



Laconia Links

March 6, 2020 - Edition #428



Photo shows a large group of ducks seen recently in the Winnipesaukee River off from Messer Street

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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!



**New Hampshire
FISH AND GAME**
Connecting you to life outdoors

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

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day! Bring the family to NH Fish and Game Dept's biggest community event of the year! Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Log onto www.wildlife.state.nh.us for more information!

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



Library Exhibit
Presented by The Libby Museum
February through May
Open Library Hours
Upper Exhibit Gallery

An assortment of natural specimens from The Libby Museum in Wolfeboro are now on display. The collection features animals native to New Hampshire, as well as information about naturalist Dr. Henry Forrest Libby, who founded the Museum in 1912. The Libby Museum is New Hampshire's only natural history museum. This exhibit is free and open to the public.



Teen & Tween Craft:
"Unicornaments"
March 11, 2:30 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall
Make a sparkly ornament!



Tasting of the Green
Thurs., March 12, 4 pm
Selig Storytime Room

Take a guess what you are eating after tasting lots of green foods and drinks!



Seasonal Coloring
Friday, March 13, 2:30-4 pm
Volpe Room

Coloring with light music and conversation. All supplies are provided. Come enjoy and relax!

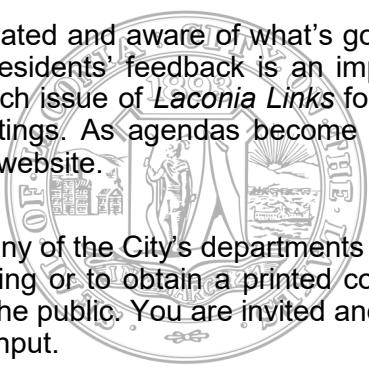
Family Craft: Happy Leprechaun
Tuesday, March 10, 4 pm
Selig Storytime Room



Make a happy leprechaun in honor of St. Patrick's Day!
For families with children.

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

Government Operations & Ordinances Committee

March 9, 2020, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

City Council

March 9, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Committee

March 11, 2020, 10:00 am

Minor Site Plan Committee

March 11, 2020, 11:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

March 11, 2020, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Meet Goldie! Goldie is a very timid and sweet 1 yr. old mixed breed who originally came on a transport from the south. She is a petite girl at only about 40 lbs. Goldie was not properly socialized as a pup and now needs some help from someone patient and kind who is willing to take the time to help her build confidence and learn! She would do best in an adult only home and may also do best in a home with another confident canine friend. No kitties for her - too fun to chase!

Applications can be sent to adoptions@nghuman.org, and for more information you can email or call New Hampshire Humane Society at 603-524-3252 ext. 3312. Find out more at nghuman.org!

Meet Elton! He came all the way from Louisiana in search of a forever home in NH! Elton was given a second chance at life by being transported here, and is ready to find his new family. He does well with other cats and could do well with mellow kids, too. He is not available just yet, but you can still put in a general cat application to be ready for when he does become available.

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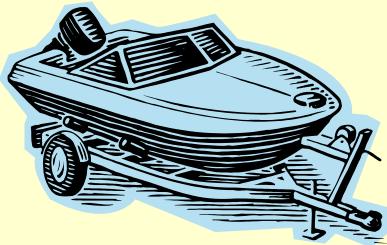
CONSIDER SAVING A LIFE TODAY!

Please visit our website to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their "furever" homes! Also visit our Facebook page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.

News

From the City Clerk's Office

***It's Not Too Early to Get
Your 2020 Boat
Registration!***



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (*We are also open late until 6 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.*)

****Please make checks payable to City of Laconia**. In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

Question? Please call the City Clerk's office at 527-1265.

A black graduation cap with a yellow tassel is resting on a white diploma scroll. The scroll has a red seal at the bottom. To the left of the cap is the logo for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, which features three stylized figures in graduation caps and gowns.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now. Applications are available on line at irscholarship.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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH
4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**

Fratello's Laconia - 603-528-2022
Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - 603-527-3533

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Fratello's is donating 25% to support
Lakes Region Scholarship
Foundation Operating Fund
of orders placed when you mention
us!**

eat in or order take out- mention lakes region
scholarship foundation





World Water Day



Sunday, March 22, 2020

Today, **1 in 3 people** – around 2.2 billion – live without safe drinking water. (WHO/UNICEF 2019). The Laconia Conservation Commission would like to raise awareness of the global water crisis and climate change by encouraging the observance of World Water Day.

Hundreds of thousands of people are taking individual action on climate change as part of the UN's #ActNow campaign. Here are five changes we can all make **today**:

Take five minute showers: Water scarcity already affects four out of ten people. With 80% of wastewater never being treated, taking shorter showers is a great way to save this precious resource.



Eat more plant-based meals: Dietary changes, featuring plant-based foods and sustainable animal-sourced food, could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 8.0 gigatonnes a year of carbon dioxide equivalent.



Don't throw away edible food: An estimated 1/3 of all food produced globally is lost or goes to waste. Reducing your food wastage reduces demand on agriculture which is one of the biggest water consumers.



Turn off tech: Currently 90% of power generation is water-intensive. By powering down our devices when we're not using them, the less energy needs to be produced.



Shop sustainably: A typical pair of jeans takes 10,000 litres of water to produce, equal to what a person drinks in 10 years. Sourcing our goods from responsible sources can have a big impact on the consumption of water and other essential resources.



Did You Know?

- Approximately 10,000 Laconia residents get their drinking water from Paugus Bay.
- Laconia Water Department posts its annual "Our Daily Water" Consumer Confidence Report elsewhere on this website. The report is also mailed to all property owners in the spring of each year.
- For more information on local drinking water, visit: <https://www.laconianh.gov/222/Water-FAQs>

Sources:

ActNow – UN campaign: www.un.org/en/actnow

IPCC (2019), *Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report*: <https://www.ipcc.ch/srccl/>

FAO (2011): <http://www.fao.org/food-loss-and-food-waste/en/>

UNESCO (2014), *UN World Water Development Report: Water and Energy*: <https://www.unwater.org/publications/world-water-development-report-2014-water-energy/>



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, Conductor

SYMPHONY CONCERT

March 28, 2020 - 7:30pm

Inter-Lakes Auditorium - Rt. 25, Meredith, NH

BERLIOZ

Rakoczy March

DEBUSSY

Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun

TEDESCO

Guitar Concerto in D Major

David Newsam, Guitar

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 6

TICKETS

\$20 Adult / \$10 Student

Meredith - Innisfree Bookshop

Laconia - Greenlaw's Music

800-838-3006

www.LRSO.org



featured guitarist
David Newsam

Sponsored By the Robert T. Smith Family Trust

Reminder!

*Curbside recycling will
be picked up the week
of March 16, 2020*

**Remember:
"Glass is Trash"**

*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*



Free Tax Help - Federal Income Tax Assistance Available

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program to be offered at Laconia Senior Center, 17 Church Street

Free assistance in preparing and electronically filing your Federal Income Tax Return is available at the Laconia Senior Center! For those 60 yrs of age and older, and taxpayers with low and moderate income.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, 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**, and be sure to bring a 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.



Murray Academy of Irish Dance Performs March 14

The Murray Academy was founded in 2005, bringing Irish step dancing to New Hampshire's Seacoast Region. The Academy provides young students with the opportunity to discover and participate in the wonderful world of Irish Dancing.

The Academy is home to more than 150 dancers – a cohesive group of dedicated teachers, assistant teachers, supportive parents and wonderful students, committed to learning and growing. The skills taught in Irish dance prove to be invaluable. Through their dance experiences, students learn more than the art and sport of the dance; they build lasting friendships and learn life lessons they can apply in so many arenas.

Join us as New Hampshire's Own World-Class Irish Dancers Perform Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.



WHAT IS CBD



Does it help
with pain?

what is
hemp?

Will it get me
high?

Is it legal?

What is THC?

Get these and many of your other questions answered at one of our classes. Make an educated decision to see if CBD is right for you. Don't miss out on a lifetime of relief.

Miguel Nieves Presents CBD American Shaman, March 11

CBD American Shaman is dedicated to bringing wellness to the world through ultra-concentrated terpene rich CBD oil derived from all natural, high quality industrial hemp.

Legal in all 50 states, 100% organic and gluten-free, non-GMO hemp has no heavy metals or insecticides, and is batch tested using Ultra Performance Convergence Chromatography.

Join us for this free, public informational lecture by Miguel Nieves, Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. Come and get many of your questions about CBD answered.

News

From the City Clerk's Office

We need your help! We are looking for a Ward Clerk for Ward 3 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. The Ward Clerk position is a paid position.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.





**OPECHEE DAY CAMP
COUNSELORS**

your job is to

BE OUTSIDE

HAVE FUN

BE A ROLE MODEL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH @ 6:00PM

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (719 N MAIN ST, LACONIA, NH)

(Two movies will be shown: while parents enjoy their movie with popcorn and baked goods, the kids will be enjoying crafts, snacks, and a movie of their own)

FOR CHILDREN:



Water and Popcorn (provided free of charge)

Baked Goods: \$.50

Raffle Tickets: \$.50

Limited to the first 75 people. Please RSVP to Alyssa Tandy
(603-581-1577 or alyssa.tandy@lrcs.org)
before Friday, March 6th, 2020

City Manager Updates

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

Check out the new [Financial and Operational Trends Report](#) which provides financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, storm costs, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or



CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE OF SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

As of 6:00 am on March 6, 2020, the City's seasonal weight limits went into effect. Trucks with a gross weight exceeding 10 tons are prohibited from the use of all City streets except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. Please see the [City's website](#) for related maps.

More detailed information and permit forms may be found on the City of Laconia website at www.laconianh.gov.

Questions – please call the Laconia DPW Office at 528-6379.

Thank you for your cooperation!

BELKNAP MILL

WHERE ART AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE

25 Beacon Street East Laconia NH 03246 (603) 524-8813

4H STEAMpunk 2020 Challenge

Mondays, March 23rd - April 6th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Don't Count Your Chickens Before They Hatch!

Youth will work as a team to design and build a unique invention that completes a chain reaction of events that counts chickens along the way. How they include and count each chicken is up to each team.

This Special Interest Program (SPIN) will meet on Mondays, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street, Laconia, NH.

The cost is free and open to youth aged 8 and up.

For more information or to register, please contact

Karen Deighan, [\(603\) 527-5475](mailto:karen.deighan@unh.edu)



13TH LUCKY LEPRECHAUN

QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 13, 2020
Proceeds Benefit
The Belknap Mill
Children's Programs

\$10 Tickets includes 4 Auction Paddles of your choice, snacks, drinks and fun!
Contact the Belknap Mill at 524-8813 today to get your tickets. Only 50 tickets will be sold!



Doors open at 6PM
Auctions start at
6:30PM

Save Your Quarters!



CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE



4-H Volunteer STEM/Makers Training

Problem Solving and Design Thinking
Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Belknap Mill
Beacon St. Laconia NH

In this workshop, 4-H leaders will learn the tools and techniques to utilize a problem solving and design thinking approach to working with 4-H youth.

Cost: Free
Light snacks and door prizes!

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and NH counties cooperating.



LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP:

Please contact Karen Deighan at
603-527-5475, email: karen.deighan@unh.edu
or Claes Thelemarck, 603-447-3834 or
claes.thelemarck@unh.edu

Space is limited. Registration is required for planning purposes.

Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt

at the Belknap Mill

**2020 Laconia Scavenger Hunt!
Registration Now Open!**

Register your team TODAY!

Test your knowledge!

Gather a team, grab your phone (with camera/video storage available), and get ready for a fun afternoon of finding locations and completing challenges throughout Laconia. \$35/Team (Max of 6 pp)

Saturday, June 27

12:30-Registration
1:00-3:30-Hunt



EARLY BIRD PRICE-\$25/team BEFORE MAY 1

FOR MORE INFO CALL
603-524-8813



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 . . .

This Texaco Station — seen here in March 1956 — was a landmark at the corner of Church and River streets, Laconia, from 1931 until it was removed around 1980, when it was known as Joe's BP. Built by W.M. Bisson between Dec. 8, 1930 and Feb. 12, 1931, according to The Citizen, the station opened in late March, with J.L. Labbe as first proprietor. Construction of the station, 'with its driveways, and the complete installation of tanks, pumps, plumbing, heating and lighting during the middle of winter shows that winter construction is not only possible, but that it is also practical from the business viewpoint.' (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The site is now the yard of the adjoining apartment house at left. River Street is at right. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS

TO JOIN THE PARKS & REC TEAM FOR THE SUMMER,
AND HELP MAINTAIN SOME OF THE STATE'S BEST PARKS,
call 603-524-5046 or e-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Tap into Maple

Every Saturday in March

Preregistration highly recommended

prescottfarm.org



Prescott  *Farm*
Environmental Education Center

 **LRCS**
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Invites you to join us for...

Open Gym

At the
Laconia Community Center
306 Union Ave. Laconia, NH



Run! Jump! Toss! Climb! Play with Us!

For more info, call Trish T. at 528-0391
or email: tricia.tousignant@lrcts.org

Colonial Theatre Updates...

Restoration work continues at the Colonial Theatre! Below are several photos showing some of the painstaking detailed work that is being done to restore the Theatre to its former glory. Check future issues of the newsletter as progress continues!



Our thanks to City Councilor Robert Hamel for providing these photos!





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

In NH there are many paths available to help people of all ages live better in their communities. NHCarePath (an official NH government website) will help you find the services and support you need.

No matter your age or circumstances, click on the NHCarePath image (above) and explore the assistance that is available, all in one convenient spot!

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

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and suggestions!*

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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
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
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
Conservation Technician - Ashley Ruprecht	
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 Baumoeil	
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 - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer.....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	491-8946
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	524-7185

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