary Gift Shop is ready with great gift ideas for everyone on your list. Offering a wide array of holiday décor, sweaters, scarves, leggings and jewelry, including Alex and Ani®. The shop is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Stop in for your holiday gift needs; big or small we have it all!

Save the date to attend the Tree of Love Ceremony on Thursday, December 8 at 1:00 pm, in the lobby at LRGH. The brief ceremony will include refreshments, and reading of the names on the tree. All are welcome.



Proceeds benefit local charities.



## Look What's Happening at the Taylor Community!

### NH's Historical Covered Bridges, Dec. 9



Conrad Young, a Concord watercolor artist specializing in covered bridges, has completed a new book, "New Hampshire's Historical Covered

Bridges." The culmination of 10 years of researching and painting bridges, the book consists of 11 paintings and an ink drawing of the oldest state bridge, the Bath-Haverhill. It also contains a location map, information on the 54 state-recognized bridges and trivia about them. Young will share the beauty of his paintings and discuss his book Friday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

The event is free and open to the public.



### New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region at Taylor December 20

The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region will perform a holiday concert Tues., Dec. 20 at 7 pm at Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public. Music will include the popular "Christmas Festival," arranged by Leroy Anderson of Boston Pops fame, as well as his composition of the well-known "Sleigh Ride." Also scheduled are "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "Ding Dong Merrily on High," and "God Bless Us Everyone." Many other arrangements familiar to people of all ages are in store for the audience. The Mission of the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is to promote "music for life" by creating band performance opportunities for mature adult musicians who seek to make beautiful music together, for the enjoyment of members and audiences alike.

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Society of  
St. Vincent  
de Paul  
LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

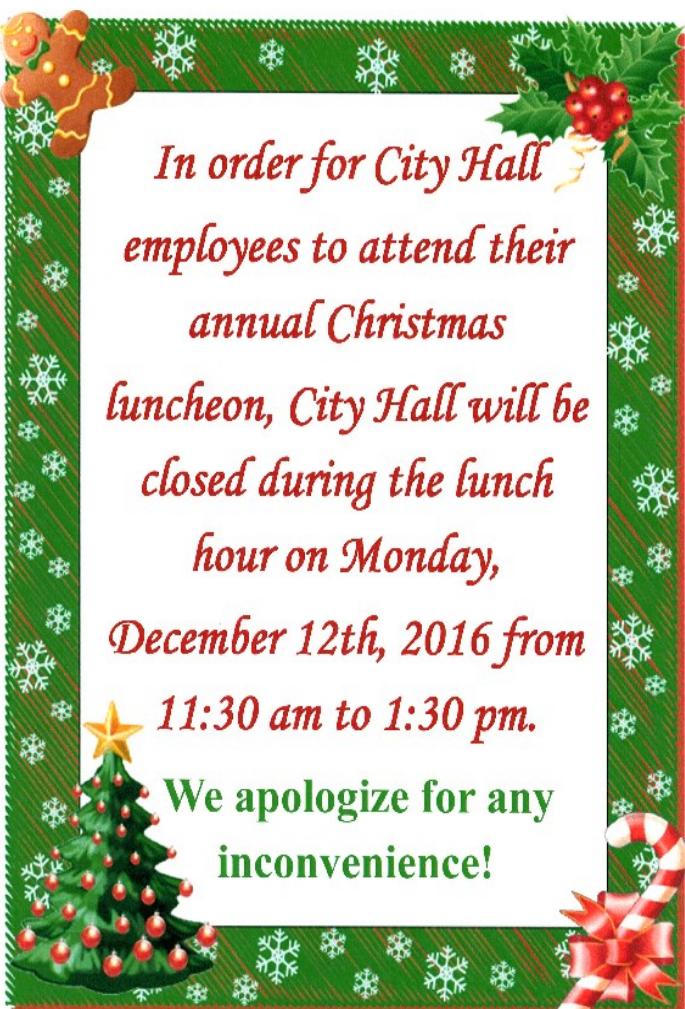
During the month of December, there will be a donation bin in the Children's Room for donations to St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry. The Food Pantry routinely serves over 200 families a month and has a continuing need for canned goods. The Pantry appreciates all donations, especially the following:

- canned meats
- beef stew
- canned vegetables & fruits
- tuna fish
- fruit & vegetable juices
- crushed tomatoes/tomato sauces
- pasta
- macaroni and cheese

Personal care and baby items are also needed. These include diapers, tissue, and toilet paper. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shaving cream are also welcomed. Baby wipes and baby food are also most appreciated. Monetary donations may also be made to the Children's Foundation. The Children's Foundation helps to meet the needs of needy children in our community. The Children's Foundation sponsors the back to school Backpack Program, gifts of clothing at Christmas and supports numerous other programs in support of children in need.



A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk.  
The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!





# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Chief Adams and members of the Police Department spent the afternoon recently answering phones at the Children's Auction. The Laconia Police Department's Family Fund is partially funded by the auction, and as a result, is able to serve many children and needy families throughout the year!

A big thank you to the Children's Auction, and everyone who supports this wonderful event!



**A huge THANK YOU to City departments, employees, residents and businesses who generously donated cookies last week for Christmas Village! By your efforts the tradition of this wonderful event continued, providing families with memories for years to come.**



## NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



## Albert Clark Memorialized at NH Humane Society

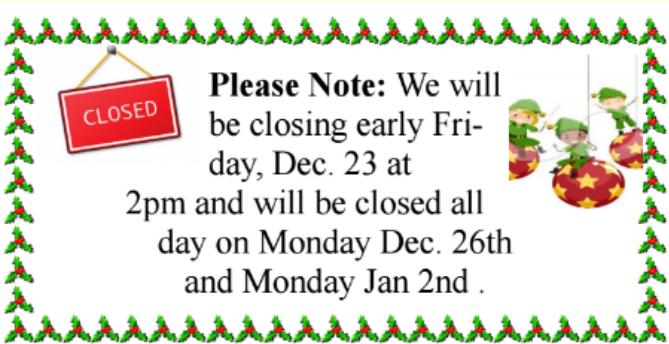
The NH Humane Society was pleased to receive a generous donation from Albert Clark, Jr. after his passing in June. Barbara Strohm, Mr. Clark's daughter, was on hand on at the NH Humane Society shelter recently to memorialize her father with a plaque commemorating his lifelong love for animals and philanthropy to the NH Humane Society. Family members attended a small ceremony to hang a commemorative plaque in the lobby of the NH Humane Society, and enjoyed a tour of the shelter; visiting with several cats in the social rooms, and litters of newly arrived puppies.

The shelter depends on the generosity of animal lovers and community members like Mr. Clark to continue to serve hundreds of animals in need, year after year, and provide invaluable services to the community. The NH Humane Society accepts monetary donations online at [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org), or specific items, which can be found online at our "Wish List," can also be dropped off during shelter hours or by special arrangement.



Don't forget !  
ServiceLink  
Resource Center  
(1-866-634-9412 or  
528-6945)....it's the first  
number to call for  
senior services.

## *Laconia Senior Center Holiday Closings!*



*Laconia Senior Center is located at  
17 Church Street in Laconia.  
Questions? Call 524-7689*

*We hope you have enjoyed this  
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments  
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the  
City Manager's office, 527-1270,  
or by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)



## **CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY**

Assessing .....	527-1268
Assessor - Deb Derrick	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager .....	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
Conservation .....	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
Planning & Comm. Dev. .....	527-1264
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
Tax .....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) .....	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson	
Library .....	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy	
Personnel .....	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoel	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	

### **City Council Contact Info:**

Mayor Edward Engler .....	630-4484
Ava Doyle (Ward 1) .....	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3) .....	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4) .....	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5) .....	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) .....	524-2514

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