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Laconia  
CITY ON THE LAKES

## Laconia Links

February 16, 2018 - Edition #326



Don't miss the 4th Annual Cardboard Sled Race - March 1st at 2 pm! See next week's newsletter for details.

**RACE UPDATE** - This weekend's race is postponed! Due to poor snow conditions, the Laconia World Championship Sled Dog Derby has been rescheduled to March 2, 3 and 4. Keep your fingers crossed for good snow and great weather!

Check our  
Facebook page for  
updates!



**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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

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



**Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter**

Open Office Hours

Laconia City Hall

Room 200B  
45 Beacon St E  
Laconia, NH 03246

**February 21, 2018  
9:00 - 11:00 am**

Congresswoman Shea-Porter is committed to hearing from and addressing the needs of all constituents in the First Congressional District. One of the Congresswoman's staffers, Sharon Nichols, will be available to assist constituents with issues they may be facing with a federal agency or with local concerns.

Contact: Sharon Nichols at (603) 285-4300 or  
[Sharon.Nichols@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sharon.Nichols@mail.house.gov)

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



The Library will be closed on  
Monday, February 19th  
for Presidents' Day



**Adult Craft: Origami Chandelier**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2 pm or 6 pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall

Fold origami paper into your choice of shape, and use your folded creations to create a fun decoration. All materials provided; signup is required because space is limited! Call 524-4775 or email [aalwyn@laconialibrary.org](mailto:aalwyn@laconialibrary.org) to sign up.

### TEEN MAKER PROJECT: BIRD FEEDER

Tuesday, February 20, 3 pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall

Celebrate Bird Feeding Month by making your own bird feeder!



**DROP-IN TEEN CRAFT:  
RAINBOW SCRATCH ART**  
Saturday, February 24,  
11 am - 12:30 pm  
Teen Room

Create a design or a colorful message using Rainbow Scratch Art!



**Finger Painting Fun - Thursday, February 22, 4 pm**  
Selig Storytime Room

For families with children. Create beautiful paintings with just your fingers!

## 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.

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



Meeting  
in  
Progress

### Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Board Bd.

February 20th meeting  
CANCELLED due to lack of a  
quorum. **New meeting date  
to be scheduled soon.**

### Parks & Rec. Commission

February 20, 2018, 7:00 pm  
Community Center  
[Agenda](#)

### Zoning Board of Adjust- ment

February 20, 2018, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### Water Commission

February 22, 2018, 8:00 am  
117 Stark St., Water Treat-  
ment Facility Conf. Room



# Public Works Department

## PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

A Public Information Session will be held Thursday, February 22. Doors will open at 6:00 pm at the Historic Belknap Mill located at 25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, in the Rose Chertok Gallery (third floor). The Public Information Session is for the upcoming road work on Court Street.

A formal presentation of the project will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by a question and answer session.

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.

For questions or additional information, please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.



*We hope to see you there!*

# Assessing



**REMINDER!** Abatement request forms for the 2017 tax year are available in the Assessing Office. The filing deadline is March 1, 2018.

Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions.

[Click](#) for Assessing Department

*Remember to put  
out your recycling  
the week of  
February 19th!*



*Thank you  
for Recycling!*

## Historical Tours at the Belknap Mill

Treat yourself to a 45 minute historical tour of the Belknap Mill Knitting and Power House museums. Learn what a day in the life of a mill worker would have been like in 1910 and hear about the life of the Belknap Mill through it's hey-day during World War II, the fight to keep it where it stands today and what is in store for its future!



**Dates: Wednesdays,  
2/21 & 3/21 at 6:15 pm  
and Saturdays, 2/17  
& 3/17 at 10:00 am  
and 2:00 pm.**



*We hope you can join us!*

# STAND UP LACONIA

**SAVE THE DATE...**

February 22 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Stand Up Laconia's coalition presents *5 Signs, Part 2*, an in-depth educational presentation on the five signs that someone is struggling and what you can do to help.

This presentation will take place at Laconia High School's Huot Technical Center on Union Avenue. Valuable community partners will be in attendance as resources and support. Certificates and light refreshments available.

Questions? Call Clare at 603-387-4270 or email [perssonclare@gmail.com](mailto:perssonclare@gmail.com)

*Katie Dobbins*

POST IT NOTES

*Video Release Show*



CELEBRATING LOVE  
FOR OURSELVES, EACH OTHER, & THE WORLD

*The Belknap Mill*  
25 Beacon St E #1 Laconia NH

w/ *Olivia Frances*

Sat  
Feb 24

6:30  
doors  
7 PM  
show

\$12 online  
\$15 at door  
BYOB

TICKETS: [postitnotes.bpt.me](http://postitnotes.bpt.me)



Department of  
Public Works



**Presidents' Day**  
**Monday, February 19th**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON  
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**  
There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection  
of trash on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Presidents' Day.

Monday collections (and collections the rest of  
the week) will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379,  
ext. 300

**Do you wanna build a  
snowman?**



**February 1st- March 1st**

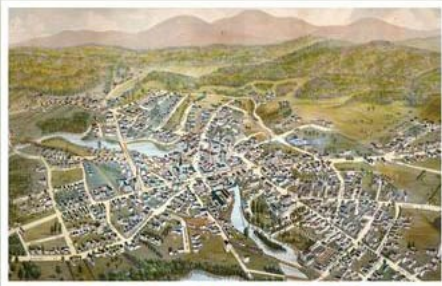
Let's fill Rotary Park and around the  
Belknap Mill.

Bring your own supplies, and come create a  
snowman in the Park.

Take a photo and submit it to our Facebook  
page for a chance to win a fun prize!



## *Celebrate Laconia – 125 Years of the Lake City*



### **CELEBRATE LACONIA**

125 Years of the Lake City

By Warren D. Huse

Local historian and author Warren D. Huse will present his newest publication, "Celebrate Laconia – 125 Years of the Lake City," Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

Illustrated with 270 photographs, maps and other images, the hard-bound book also devotes about a quarter of the book to historical text about the evolution of today's city. Huse will be available following the presentation for book purchases and/or signings.



## *A Photographic Journey through Japan, February 26*

Join us Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building as Karen and Bob Delgado take us on a photographic journey through Japan. This free event is open to the public.



## *Winter Walking with Gordon DuBois*

At the end of the warm weather hiking season, many trampers stow their gear, recall fond memories of the season past and wait for next summer's trips. However, winter offers a completely new world waiting to be discovered.

This is three months out of the year when the mountains offer the adventurous hiker an opportunity to experience hoarfrost covering rocks and trees; layers of snow blanketing spruce boughs; crystal blue skies; and no insects to torture them.

Join us Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building as Gordon DuBois shares photos and stories from three decades of winter hiking in the mountains of the northeast. This free event is open to the public.

# Stream Restoration and Flood Resiliency Workshop

*Programs and resources available to improve streams and reduce flooding in your community*

The NH Department of Environmental Services, Department of Transportation, NH Association of Conservation Commissions, and Belknap County Conservation District invite you to a free information program funded in part by the New England Forest and Rivers Fund. Speakers will cover topics including:

- How streams and roads interact with transportation and ecosystem services.
- Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund and other resources available & how to use them.
- State Stream Crossing Initiative stream assessments and culvert replacement.
- Examples of successful flood resiliency and stream restoration projects.

**Meredith Community Center**

**March 14, 2018**

**4:30 – 6:30**

**One Circle Drive  
Meredith, NH**

**Who Should Attend:** Conservation Commissions, road agents, town engineers, Regional Planning Commissions, non-profit groups, land trusts, lake and homeowner associations, interested public and elected officials, and consultants interested in stream restoration, flood resiliency & infrastructure improvements.

**4:30-4:45**     **Registration:** Participants sign in, collect information packets, and grab a snack.

**4:45-5:00**     **Welcome and Overview**

*Lisa Morin, Belknap County Conservation District*

*Colin Lawson, Trout Unlimited New England Culvert Manager*

**5:00-5:20**     **New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program**

*Lori Sommer, NHDES, Wetlands Bureau* – Overview of ARM program, funds available, project eligibility and guidance on application materials.

**5:20-5:40**     **State Stream Crossing Initiative and Web Tool**

*Cheryl Bondi, NHDES, Geological Survey* – Stream crossing assessments across the state with focus on prioritizing culvert replacement projects for flood resiliency and stream restoration.

**5:40-6:15**     **Panel on Stream Restoration and Flood Resiliency Resources**

Speakers will discuss Chapter 319 Watershed Assistance Grants, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants, and NRCS and State Programs

**6:15-6:30**     **Stream Restoration through Partnerships**

*Colin Lawson, Trout Unlimited* – Using culvert replacement and large wood to restore stream condition and flood resiliency – recent project examples.

**6:30-6:45**     **Opportunity to Speak with Presenters** – Speakers available for questions.

*Free event  
with light  
refreshments  
provided!*

For more information and to RSVP please visit the workshop web page at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stream-restoration-and-flood-resiliency-workshop-tickets-42363874489>

or email Lisa Morin at [lisa.morin@nhacdnet.net](mailto:lisa.morin@nhacdnet.net) or 527-5880





**CITY OF LACONIA  
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST  
NOTICE OF SESSION**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making corrections/changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session. No other changes will be accepted after this session until the State Special Belknap Election being held on February 27, 2018.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

**Marilyn Brown**, Ward 1

**Richard Lewis**, Ward 2

**Beth Vachon**, Ward 3

**David Hough**, Ward 4

**Christine Callaghan**, Ward 5

**Lynda Brock**, Ward 6 (Chair)



**Weight Institute of New Hampshire  
PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

**WEEKLY WEIGHT-IN**

After meeting with a Registered Dietitian to design an individualized meal plan, participants attend weekly weigh-ins and nutrition sessions.

Monday's, 3:45 - 4:45 pm, LRGH

**NON-SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS OPTIONS-  
INFO SESSIONS**

Days and times vary, LRGH, FREE

**INDIVIDUAL NUTRITION COUNSELING**

One-on-one meetings with a registered dietitian to set specific goals & create a personalized meal plan.

**OPTIFAST PROGRAM**

An 18 week medically supervised, calorie restricted meal replacement program. You can opt for either a partial or full meal replacement program. Over the 18 weeks, one will transition to self-prepared 'everyday' meals and receive nutrition education and support.

Average weight loss is 50lbs.

**BARIATRIC SURGERY INFO SESSIONS**

2nd Tuesday of the month, LRGH, FREE

**BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**

3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:00 pm, LRGH, FREE

**TASTE TEST THURSDAYS**

Try a different "super food" every month;

samples, recipes and fact sheets provided-FREE

LRGH-the first Thursday of every month 12-1:30 pm

FRH-the second Thursday of every month 12-1:30 pm

**EASY COOKING CLASSES AT THE  
HUOT TECHNICAL CENTER**

Enjoy three cooking classes designed to teach you how to construct a simple and well-balanced meal.

Cost: \$15 for all three classes

**For more information or to register call 527-2946**

**LRGHealthcare**  
care. compassion. community.

LRGHealthcare's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and to strengthen the well-being of our community.

**CLOSED MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19  
PRESIDENTS' DAY**

*City Hall will be closed all day on  
Monday, February 19th. We  
apologize for any inconvenience!*

**STAY CONNECTED**

LRCS Foundation Newsletter

Lakes Region Community Services  
**FOUNDATION**  
Invest in the Future

**Please click on the image above to  
read the February, 2018 issue of the  
LRCS Foundation Newsletter!**



**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 Parks & Recreation

## FEBRUARY VACATION EVENTS

### CALENDAR

**MONDAY, 2/26**

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15

\*Sledding Party from 2:00 - 4:00 (South Street)



**TUESDAY, 2/27**

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15



**WEDNESDAY, 2/28**

Elementary Open Gym & Arts n Crafts 1:00 - 4:15



**THURSDAY, 3/1**

High School Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15

\* Cardboard Sled Racing (see page 11 for more info)

**FRIDAY, 3/2**

High School Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15

\*Ice Skating Party from 2:00 - 4:00 (Memorial Park)



Elementary Times

Middle School Times

High School Times

All Ages

\* Weather and Conditions Permitting

For questions or more information, please call the Parks & Rec. office at 524-5046!



# *From the Planning Department:*

How would you like to help your fellow Laconia citizens? With just a few hours of your time each month you can make a difference and fill an important service. The city currently has an urgent need for people to serve on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. We need both a regular member and two alternates for the Planning Board and two alternates for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Usually there is one meeting a month, scheduled in the early evening, that lasts one to three hours (normally).

Alternate members fill in at meetings for regular members that can't make that meeting or for some other reason can't sit on a particular application. Being an alternate member is a great way to learn how the board functions and many times leads to becoming a regular member, if desired. No experience is needed as we will train you. All you need is a willingness to learn and be fair and open minded.

The Planning Board hears applications for a variety of items concerning land use and new development and also forms the city's Master Plan. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is responsible for granting relief to zoning regulations and granting special exceptions. The Planning Board usually meets the first Tuesday of each month with the Zoning Board meets the third Monday of each month.

Any questions about either of these boards can be directed to the Planning Department at 527-1264. Ask for Director Dean Trefethen or Assistant Director Brandee Loughlin. We hope to be hearing from you soon!



*workcampNE is looking for  
eligible area homes needing  
repair or renovation!*

workcampNE is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization running week long camps enabling up to 500 students and adult volunteers to work on approximately 60 homes of the elderly, handicapped or severely under-resourced each year. All work is done **free of charge** to the community and to the residents. Residents are chosen primarily on references from local social service agencies.

As long as there is a viable need and a safe, healthy working situation for student volunteers, workcampNE will consider working at the home. Residents **must be** the homeowner. Jobs include roofing, scraping/painting, deck repair, handicapped ramps, replacement windows and doors. Any work that is not structural, electrical or plumbing will be considered.

All work done is carefully supervised by volunteer contractors and experienced handymen.

We are beginning to line up homes in the Laconia area that can benefit from this assistance, so please get in touch with us soon if you know of homeowners who might qualify. *Any questions can be directed to Kim Hamilton, Outreach Coordinator at 603/289-9339, [kimhamilton1015@gmail.com](mailto:kimhamilton1015@gmail.com).*

*We hope to hear from you soon!*



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



**Thursday, February 22nd**  
**11:00 am: It's the First**  
**Annual Presidents' Day**  
**Trivia Quiz and Luncheon!**

Who knew that George Washington was one of our tallest and largest presidents? Or that Abe Lincoln played the harmonica and hated to be called "Abe?"

Well, if you do, you could be the star of our first annual Presidential trivia quiz! Test your wit, then stay for lunch at 11:30 am!

*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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://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 - Lindsey Allen	
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 Baumoe	
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	

### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Edward Engler .....	630-4484
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	528-7667
David Bownes (Ward 2) .....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3) .....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5) .....	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6).....	524-2514

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[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)