



Laconia Links

April 24, 2020 - Edition #435



Check out [page 12](#) to see some special cats that need to find their forever homes...



Notification of Change in Schedule of Road Closure/Detour

Please visit the project websites:

www.nh.gov/dot/projects/laconia16144
www.laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates

The Endicott St. Bridge carrying US3 over the NH Railroad will be closed from April 27th to May 26th, with an expected opening of May 27th. A detour using US3, US3B and NH106 will be in place. Please plan travel accordingly.

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

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!



Winter Parking Ban

It's a sure sign of spring: The Winter Parking Ban has now been lifted! Thank you for your cooperation this past winter to allow our Public Works crews to more easily plow the streets and keep us all safe.



Laconia Library staff have been working hard to come up with some super fun activities to keep you and your family busy while you are spending more time at home! Be sure to read ["How to Enjoy the Library From Home"](#). Questions? Please call 524-4775 and a staff member will be happy to help. Also, check the Library's [Facebook](#) page to see what interesting things are happening at your local Library, as well as the [website](#) for any updates. Stay well!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Click this image for more information

Wed & Thur 10am
Laconia Public Library's Facebook Live

Children's Book Talk

Click this image for more information

THURSDAYS

Gail will share a few good books to try

Find it on our NEW YouTube Channel
For middle-grade readers

YouTube

The Library has added resources for teens to its website. Click [here](#) to see what's available.

Teen Resources

Programs
TEENS (13-18) AND TWEENS (9-12)

Wednesday's craft (on 4/29) will be The Pigeon with Jamie. Check our Facebook page for a link when this is live. Children's printable instruction handouts are available [here](#) for crafting along with our videos. Also check our playlist of craft videos [here](#).

We have now posted some tech-help videos on YouTube for how to use the on-line catalog and the Libby app...Hoopla videos coming soon! Click the YouTube logo (left) for a playlist of available videos. Please let us know what else you would like to see videos on (EBSCO host, Ancestry, etc.). We appreciate your input.

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. While City Hall is closed to the public, 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!



MEETINGS

Please note important information included on the agenda below regarding how to view and/or participate in City meetings electronically.

City Council
April 24, 2020, 7:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

WE'RE ALL GRIEVING. THIS IS HOW WE GET THROUGH IT.

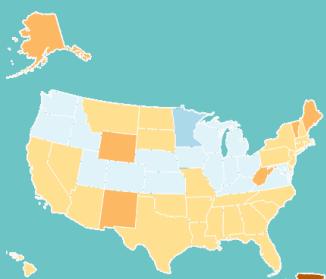
As the coronavirus robs us of the life we cherish, a renowned therapist has some advice.

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL WELLNESS
LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

laconiaschoolwellness.weebly.com/

EVERYONE COUNTS

Census
2020



Important Reminder!

Have you completed your 2020 Census form yet? It's vitally important to our community and State that everyone be counted. Just click on the map image (left) to see how Laconia's response rate compares to those of our neighboring communities, or your friends in other states.

Detailed information regarding the Census can be found [here](#). It's quick and easy!



Interfaith Wednesdays

The Greater Laconia Ministerial Association, an interfaith Lakes Region faith collaborative, invites all to participate in spending some time each Wednesday during the COVID 19 crisis to be mindful, or prayerful of the essential workers and those in need in our community, state, nation and around the world.

Together, as a community, take a few moments each Wednesday to light a candle, meditate, burn incense or to pray for those on the front line.

There are so many to thank and that can use our loving kindness and prayers at this time: our health care workers, grocery store personnel, first responders, teachers, city employees and more.

So please join The Greater Laconia Ministerial Association and community each Wednesday in setting aside any distractions to give thanks and remember those who are serving our community during the COVID 19 crisis.

Thank you!



Belknap Mill | Celebrate Laconia
Prescott Farm | Laconia Public Library
Laconia Rotary | Belknap EDC

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

Experience this American
Classic with the whole family!
Pick-up your copy today & join
in the adventure.

Let's Read Together as a Community

Beginning Friday, 1 May join us for thirteen weeks as Laconia reads through the 35 chapters of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.

Chapters being read will be listed in this column each Friday. *The Laconia Daily Sun* will run a column on Fridays with notes about the reading. These notes and additional information will be provided on Celebrate Laconia's Facebook page and website www.celebratelaconia.org, throughout the course of the program.

Digital copies of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* can be checked out at the Laconia Public Library www.laconialibrary.org or by calling the Library at: 603.524.4775.

Throughout the program, there will be multiple opportunities to get involved with the discussion and with the content. Our incredible community partners, including the Belknap Mill and Prescott Farm, are working up amazing family-oriented programming that will be shared and promoted on a regular basis as we join Tom on his adventures.

This American classic takes us along the Mississippi River and into a small town where Tom Sawyer lives out the fantasies of every young boy. And the lives of boys naturally include girls. Written with humor, insight and love of community, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was published in 1876.

For more information or if you have a question, please reach out to Celebrate Laconia at connect@celebratelaconia.org or connect with us on Facebook.



NATIONAL PARK TRUST

TREASURE FOREVER.

Check out these creative ways to celebrate Earth Day and National Park Week from home...

ONLINE JUNIOR RANGER BADGES

To celebrate **National Park Week**, we are thrilled to share **10 Junior Ranger badges you can earn from home**. It doesn't matter what age you are, just "explore, learn, and protect" your national parks online and become an official Junior Ranger and earn your badges!

From Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas to Point Reyes National Seashore in California, you can learn about history, night skies, or even dinosaurs!



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

BUDDY BISON'S VEGGIE GARDEN

Make the most of kitchen scraps by creating your own vegetable garden with **Buddy Bison**!

Decorate with natural materials and learn about different seeds that will flourish on your windowsill or on your counter.

Download the instructions below. Post a picture of your garden and share it with us on Instagram by tagging @nationalparktrust or using the hashtag #BuddyBison.



[VEGGIE GARDEN INSTRUCTIONS](#)

City Manager Updates



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

First, be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update. Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@laconianh.gov

Photos Wanted!

Do you have a favorite photo showing what makes Laconia special to you?

Please send it our way ([email to NBrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:NBrown@laconianh.gov)) and you just might see it in a future issue of Laconia Links!

We appreciate your help.



COVID-19

(Novel Coronavirus)

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

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 the next page 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. Sign-up instructions can be found on [page 17](#) of this newsletter. 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.*

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 helpful information:

- The solid waste pickup schedule for the year is on the City's website [here](#).
- The Public Works Department will mail recycling decals to City residents upon request. Just call us at 528-6379.
- Please note that plumbing, driveway, sidewalk and excavation permits can now be completed on the Public Works website.
- 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!*



Week of May 4 – May 8 and Week of May 18 – May 22

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

FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDED
CENTER ROAD

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

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.

Reminder! Remember: "Glass is Trash"

**Curbside recycling will
be picked up the
week of April 27, 2020**



*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*



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/jFP6qt8NNLoyGWoP8> 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

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!

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

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

Smith Track is Now Open!

Please be sure to stay a safe distance from others when using the track.



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

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



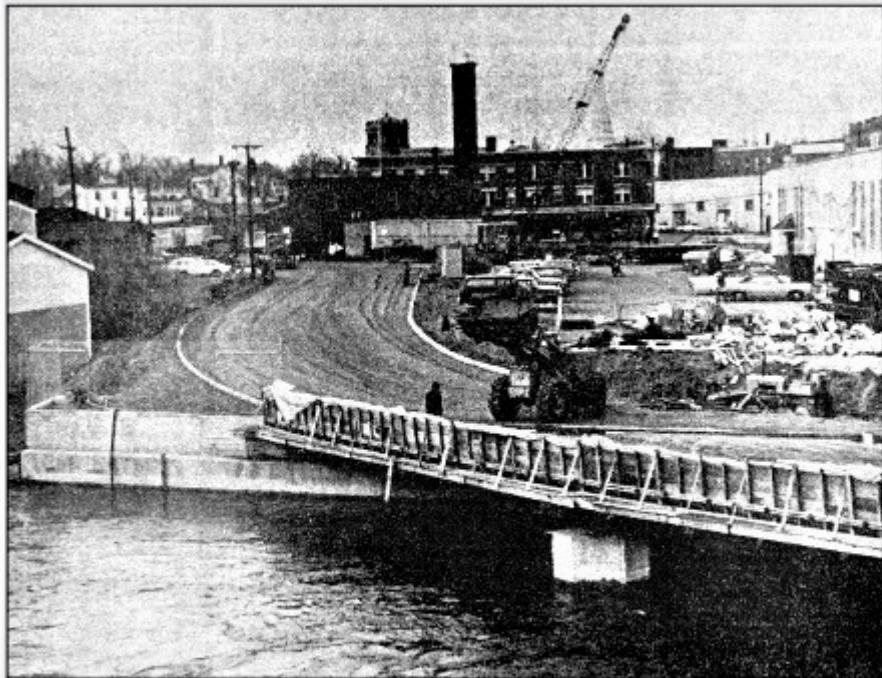
To learn more, call Laconia Parks and Recreation at 524-5046 or e-mail at parks@laconianh.gov

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 ...

When this photo ran in The Laconia Evening Citizen, April 23, 1970 — 50 years ago this week — the caption contained a 'pointed reminder' that the Laconia Fire Department would 'soon be needing a new home' with 'the modern highway under construction' at the rear of the Central Fire Station (marked by the tall hose tower at center) in the Downtown Urban Renewal area. The station sat very nearly in the path of the new street. New Mall stores are glimpsed at far right, looking toward their back doors. (Citizen newspaper clipping)



... AND NOW

Three months later, July 13, 1970, Beacon Street West was opened from Water Street to the Court Street-Union Avenue intersection, and, Nov. 12, from Veterans Square to Water Street, completing this stretch of the 'outer loop' highway. Meanwhile, the parking lot from behind O'Shea's to Story Drug was paved in mid-August 1970, accommodating more than 60 cars. It would be another year before demolition of the old Central Fire Station, after a new station was completed, Dec. 2, 1971, on North Main Street. Buildings at left were part of the Allen-Rogers Corp., but earlier had been part of the Laconia Car Co. plant where railroad and trolley cars were made. Building at far right (now Sawyers Jewelry) was built by the Stafford Family and completed in late March 1973. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Pets of the Week!

Enzo



Enzo came to us a little over two months ago when her previous owner was moving and could not take her along. She is a feisty girl and the shelter life has been really stressful on her. She is not used to being outside of a home, and would love for someone to take a chance on her. Enzo used to live with a dog in her last home, and could do okay with a dog or cat friend if given enough time to get settled. She would do best with teens or older kids as she can be nervous around new people. For more information on how to adopt Enzo, call 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 and email an application to adoptions@nghuman.org

For more information on either of these available pets, please contact us at 524-3252 or email adoptions@nghuman.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.

Onyx



Meet Onyx! This sweet old girl is an old soul and she warms up quickly to new people and places! Onyx LOVES wet food and breakfast time is her favorite time of day. This sweet girl is currently in foster with a staff member, who says she would do well with other cats, and potentially more laid-back type dogs.

Think Onyx could be the one for you? call 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 and email an application to adoptions@nghuman.org

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.

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.

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
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!

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

**WEEKLY DELIVERY ONLY
LIMITED QUANTITY
ENDS MAY 1ST!**

GATOR
Sign Shop

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

SUPPORT
GOT LUNCH LACONIA & GILFORD GOT LUNCH

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SIGNs BY GATOR SIGN SHOP

100% PROFIT TO GOT LUNCH LACONIA & GILFORD

Click [here](#) to order!

PIC•COLLAGE

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!

Community Garden

It's almost gardening time!

Are you interested in having a gardening spot at the Community Gardens on State land across the street from the former State School property in Laconia?

Please email Lisa Morin at lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net and use the subject line "Community Garden Plot", or call 527-5880 for more information.

News from Public Works:

**ROADWORK
AHEAD**



Stay informed and see updates about road projects in the City of Laconia!

Click on the map image (left) to read information on current projects.

Please contact Krista Larsen, Assistant Public Works Director, at 528-6379, Ext. 306, or email klarsen@laconianh.org.



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

We are fully committed to serving patients during this unprecedented time. Hours of operation in Laconia and Plymouth are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Please call 524-1100 to reach us. Crisis support is always available; reach out to our Emergency Services staff at 528-0305.

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 now valid until May 31, 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 (Belknap Mill) 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!



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 (right) at the top of the home page of our website to set up your account.

Questions? Please call 527-1270.



CITY OF LACONIA TRANSITIONS TO ON-LINE MEETING FORMAT

If you are interested in viewing and/or participating in a City public meeting, you can do so using any number of platforms. Just click [here](#) to read detailed information on the City's on-line meeting format.



On April 27 and 28 the Transfer Station will be closing at 3:00 pm instead of 3:30 pm to allow the City to repair the ramps to and from the scale. Thank you for your cooperation.



DID YOU KNOW?

CITY HALL DROP OFF MAIL SLOT IS 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. Our drop off mail slot is located on the Belknap Mill side of the building and is checked regularly.

Thank you!

BELKNAP MILL

WHERE ART AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE

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

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

During this time of school closure, the Belknap Mill is dedicated to supporting families with students by offering a series of fun activities. These activities will be accessible through the Belknap 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!



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

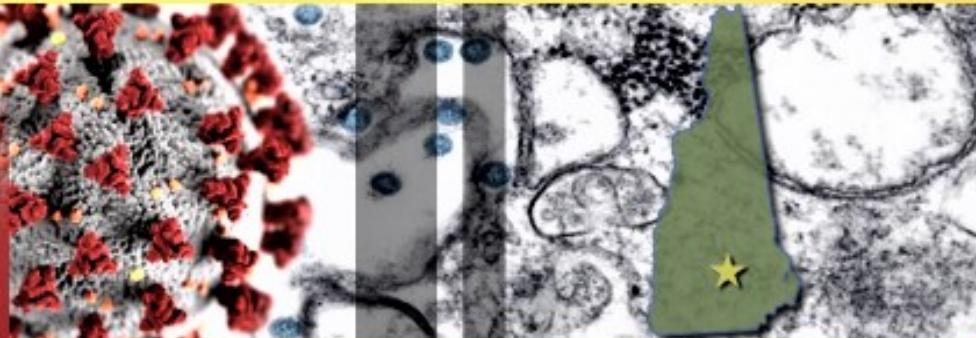
'The Hairy Man' will be recorded remotely and aired on the Belknap Mill's YouTube channel beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 24th. People will be encouraged to watch the video at their leisure that weekend and join Bryan, Johanna and some of the cast for a live 'online' talkback on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 pm.

Those who wish, can make an online donation to the [Belknap 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/
- 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 "impostor" 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

STAY INFORMED

Visit 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.



National Council on Aging

7 Tips for Managing Your Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mental health conditions and anxiety are critical issues that are important, especially right now.

Click [here](#) for seven tips that all of us can use as we navigate these uncertain times.

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

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
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CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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| 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 | |

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| 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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