

Laconia Links

December 13, 2019 - Edition #416



Wrap up your shopping at the Belknap Mill's 11th Annual Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Dec. 14th! See [pg. 12...](#)

Department of Public Works

The City asks that all residents be good neighbors and not park or block sidewalks with their cars and trucks. Blocking the sidewalks with vehicles prevents the City from plowing and sanding the sidewalks resulting in more pedestrians using the street instead of the sidewalks.

Under Federal accessibility regulations, the City is required to ensure that our sidewalks are kept open and available to pedestrians and are not blocked.

We ask for your support in helping to keep our community safer for our residents! For questions or concerns, please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379. Thank you for your cooperation.

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!



Mark your calendar!

Please plan to join us at the Inauguration of Mayor-Elect Andrew J. Hosmer and the Laconia City Council on January 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Belknap Mill!

This is an opportunity to thank outgoing Mayor Edward J. Engler for his leadership and service to our community, and to welcome new incoming Ward 6 Councilor Tony Felch.

More details will be available and posted closer to the event. Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



**Seasonal
Coloring**
December 16,
10-11:30 am
Volpe Room

Take some time
out of your busy
day to relax and
enjoy colored pencils, gel pens,
markers or watercolor pastels!



Coffee and Community Conversation Series



THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 19
10 AM-12 PM

Guest: Tiffany Pena, from United Way

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB



Calling all amateur sleuths! Join
Laconia Library's informal month-
ly book group for readers who
love who-dun-its...and coffee!

Wayfarer is generously providing
book club participants with 10%
off food and drink during the dis-
cussion. So bring your appetites and monocles
and join us for our next discussion!

"TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING" BY C.C. BENISON

Thursday, December 19
4-5:30pm
Wayfarer Coffee Roasters

The Reverend Tom
"Father" Christmas, the
newest vicar of Thornford
Regis, an idyllic rural town
in England, turns detective
when one of his parishion-
ers turns up dead in a
drum, and everyone in
town seems to have some-
thing to confess.



Teen & Tween Craft: Glitter Ornaments



THURSDAY
DECEMBER 18
3PM



Family Craft: Santa Jar Dec. 19, 4 pm Selig Storytime Room

Come create a
Santa jar to hold
all of your candy!



Preschool Storytime Dec. 18 and 19 10am

Ages birth - 6
Holiday Party!
Please bring a snack
to share.

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 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!*

Laconia Airport Authority

December 19, 2019, 4 pm
Airport Conference Room

Board of Assessors

December 19, 2019, 5pm, Rm. 200B

MEETINGS

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

Zoning Bd. Of Adjustment

December 16, 2019, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Recreation Commission

December 16, 2019, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Human Relations Comm.

December 17, 2019, 3:00 pm

Police Commission

December 18, 2019, 3:00 pm

Conservation Commission

December 18, 2019



Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Reminder!





Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 23, 2019

**Remember:
"Glass is Trash"**

*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*



Crown the Community Choice Award

 Vote for your favorite holiday decorated home and business today! 

All members of the community can participate and vote for their favorite home and business decorations.

Voting is open until 12/20; one vote per person; only decorations visible from the street are eligible.



Home Vote: bit.ly/LUL19Home

Business Vote: bit.ly/LUL19Biz



Each location will have an official Light-Up Laconia sign posted to identify them as part of the competition.

Questions: connect@celebratelaconia.org 

Presenting Sponsors: **SERVICE CREDIT UNION** *Local Supporters:* Laconia Daily Sun | Faro Express | The Escape Room Experience | Gator Sign Shop | ★★★★★ New Spectrum Lighting Solutions

Wondering where to get your Christmas Tree this year?



Maggy D's Garden Center will donate **10% of the proceeds** from every tree purchased to the NH Humane Society!

**MAGGY D'S
GARDEN CENTER**



330 Court St., Laconia
Trees On Sale Now!

Visit the NH Humane Society at
1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia

NHHumane.org



A Celtic Christmas

Fiddle and Piano music from Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Scotland, Ireland, Galicia, and Wales.



Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia

TWO SHOWS THIS YEAR 2019!

Friday, December 20th at 7pm

Sunday, December 22nd at 4pm

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Join World-renown Violinist - Aniko Geldaze - Pianist - Noelle Beaudin - and Special Guest Vocalist - Jane Berlin Pauley for a foot stomping evening of lively Christmas Fiddle and Piano music in the Celtic Tradition - Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Scotland, Ireland, Galician and Welsh tunes. Enjoy Christmas music the way it used to be - uplifting and celebratory! At intermission choose from hundreds of homemade cookies at the Christmas Cookie Walk; wine is also served.  
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Tickets are \$15

Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia - 172 Pleasant Street, Laconia NH
Call 603-848-2469 to order tickets

Stop in at Greenlaws Music to purchase in person
or visit: <http://www.nhisom.org/> to order online

When Seconds Count...

We need your help!



Which would you rather have to protect your home?

If you're able, please shovel out the fire hydrants close to your home or business. In a fire seconds count! Remember to clear a 3 foot perimeter round the hydrant, especially towards the street. Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work.

A common question that is asked is why do I need to clear the hydrant, won't the Fire Department clear the hydrant? The answer is yes, they will as soon as they can. However, the Fire Department still has to respond to emergency calls. The City of Laconia has over 600 hydrants to clear and we could really use your help!

The life you save could be your own!

Laconia Parks and Recreation



Family Cookie Decorating

Wed Dec 18th 6:00p-8:00p

\$10.00/family

\$2.00 each additional person families
of 5 and more

Bring your family to come decorate
sugar cookies!

Must register & pay by Dec 14th

2020 LACONIA SNOW MAN

BUILDING CONTEST!!!!



December 1st through March 1st!

Make a Snowman and send a photo to parks@laconianh.gov

Check Facebook and Instagram for submissions!



We will announce the winner on Wed March 4th!

**LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
Benjamin Greene
Conductor

Holiday POPS Concerts

Saturday December 14, 7:30pm
Sunday December 15, 3:00pm
Inter-Lakes Auditorium
Rt. 25, Meredith, NH

TICKETS
\$20 Adult / \$10 Student
www.LRSO.org
800-838-3006
Meredith: Innisfree Bookshop
Laconia: Greenlaw's Music



Featuring vocalist
Michael Gallagan

**Bellwether**
Where Easy Adds Up.

Sponsored By

**FAY'S
BOAT YARD**
ON LAKE MINNEAPOLIS - EST. 1948

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.

*The next "City Hall Extended Hours" will be on
Tuesday, December 17th!*



Lakes Region Community College to Hold Open House EXPRESS January 8th

Becoming a student at Lakes Region Community College has never been easier. The college is hosting an Open House EXPRESS Wednesday, January 8 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions and help all prospective students through the process. Students who bring a copy of their high school transcript or equivalency certificate will be accepted on the spot and can register immediately for the Fall Semester, which begins Tuesday, January 21. There is no application fee. Members of LRCC's Financial Aid office will be available to help students through the financial aid application process, and faculty and advisors from each program will be available to help students register for classes and answer questions.

"We're pleased to offer Open House EXPRESS as a convenient way for prospective students to complete the process of admission to the college," said Joyce Larson, Director of Enrollment and Onboarding. "With one visit to the College, students are able to complete most or all of the enrollment process steps with ease and meet face-to-face with our friendly faculty and staff."

Prospective students will be given a guided tour of the campus and campus housing. The event is free and all those interested are encouraged to attend. Those interested can pre-register at www.lrcc.edu or call Lakes Region Community College at (603) 366-5210.

Lakes Region Community College offers many associate degree and certificate programs, including Business, Accounting, Culinary Arts, Hotel and Restaurant Operations, Electrical, Automotive, Nursing, Graphic Design, Advanced Manufacturing, and Fire Science, just to name a few. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. Business and industry training programs are also available.

Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and serves over 1,200 students annually. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 366-5210.

News

From the City Clerk's Office

2020 Transfer Station Stickers



The City Clerk's Office is now selling 2020 Transfer Station Stickers. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle the sticker will be put on must be provided at the time of purchase.

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

Christmas Village 2019!



*Our sincere thanks to all
of the volunteers who make
this magical event possible
year after year!*



X-COUNTRY SKIING AND SIGN UP FOR LESSONS NOW OPEN AT BOLDUC PARK

Winter is early and so is the start of the X-Country Ski Season at Bolduc Park. All 10 kilometers of trails are groomed and ready for skiing for a modest donation at the not for profit, all volunteer run Bolduc Park Association property at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line.

Snow Shoeing and Disc Golf are available all winter. Youth and Adult X-Country Ski lessons will be offered by instructors

Stevens Hill, Paul Warnick and Van Shirley. Lessons are held four Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10am.

Sign up with your town Parks and Recreation Department or call or visit the Bolduc Park Clubhouse at 524-1370. More volunteers are always welcome to staff the Clubhouse or help maintain the facility and enjoy free access to the golf and winter sports facilities. Wish to volunteer? Call Bob at 387-4208.

Shown above are Bolduc Park Superintendent, Bob Bolduc and X-Country Ski Instructor, Stevens Hill announcing the opening of X-Country Skiing and Lessons at Bolduc Park!



Live Shakespeare Performance by Advice to the Players



Viola is shipwrecked in a violent storm off the coast of Illyria; in the process, she has lost her twin brother, Sebastian. She disguises herself as a boy and assumes the name Cesario for protection. Thus disguised, Viola becomes a page in the service of Orsino, the Duke.

This is the story of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night; or What you Will."

Everyone is invited to join us as Advice to the Players presents this live performance, Monday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

We hope you can join us!



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Tis the season to be jolly

HOLIDAY LIGHTING EXTRAVAGANZA

Located in Downtown
Laconia and put on by
New Spectrum Lighting in
partnership with Fit Focus
and The City of Laconia.

Thank you to everyone involved for this
spectacular lighting display bringing
holiday cheer and excitement to
downtown Laconia! This 1st annual
event is one you and your family won't
want to miss.

So come on down soon to view this
wonderful and magical display of lights!

Contact: newspectrumlighting@outlook.com
(603)-828-1601



PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/14/19!

Property tax bills will be mailed on Thursday, November 14, 2019. They are due on Dec. 16, 2019.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Regular office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30; also, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month the Tax Office (and others) will be open until 6 pm. For your convenience outside of business hours there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions.

Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Senior Housing Options in Downtown Laconia

All new apartments with support services in the heart of Laconia. *Sunrise House* provides housing that allow seniors to remain living independently. All units are fully accessible with laundry and housekeeping included. Additional services are also available. One bedroom, one bath or two bedroom, two bath apartments.

Starting at \$1,350 a month.

Call Alisha at 603-737-2232
for more information, today!

Public Works Department



The 2020 Recycling
Calendar is now
available!

Pick up your copy
at the DPW office,
27 Bisson Ave.





Wrap up your holiday shopping at the 11th Annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 14th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the historic Mill building in its holiday glory at 25 Beacon St. East in downtown Laconia.

This popular event has attracted crafters from around New Hampshire offering a shopping experience not to be missed. Visitors will enjoy a wide assortment of unique products from more than 30 crafters over two floors of the Mill. Included in this year's offerings are: acrylic & watercolor art, handmade hats & scarves, jams & jellies, wood products, stone products, bird houses, honey, fleece blankets and mittens, nightlight blocks, handcrafted chocolates, quilts, wreaths, homemade applesauce, floral arrangements and so much more!

Vendors include, but are certainly not limited to: Big Bags & Udder Things, Daily Grind Metal Works, The Quilted Quiller, Sweet as Sin Confections, Cuddling So Softly, Give A Salute!, Earthshaking Creations, Blasdel Studios, No Weare Else, Jim's Woodturning, Sweet Bee Farm, Winnepesaukee Quilt Co., and Jodi's Build a Hat.

There will be fresh-baked goods and lunch options available for sale from the Laconia High School Key Club.

Visitors to the Bazaar are invited to take a chance at the vendor raffle; all items are donated by participating vendors, with proceeds supporting the Belknap Mill.

The Belknap Mill is the oldest, unaltered brick textile mill in the country. It has permanent museum exhibits that interpret the history of the textile industry in Laconia, as well as educational programs for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, email Tara Shore at operations@belknapmill.org, visit belknapmill.org or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/belknapmill), or call 603-524-8813.



HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY



December 21

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil

Thursday December, 19, 2019
5:30 PM, Veteran's Square

December 19, 2019, will commemorate "The longest night of this year" – officially, the first day of winter, Remembrances will begin with a "candlelight" vigil in Veteran's Square in Laconia at 5:30pm. The vigil is coordinated by Catholic Charities, NH

with the Homeless Coalition in Laconia. Individuals will be remembered who died while homeless or recently housed over the past year. The annual memorial observation is now a tradition among Laconia area faith communities and community service providers, and is held in conjunction with the National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day traditionally held on December 21st—the longest night of the year. Laconia is one of more than 150 cities nationwide to observe the memorial.

To learn more about the face of homelessness or to make a difference, please contact Leonard Campbell, Parish and Community Services Coordinator, 528-3035 or www.nh-cc.org.

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 ...

Beacon Street East (seen here at right, looking north) 'of the new urban renewal traffic pattern' was opened without fanfare at 6 a.m., Dec 10, 1969, 'as northbound traffic on Main St. was sent,' instead, 'over the recently completed easterly section of the Main St. bridge,' and it was noted that 'Main St. from Mill St. to the bridge is now one way for southbound traffic.' A corner of the old Folsom Opera House (later home to 'the Lower Bank') is seen at left, 50 years ago, with the Belknap Mill in the distance at right — showing an old wooden ell and another of the mill structures partially demolished next to it, with the Esty Mill at far right. The stair tower of the Busiel Mill is glimpsed at top. (Laconia Public Library)



... AND NOW

The Municipal Parking Garage now occupies the site of the old opera house-bank building. The Esty Mill was torn down in late July 1970. Today's Belknap Mill 'Wheel House' (obscured by the trees) was new construction in the early 1970s. The gazebo (barely visible at right) and Rotary Riverside Park were built in 1996-1997 and replaced a small parking lot created during Urban Renewal. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Look what's happening at the Belknap Mill!

You realize we are roaring back into the 20's this New Year's Eve?



Start shopping for your Gatsby Era attire and Get ready to Ring in the New Year with us!

A collaboration to benefit the Belknap Mill!



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Belknap Mill

Click [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets



Socks, The Belknap Mill Christmas Elf

Visiting the Belknap Mill & Laconia until December 24th

Socks has arrived and has been spotted visiting our friends in Laconia!

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with his adventures this month. Visit the Belknap Mill Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm & Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm and enjoy the Socks Storywalk in the Power House.



Lobby Exhibit: Loving Laconia - Stephen F. Hall Through December

Prints of Stephen's artwork are available at the Belknap Mill for \$60 with a generous contribution by the artist of \$20 of each print purchased being donated to the Belknap Mill. Thank you Stephen! Prints of the Colonial Theater and St. Joseph Church are available immediately, others will take 2-4 weeks for delivery. NEW! A painting of the Gale Memorial Library just added to this exhibit!

Exhibit open to the public: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm; Sat., 9 am-4 pm



A twist on a Festival of Trees this exhibit features the creative talents of local amateur artists tasked with decorating a cut out tree shape with only one restriction..."be creative, anything goes!" Children and adults from Holy Trinity Pre-School, Lakes Region Childcare Services, Acton Academy, Taylor Community, Spaulding Youth Center, Woodland Heights Elementary School, Laconia High School, Belknap County 4H SPIN students, the Laconia Senior Center and young visitors to our Yuletide Traditions event have taken the given task to heart!

Riverside Gallery is open Mon.-Fri., 9 am - 5 pm.



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



Please consider volunteering at the Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action program! Many opportunities are available to get involved and help your community. Click on the image above for more information!



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

*We hope you have enjoyed this
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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
City Manager's office, 527-1270,
or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
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	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	

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www.laconianh.gov