

## Laconia Links

*September 6, 2019 - Edition #403*



*Photo of a gorgeous hydrangea in the Lakes Region! (photo compliments of Paul Merritt)*

## New Horizon Band

*of the Lakes Region*



Saturday, 9.7.19 @ 1pm

**CONCERTS  
& EVENTS**

at **WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK**

49 LUCERNE AVE., WEIRS, NH • BEHIND WEIRS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weirs Community Park Final Performance of the Season!

The New Horizon Band of the Lakes Region is pleased to present its final outdoor family concert for the 2019 season at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 7 in the Weirs Community Park outdoor amphitheater. With full instrumentation and harmonies, the concert is guaranteed to insure toe tapping by all generations!

Weirs Community Park is located at 49 Lucerne Ave. in the Weirs and includes a large playground for children. All concerts are free to the public, with donations gratefully accepted to offset music and travel costs. Bring a lawn chair! In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors in the adjacent Park hall.

**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!*



## CONGRESSMAN CHRIS PAPPAS

PROUDLY SERVING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1st DISTRICT



**Open Office Hours  
Laconia City Hall  
Sept. 20, 2019  
1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Congressman Pappas is committed to hearing from and addressing the needs of all constituents in the First Congressional District. One of the Congressman's District Directors, Kari Thurman, will be available to assist constituents with issues they may be facing with a Federal agency. Examples may include Veterans' benefits, Social Security, Medicare, Passports and Visas. Kari will be able to answer questions and/or open an inquiry with a Federal agency. Contact: Kari Thurman at 603-731-2174 or [kari.thurman@mail.house.gov](mailto:kari.thurman@mail.house.gov).

# EVENTS and Programs

## Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



### MOVIES & MORE FOR KIDS: "DUMBO"

Friday, September 13  
3:45pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.



PG. 1hr 52min.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver 14 or older. All adults must bring a child.



Teen & Tween Craft:  
Washer Necklaces  
Monday, September 9  
2:30-4 pm

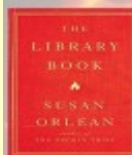
Make jewelry with just your toolbox!

### FALL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES: THIS BOOK IS ON FIRE!

Our Fall Book Discussion Series looks at the devastating effect fire can have on our communities, psyches, and environment. From the evidence of climate change increasing the frequency of forest fires to stories of love and arson in Accomack County, Virginia, this series explores the captivating power of flames.

#### "THE LIBRARY BOOK" BY SUSAN ORLEANS

Tuesday, September 10  
7pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall



On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Discussion led by Jennifer Lee.



### Adult Craft: Needle Felted Bowl Tuesday, September 10, 2 pm or 6 pm Laconia Rotary Hall

Create a handy little bowl out of wool, perfect for storing small things.

All materials provided. Limit 12 each session, sign-up required. Call 524-4775.

Ext. 12 or email [aalwyn@laconialibrary.org](mailto:aalwyn@laconialibrary.org) to sign up.

Please call to let us know if you are unable to attend after signing up as we expect a waiting list!

## 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!*

#### Heritage Commission

September 11, 2019, 5:00 pm

#### Water Commission

September 12, 2019, 8:00 am  
117 Stark St., Water Treatment  
Facility Conference Room

[Agenda](#)

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

#### City Council Gov't. Operations & Ordinances Committee

September 9, 2019, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### City Council

September 9, 2019, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### City Council Finance Comm.

September 9, 2019, immediately  
following the regular Council  
meeting (above)

[Agenda](#)



## Laconia Multicultural Festival Saturday, September 7th



Crafts  
Live Events  
Ethnic Food  
Exotic Animals  
Children's Corner  
3 Performance Stages

Rotary Park Downtown Laconia, NH

Sponsored by:  
Laconia Human Relations Committee



[www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org](http://www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org)

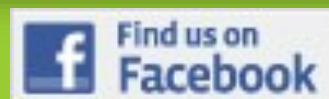


Laconia Multicultural Festival is this weekend!  
This Saturday,  
September 7th is a  
once a year celebration  
that you won't want  
to miss.

Join us in Rotary Park  
and surrounding areas  
from 10 am to 4 pm.

Click the image (left) for  
the Multicultural  
Festival's website and  
a complete program of  
the day's events.

# Join Us



## Laconia Multicultural Festival

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





- 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**



## 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.

### September Erosion Control Field Days

Training for professionals working  
in soils, erosion control, water  
quality, public works, engineering,  
roads, planning, and consulting.



Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
North Haverhill  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
Gilford

## Training Sessions Cancelled

The two Soil Erosion Workshops previously scheduled and  
advertised for September 10th in North Haverhill, NH and  
September 11th in Gilford, NH have been cancelled.

Questions?

Please call the Belknap County Conservation  
District at (603) 527-5880

# Reminder!



**Remember:**  
**"Glass is Trash"**

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the  
week of September 16, 2019**

'When in doubt,  
**THROW**  
it out'





## Autism Center Open House

for parents, caregivers, and professionals

- ~ Learn about services available for families in our area ~
- ~ Find out which resources might be right for your child ~
- ~ Ask an expert for help ~

**When:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 6-8 PM

**Where:** The Family Resource Center, 719 No. Main Street, LaConia, NH

**Questions?** Contact Tricia H. at 581-1567 or e-mail [patriCia.hunt@lrcs.org](mailto:patriCia.hunt@lrcs.org).

### Info available includes:

- Behavior Therapy & Intervention, including ABA
- Speech & Language Therapy, including pragmatics
- Occupational & Physical Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Hippotherapy
- Social Skills
- Sensory Processing
- Autism Services
- ADHD, Anxiety, & Depression
- DIR Floortime

### Experts will be available from:

- William B White Educational & Behavioral Consulting Services
- Compass Innovative Behavior Strategies
- Ready Set Connect
- Spaulding Youth Center
- Applied ABC
- Lakes Region Mental Health
- NH Family Voices
- Kidspeak Therapies
- Lakes Region Community Services
- Early Supports & Services
- Granite State ABA
- Swing for the Stars & more!



The Laconia Human Relations Committee, in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library, offers the film, *Fly Away Home* as the September selection for the International Film Series.

After her mother dies in a car accident, 13-year-old Amy Alden moves from New Zealand to Ontario, Canada to live with her father, Thomas Alden, a sculptor and inventor. When a construction crew destroys a small wilderness area near the Alden home, Amy finds a nest of goose eggs. Unknown to her father, she carries the eggs home to incubate in her father's old barn. This is a true story of how Amy and her father raise the birds teaching them to fly. Her father uses an ultralight aircraft to teach the birds to fly, hopefully to learn their migratory routes. The story of Amy and her father actually learning to fly the aircraft, getting the birds to follow them, finding a winter sanctuary in North Carolina, and handling the dangers of migrating with the flock safely, is an unbelievable story of courage and dedication.

Please check the many films available on the International Film shelf at the library that have been shown over the past 6 years. The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world. For more information, contact Len Campbell at [Lsoup03@gmail.com](mailto:Lsoup03@gmail.com).

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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: LCC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://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](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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International  
Film Series  
sponsored by:  
Laconia Human  
Relations Comm.  
& Laconia  
Public Library

International Film Series  
**FLY AWAY HOME**  
**Monday, September 9**  
**Time: 6:15 P.M.**  
**Laconia Public Library**



■ Flying with a Flock of Geese to their Winter Quarters  
in an Ultralight Aircraft!  
A true Story!

- ◆ Free and open to public ◆ Brief discussion after film
- ◆ Light snack provided ◆ Feel free to bring chair cushion

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell [Lsoup03@gmail.com](mailto:Lsoup03@gmail.com)

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>

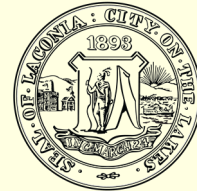
## City Manager Updates

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

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

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.

*We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!*



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



The Opechee Garden Club will host a program given by Palmer Koelb, owner and founder of the Shin Boku Japanese Gardens, on Sept. 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.





## Walk to Fight Suicide

**Register Today for the 2019  
Lakes Region, NH Out of the Darkness Walk**

AFSP - NH is hosting our Out of the Darkness Walks to Fight Suicide as part of World Suicide Prevention Month in September. We hope that you will mark your calendar for the **Lakes Region, NH Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, September 21.**

Please join us at Opechee Park in Laconia, NH as we walk to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. We would love to have you participate with us again this year!

It's free to register, so get started today!

**Register Now**

# 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**

The Water Department would like to make our customers aware that there is a construction/traffic situation around our office at 988 Union Avenue. We would like you to know that there are alternative methods to pay your water and sewer bill besides paying in person at the office. These options are:



Online at [https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/\(S\(we2bxyl2yf2yw0fihaws010\)\)/2/Site.aspx?G=9fd29a49-0673-42f0-9fcf-8a1c83c464eb](https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/(S(we2bxyl2yf2yw0fihaws010))/2/Site.aspx?G=9fd29a49-0673-42f0-9fcf-8a1c83c464eb) A convenience fee is charged.

City Hall at the Tax Collector's office Monday -Friday 8:30 to 4:30. On the first and third Tuesdays of the month the hours are 8:30 to 6:00 pm.

Mail to Laconia Water Works at PO Box 6146 Laconia, NH 03247-6146

Preauthorized payment where we will deduct the amount of your invoice from a checking or savings account on the due date. The preauthorization form can be obtained at <https://www.laconianh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/284/Utility-Form-PDF?bidId=>

Through your bank's on-line bill pay service, (if available).

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact the office at 524-0901 Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience during this construction season.





## *Events Happening at the Belknap Mill on Multicultural Festival Day! (Sept. 7)*



**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)! Ducks can also be adopted on-line [here](#).**

- 10:00am-3: 30pm: Belknap Mill Museum Tours**  
**Riverside Duck Derby Duck Sales**  
**and Walkway to the Future Brick Sales** ([page 15](#))
- 10:30am-3:30pm** Flying Flags Exhibit (outside Belknap Mill)
- 10:00am-4:00pm** French-Speaking Culture in the Granite State Exhibit ([page 10](#))

# *See you there!*





## *Classical Music with the Meadowlark Trio*



The 2019 Taylor Concert Series, sponsored by the Bank of New Hampshire, continues Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 pm in Taylor Community's Woodside Building with the Meadowlark Trio. This free event is open to the public.

The trio – comprised of Janny Joo, violin; Timothy Paek, cello, and April Sun on piano – hails from America's heartland. Formed by the three best friends in 2012, they have since performed nationwide to great acclaim. Performances include the Toronto Summer Music Festival; Carnegie Room Concerts and Spectrum Music Series in New York as well as the Bing Concert Hall in California and house concerts in Montana.

The group looks beyond the conventional model of classical music by creating new works and commissioning works by multiple composers. They are also deeply committed to community outreach. As fellows for Music for Food, they present concerts and workshops throughout the greater Boston area to benefit local food pantries.



## **Bond Beach Renovations!**

On Monday, September 16th renovations on Bond Beach will begin. Renovations will include a new drainage system to limit erosion on both the beach and picnic areas. Along with a new drainage system, Bond Beach will see new fencing, landscaping, mulch pathways, and a rock wall where the beach meets the picnic area. Bond will also be upgrading its parking lot with new paving. These renovations will help preserve Bond Beach for years to come! For more information you can call Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046.



Sponsors and  
Golf Teams  
Needed!

## **Belknap House Charity Golf Tournament**

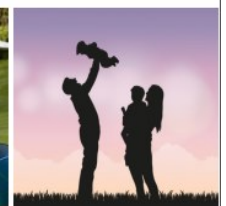
**Monday, September 23, 2019**

Laconia Country Club | 12pm Start

For more information or to register,  
e-mail [President@belknaphouse.org](mailto:President@belknaphouse.org)



Helping  
Families  
Stay  
Together



# LRCS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Space is still available in several of our upcoming parent education classes at the Family Resource Center, 719 N. Main St., Laconia. Please call 528-0391 or email [tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org) to register!

## Sober Parenting Journey

Presented By:



Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.

Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting.

Sober Parenting Journey provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of triggers that may bring about relapse.

Personal recovery, accountability, positive actions, and hard work are only some of the topics discussed by group members.

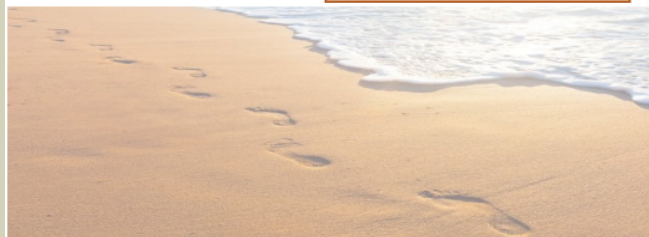
Participants in this class should have at least 90 days sobriety prior to the start of the class.

Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:00 pm  
Dinner served in class  
14-Week Series begins  
September 10, 2019

The Family Resource Center  
719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

To register: Contact Tricia T. at  
528-0391 or  
e-mail [tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org)

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation may be available upon request.



Extension Nutrition Connections



## Parents

Get the Most Out Of Your Meals!

A FREE Cooking and Nutrition Series

offered through UNH Cooperative Extension Nutrition Connections, Cooking Matters®, and the NH Food Bank.

- Cooking tips and techniques.
- A bag of FREE groceries each week with recipe ingredients for you to duplicate meals at home.
- Lessons feature hands-on learning and include group discussion with instructors.
- A meal prepared by the chef and you... the class participants!
- Budgeting - stretch your food \$\$ and maximize your resources!!



### WHEN

Tuesdays:  
Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

### WHERE

Family Resource Center, 719 N. Main Street, Laconia. 5:30-8:00pm. Limited child care slots available.

### TO REGISTER CONTACT

Brenda Carey, 527-5475  
[brenda.carey@unh.edu](mailto:brenda.carey@unh.edu)

For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda Carey at 527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request. Language assistance is available at no cost.

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## Positive Solutions for Families

### Promoting Social & Emotional Skills in Preschool-aged Children

Learn how to better understand children's problem behavior and how to use positive approaches to encourage appropriate behavior.

#### Topics Include:

Building Relationships  
Play  
Clear Expectations  
Managing Emotions  
Promoting Positive Behavior  
Building Routines

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.

Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm  
Dinner served at 5:30pm.

6-Week Series begins September 19, 2019

The Family Resource Center  
719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

To register: Contact Tricia T. at  
528-0391 or  
e-mail [tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org)



## Parenting the Second Time Around

A 7-week series that addresses the unique challenges faced by grandparents, relatives, & others who are parenting...AGAIN!

#### Topics include:

- \*Child Development
- \*Discipline & Guidance
- \*Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver
- \*Rebuilding a Family
- \*Living with Teens
- \*Legal Issues
- \*Advocacy



Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm  
Dinner served at 5:30pm.

Series begins September 10, 2019

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Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.





## Raise Heck Tug O' War... and more!



**Saturday,  
September 14  
11 am—2 pm**

Join us as we 'pull together' to raise money for Prescott Farm's Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest Camps Scholarship Funds.

**Three different competitions so everyone can get in on the fun!**

**Raise Heck Tug O' War** - Adult teams (age 18+) of 8 compete in a traditional "Tug O' War" tournament

**Snowshoe Hay Hurdle Relay Race** - *new in 2019!* Youth teams (age 8–17) of 4 race through fields wearing snowshoes (there won't be snow... it WILL be hilarious!) and 'jump' over hay bales

**Toboggan Pumpkin Pull** - *new in 2019!* Younger children (age 0–7) compete by age group as individuals pulling a toboggan with increasing number of pumpkins over a 10-yard distance

For complete details, to register, or donate - [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

**Raising Heck! Raising Funds!... Raising FUN!**

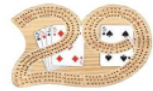
**Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center



**Café Déjà Vu  
Pub Mania Team**



**Is Hosting Weekly  
CRIBBAGE  
TOURNAMENTS**



**To Benefit:**



**Wednesday Nights at 7pm**

**\*Sept. 11, 2019 thru May 27, 2020**

**\*Except Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**At Laconia Elks in Gilford**

**Bring your friends!**

**\$10.00pp - Play 5 games 1 on 1**

**Cash Prizes for total high scores**  
(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)

**Friendly Games – No muggings/cut throat**

**For more info call (603) 998-1418**

## Exhibit: French-Speaking Culture in the Granite State

**At the Belknap Mill**

**September 3rd - 28th**

**Riverside Gallery is open Mon–Fri,  
9 am–5 pm & Sat 9 am–4 pm**



Lucie Laverdure, the photographer's mother-in-law, spinning domestic wool in the summer kitchen of her family's farmhouse, Valcourt d'Ely, Québec, circa 1908. Photo by Ulric Bourgeois.

Anna Emilia Saint-Denis Boucher, weaver, Amoskanag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, N.H., circa 1910. Photographer unknown. Courtesy of her daughter, Jeannette Pepin.



## From Habitant to New Hampshire Resident

Most Québécois immigrants came from villages where, as devout Catholics whose lives revolved around their faith, family, French language, and traditions, they felt a strong sense of community. As self-sufficient farmers, they lived off their land to produce food and household goods for family consumption. Though they toiled, pride in their accomplishments gave them a sense of identity with their work. Yet weather and disease could affect crops and animals. And, unless one family member worked elsewhere, little or no money came in. Thus, families sought a more secure life in New Hampshire.

By contrast, New Hampshire bore little resemblance to Québec. Immigrants rented apartments in two- or three-family houses or multi-family tenements in Little Canadas or elsewhere. Mills, shoe shops, and other industries controlled their work lives, while their co-workers were native-born residents or immigrants from different cultures and religions. But mill towns offered financial stability, so they stayed.





## 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](http://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 . . .

**Bill's Diner, on Hanover Street, Laconia, had been a Downtown institution until it was razed during Urban Renewal in the late 1960s-early 1970s. Other landmarks seen here include the Laconia National Bank and the Moulton Opera House Block (O'Shea's Department Store), both glimpsed at upper left and Woolworth's, at right in distance. The former First National Stores building, fronting on Main Street, was occupied by the Laconia Federal Savings and Loan Association and Hounsell's Drug Store, 50 years ago and the Salvation Army Citadel was at extreme left. (Laconia Public Library)**



## . . . AND NOW

**A parking lot has replaced the Salvation Army building and the diner and the former First National Stores building is now home to Citizens Bank. The Moulton Opera House Block was razed during Urban Renewal, but the former Laconia National Bank Building is now part of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center. The former Woolworth Building became Benjamin's and, later, the Sundial Shop and has since been subdivided for several other businesses. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)**

## *Bill's Diner closes for last time, 50 years ago this week*

**LACONIA** — Bill's Diner on Hanover Street, Laconia, closed its doors for the last time, Sept. 5, 1969, after 23 years in business, *The Citizen* reported, 50 years ago this week.

Bill Lyman, owner, had "been feeding citizens of Laconia for as long as many people can remember. He operated a self-service counter on the corner of Hanover and Main Sts. — it was torn down.

He had a diner in Lakeport — it was torn down. And now his third eating establishment will be levelled as part of the city's Urban Renewal Program," the article concluded.



# TONIGHT

## Rockin' Daddios & Company Friday, September 6th 6:00-8:00pm



*See you there!*



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.

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.



The New Hampshire  
Dept. of Transportation  
will hold a Public  
Hearing in Laconia  
on Sept. 19, 2019  
beginning at 6 pm in  
Laconia City Hall.

Public comments/testimony on transportation projects and priorities in the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan will be received. For those unable to attend, written comments can be submitted by November 12, 2019 at 4 pm to William E. Watson, P.E., NH DOT, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Dr., PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483.

Copies of the plan will be available on the [NHDOT website](#) for review.

Questions can be directed to 603-271-3344.



**Coming in October!**

## The Belknap Mill's Walkway to the Future

### order your brick today!

Visit the Belknap Mill in person or  
online to order your brick.  
[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)  
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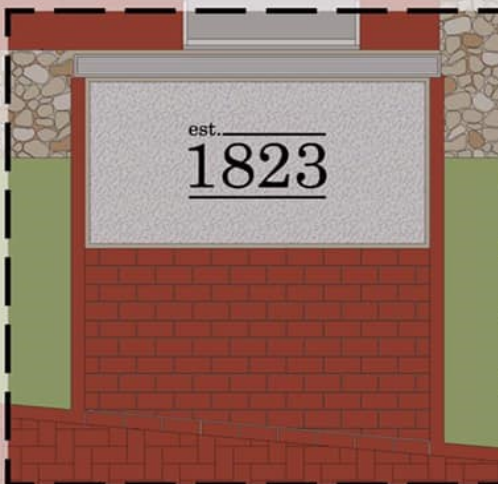
### ENGRAVE YOUR NAME IN LACONIA HISTORY

Please make sure your engraving information is spelled  
correctly. Maximum of two lines per brick.  
Maximum of 20 characters per line (including spaces &  
punctuation); use "&" in place of "and".  
All text will be centered within the brick.



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ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION

**\$50.00/brick**



### Engrave Your Name into Laconia's History!

In October 2019 the Belknap Mill will install a new granite landing engraved  
with the year the Mill was built and will relay the historic bricks leading to the  
front entrance.

Beginning August 15th, the opportunity to have your name engraved into one of  
these bricks, welcoming all to the Belknap Mill for years to come, will be offered  
for a limited time. Orders will be taken on a first come basis and with a limited  
number of bricks available, we encourage you to order early.

**gunstock**  
MOUNTAIN RESORT  
*Presents*



## 80s THEMED 5K AND TRAIL RACE

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

**5K Start Time: 9:30 AM**

**Trail Race Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**REGISTER HERE**

First 120 Registrants receive a headband and tube socks!

All Registrants receive a Ruff & Radical t-shirt!

All Registrants receive one chairlift ride to the top of Gunstock!

All registrants 21+ get a Tito's Vodka drink after the race!

• Walkers & leashed well-behaved dogs welcome



- 5K Race is chip-timed and on level ground
- Trail Race is timed over mountainous terrain
- Free Parking

### Event Location:

**Gunstock Mountain Resort  
719 Cherry Valley Road  
Gilford, New Hampshire**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE  
SOCIETY!**

# new beginnings

without violence and abuse

The Studio is bringing exciting things to the community!



The Studio is always striving to give back to their community. Recently they decided to find a way where they could donate to local non-profits. Starting September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a new fun way to donate and still get something in return. "We have a little vending machine", says Melissa McCarthy, the owner of The Studio. "For fifty cents you can get a matchbook with either a discount, bonus, or free item – we have a special row of 'kid friendly' matches, too!" The money that's collected for the month of September will go to New Beginnings, and The Studio will "match" the amount. "We're excited for the out-of-the-box thinking for raising funds and awareness".


New Beginnings is the Belknap County domestic and sexual violence crisis center, located in Laconia and serving the entire county. Advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention services, accompaniment to courts and hospitals, emergency shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, community education and outreach, and peer support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free of charge. New Beginnings is reliant on the support of community members who believe in our mission and have an interest in partnering with us to end domestic and sexual violence in the Lakes Region. For more information about New Beginnings, please call 528-6511. The Studio is located at 598 Main Street in Downtown Laconia; call 455-8008.



September is

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

*A library card brings stories to life!*



One more chance to see fireworks at Weirs Beach this season!

A fireworks display will cap off the Biketemberfest festivities at 11:05 pm on Saturday, September 14th!







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



Explore how to make the  
most of your Medicare  
benefits and find the best  
plan for you.

Go

*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
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
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
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	
Tax.....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	
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