



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links

September 6, 2019 - Edition #403



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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



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

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.

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.



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



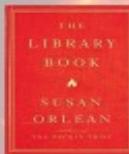
**Teen & Tween Craft:
Washer Necklaces
Monday, September 9
2:30-4 pm**

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 ORLEAN



**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.

MEETINGS

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](#)

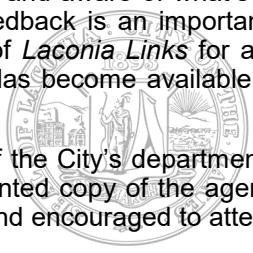
City Council Finance Comm.

September 9, 2019, immediately following the regular Council meeting (above)
[Agenda](#)

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.

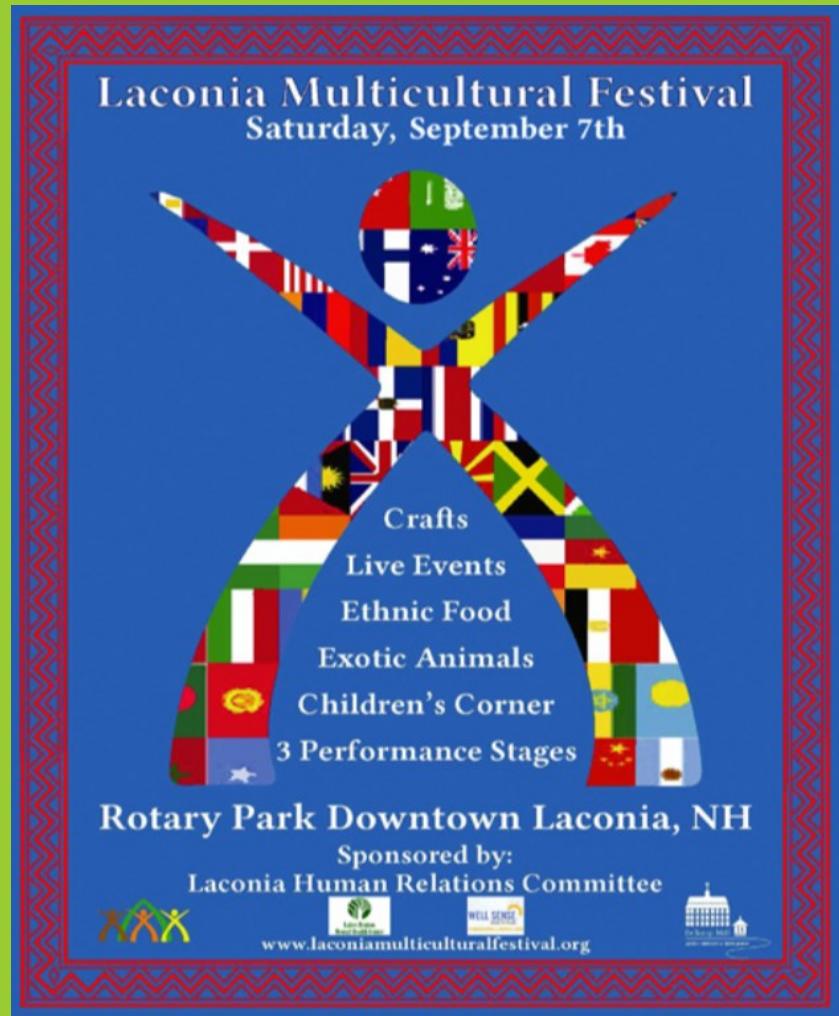
Become involved in your City and make a difference!

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](#)



Find us on Facebook

Laconia Multicultural Festival

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



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**

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

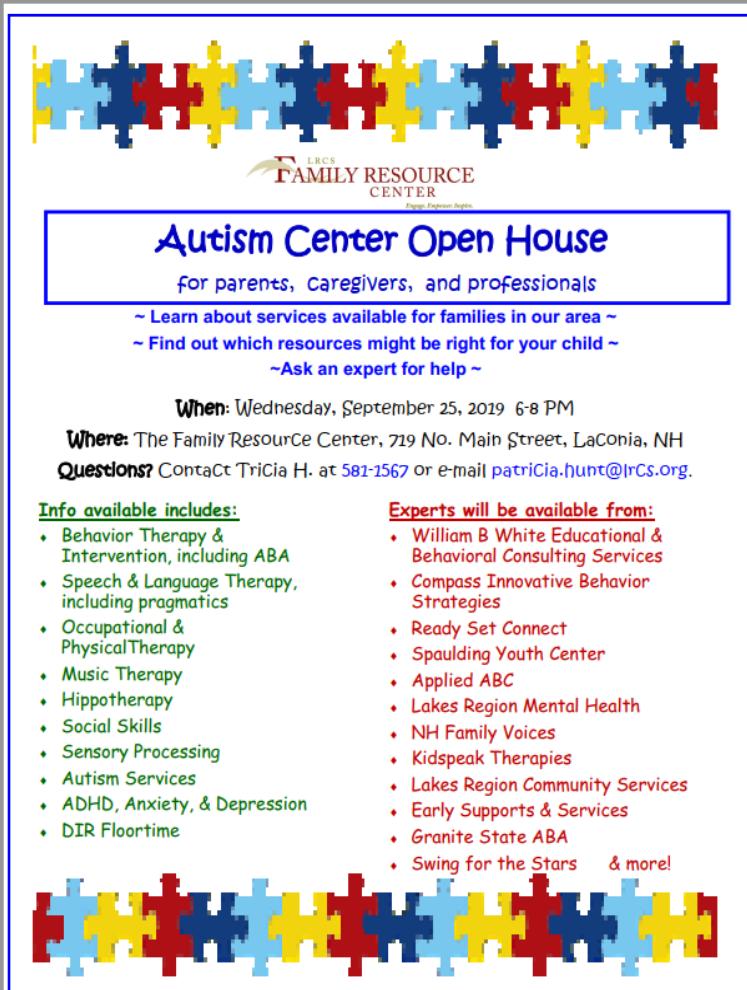
Reminder!



**Remember:
"Glass is Trash"**

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

'When in doubt,
THROW it out'



LRCS
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Family Empowerment

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](tel:581-1567) or e-mail tricia.hunt@lrcts.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!



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.

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

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.

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

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



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 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.



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\(we2bxyll2yf2yw0fhaws010\)\)/2/Site.aspx?G=9fd29a49-0673-42f0-9fcf-8a1c83c464eb](https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/(S(we2bxyll2yf2yw0fhaws010))/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.



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



LRCS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

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@lrcts.org

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



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@lrcts.org to register!



Extension
Nutrition Connections



COOKING MATTERS®
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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

Income Guidelines Apply

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@lrcts.org



PROJECT EXTRA



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Fardow
Foundation

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



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

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

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@lrcts.org



PROJECT EXTRA



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Fardow
Foundation

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

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

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Exhibit: French-Speaking Culture in the Granite State

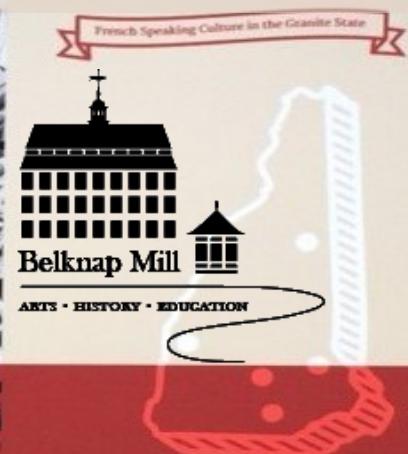
September 3rd - 28th

At the Belknap Mill
Riverside Gallery is open Mon–Fri,
9 am-5 pm & Sat 9 am-4 pm



Lucie Laverture, 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, Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, N.H., circa 1910. Photographer unknown. Courtesy of her daughter, Jeannette Pepin.



From Hébdo 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.



**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. 27th, Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st

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



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!



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 ...

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!

the Belknap Mill presents



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 Transporta-
tion 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 Bulding, 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
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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.

\$50.00/brick



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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



RUFF & Radical

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!**



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 1st 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.





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plan for you.

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*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
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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 Baumoel</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>	

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Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
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