

Laconia Links

January 31, 2020 - Edition #423



*Winter's view of the Belknap Mill
(photo compliments of Rob Clifford Photography)*



Laconia Parks & Recreation ***Sledding Party Postponed!***

The sledding party that was scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 31st has been postponed for lack of snow. We are monitoring the weather forecasts to choose the make-up date.

Please call Laconia Parks and Recreation at 524-5046 for additional information. You can also follow Laconia Parks and Recreation on Facebook for updates!

Welcome to *Laconia Links* a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

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



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, February 4th!***

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



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Adult Program: **Russian Daily Life and Culture** **February 6, 6:30 pm, Laconia Rotary Hall**

Local artist and historian, Marina Forbes, will discuss contemporary life in her native Russia. The fall of Soviet Communism in the early 1990s catapulted Russia into a new social order. The emergence of the "new rich", the evolving role of women, the revival of the Orthodox Church, the changing effects of Russian humor, family life, entertainment, and the new emphasis on consumerism will be discussed. This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities. Snow date for this program is Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm.



Family No-Bake Craft: **Valentine's Day Jars of Love** **Tuesday, Feb. 4, 4 pm** **Selig Storytime Room**

A Valentine's program for children to make a treat in a jar to give as a gift. For families with children.



Spring Book Discussion **Series: Forgotten NH Women** **"Black Ice" by Lorene Cary** **Tuesday, February 4, 7 pm** **Laconia Rotary Hall**

In 1972 Lorene Cary, a bright, ambitious black teenager from Philadelphia, was transplanted into the formerly all-white, all-male environs of the elite St. Paul's School in New Hampshire, where she became a scholarship student in a "boot camp" for future American leaders.

Discussion led by Frumie Selchen.

All Ages Program (Kids-Teen) **Floam**

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:30-11:30 am
Laconia Rotary Hall
Saturday Morning Fun!



Teen (ages 13-19) & Tween (ages 9-12) **Craft: Paint by Sticker**

Wednesday, February 5, 2:30-4:30 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall
Create a picture with stickers!

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!***



MEETINGS

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

Planning Board

February 4, 2020, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

February 5, 2020, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

February 5, 2020, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

February 6, 2020, 8:00 am

117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

[Agenda](#)



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Cece and Cupid are new to us and coming available soon! This cute little dynamic duo is looking for an adult only home to call a family. They may be able to go to a household with other dogs of similar size, and have both done fine with cats in our care. Cece and Cupid have lived together for at least 7 years, and really do love each other.

We are requiring them to be adopted as a bonded pair.

For more information on adopting Cece and Cupid, call 603-524-3252 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org

*Please visit our [website](#) to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their "forever" homes!
Also visit our [Facebook](#) page for our latest news.*



Audri came to us as an owner surrender through no fault of her own.

She is a sweet and feisty girl who would love a new home to call her own! She takes a little time to warm up at first, but she is sweet and super playful when she gets to know you.

She would do best in a home with older kids and could do well with another cat if given time to get adjusted.

For more information on adopting Audri, call 603-524-3252 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org



Laconia Pride

Laconia School District

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

Laconia High School



Poetry Out Loud was held on Wednesday, January 22nd at the Laconia Public Library. Thanks to all who participated; Victoria Abate, Brendan Allen, Bryce Baird, Rebecca Bolsvert, Madison Brooks, Ayden Duncan, Aiden Eldridge, Emma Fabian, Mia Lynch, Jazmyn Schumacher, Cassie Sousa, Ava Whitton.

Congratulations to this year's champion, Victoria Abate and runner up, Aidan Eldridge!

Woodland Heights School

On Thursday, January 23rd, Woodland Heights hosted its annual Spelling Bee. Thank you, participants, families, and those who helped to make this event successful!

Grade 3: Josh Colson, Makayla Gourley, Joseph Menzel, Owen Mitchell, Ryan White, and Khloe Williams.

Grade 4: Celestine D'Almeida, Kira KnightsSwan, Evianna Kreitzer, Eldina Ramic, Keyara Scott, Kallie Smith, Nick Thurston Jr., and Dulce Tuquer.

Grade 5: Julia Elliott, Connor Rogan, Rosy Santoro, and Blake Spencer.

Congratulations to this year's champion, Blake Spencer and runner up, Joseph Menzel!



Dates to Remember

February 3: Quarter 3 Begins

February 4: School Board Meeting at 6PM

February 5: PSS Global Play Day

February 6: ESS VISTESS Meeting at 6PM

February 7: Reports Cards Issued

February 10: Policy Committee Meeting at 4:30 PM

February 10: PSS VIPSS Meeting at 6PM

February 11: Teacher In-Service Day (no school for students)

February 14: ESS VISTESS Valentine's Day Dance at 6PM

February 14: WHS Wildcat Assembly at 2PM

Laconia Middle School

On January 15th, Chef TJ Tomlinson of Fratello's, visited Laconia Middle School's REAL Initiative after-school program. Chef taught students how to make garlic and cheese risotto. Thank you, Fratello's, for your continued support!



click the above logo to access the 2020-21 school year calendar



Help us pick recipients of our Front Porch Award! Nominate someone in our City who has shown pride by positively impacting and improving the appearance of their property. Photos (before and after) are appreciated but not required.

Contact the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or email Nbrown@laconianh.gov for more information.



Nomination forms are available [here!](#)

Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during this icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257

Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

Questions? Please call 528-6379.

Thanks and have a safe winter!



Music and Dancing with Annie & the Orphans, February 5th



One of New England's favorite rock and roll acts, Annie & the Orphans, has been entertaining fans, young and old, for more than 50 years. Specialists in 1950s, 60s and 70s rock and roll, Annie & the Orphans' unique blend of musical talent and showmanship make them one of the most eagerly anticipated acts around.

As "Annie" always says, "It's only rock and roll, but I *like* it!" Everyone is invited to join us for this fun performance, Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building – and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!

Taylor Community Resident Artists Show, February 3rd

Taylor Community has several very talented artists. Join us Monday, February 3 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the Woodside Building to see displays of their works and talk to the artists who created them.

This event is free and open to the public





CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE



In this Special Interest Program (SPIN), youth will design, build, and race mousetrap powered cars. Youth who have previously made a car may bring their mousetrap car and learn how to make improvements. Youth will have the opportunity to race the cars at the 4-H Maker's Expo on April 18, 2020.

Class will be held at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street, Laconia, NH from 10am to 12noon on Saturdays, January 18th, 25th, and February 1st.

This event is open to youth aged 8 years old and up. Cost: FREE

For more information, please contact Karen

Deighan, karen.deighan@unh.edu, (603) 527-5475

Register Here

LACONIA! *talks*

community conversations



Getting to Know your Neighborhood

02/27/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Laconia Community Center



Parking Perceptions

03/26/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



Economic & Workforce Development

04/30/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



Today's Housing Crisis

05/28/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



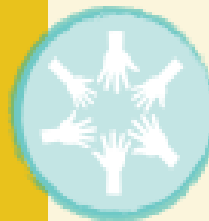
Urban Re-Development

06/25/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



Public Art and Placemaking

07/30/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Leavitt Park Clubhouse



Nonprofit Symposium

08/27/20 | 5:00-7:00 pm
The Belknap Mill



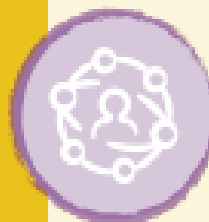
Social Engagement & a Changing Demographic

09/24/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



Our Natural Environment

10/29/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined



Our Social Environment

11/20/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm
Location to be Determined

2020

A CELEBRATE LACONIA COMMUNITY PROGRAM

register: www.celebratelaconia.org | question: connect@celebratelaconia.org





Free Tax Help - Federal Income Tax Assistance Available AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program to be offered at Laconia Senior Center 17 Church Street

Again this year the AARP Tax-Aide program, which provides Free Tax Assistance in preparing and electronically filing your Federal Income Tax return, will be offered at the Laconia Senior Center at 17 Church Street. While the program gives special attention to all those 60 years of age and up, taxpayers with low and moderate income will also be accommodated by AARP personnel.

Assistance will be provided as follows:

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, from February 5 thru March 26
Thursdays only, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm from April 1 thru April 9
Please note that April 9th is the last day for AARP Free Tax Help at this location!

The service will be offered on an appointment basis. **Call the Laconia Senior Center at 524-7689 to make an appointment.**

Taxpayers are asked to bring the following: photo ID, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, any 1099 forms, dependent care provider info, proof of itemizing deductions, health insurance documents and Social Security cards or documentation for yourself and all dependents.

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

International Film Series
IN MY COUNTRY
Monday, February 3
Time: 6:15 P.M.
Laconia Public Library



■ **Telling the Truth
about Apartheid in South Africa**

- ◆ 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



SUMMER 2020
IGNITING CURIOSITY.
EMBARKING ON ADVENTURE.



*Please click [here](#) to read all
about Laconia Christian
Academy's Summer Camp!*





Apply now. Applications are available on line at lrscholarship.org.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Graduates of Laconia High School, Gilford High School, or Belmont High School in New Hampshire
- Legal residents of Laconia, Gilford, or Belmont, New Hampshire
- Those qualified for a specific donor preference or requirement; [some local clubs and civic organizations offer awards to a wider range of students who are residents of Belknap County. Check out our website for more details.](#)
- The scholarship foundation donors often follow students through their years of college or trade school, so if you have applied when you graduated high school, you can apply again now that you are in college.
- If you are returning to school as an adult, and are a resident of Laconia, Gilford or Belmont, you are eligible as well.

Only one application is necessary to apply for all the scholarship funds administered by the

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Application deadline April 1, 2020

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 . . .

The Folsom Opera House Block (in later years home to the Laconia Savings and Peoples National banks, and known as the 'Lower Bank') is seen, at left, from Main Street and, at right, from Sunrise Towers, then under construction during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Built in 1862-1863, the structure had a marble and granite facade added on the Main Street side in 1939. A public hearing had been set, 50 years ago this week, for Feb. 16, 1970, on the proposed acquisition by the city of the bank building for use as a city hall. ('The bank owns the present city hall, having exercised its option to purchase some months ago,' The Citizen reported. President John W. Archibald of Laconia Savings Bank said tentative plans were being made 'for construction of a new building at the city hall lot within a year.') Meanwhile, an ad hoc group had launched a protest against proposed use of the bank building — instead pushing for use of the Seeburg (Busiel) Mill which they said would cost less to renovate. Most of the members of the ad hoc group were also members of the group working to save the Belknap-Sulloway Mill as a cultural center. (Laconia Public Library)



. . . AND NOW

The bank building was ultimately rejected as a city hall and the site is now part of the Municipal Parking Garage (at right), opened in 1974, as seen from the entrance to the Downtown Mall. Beacon Street West is largely off-photo at left. Main Street and Beacon Street East are at right. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Assessing

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2019 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their Property Record Card to verify its accuracy and confirm if any changes have been made.

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

[Click for Assessing Department](#)



Learn Tai Chi with Ben Low at the Belknap Mill!
Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am
February 3 - March 12

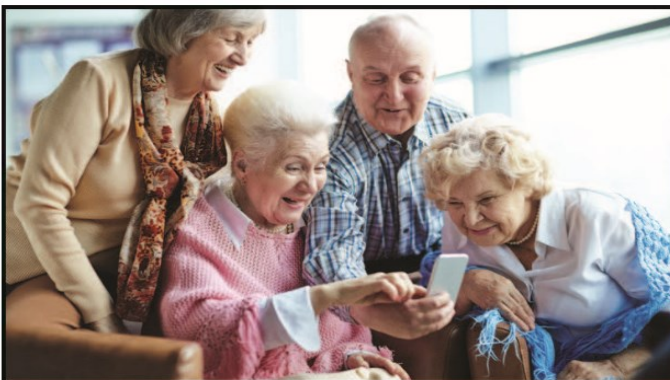
Tai Chi will help you with balance and improve your mind and body coordination. The introductory program starts with the rudiments of postures and stepping before moving into more complicated forms as you string postures together. Plus, it is also a lot of fun!

\$70.00 for six weeks of sessions, twice a week. Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am. The sessions run from February 3 through March 12.

Join us on Monday, February 3rd at 9:30 am to try the first class for free!



[Register Here](#)



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.

One bedroom, one bath or two bedroom, two bath available. Laundry and Housekeeping with additional services available. Starting at \$1,350 a month.

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



**YOU ARE COORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND
THE VALENTINE
TEA TIME & "G" TIME
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 1st
3PM
@
THE SALVATION ARMY
177 UNION AVENUE
CALL 524-1834
TO RSVP!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!!**

Colonial Theater Updates...

- Construction and renovation continue at the Colonial Theater! Below are photos showing the progress that has been made painting the ceiling areas at the Theater. Stay tuned for additional updates!



*Our thanks to
City Councilor
Robert Hamel for
providing the
photos!*

"Where history and memories
will be made once again."



Unitarian Universalist
Society of Laconia
presents:

Songs of Fire and Ice

*Music from Argentina,
Cuba, Brazil and Spain*

**Saturday, February 15th
at 4:00pm**

Tom Robinson, Soprano Saxophone
Noelle Beaudin, Piano

*Tickets
\$15*

*An evening of Latin Music
that will turn even the coldest
heart warm with passion. At
intermission champagne punch
with sparkling cider, sweets for
your sweetie and finger foods
will be served.*

For tickets visit
Greenlaw's Music,
purchase online at
nhisom.org, or call
603-848-2469



Did you know there's an easy way to access contact information and phone numbers for our City departments and employees with just one click?

Just scroll down a little on the City [website](#) and you'll see the "Contact" button on the left hand side, or click on the image (above).

We hope this makes it easy for you to get the information you need!

Please feel free to contact us;
we are happy to help!



Guardian of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources.

mark  your **Calendar**

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day

Bring the family to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year! The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's most popular free community event of the year is set for **Saturday, April 18, 2020**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and legacy of outdoor traditions. Browse educational exhibits presented by environmental and conservation organizations from throughout the state. See live animals, big fish and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying and B-B gun shooting. Watch retriever dogs in action. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids. Plus, check out the latest hunting and fishing gear and gadgets.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is hosted by Fish and Game and sponsored in part by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire.



The 2020 World Championship Sled Dog Derby is scheduled for February 14, 15 and 16, 2020! More details to come closer to the event. Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's [website](#) for updates!

Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 3, 2020

Remember: "Glass is Trash"

'When in doubt,
THROW it out'



Shown above is the Selesky family of Laconia enjoying a winter day of cross country skiing together at Bolduc Park. From left to right: Lydia, Quinn, Bethany, Naomi. Gregg and Mya Selesky.

Cross Country Skiing at Bolduc Park!

Bolduc Park is open daily for Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing and winter Disc Golf!

Located on the Laconia/Gilford town line at 282 Gilford Avenue, the Park is open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and is a perfect place for a family outing or for people of any age wanting to enjoy a winter day in the outdoors.

We hope to see you soon!



SENIOR CORNER



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

Now is the time to adopt
healthy eating habits to
increase your overall
energy & boost your
immune system!
Especially during these
cold winter months, be
sure to choose foods from
the food groups below at
least three times a day:

Fruits & vegetables
Grains
Milk & milk alternatives

Meat & meat alternatives
Be sure to drink plenty of
plenty of water!

Have a healthy and fun winter!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.*

*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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

Have a great weekend!

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
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
Welfare	527-1267

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