

Laconia Links

August 30, 2019 - Edition #402



Most area schools will begin classes the week of Labor Day. Please use extra caution to help keep our community's students safe!



Riverside Duck Derby tickets will be on sale on Multicultural Festival Day! Cheer on your duck at the Duck Derby during this year's Pumpkin Festival (Oct. 18 & 19)!

Stop by our booth at the Multicultural Festival on Sept. 7th and purchase your lucky duck! Ducks can also be adopted on-line [here](#).



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!



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

**IF YOU LIVE,
WORK, OWN
PROPERTY, OR
GO TO SCHOOL IN
LACONIA, YOU
CAN GET A FREE
LIBRARY CARD!**

Please bring proof of residency, work, or school, and a valid ID to sign up.

EVENTS and Programs

Join us at the Laconia Public Library
for fun-filled events and programs!

TEEN & TWEEN CRAFT: BACK TO SCHOOL BODY ART

Friday, September 6
3-5pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

Draw your own temporary tattoo with our body markers.



LIBRARY CLOSING

September 2

The library will be closed for Labor Day.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Month of September Children's Room



Photo used with parent permission.

Any child who gets a **NEW** library card during September may fill out an entry slip for a chance to win a free book of their choice. *Two categories: birth-6 and 7-12.*

Children can sign up
at either of our
circulation desks.

MONTHLY YOGA WITH KIM CORSACK



First Thursday of the month
(with exceptions!)

Thursday, September 5
5-6pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

This 60-minute class begins with grounding (meditation) and ends with savasana (complete relaxation). All levels welcome. **Class limited to**

12 people. Sign-up at the front desk.

September is
**LIBRARY
CARD SIGN-UP
MONTH!**

A library card brings stories to life!



Upcoming Meetings...

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!*



All meetings are held in the
Armand A. Bolduc City Council
Chamber in City Hall (formerly
Room 200A) unless otherwise noted

Planning Board

September 3, 2019, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

September 4, 2019, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

September 4, 2019, 6:00 pm



- where families stay together

Cow Pie Bingo

Sunday, September 15, 2019

1:30PM - 3:00PM

To Benefit Belknap House

Moulton Farm
18 Quarry Rd, Meredith, NH



Tickets are \$20 each

Winner gets 25% of ticket sales up to \$2500

Only 500 tickets will be sold

You don't need to be present to win



**COMING
SOON**



Laconia Multicultural Festival

A Celebration of Music, Arts, Crafts and Cuisine
in Downtown Laconia

This year's Laconia Multicultural Festival is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7th! This is always a fun day that you won't want to miss. Click the image (above) for the Multicultural Festival's website and a complete program of the day's events.

OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB

A growing tradition in the Lakes Region

The Opechee Garden Club will host a program given by Palmer Koelb owner and founder of the Shin Boku Japanese Gardens on September 9 at 1:00 pm, at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford.

The public is invited to attend.

Palmer will share his experiences following a 400-year tradition of Japanese gardening and trees.

The Gardens were featured on NH Chronicle in 2017.

See you there!



Image courtesy of
Shin Boku Japanese Gardens

SEAS THE DATE

ATLANTIS: THE LOST ISLAND

BELKNAP HOUSE 4th ANNUAL BALL

October 25, 2019 6pm-11pm

Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall

For more information contact Belknap House at

belknaphouse@gmail.com

OR

www.belknaphouse.org



Laconia Parks & Recreation

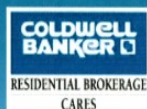


Weirs Community Park
Ampitheater Shows!

Join us for the following show:

September 7, New Horizons Band, 1 pm

All programs free of charge! All attendees
should bring their own chairs!



3rd Annual Charity Poker Walk

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Registration 10:00am



WANT TO EARN MONEY FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY?

\$50 OF YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR
PUB MANIA TEAM OR A LAKES REGION CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE!

\$125 for a team of 6
includes 1 poker hand for
each member, cookout and
entry for best dressed team
prize

Pre-Register by 9/13 and
pay only \$100 for your
team!

Click [here](#) for
registration form

Best Hand: Wins \$150 CASH
2nd place: \$50 gift certificate
3rd place: \$25 gift certificate

What is a Poker Walk?

You will walk the Wow Trail starting at Coldwell Banker
(an approximately 3 mile route) and along the trail will
be 4 stops where you will pick 4 cards, then when you
return to Coldwell Banker, you will pick your final card.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

603-524-2255 or email
Kathy.McLellan@nemoves.com

100% of funds raised will support Lakes Region families in need.

Weirs Beach Fireworks Schedule!

Labor Day Weekend Show
Sunday, September 1, at
10pm

Reminder!



Remember:
"Glass is Trash"

Curbside recycling will be picked up the
week of September 2, 2019

*Please be sure to see our notice on [pg. 6](#) regarding a
delay in trash pickup that week

When in doubt,
THROW it out!

Important Notice

Laconia City Hall Extended Hours!

City Hall is now open for extended hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month!

The offices of the City Clerk, Tax Collector/ Licensing and Planning, Zoning & Code will be open until 6 pm for these two days. We hope you find these extended hours convenient. For questions or more information, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

Take advantage of our next City Hall extended hours on Tuesday, September 3rd!



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have **current vacancies**:

- Planning Board** (1 reg. and 1 alt. position)
- Board of Assessors** (2 alt. positions)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment**
(1 reg. and 3 alt. positions)
- Library Board of Trustees** (2 alt. positions)
- Building Code Board of Appeals**
(2 reg. positions)*
- Personnel Advisory Board** (1 reg. position)
- Heritage Commission** (1 alt. position)
- Downtown TIF District Advisory Board**
(1 reg. position) **
- Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board**
(2 reg. positions) **

*These two available positions may be filled by a general member of the public, or individuals with either firematic system or mechanical/plumbing experience and licenses

**Members of TIF District Advisory Boards must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)

Some terms on the following Boards and Commissions **will be expiring at the end of October**, as shown below. Current Board and Commission members now holding these positions may request to be reappointed; however, members of the public are also encouraged to apply if they are interested:

- Personnel Advisory Board** (1 reg. position)
- Laconia Housing Authority** (1 reg. position)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at Nbrown@laconianh.gov) for further information.

Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov, and can be found at the "How Do I" tab.

Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board.

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 1, 2019.

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND
PRESENTS

THE LEGENDARY **B.J. THOMAS** 5 TIME GRAMMY AWARD WINNER

NUMBER 1 HITS

Rain Drops Keep Falling on my Head
Hooked on a Feeling
(Hey Won't You Play) Another
Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song
Whatever Happened to Old
Fashion Love?
I Just Can't Help Believing
Rock and Roll Lullaby

Friday, September 13, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.
Laconia High School Auditorium
FREE ADMISSION
FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



Public Works Dept.

LABOR DAY



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Labor Day Holiday: Mon., Sept. 2nd

Solid Waste Collection Delay

Monday, Sept. 2 is Labor Day.

There will be **A ONE (1) DAY DELAY** in curbside collection during that week; Monday collections will be on Tuesday, Tuesday collections will be on Wednesday, etc.

Any questions, please call
DPW @ 528-6379.

Sponsors and
Golf Teams
Needed!

Belknap House Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, September 23, 2019

Laconia Country Club | 12pm Start

For more information or to register,
e-mail President@belknaphouse.org



Helping
Families
Stay
Together



LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED



Monday, September 2nd in
observance of Labor Day

*We apologize for any
inconvenience!*



City Hall will be
closed on Monday,
September 2nd
in observance of
Labor Day

A complete list of 2019 City Hall holiday
closings can be viewed by
clicking [here](#).

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive Laconia Community Leavitt Park House

334 Elm St.
Laconia, NH 03246

Friday, September 27, 2019
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
LCC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15
minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to
complete your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Freese Brothers Big Band in Concert, September 9



Everyone is welcome to join us Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building for a free concert by The Freese Brothers Big Band.

The band was formed in 1982 to support and encourage the development of musical talents of the public, its members and especially young musicians, as well as to foster an appreciation of music of all eras.

Members live and work throughout Central and Southern New Hampshire, coming from professional and musical backgrounds, including talented high school students. Some of the students have gone on to college to study music for their future careers. They blend their years of experience to produce the distinctive sound of the Freese Brothers Big Band.

Resident Lecture Series: Antiques & Collectibles

Taylor Community Antiques Expert Charlie Coulter and his daughter, Jennifer, present a lecture discussing and sharing information about antiques and collectibles, Monday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

The duo plans to bring along items from their own collection, including early glass, toys, advertising, ephemera, suffrage, temperance and a political surprise!



Joubert Takes Over as Wellness Director at Taylor

Heather Joubert, previously the Aquatics and Fitness Coordinator at Taylor Community, has been promoted to Wellness Director. Only with the organization since December 2018, Joubert has proven herself to be a leader. The southern

New Hampshire native worked in the physical therapy arena for 17 years prior to coming to Taylor, much of that time spent working with seniors.

Heather now lives in Gilford with her family, but enjoyed the Lakes Region over many summers visiting her grandparents, and feels right at home here.

Santoro Promoted at Taylor Community

Charlene Santoro has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Health Services at Taylor Community.



"As a member of the Senior Management Team, Charlene has shown an ability to think creatively with a vision for the future, while ensuring both residents and staff are treated with the utmost respect and care," said Taylor Community President and CEO Michael Flaherty. Santoro, who has been with Taylor since May 2017, was previously the Director of Health Services.



PUBLIC MEETING / OUTREACH EVENT

NHDOT Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan

This public meeting and outreach event is intended to provide the opportunity for the community to help NHDOT and the consultant team understand:

- Places you currently walk and ride your bicycle
- Places you would like to walk and ride but don't feel safe
- Your goals for the Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan
- Prioritizing resources for pedestrian and bicycle improvements
- Other ideas and comments welcome!



WOW Trail, Laconia
(Photo: WOW Trail Committee)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Gilford Public Library, 31 Potter Hill Road, Gilford



You can also comment at:
<https://nhpedbikeplan.com/>

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 - TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be made at the earliest convenience

Those interested in improving walking and bicycling conditions in the Lakes Region and beyond are invited to a public meeting hosted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission to discuss NHDOT's Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan at the Gilford Public Library at 31 Potter Hill Road on Wednesday, September 25, from 6 to 8 pm.

At the meeting, NHDOT's consultant team, led by Alta Planning + Design from Cambridge, Mass., will provide an overview of the planning effort, the results of their analysis of current on-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and provide a blueprint of available infrastructure improvements that could enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Participants will also have the opportunity to mark up large-scale maps of the Lakes Region and other NH regions to let the planning team know which roadways and intersections need improvements in the future.

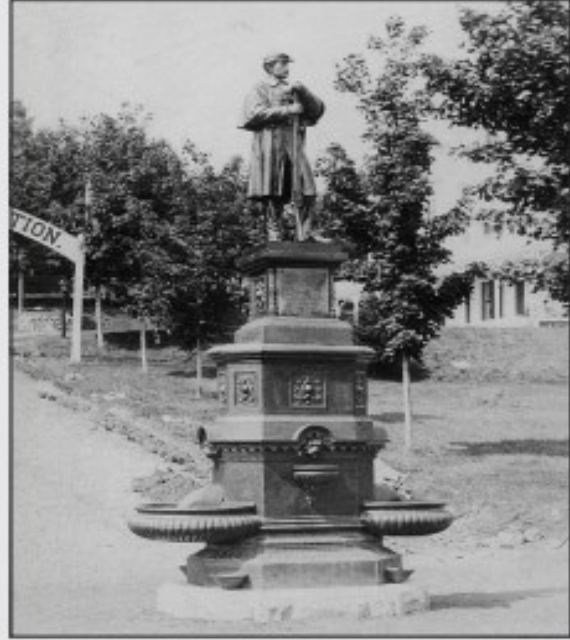
For those interested in learning more about the bike-ped planning project, please visit www.NHpedbikeplan.com. When visiting the web site, feel free to take the 16-question survey about your walking and bicycling interests and habits, and the interactive input map where you can tell the planning team about challenging places for walking and bicycling, and opportunities to make your community more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.



Save the
DATE

Our yesterdays

Our 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 . . .

Mayor Charles A. Busiel (with script, at left, below flag) accepts the Soldiers Monument, at The Weirs, Aug. 29, 1894. After its dedication, 125 years ago this week, the statue and fountain stood on Lakeside Avenue for almost 37 years, until it was destroyed during a thunderstorm, July 23, 1931. Entrance to the Veterans Campground is seen at left in second photo, along with a glimpse of the New Hotel Weirs in upper right corner. (Laconia Public Library)



. . . AND NOW

As noted, the Soldiers Monument has been gone since 1931, but its former location was about at the right end of the crosswalk, above. Meanwhile, the Great Weirs Fire of November 1924, took out the New Hotel Weirs and 12 other buildings in the immediate area. Today, the formerly rustic entrance to the Veterans Campground has been paved, arcades and other businesses have replaced the broad lawn of the New Hotel Weirs and the hotel itself has been replaced by the Half Moon Motel and Cabins. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

TONIGHT

Great Bay Sailor

Friday, August 30th

6:00-8:00pm

Bring a blanket, a lawn chair, and your dancing shoes and join us for Arts in the Park with Great Bay Sailor. Great Bay Sailor is an eclectic folk band based in Portsmouth, NH performing an extensive repertoire of maritime, Irish/Scottish, British and Oldtimey music. In the maritime tradition, they play and sing traditional and contemporary songs and tunes inspired by ships, sailors, oceans and tall tales.

Sponsored by the Laconia Putnam Fund.



the Belknap Mill presents

*Arts
in the
Park*

Rockin' Daddios

& Company

Friday, September 6th

6:00-8:00pm

See you there!



the Belknap Mill presents

*Arts
in the
Park*

Rock Around the Clock and celebrate the final Arts in the Park of summer with the Belknap Mill! Grab your saddle shoes and poodle skirt for a night of rockin' and rollin'! This is an all ages event, so bring your friends, your kids, your parents or grandparents and see who has the best dance moves!

In addition to live music by the ROCKIN' DADDIOS and company, there will be a dance floor, Best Costume contest, a hula hooping contest and classic cars to see!

The Belknap Mill will be selling Root Beer Floats - all proceeds will benefit 2020 programming at the Mill.

Proudly Sponsored by the Laconia Putnam Fund.



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

Senior Center Week!

The Laconia Senior Center will be celebrating Senior Center Week on Monday, September 16th. Mark your calendars and look for more information closer to the event!



*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
<i>Airport Manager: Marv Everson</i>	
Assessing	527-1268
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert</i>	
City Manager	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Conservation	527-1264
Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Glenn Smith</i>	
Licensing	528-6331
<i>Licensing - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie</i>	
Library	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek</i>	
Personnel	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i>	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Matthew Canfield</i>	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Wes Anderson</i>	
Tax.....	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio</i>	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Edward Engler	630-4484
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	491-8946
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Andrew Hosmer (Ward 6).....	496-2078
E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov	

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov