

## Laconia Links

*April 10, 2020 - Edition #433*



*Please support all of our health care workers*

# News

## From the City Clerk's Office

### Vehicle Registration

**Helpful  
Tips**

Although City Hall is closed to the public at this time, there are still a lot of options available for conducting your City business on-line. Two of the most common questions people ask relate to vehicle registrations and dog licensing. Please see below for instructions on how to accomplish both on-line, and other useful information:

If you are looking to renew your vehicle registration on-line, click [here](#). This will bring you to the Vehicle Registration page of our website where you can follow instructions to get the process going to renew your registration.

If you have a new registration for a vehicle purchased from a NH dealership and you were issued a 20-day plate on or after February 26, 2020, that temporary plate is valid until April 30, 2020. For vehicles purchased in a private sale, please call the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles Office at (603) 227-4000 to inquire about purchasing a temporary plate.

Please note that we are only making in-person appointments for essential items. Call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for more information. For example, boats, trailers and motorcycles are not considered essential items.

These transactions will have to wait to be processed until we are open to the public.

If you do not have the capability to process on-line transactions, please call our office to receive the amount due for your registration and either mail your payment or place your payment in our drop box located next to the door on the right side of our building.



To renew your dog license, click on the image (left). Enter your dog tag number as it is printed on your dog's license (including the dash followed by the last two digits of the year). Click on "Sample License" on our dog license page to locate where on your dog's printed license you can find the license number.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for assistance if needed! Our office is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

*Thank you for your patience!*

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

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

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

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

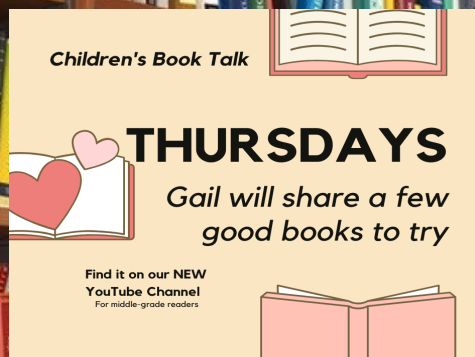
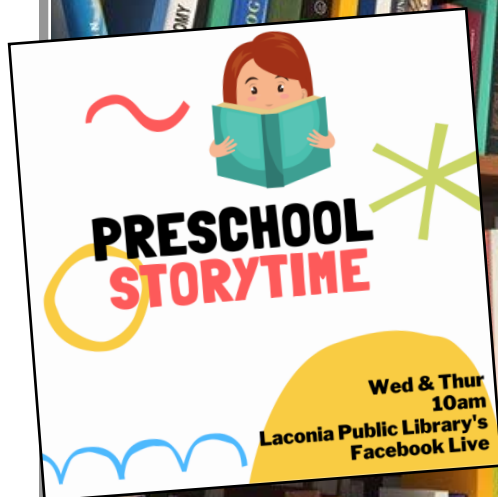


# EVENTS and Programs

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



Please note that although the Laconia Public Library and the Goss Reading Room are both closed to the public at the current time, Library staff continues to work in the building and are happy to answer questions and help you access materials. See ["How to Enjoy the Library From Home"](#). You can also pick up and return materials at the Laconia Public Library. Details of this service (and other Library related information) are updated regularly and found on the Library's website [here](#). Questions? Please call 524-4775. Below is information about just a few of our fun activities that are available:



## 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. All City departments continue to be staffed, and they will be happy to provide you with any information you may need.

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!*

### City Council

April 13, 2020, 7:00 pm. Please note important information included on the agenda regarding how to view and/or participate in this meeting electronically.

### Agenda

All other City public meetings have been cancelled  
for the week of 4/13 - 4/17/20.

*Please contact the specific departments listed on the last page  
of this newsletter for meeting related questions.*



# CITY OF LACONIA TRANSITIONS TO ON-LINE MEETING FORMAT

As reported in last week's newsletter, due to the Covid-19 crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 and Executive Order #2020-04, Laconia is conducting its public meetings on line for the duration of the health crisis. The City is utilizing the Zoom platform to allow the public to listen to and participate in meetings of the City Council, Planning Board and other public bodies. If you are interested in viewing, listening to, or participating in a meeting, you can do so using any of a number of platforms.

- Each meeting will be conducted as a webinar using the Zoom platform. To access the meeting using Zoom, simply download Zoom to your desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Next, find

the link and necessary password included on the agenda of the meeting you are interested in. Follow the link (or cut and paste it into your browser) and use the password to access the meeting. Using this platform, you will be able to both see and hear the meeting and have the opportunity to speak during any public portions of the meeting.

- If you don't have access to a computer or smartphone you can still access the meeting with Zoom using a traditional telephone by dialing the number provided on the meeting agenda and entering the Webinar ID number when prompted. With this platform, you will only be able to listen to the meeting.
- **NEW INFORMATION:** Due to technical difficulties, we are temporarily suspending live transmission of City meetings on Channel 26. There are incompatibilities between the Zoom virtual meeting platform and the Atlantic Broadband platform. Live transmission of City meetings on Channel 26 will resume as soon as the COVID-19 emergency restrictions are lifted and in-person meetings resume.
- You may also watch the meeting live on YouTube. This is a new feature. YouTube videos were not previously available until the day after the meeting. Meetings are now streamed live to YouTube and you may watch them by going to the [City website](#) and following the link to the City's YouTube page.

Questions? Please call the appropriate department for the meeting you are interested in.



## Updates for We Care Concerts and The NH Jewish Food Festival

Temple B'nai Israel's We Care Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the May 23rd benefit concert with Five O'Clock Shadow to Saturday, May 29, 2021. The fundraisers' recipient, Bridge House ([tbhshelter.org](#)) has their hands full, caring for their residents and the needs of homeless veterans. Bridge House recently posted this notice to the community:

*Bridge House Ladders & Flip'n Furniture thank all our faithful customers! Because of your patronage the (Bridge House) Shelter has helped folks overcome homelessness while providing jobs not only for Bridge House residents but especially for Veterans. We're all in this together – the safety of everyone is our sole concern. Follow both shops on Facebook for ongoing developments. We'll reopen just as soon as the CDC gives us the green light! STAY HEALTHY – STAY OPTIMISTIC – STAY CONNECTED*

As of this date, the October 24<sup>th</sup> concert benefitting Meredith Altrusa and featuring John Davidson, will be held as planned. Details will be shared as decisions can be made.

In addition, the temple has decided to reschedule The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival from Sunday, July 12, 2020 to Sunday, August 16, 2020. Please visit the temple's website, [tbinh.org](#), for updates and information.

Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia thanks the community for past and future support of these special programs and events.



Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) remains fully-committed to serving patients during this unprecedented time. In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and protect the health of our patients and staff, the majority of our services will be conducted remotely; either by telephone (audio-only) or by using audio-visual technology (i.e. computers with cameras, smart phones with cameras, video-conferencing equipment, etc.) so that the patient and provider can see each other. In-person services are available on a limited basis as we continue to comply with COVID-19 recommendations.

LRMHC will maintain hours of operation in Laconia and Plymouth:

Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.

For Emergencies: Crisis support is always available and you can reach our Emergency Services staff by calling 528-0305.

If you are an existing patient, our staff will reach out to you about how we can continue to support you and how those services may best be delivered.

For individuals who are new to us and want to seek treatment, we ask that you please call us during normal business hours at 603-524-1100 to schedule an initial appointment by phone or by alternative telehealth options. We will conduct a brief mental health assessment and provide you with options for appropriate care.

If you are receiving in-person services such as medications, injections or have a primary care appointment, here is what to expect when you arrive at LRMHC:

Upon entering the office, you will be asked a number of questions that screen for illness, recent travel and ask you about the reason for your visit. We will also take your temperature. We will instruct you to maintain safe distancing from others and answer any questions you might have. Your provider will greet you in the lobby.

These are difficult and confusing times. Many are feeling overwhelmed and we are here to support you. LRMHC is only a phone call away.





## *Information for our residents regarding City services*

To keep our residents informed regarding City services and operations during this public health situation, please see the information below:

- With the safety of all of our citizens and employees in mind, City Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

Please note that City staff will continue to work and are available to answer phone calls and respond to emails during our regular business hours. We will do our best to continue to provide essential services to our residents. Please click on this [link](#) to see additional information and details, including contact phone numbers. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who may not have access to our website or this newsletter.

- The Community Center and all City park houses are closed to all programs. All of the City's playgrounds, courts and ball fields are also closed until further notice. City parks remain open to the public at this time for social distancing recreation like walking, running and biking. Call the Community Center at 524-5046 for more information.
- Although Library buildings are closed to the public until further notice, they are operating a "take-out" service. Please visit the Library's [website](#) or call 524-4775.
- The Water Department is now closed to the general public. Please visit their website [here](#) for information on how to pay your bill, or call 524-0901.
- The Public Works office is now closed to the general public. Details of services provided can be found on [page 8](#) of this newsletter. Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379 for additional information.

Stay updated on all City news by visiting our [website](#) where alerts will be posted, or sign up to receive notifications via email. (See [page 8](#) of this newsletter for instructions). For questions of a general nature, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

Please also check the [SAU website](#) for school closure details and related information on remote learning, lunch deliveries, etc.

Click [here](#) to read the City Manager's comments that were presented during the most recent press conference. In this document you will find a great deal of useful information to help you and your family during this difficult time.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding  
as we continue to try and provide the best possible  
service to our residents.*



## *Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region*

We are a group of volunteers that have come together to help the elderly and at risk citizens in our community during this time of need. Volunteers are able to help run errands, find daily needs and necessities, go grocery shopping, and provide any and all support we are capable of.

If you would like to volunteer your time or request our help, please go to <https://forms.gle/jFP6qt8NNLovGWP8> and fill out the form. All information will be kept confidential. If you are unable to access the form or require assistance doing so, please call the number below and leave a message.

We are also currently seeking donations from the community. Please contact us if you are able to donate supplies or would like to make a monetary donation. Commonly requested items include non-perishable food items, paper goods and cleaning supplies.

### Contact Us

**Email:** [senior.atrisk@gmail.com](mailto:senior.atrisk@gmail.com)

**Google Voice:** (802) 242-1574. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible!

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2611445905792257/>

*Your help is greatly appreciated!*

# News from the Public Works Dept.

Our Public Works Department is currently closed to the public for the protection of our visitors and employees. Please use email, telephone and the City's [website](#) for questions about how to transact your City business. Please see below for some helpful information:

- The solid waste pickup schedule for the year is on the City's website, and is available [here](#).
- The Public Works Department will mail recycling decals to City residents upon request. Just call us at 528-6379.
- Seasonal weight limit permit applications are available on the City's website (see links below). Please fill out the application and email it to us at [publicworks@laconianh.gov](mailto:publicworks@laconianh.gov). We will return the permits to you that day by e-mail.  
[One-time permit](#)      [Blanket permit](#)
- Please note that plumbing, driveway, sidewalk and excavation permits still need to be completed at Public Works.
- Until the Coronavirus pandemic is under control, day passes to the Transfer Station may be purchased at the Transfer Station by check, cash or credit card. Proof of residency is required. Annual dump stickers may be obtained from the City Clerk or Tax Office by mailing a \$20 check made payable to the City of Laconia and a copy of your valid vehicle registration to: City of Laconia, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. There is also a drop box located on the outside of City Hall on the Belknap Mill side of the building. Annual dump stickers are good for the calendar year and apply to the Transfer Station and the Brush Dump. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 with questions.  
Please call our Department of Public Works office at 528-6379 - we are happy to help.

*Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!*



**LACONIA'S SPRING  
CLEAN-UP DAYS  
MAY 2 and May 9, 2020  
8 AM to NOON**

FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE  
CENTER ROAD.

**Postponed! Spring Clean-Up Days  
will be rescheduled to a future date**

Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

**ACCEPTABLE:** APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS,  
PLUMBING FIXTURES, BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO  
TIRES (limit 6 tires per customer).

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES,  
BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic Waste **WILL NOT** be accepted free of charge at this event. If  
you bring e-waste normal fees for disposal will apply.

## News from Public Works:

Stay informed and see updates about  
road projects in the City of Laconia!  
Click on the map image (below) to read  
information on current projects.



Please contact  
Krista Larsen,  
Assistant Public  
Works Director, at  
528-6379, Ext. 306,  
or email  
[klarsen@laconianh.gov](mailto:klarsen@laconianh.gov).

**ROADWORK  
AHEAD**



# Colonial Theatre Updates...



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





# Laconia Parks & Recreation

## Laconia Parks & Recreation UPDATE



Although Parks remain open, all **courts, playgrounds, and fields** are **CLOSED** to prevent the spread of Covid-19 here in Laconia.



If you have any questions please contact Laconia Parks & Rec at 524-5046 or [parks@laconianh.gov](mailto:parks@laconianh.gov)

*We strongly encourage people visiting our parks to practice appropriate social distancing.*



## OPECHEE DAY CAMP

Mon - Fri 7:30 - 5:15

Beginning June 24th through August 21st



## Who Can **ADOPT - A - SPOT?**

- Individuals
- Non-Profits
- Businesses
- Sports Teams
- Anyone who like to see how beautiful we can make Laconia



To learn more, call Laconia Parks and Recreation at 524-5046 or e-mail at [parks@laconianh.gov](mailto:parks@laconianh.gov)

*Thank you!*



# 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 Morgan Block, in Lakeport, is seen from the back, with the Mount Belknap Hotel (across Union Avenue) in distance at left in this Horn Studio photo from April 1961. Part of the Quimby Block appears at right, with the main line of the Boston & Maine Railroad in foreground. For many years prior to construction in 1900 of a Lakeport Passenger Station (off-photo at left), the ground level of the Morgan Block served as a waiting room and station agent's office. The venerable old building was demolished in November 1965. The hotel met the same fate in October 1975. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## . . . AND NOW

Torrey Park — named, Jan. 27, 1983, in honor of Walter Torrey, who for many years had voluntarily cared for the small grassy area — now occupies the site of the old Morgan Block. The Lake Village Apartments (in distance, center) replaced the Mount Belknap Hotel in 1983, with a formal opening, May 19 of that year. The Quimby Block, at right, remains. Railroad tracks are still there but with only an occasional tourist or maintenance train passing through. Chaos and Kindness (far left) opened Sept. 21, 2019. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)





# NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



## LITTLE MAN

Little Man came to us when his previous owner couldn't care for him properly. He is super sweet and friendly, and he loves to talk when he wants your attention. He came from a home with another cat, and could do well with cats in his next home. He can be feisty at times, so a home without kids might be best.

If he sounds like the one for you, call 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 or email [adoptions@nhhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhhumane.org)

The NH Humane Society is working through its Pet Compassion Project to provide pet food and additional services at this time. Please click [here](#) to read the press release in the Laconia Daily Sun regarding this program. You can also find up-to-date information about COVID-19 as it relates to The NH Humane Society their [Facebook](#) page.

Please note that the Shelter is not taking donations of food at this time to minimize the number of people in and out of the facility. Those interested in supporting them can either make a financial donation online, or hold their donations of food until the risk is mitigated.

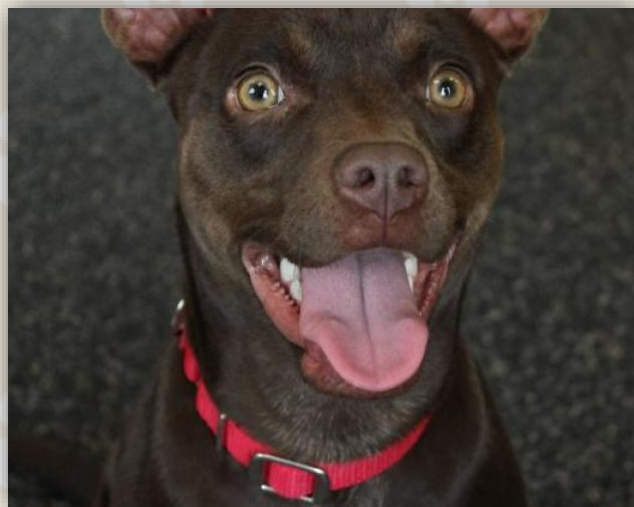
## CONSIDER SAVING A LIFE TODAY!

*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. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.*

This week the Humane Society is featuring two adorable pets currently in foster homes while the Organization operates with a reduced staff during the shelter-in-place order.

"We hope every business is doing what they can to reduce risks" says Charles Stanton, Executive Director. Adoption applications are required in advance of setting up appointments to meet pets. Those can be found at <https://nhhumane.org/adopt/application>.

After filling out the application, it can be emailed to [adoptions@nhhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhhumane.org) and you will be contacted to set up an appointment.



## VELMA

Velma is so fun and goofy! This 1 year old mix is smart and willing to learn with those she trusts. Velma takes a little bit of time to warm up to strangers, so multiple meetings are required in order to adopt her. That being said, she is so, so worth it! Velma is active, loving, courageous when given the chance, and food motivated. Velma needs an adult only home, potentially with other dogs. She has done great in play groups here, however, she needs a home without kitties! With a bit of training and patience, Velma has the potential to be the dog of someone's dreams!

If she sounds like the one for you, call 524-3252 ext. 3312 or email [adoptions@nhhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhhumane.org)

## Business resources and help currently available in New Hampshire

We know many of you are facing a very stressful situation during the Covid-19 pandemic and are trying to figure out the best way to get your company through these challenging times. Below, we have outlined several business resources that may be helpful during this time. We will get through this challenge together.

### **SBA Paycheck Protection Program**

The SBA Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. The Paycheck Protection Program will be available on 4/3/20 through 6/30/20. For details of this program [CLICK HERE](#)

### **NH Working - WorkShare Program**

As employers navigate new challenges created by COVID-19, one way to help maintain their trained workforce is the State's WorkShare program. Employers can temporarily reduce their workforce in a particular unit, shift or company 10%-50% and avert a layoff. They can then recall the employees when business increases. As employees are retained morale, productivity and flexibility in the workplace are maintained. Affected employees have a softer landing as their hours are reduced rather than eliminated, and they keep their health insurance and can collect wages for hours worked plus unemployment compensation benefits for the reduced hours. WorkShare plans may be submitted by any New Hampshire employer whose taxes are currently up to date and they are in good standing with the NH Department of Labor. Find more information on the [NH WorkShare program](#).

### **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest federal disaster loans can provide working capital to New Hampshire small businesses and private, non-profit organizations suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19.

- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.
- The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profits.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the SBA Disaster Assistance website or connect with their customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY:1-800-877-8339) or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

### **Unemployment Benefit Relief**

Per Emergency Executive Order #5, individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment:

- If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19;
- Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a healthcare provider, employer or government official;
- Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine;
- Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs;
- **Self-employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.**

Individuals will need to file for each week of temporary unemployment. People can do all of this online from your home internet connection or your phone without ever having to go into a state office. For more information and to file for unemployment benefits, visit the [NHES website](#)



# GIVE

## to the Laconia Local Food Project

Wayfarer Coffee Roasters has teamed up with other Laconia businesses to help facilitate delivering food and fresh flowers to healthcare workers, service workers, and families in our community that are affected the most during the COVID-19 crisis.

### How to GIVE:

1. Visit our online store: [www.WayfarerRoasters.com](http://www.WayfarerRoasters.com)
2. Click "Shop"
3. Click "GIVE to the Local Food Project - Laconia"
4. Choose Items to Give
5. Complete Transaction
6. We will deliver these items daily to those who need it most!



WAYFARER

Laconia Village  
Bakery



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Sal's Pizza Laconia  
has teamed up with  
Premier Printwear  
to feed our local heroes



GO TO THE WEBSITE AND  
PURCHASE THE  
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
EVERYTHING SHIRT

100% OF THE PROCEEDS  
WILL GO TO FEED  
OUR LOCAL HEALTHCARE  
WORKERS,  
FIRE/EMT AND POLICE

<https://premierprintwearnh.wixsite.com/charitypage>

## Downtown Laconia Business Relief - Fundraiser Tee

Order your t-shirt today! This is a great way to help the businesses we depend on to keep doing what they do. Proceeds of tees sold will be distributed among the businesses shown on the back of the shirt.



Please click [here](#) to order and for more information.

Downtown Laconia has made some great strides over the last few years.  
Let's do what we can to help it continue!

*Thank you Laconia for supporting our community!*






# NATIONAL PARK TRUST<sup>SM</sup>

TREASURE FOREVER.

## BACKYARD BINGO

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18	23	17	8	24
9	10		13	5
20	14	7	11	15
6	22	3	19	16

This week, we have a new take on the classic game Bingo. **Click the button below** for all of the instructions and to download **Buddy Bison's Backyard Bingo**. Complete as many of the listed activities over the next seven days and then cross out the corresponding squares on your Bingo card.

Every "bingo" earns a prize! Don't worry parents, we've got you covered with prize suggestions. See the instructions below.

[DOWNLOAD BINGO CARD & INSTRUCTIONS](#)



## 2020 CURBSIDE SPRING LEAF PICKUP

**Week of May 4 – May 8, 2020 and  
Week of May 18 – May 22, 2020**

**THE CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICK UP AN  
ADDITIONAL 10 BAGS DURING THESE  
TWO WEEKS.**

**(Pick Up is on your normal trash day.)**

**All materials MUST be placed in  
PAPER COMPOST BAGS.**

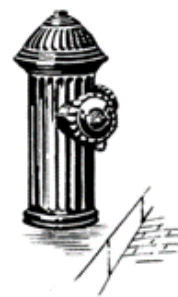
Please note that Curbside Leaf Collection will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

Questions? Call 528-6379



LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
988 UNION AVENUE  
(603) 524-0901

## HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE



As part of our continued effort to maintain drinking water quality, Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants

**March 30th through April 10th, 2020**

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful. Simply run the cold water until it clears. There could also be some fluctuation in pressure for a short period of time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

# Assessing

Please note that in the coming weeks the Assessing office will be conducting EXTERIOR reviews of properties recently constructed or currently under construction.



## Exemption and Credit Deadline to File

To assure exemptions and credits are applied to the current tax year, all new applications typically must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup>. In light of the current situation, taxpayers who wish to apply are encouraged to do so by July 15<sup>th</sup> so that enough time is available to return to normal operations and complete the approval process. Applications that are received after the statutory deadline but before the tax rate is set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration will be accepted and can be considered under the law. Incomplete applications will result in a request for information and may ultimately be cause for denial.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessing Department at 527-1268 or email [assessing@laconianh.gov](mailto:assessing@laconianh.gov).

**LACONIA**  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Changes at Laconia Fire Department During COVID-19 Pandemic

Until further notice, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Laconia Fire Department has changed the way we are issuing outside burning permits and mechanical permitting.

### Effective immediately and until further notice:

Laconia residents will be allowed to email or call to obtain a seasonal fire permit or a brush permit. You must be the property owner in order to obtain a permit. Please email [cbarry@laconianh.gov](mailto:cbarry@laconianh.gov). If you have questions, please call the Central station at 524-6881 or the Weirs station at 366-2229.

For mechanical permits, contractors can go online to the City's web site at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov). Go to the Fire Department tab, and under Fire Prevention you will find the permitting section. You can fill out the form adding a current email address, and fax to 524-0437. You will then be contacted for approval and to set up an inspection. You will be billed and an invoice will be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the number above and we will be glad to help you navigate the permitting process.

Sign Up For  
Alerts and  
Notifications



## Please sign up for City of Laconia Notifications and Alerts!

We encourage you to sign up for our Alerts and Notifications email list.

Receive up-to-date information on important City news via e-mail as it occurs. Click [here](#) to access our website.

Look for the "Sign Up" image as shown above at the top of the page to set up your account.

Questions?  
Please call 527-1270.



## CITY OF LACONIA EMAIL DIRECTORY

Our City departments are always available to answer your questions or provide information. In addition to our City Department phone directory on the last page of this newsletter, we realize there are times when it may be more convenient to reach out to our departments via email and we are providing our current email directory below:

City Administration:	<a href="mailto:info@laconia.gov">info@laconia.gov</a>
Assessing Department:	<a href="mailto:assessing@laconianh.gov">assessing@laconianh.gov</a>
City Clerk's Office:	<a href="mailto:cityclerk@laconianh.gov">cityclerk@laconianh.gov</a>
Codes Enforcement/Building:	<a href="mailto:codeenforcement@laconianh.gov">codeenforcement@laconianh.gov</a>
Finance Department:	<a href="mailto:finance@laconianh.gov">finance@laconianh.gov</a>
Fire Department:	Please see <a href="#">website</a>
Library:	<a href="mailto:info@laconialibrary.org">info@laconialibrary.org</a>
Licensing Department:	<a href="mailto:licensing@laconianh.gov">licensing@laconianh.gov</a>
Parks & Recreation:	<a href="mailto:parks@laconianh.gov">parks@laconianh.gov</a>
Personnel Department:	<a href="mailto:personnel@laconianh.gov">personnel@laconianh.gov</a>
Planning Department:	<a href="mailto:planning@laconianh.gov">planning@laconianh.gov</a>
Police Department:	Please see <a href="#">website</a>
Public Works Department:	<a href="mailto:publicworks@laconianh.gov">publicworks@laconianh.gov</a>
Purchasing Department:	<a href="mailto:purchasing@laconianh.gov">purchasing@laconianh.gov</a>
Sewer Department:	<a href="mailto:publicworks@laconianh.gov">publicworks@laconianh.gov</a>
Tax Department:	<a href="mailto:licensing@laconianh.gov">licensing@laconianh.gov</a>
Water Department:	<a href="mailto:water@laconianh.gov">water@laconianh.gov</a>
Welfare Department:	<a href="mailto:welfare@laconianh.gov">welfare@laconianh.gov</a>
Zoning Department:	<a href="mailto:zoning@laconianh.gov">zoning@laconianh.gov</a>

To email the Mayor or Councilors, please see below:

Mayor Andrew J. Hosmer:	<a href="mailto:laconiamayor@gmail.com">laconiamayor@gmail.com</a>
Ward 1 Councilor Bruce Cheney:	<a href="mailto:bcheney911@outlook.com">bcheney911@outlook.com</a>
Ward 2 Councilor David Bownes:	<a href="mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov">citycouncil@laconianh.gov</a>
Ward 3 Councilor Henry Lipman:	<a href="mailto:hlipman6@gmail.com">hlipman6@gmail.com</a>
Ward 4 Councilor Mark Haynes:	<a href="mailto:durkeerridge@outlook.com">durkeerridge@outlook.com</a>
Ward 5 Councilor Robert Hamel:	<a href="mailto:rhamel2@myfairpoint.net">rhamel2@myfairpoint.net</a>
Ward 6 Councilor Tony Felch:	<a href="mailto:Councilortony@peoplepc.com">Councilortony@peoplepc.com</a>



### CITY HALL DROP BOX AVAILABLE

While City Hall is closed to the public, please feel free to drop off payments that you might otherwise mail or bring into City Hall, as well as any information for all of our City departments. The drop box is located on the Belknap Mill side of the building and is checked regularly.





**Reminder:** Have you completed your 2020 Census form yet? It's vitally important to our community and State that everyone be counted.

Households across America are strongly encouraged to respond on-line. There are also options for responding by phone or mail. Detailed information regarding the Census can be found [here](#). It's quick and easy!

# Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of April 13th

## Remember: "Glass is Trash"



## \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

**What:** Notification of Change in Schedule of Road Closure/Detour

**Where:** Endicott St. Bridge carrying US3 over the NH Railroad

NHDOT announced that the closure of the US Route 3/Endicott St. Bridge, which carries US3 over the NH Railroad, originally scheduled to begin Monday, April 6, 2020, will be postponed. Due to delivery issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, critical materials necessary for this project are not available at this time. The Department will be working with the contractor to determine when this project can proceed. Once the schedule is better understood notice will be provided to the community.

**Please visit the project websites:**

[www.nh.gov/dot/projects/laconia16144](http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/laconia16144)

[www.laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates](http://www.laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates)

**If you have comments or concerns about this project, you may contact:**

Michael Donnelly, Contract Administrator  
NH Department of Transportation  
PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302  
603-219-6693 [Michael.Donnelly@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.Donnelly@dot.nh.gov)

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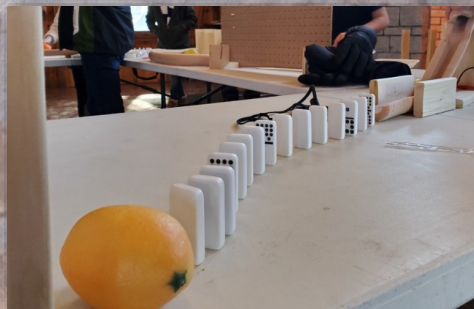
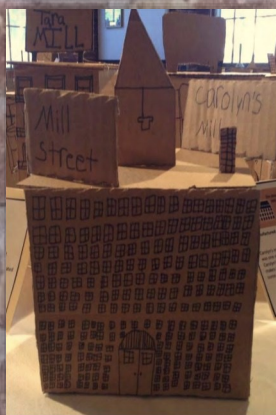
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[Subscribe](#) to our News of the Week and Monthly  
Newsletter

During this time of school closure, the Belknep Mill is dedicated to supporting families with students by offering a series of fun activities. These activities will be accessible through the Belknep Mill [website](#), [Facebook](#), or by subscribing to the Mill's weekly newsletter that will be sent out each Sunday, featuring activities for the coming week. See the link (left) to subscribe and join the fun!

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The Law Office of David H. Bownes, P.C.

BY BRYAN HALPERIN

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ONLINE  
STARTING

April 24th

**A Virtual Staged Play Reading**  
**The Hairy Man, by Bryan Halperin**

**'The Hairy Man' will be recorded remotely and aired on the Belknep Mill's YouTube channel beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 24th.**

**People will be encouraged to watch the video at their leisure that weekend and join Bryan, Johanna and some of the cast for a live 'online' talkback on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 pm.**

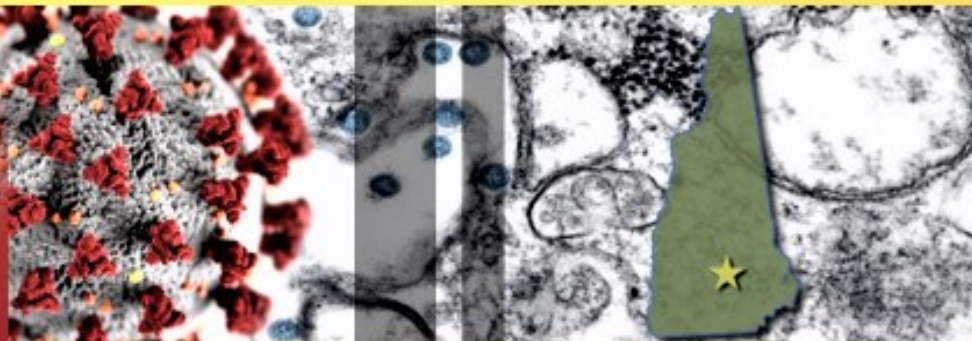
**Those who wish, can make an online donation to the [Belknep Mill](#) to help support ongoing programming and operations during this challenging time.**





# COVID-19 AVOIDING **SCAMS**

Scammers may take advantage of COVID-19 outbreak fears by selling bogus "treatments" and "prevention" products, establishing fake charities, and sending seemingly legitimate emails with malicious links or attachments.



## **BEWARE OF FALSE CLAIMS**

Do not be tempted by claims and advice on social media or websites that a product or treatment can cure or prevent COVID-19.

Currently, there are no prescription or over-the-counter pills, vaccines, oils, lotions, or other products available to treat or cure COVID-19. Always check with your health care provider before buying such products.

## **BE CAREFUL WHEN MAKING DONATIONS**

Before making donations to support those who are ill or suffering financially because of the COVID-19 outbreak, **DO YOUR HOMEWORK:**

- If the appeal claims to be from a charity, make sure that it is registered with the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit. The list may be found here: [www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/](http://www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/)
- If the appeal is for an individual, think hard about donating unless you know the person needing help and that person's circumstances;
- Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation;
- Check that you are dealing with a legitimate charity or individual and not an "imposter" with a deceptively similar name;
- Do not assume that social media recommendations for donations are legitimate.

## **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PHONY CDC EMAILS**

Be careful about opening emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or from others claiming to have information about COVID-19. Clicking on links or attachments could cause a computer virus to infect your device.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT SCAMS OR FRAUD**

Contact **1-888-468-4454**  
or **DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov**

Visit the NH Department of Justice website:  
**[www.doj.nh.gov](http://www.doj.nh.gov)**

## **STAY INFORMED**

Visit **[nh.gov/covid19](http://nh.gov/covid19)** for up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire.







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



## Kitchen Scrap Gardening for All Ages!

Kitchen scrap garden-  
ing is a fun way to  
grow food with recycled food found right in your  
kitchen. All you need is a container and water;  
some soil, if available is also be helpful.  
For information on this fun project just click [here](#).

**Happy gardening!**

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

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

*We welcome your input, comments  
and suggestions!*

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

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport .....	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing .....	527-1268
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 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 - 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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Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)