



Laconia Links

December 8, 2017- Edition #316

Public Works Department



A Public Input Session will be held Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall, Conference Room 200A (second level). The Public Input Session is for the upcoming road work on Union Avenue between Main Street and Gilford Avenue. An overview of the project will be provided and then specific concerns can be brought forward by the public. The Department of Public Works looks forward to hearing from residents, business owners and those that travel this route to hear feedback on conditions of the roadway and other concerns.

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@laconianh.gov

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



*Socks, the Belknap Mill Christmas Elf, has been busy!
Read all about him on [page eight](#)...*



Public Works Department

The Laconia 2018 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is here!

Click on the image (right) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.



Questions? Please call Ann at DPW, 528-6379. Copies of the calendar can be picked up in City Hall or at Public Works on Bisson Avenue.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events....



Holiday Cards!

Monday, December 11
3:00 - 7:30 pm
Selig Storytime Room

Drop-in program
where you can make
festive cards for the
holidays.

For families with children.



Teen Graphic Novel

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 3 pm

Volpe Room

Come to the Graphic Novel Club to discuss your favorite comic books and Manga. Enthusiasts of TV and movie adaptations also welcome! Free and open to teens; snacks will be provided.



Teen Movie: Spider-Man: Homecoming

Monday, December 11, 3 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

Rated PG 13, 133 minutes. Open to teens, no registration required.

Movies & More for Kids "Despicable Me 3"

Friday, December 15, 3:45 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall



Rated PG, 90 minutes, snacks provided! Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older; all adults must be with a child.



Adult Craft: Painted Rock Cacti

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2 pm or 6 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

Create a fun plant that won't die!

Space is limited - signup is required!

Meeting
in
Progress

**Please see below for meetings
scheduled for the week of
December 11 - 15, 2017:**

Lakes Business Park

December 11, 2017, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council

December 11, 2017, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

City Council Finance Comm.

December 11, 2017
Immediately following City Council meeting (above)
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Technical Review Comm. I

December 13, 2017, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

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.

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

Heritage Commission

December 14, 2017, 1:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Water Commission

December 14, 2017, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conference Room

Become involved in your City and make a difference!

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/29/17!

Tax bills were mailed on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. They are due on December 29, 2017.

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.

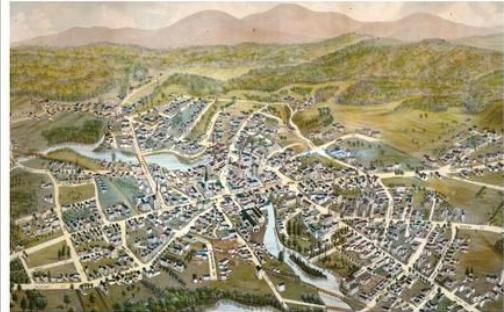
Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Belknap Mill Presents

• 9th Annual

Holiday Bazaar

Please join us at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH for our 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar! Saturday, December 9, from 9 am to 3 pm. Many local artisans are participating! Admission is free.



CELEBRATE LACONIA

125 Years of the Lake City

By Warren D. Huse

Celebrate Laconia, The Laconia Daily Sun and The Laconia Historical and Museum Society are sponsoring this signing. "Be sure to not miss out on this historical keepsake. It will make a wonderful Christmas gift," Pam Clark, President of Celebrate Laconia, said. Refreshments will be served and free gift-wrapping provided. For further information about the event, contact Pam Clark at 387-1285.

Celebrate Laconia is a nonprofit, civic organization whose mission is to celebrate the past, present and future of the City of Laconia; to promote vitality throughout the entire community by coordinating citizens, public officials, civic and non-profit organizations, and private businesses; to encourage cultural and economic development; and to develop a framework for the future of the city. Any individual, business or organization interested in partnering with Celebrate Laconia, is encouraged to contact the group at connect@celebratelaconia.org for opportunities.



Letters from Santa!

Laconia Parks & Recreation has again partnered with Santa Claus at the North Pole for a Letters from Santa program! Parents, have your children write their letter to Santa and mail it to the Parks & Recreation office at 306 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246. The office crew will then get it to the North Pole and Santa will send his reply. In order to keep this a free program please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the letter. To be sure the letters get to the kids before Christmas, all letters must be received by December 13th.

Any questions can be answered by the Parks & Rec office staff at 524-5046.



THE OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE!

Decorative wreaths, swags, kissing balls and centerpieces

**Saturday, December 9
9 am to 2 pm**

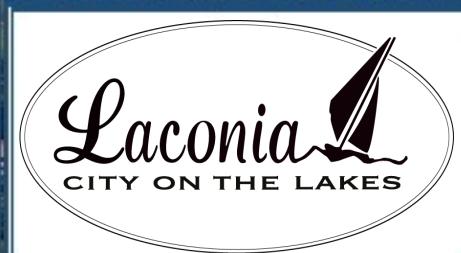
**Leavitt Park Clubhouse
334 Elm Street
Laconia**



Taylor Community presents Holiday program with the New Horizons Band

The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region brings holiday cheer to Taylor Community's Woodside Building on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm with a musical program. This free event is open to the public.

The mission of the band, founded and conducted by Mary Divers, 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 RIVERWALK INFORMATIONAL MEETING

This is an opportunity for members of the public to view preliminary design and provide feedback for two new segments of the Laconia Riverwalk in Downtown Laconia.

When: **Tuesday, December 19th @ 6pm**

Where: Laconia City Hall Rm. 200A

Who: Anyone interested in knowing more about the proposed Riverwalk segments from City Hall to Church Street and a 450 foot segment behind Walgreens and the Landmark Inn.

For More Information: Contact Laconia Parks and Recreation @ 524-5046
or email parks@laconianh.gov



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
Benjamin Greene, Conductor

Holiday POPS Concerts

Saturday December 9, 7:30pm
Sunday December 10, 3:00pm

Inter-Lakes Auditorium
Rt. 25, Meredith, NH



Featuring vocalist
Seraphim Afflick



TICKETS \$20 Adult / \$10 Student

Online: www.LRSO.org

Meredith: Innisfree Bookshop ~ Laconia: Greenlaw's Music
Phone: 800-838-3006



Sponsored By



News From the City Clerk's Office



2018 Transfer Station Stickers

The City Clerk's Office will start selling 2018 Transfer Station Stickers on Friday, December 1, 2017. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle the sticker will be put on must be provided at the time of purchase.

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office at 527-1265.



Wondering where to get your Christmas tree this year? Maggy D's has a large selection of beautiful, fresh NH-grown trees to choose from AND 10% of the proceeds of all tree sales are donated to the NH Humane Society!

**TREE SALES CONTINUE THROUGH
MID-DECEMBER
(AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST!)**

Maggy D's Garden Center, located at 330 Court Street in Laconia, is once again generously donating 10% of the proceeds from every Christmas tree sold this holiday season to the New Hampshire Humane Society. Maggy D's has donated some portion of the proceeds of Christmas tree sales to the shelter in the past, but decided last year on a more formal partnership, which we are grateful will continue this year.

Maggy D's will also serve as a drop off point for animal food and supplies throughout the holiday season, including canned dog and cat food, non-clumping clay cat litter, and shelter supplies such as paper towels, laundry detergent, and stamps.

Check out nhhumane.org for the full Wish List and other ways to donate.



**Remember to put out
your recycling the week
of December 11th!**



**Thank you for
recycling!**



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE BEGINS!

**Beautiful, native New Hampshire trees provided by
Freedom Firs.**

**Hours of operation are 9AM to 8PM beginning
December 1st through Christmas Eve.
Your tree will be wrapped and loaded onto your car
with care!**

**Our new sale location:
73 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont, NH
Across the street from Belknap Mall in the upper
parking lot.
Thank you, Northland Storage for the donation of
space!**

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN
HOUSE WEEKENDS AT 200 COURT ST. LACONIA!**



Free Cookies, Warm Cider and Christmas Cheer.

**Saturday December 2nd 12:30 to 5:00 PM
Sunday December 9th 12:30 to 5:00 PM
Saturday December 16th 12:30 to 5:00 PM**

**Help support Belknap House and the families in need
this Holiday Season by purchasing your tree from us.**



Taylor Community Chorus Holiday Presentation, Dec. 18

Directed by Jane Ellis, the Taylor Community Chorus Holiday Presentation is always a campus favorite.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this free event Monday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building.



Hurray for the Holidays!

December 12th, 6~8 pm

Join us at the Parks & Rec. Community Center to make Christmas ornaments and have some holiday fun! \$2/person.

**Call 524-5046; must register
and pay by December 9th**



**REGISTRATION TO PLAY WITH
LACONIA LACROSSE IS FREE
for the 2018 season through
*February 28th.**

***Late fee \$100 on March 1st**

**There is one
mandatory calendar
fundraiser to support
the club fees.**

**Girls and Boys teams 1st-8th
grades**

- On-time registration closes February 28th
- Late registrations accepted through the first week of practices.
- Practices begin the week of March 18th
- Games begin on Sundays, April 8th
- Annual festival in June TBA

**Go online and register first with
US Lacrosse
<https://www.uslacrosse.org/membership>
\$30
Then register with Laconia Lacrosse
<http://lacax.uslaxteams.com/>
And you will be placed on a team.**

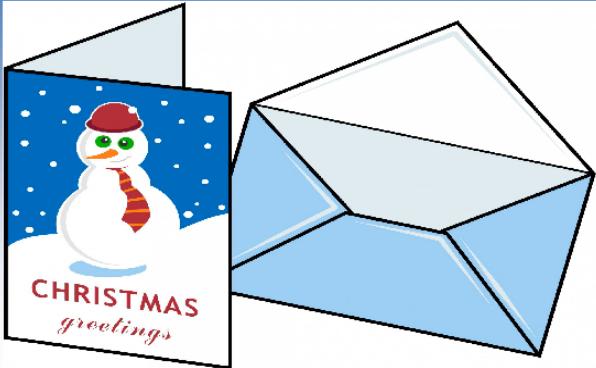


**Players from the surrounding towns of
Sanbornton, Northfield, Franklin, Belmont,
Tilton, Meredith, Canterbury are welcome to
join our league.**

Email us for more information:

**Email: LaconiaLacrosseClub@gmail.com
Web: <http://lacax.uslaxteams.com/>**





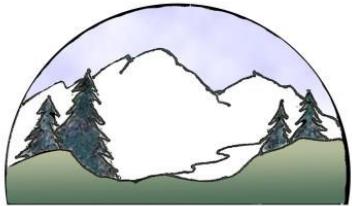
Christmas Card Art Class

Monday, December 18th @ 9:30am—12:30pm

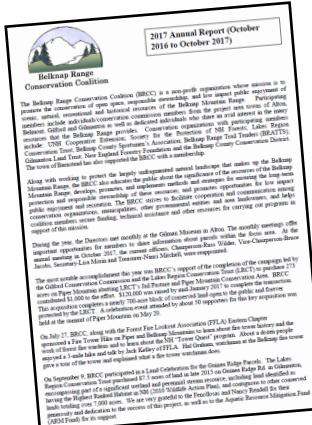
Make that special Christmas card for that special someone using special die cutouts.

\$2.00 per card. All materials will be provided.

Lakes Region Creative Aging Center
17 Church St., Laconia, NH
For more information, contact
Linda Howard at 603-273-0125



Belknap Range Conservation Coalition



Click on the image (above left) to read all about it!

The Belknap Range Conservation Coalition 2017 Annual Report is here! This report may be of interest to the citizens of Laconia because of the many trails and recreational opportunities in the Belknap Range for locals to take advantage of.



FAMILY Cookie Decorating

Date: December 19th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Moms, Dads and kids make a date and come decorate some sugar cookies.

Must register & pay by December 12th.

**At Laconia Community Center
Please contact Parks and Rec at 524-5046
to register and pay before Dec. 12th!**



Do you know about Socks...the Belknap Mill Christmas Elf? Click [here](#) to read a charming story written by Christopher Beyer about this special little elf!

And be sure to like and follow the Belknap Mill to check in on Socks! Stop in on an "Elfie Selfie" day to enjoy a candy cane and enter for a chance to win a Legacy Advocate family membership and a chance to ring the bell on New Year's Day 2018!

For more information about Socks and all upcoming events at the Belknap Mill, visit our website www.belknapmill.org or follow us on [Facebook](#).

You're invited to....



Solstice Lantern Festival

Saturday, December 16th; 4:00-7:00

Celebrate the upcoming Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the year – with fun activities to welcome back the light!

Lantern Launch & Parade • Bonfire
Cookie Walk* • Candlelit Story Walk
Demonstrations • Crafts

Admission: \$3/person (FREE for Prescott Farm Members)

www.prescottfarm.org

* Cookie Walk proceeds benefit Fledglings Preschool scholarship fund.



Register online NOW to Make Your Own Lantern for the Festival

Saturday, December 9th

10-11:30am OR 1-2:30pm

Registration is \$15 (\$12 Members)/adult or adult-child pair, +\$4/additional child

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH 03246 • (603) 366-5695 • Fax: (603) 366-5720
info@prescottfarm.org • www.prescottfarm.org

Homeless Shelter Open for the Season



Serves Belknap County Families from October-May



~ Referral needed -contact your local welfare office ~

200 Court Street, Laconia, NH 603-527-8097





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



Please note! The Senior Center will be closed for the holidays on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

*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@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assessor - Deb Derrick	
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 Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
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 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	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
<u>City Council Contact Info:</u>	
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
E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov	

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www.laconianh.gov