



Laconia Links

May 15, 2020 - Edition #438



*Seen recently
on Union
Avenue -
a sure sign of
spring and
warmer days
to come!*

*Our thanks to
Tom Brown
for submitting
this photo*



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

Under normal circumstances, Washington, DC is the site where tens of thousands of law enforcement personnel gather to take part in events to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Unfortunately, this year those events have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

We urge you to reach out and thank our local police officers for their hard work and dedication to our community and its citizens.

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!*



**THE CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICK UP AN
ADDITIONAL 10 BAGS DURING THIS WEEK.
(Pickup 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

EVENTS and Programs

Laconia Library staff continues to work hard to come up with lots of fun and interesting activities to keep you and your family busy while you are spending more time at home! For an overview the Library's services click [here](#). Questions? Please call 524-4775 and a staff member will be happy to help. And don't forget to keep current with the Library's [Facebook](#) page as well as their [website](#) for any updates. Stay well!



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME


Click this image for more information

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

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

Teen Resources

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

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 (below) 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.



Wednesday's craft (on 5/20) will be Toilet Paper Roll Animals with Jamie, live at 3 pm on our Facebook page. Children's printable instruction handouts are available [here](#) for crafting along with our videos. Also check our playlist of craft videos

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.

Parks & Rec. Commission:
May 18, 2020, 7:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Police Commission:
May 20, 2020, 3:00 pm

Water Commission:
May 21, 2020, 8:00 am
[Agenda](#)

HEY LACONIA!

Nominations Now Open

EASIER 2 STEP PROCESS

RISING STARS

AWARDS

CIVIC LEADER OF THE YEAR
COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE YEAR
COOLEST COMPANY FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR
INTERN OF THE YEAR
YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

MORE INFORMATION:

STAYWORKPLAY.ORG/RISINGSTARS AWARDS

NOMINATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, MAY 29

QUESTIONS:

BETH SAN SOUCIE AT BETH@STAYWORKPLAY.ORG

stayworkplay
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC RADIO

EVERSOURCE

Reminder!

Curbside recycling
will be picked up
the week of
May 25th, 2020

Remember:
"Glass is Trash"



'When in doubt,
THROW
it out'



Thanks to our friends at Imperial Hauling for providing a dumpster and hauling services for the volunteer clean-up project in the area of the WOW Trail, along the shores of Lake Opechee last weekend. Having the dumpster available made the project much easier.



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

By: Mark Twain

Friday, May 15 - Friday, May 22

Chapter 6 - Chapter 8

Chapter 6:

"Monday morning found Tom Sawyer miserable. Monday morning always found him so – because it began another week's slow suffering in school. ...". This is how we enter Chapter 6. Soon enough he is the envy of every boy because of a gap in his upper row of teeth. It's in Chapter 6 we meet Huck Finn, the "juvenile pariah of the village" and a character who has become well known in American literature. Perhaps one of the most well-known characters. We learn what might happen when you take a dead cat to a graveyard at midnight. Tom is an artist in this chapter and offers to "I'll learn you" if you don't believe you can draw.

Chapter 7:

As Tom has such difficulty with "fastening his mind on a book" we find him "swimming in bliss" after a morning at school.

When he has difficulty describing his love for Becky Thatcher, he gave her his "chiefest jewel?" Name this treasure of Tom's.

Chapter 8:

We find Tom running away to Cardiff Hill. He thinks about various careers. What does he decide on?

He again uses his Barlow knife and what does he find?

What is a doodle-bug? How many definitions can you find?

Who is Guy of Guisborne? What book would Mark Twain have read to reference this? When was the book published and when might Twain have read it?

Elizabeth Howard, Columnist, Laconia Daily Sun

Readings:

Join the Laconia Reads Facebook Group for access to all Program Activities and Chapter Readings. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads>

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| Sunday, May 17: | Chapter 6 | Jaylene Bengston, Artist/ Teacher Belmont Middle School/Adjunct Art Education Professor at Plymouth State University |
| Tuesday, May 19: | Chapter 7 | Gail Drucker, Children's Librarian, Laconia Public Library |
| Thursday, May 21: | Chapter 8 | Representative Edith Tucker, Coos 5 |

Tom Sawyer's Weekly Family Adventure/Activity:

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center is encouraging you to **Start a Nature Journal**.

It does not matter if you are a "skilled" artist like Tom or a novice like Becky. Nature journals are important records for phenology, or seasonal changes. Your journal will teach you when to expect the first birds of the spring migration or daffodils to bloom. Throughout the story, Tom brings us to some of his favorite places, like the woods of Cardiff Hill.

For your first entry, we are asking you to go to your favorite outside place to draw something new that you notice (that you can safely access right now). Share your work with us at **Laconia Reads:** www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads

Special Content:

Special programs (Monday/Wednesday) will be posted each week so readers can explore the Mark Twain House (marktwainhouse.org) in Hartford, Connecticut and the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum (marktwainmuseum.org) in Hannibal, Missouri.

Monday, May 18: Explore Huck Finn's home.

Wednesday, May 20: Visit Grant's Drug Store and learn more about the Clemens family living there.

More information www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads Copies of the book are available for pick-up at the **Laconia Public Library**.

Laconia Reads is a community reading program designed to promote literacy and an appreciation for books. Connecting our community through activities, book clubs, and conversation. Celebrate Laconia is partnering with the Belknap Mill, Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, the Laconia Public Library, and the Congregational Church of Laconia UCC. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads>
For more information: www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY GIMME FIVE! CONTINUES



NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY
GIMME FIVE!

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each \$5
donation
in May
is matched!

please help us continue saving lives



Click here to
DONATE NOW

People say it all the time. "That was amazing! GIMME FIVE!" "We did it! GIMME FIVE!" "Giving five" is a visible and tangible way to celebrate an accomplishment, to provide encouragement, or to show friendship. Giving five to New Hampshire Humane Society does all of those good things! We need it now more than ever.

We are now at our halfway point in the campaign! In slightly more than one week, we have raised a little over \$5,000 to save animals in need of care. Our goal is \$10,000 by the end of May and we are hopeful that we will have the continued support of our community to get us there.

For many of us, the world feels upside down right now and the same is true for us at New Hampshire Humane Society. A \$5 donation supports the care of every pet that continues to rely on us and supports the dedicated staff that provides that care. Every \$5 donation during the month of May is also matched dollar for dollar! \$5 can provide food to one of the pets relying on us and on you. Or \$5 can provide the crucial medicine and medical care to a pet that needs help. We can keep another pet safe and get it to a loving home. It may not seem like a \$5 donation can make a difference but running a marathon begins with a single step. If we all take those steps together, imagine the impact we can have!

Even in these uncertain times, our caring staff can make sure we can continue providing essential care and respond to the needs of lost or abandoned pets in the communities we serve. They need care and they deserve love and happiness. With your help, we can make sure New Hampshire Humane remains a consistent and loving place for the pets that need us.

Some people will give more and we are grateful. Please consider GIVING FIVE during the month of May! Give \$5, share with 5 friends, and give five minutes of your time to think about how else you might be able to make a difference. Every \$5 donation during the month of May is matched so please give as generously as you are able. Pets in need are very grateful for your support.

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.

Questions? Please contact the Humane Society at 524-3252



Adults Eating Smart and Moving More - Video Lessons

Something fun to do and learn while staying at home!

Topics

- 1) Plan: What's for dinner
- 2) Shop: Get the best for less
- 3) Choosing more fruits and vegetables
- 4) Smart: Size your portions and right size you
- 5) Choosing to move throughout the day
- 6) Making smart drink choices

Sample of video lesson:

<https://youtu.be/12H4bBUKp3Q>

Ask about the free gift for participating.



If you qualify for SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance, then you qualify to participate at no cost to you.

Language assistance is available at no cost.

For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda Carey at 527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

Date: Ongoing lessons

Time: Anytime. These are online video lessons.

Place: Anywhere! At home, park, and anywhere you have internet connection!

To sign up: Brenda Carey; brenda.carey@unh.edu; 527-5475 (voice mail).

Assessing

Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms are now available on-line at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm> or by calling the Assessing office at 527-1268 to schedule a time to pick up the form while City Hall is still closed to the public. The deadline for filing the form is June 30.

This form applies to the Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit.

This program is offered by the State and refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying owners.



Call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions or for additional information.

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lakes Region Community Services is offering self care/art therapy groups! Please see the schedules below. Tuesday sessions begin at 10:30 am and can involve children; Thursday sessions are held at 8:30 pm for parents (once the kiddos are in bed!).

Tuesdays:

Every week at 10:30 am continuing through June 16. Please click [here](#) for the invitation, and [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

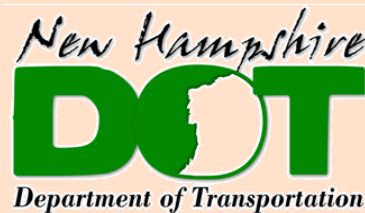
Thursdays:

Every week at 8:30 pm continuing through June 11. Please click [here](#) for the invitation, and [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

Call LRCS at 581-1577 for more information.



While Laconia City Hall remains closed to the public, staff will not be available on Monday, May 25, 2020. We will be back in the office to assist you at 8:30 am on Tuesday morning, May 26th.



Notification of 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 is closed until 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
Phone 219-6693
Michael.Donnelly@dot.nh.gov



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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to try and provide the best possible service to our residents. We will keep you updated as circumstances change.

The #30DaysLaconia challenge continues!

Join us for the month of May by taking and sharing photos with the amazing calendar from [The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire](#).

Be sure to tag your photos with [#30DaysLaconia](#) and [#30DayBeLocalChallenge](#)

Have fun!!



The Nature Conservancy's 30 Day "Be Local" Photo Challenge

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|--|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| DAY 1 THE VIEW FROM YOUR HOUSE | DAY 2 THE SUNRISE OR SUNSET | DAY 3 CLOUD FORMATIONS | DAY 4 SOMETHING RED | DAY 5 OUTDOOR SELFIE |
| DAY 6 SOMETHING SMALL BUT HEAVY | DAY 7 A PLANT GROWING IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE | DAY 8 LEAVES | DAY 9 SOMETHING STICKY OR SLIMY | DAY 10 WATER |
| DAY 11 ALIVE! | DAY 12 SOMETHING YOU MADE OR BUILT | DAY 13 WINGS | DAY 14 SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU SMILE | DAY 15 CAMOUFLAGE |
| DAY 16 EVIDENCE OF AN ANIMAL'S PRESENCE | DAY 17 NATURE IN AN UNEXPECTED PLACE | DAY 18 PATTERNS | DAY 19 BACKYARD ADVENTURE | DAY 20 NEW LIFE |
| DAY 21 HUG YOUR FAVORITE TREE | DAY 22 LAYERS | DAY 23 ON YOUR STREET | DAY 24 SURPRISE! | DAY 25 SOMETHING HIDDEN |
| DAY 26 A BURST OF COLOR | DAY 27 SOMETHING PRICKLY | DAY 28 FLIGHT | DAY 29 FANCY | DAY 30 SOMETHING THAT GIVES YOU JOY |



#30DaysLaconia
#30DayBeLocalChallenge



Laconia Rotary Club's
28th Annual

Charity Raffle



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New Hampshire



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FLHX[®] Street Glide**

- ABS Braking
- Security
- Cruise Control
- The New GTS Boom Audio with GPS
- Color: Stiletto Red

**Only
3,000 tickets
to be sold!
\$20 each**

Need not be present to win.



MSRP: \$24,094



All net proceeds raised will go towards Laconia Rotary Club's Charities
Drawing: Sunday, June 21, 2020 - 4:00pm
Laconia Rotary Club booth, Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, NH
For more information and results visit us at www.laconiarotary.org

UPDATE:

Due to COVID 19, the drawing will be held on the last Sunday of 2020

Laconia Motorcycle Week, whenever the event is held. The event is currently scheduled to begin on August 22nd and end on August 30th.

All proceeds go towards Laconia Rotary Club charities. For more information, visit us at www.laconiarotary.org

To order raffle tickets online, click [here](#).

GOT LUNCH! *LACONIA*

GOT LUNCH! Laconia, 2020 Registrations NOW Open

GOT LUNCH! Laconia, a summer healthy lunch program that delivers healthy groceries directly to the child's home every Monday morning. Deliveries will begin June 22th. **June 15th is the deadline** to receive the first delivery on June 22th. You may continue to register at any time throughout the summer, but new registrations close one week before each delivery date to enable delivery routes to be developed each week.

All Laconia school age children are eligible. Although our target population is those families who qualify for free and reduced' lunches at the school, it is NOT a requirement for participation. If you need help feeding your children/child this summer, this program is designed for you. GOT LUNCH! Laconia does not want any child to go hungry this summer.

Each year we require a **new registration** form for you to participate, even if you participated last year. We encourage you to register on-line at www.gotlunchlaconia.org There is an easy on-line registration form on the website. Paper copies of the registration form will be in the current Friday, GOT LUNCH! Laconia bags being distributed by the school buses **OR** you may pick up a copy at the Laconia Library distribution table.



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#)!

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).

PARKS TO KIDS DAY NATIONAL PARK TRUST

This year's "Kids to Parks Day" is May 16th! Launched in 2011, "Kids to Parks Day" is a nationwide celebration of the great outdoors organized by the National Park Trust and is designed to connect kids and families with their local, state and national parks and public lands.

Because of the current COVID-19 situation, the National Park Trust has come up with a great number of fun activities for everyone to enjoy nature while practicing safe social distancing.

Get outside with your family soon and see what exists right in your own backyard!





Saving Money at the Grocery Store

Virtual Mini Store
Tour with
Brenda Carey



**Make the most
of your money.**

Stretch your food dollars.

Plan ahead. Stay ahead.




**EBT recipients receive a
\$10 grocery gift card for
participating!**



Note:
**You will need a device
with Internet connection
to participate.**
(Example: computer,
tablet, cell phone.)

- ✓ Intro to food labels
- ✓ Comparing unit prices
- ✓ Finding whole grain foods
- ✓ Identifying three ways to purchase produce



If you qualify for Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance, then you qualify to participate at no cost to you. Language assistance is also available at no cost. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodation, please contact Brenda  at 527-5475, within 7 days so proper consideration can be given to the request.

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Date: To be arranged according to your availability

Time: Flexible

Place: Virtually from your phone, tablet or computer

To sign up: Brenda Carey; brenda.carey@unh.edu
527-5475 (voice mail)

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BelknapEDC
belknap economic development council

**Business resources and help
currently available in New Hampshire**

Belknap County Economic Development Council is keeping up-to-date on COVID-19 resources available to support our business community. Please click [here](http://www.belknapedc.org/news-info), or log onto www.belknapedc.org/news-info to find useful information that can help your business weather our current situation.



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/jFP6qt8NNLovGWoP8> 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!

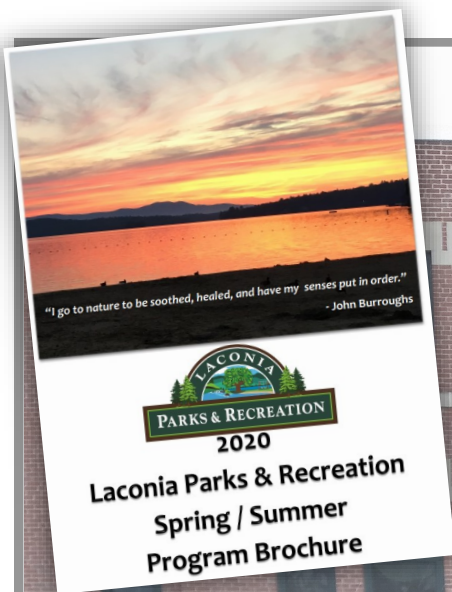


*Our thanks to
Allen Luther of
View From
Above for this
great spring
photo of
Leavitt Park*

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



Our 2022 Spring/Summer Parks & Recreation Program Brochure is now available! Please keep in mind that all programs at the Community Center are still currently closed. The programs in the brochure will be ready to go when we are able to re-open. Click on the image (left) to view the brochure.



PARKS & RECREATION

Thank you!

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.

LACONIA'S LIFEGUARDS ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST



- STRENGTHEN YOUR RESUME
- WORK OUTSIDE
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND BE A PART OF A TEAM
- STARTING AT \$13.00/HR
- UP TO 40 HOURS A WEEK
- GET CERTIFIED FOR FREE!



CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC TO LEARN MORE
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

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 Busiel Mill, on Mill Street, Laconia, is seen here sometime around the late 1890s or early 1900s, with a group of employees in front of the complex which included an 1873 two-story finishing and counting room in front and an extended two-story addition (built in 1891) that ran up the river behind the main mill building — built in 1853 and doubled in size in 1877-1878. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)

... AND NOW

Under consideration — but not selected — 50 years ago, for renovation as a new City Hall during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s, the main mill was instead converted to law offices for Nighswander, Lord and Martin in 1971-1972 and the outbuildings removed — the 'finishing and counting rooms' during the summer of 1970 and the north ell in February 1971. The new Municipal Building, next door, was completed in early 1972 but had the gable roof added in 1985-1986. (Adam Drapcho/ The Laconia Daily Sun)



Helpful info from Public Works...

Our Public Works Department continues to be closed to the public at this time 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 mail slot 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!

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
if you have any
questions.



MEMORIAL DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25th.
There will be a **ONE-DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash and recycling this week.

Monday's collections will be on Tuesday; all other days will be moved ahead by one day.

Questions?

Please call the Department of
Public Works at 528-6379.

SERVICELINK OF BELKNAP COUNTY



MAY 2020

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NH HOUSING

To help address the additional and urgent need for housing during the COVID-19 crisis, the NHHFA Board of Directors at its March meeting committed \$1 million in emergency financial support to our affordable housing partners, including organizations providing for the state's homeless residents. The funds will assist those organizations facing a variety of financial impacts due to the COVID-19 emergency.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) can now be found <https://www.nhhfa.org/notice-of-funding-availability-emergency-assistance-loan-fund/>. Applications will be addressed on a rolling basis if funds are available.

The NOFA should be sent to multifaminfo@nhhfa.org.

Child Care Programs

Emergency Child Care Programs have been established to provide childcare services for children and youth whose parents have been deemed as *essential workers under Governor Sununu's Exhibit A to Emergency Order # 17 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04*. Programs approved, may be eligible for incentive payments to support staff salaries, operations and supplies through federal, state and philanthropic funding

<http://nh.childcareaware.org/nh-dhhs-emergency-child-care-programs-mapping/>

NH CHILDREN'S TRUST

Need help with your grandchildren? Contact the NH's Children Trust.

<https://www.nhchildrenstrust.org/>

Questions regarding COVID-19???

CALL 211 TODAY!

Local Food Pantries and Food Banks go to:

<https://www.nhfoodbank.org/need-food/agency-list/>

COVID-19 ATTENTION: Visit the NH.gov website. For the Latest COVID-19 information, resources, and guidance.

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

NH UNEMPLOYMENT

Need to apply for unemployment?

Contact the *Unemployment Insurance Benefits* office at 603-271-7700 or www.nhes.nh.gov/

LEGAL ADVICE

Need legal advice? LARC wants to help! A legal aid office that provides free advice and counsel over the phone, and referral services to low-income NH residents.

Call LARC at 1-800-639-5290

9 AM - 3 PM weekdays

Or

Visit <https://nhlegalaids.org/>

SERVICELINK

We are here to help! Even though we may not be able to 'see' you, we do *hear* you! Any questions you may have, please call us at 603-528-6945.



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!



WAYFARER

Laconia Village
Bakery



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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 business community!

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 do not have the capability to process on-line transactions, please call our office at 527-1265 to receive the amount due for your registration and either mail your payment or place your payment in our mail slot located next to the door on the right (Belknap Mill) side of our building.

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.

At this time, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for information regarding how to register a new motorcycle, a trailer or an RV that needs new plates.

If you have a new boat that you would like registered, please email the City Clerk at cityclerk@laconianh.gov with the bill of sale, a copy of your driver's license, and the Boat RDMV 612 Form which can be found by clicking [here](#).



To renew your dog license, click 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.

Important! The deadline for party affiliation changes is June 2, 2020. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 to set up an appointment.

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!

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Our community thanks you!

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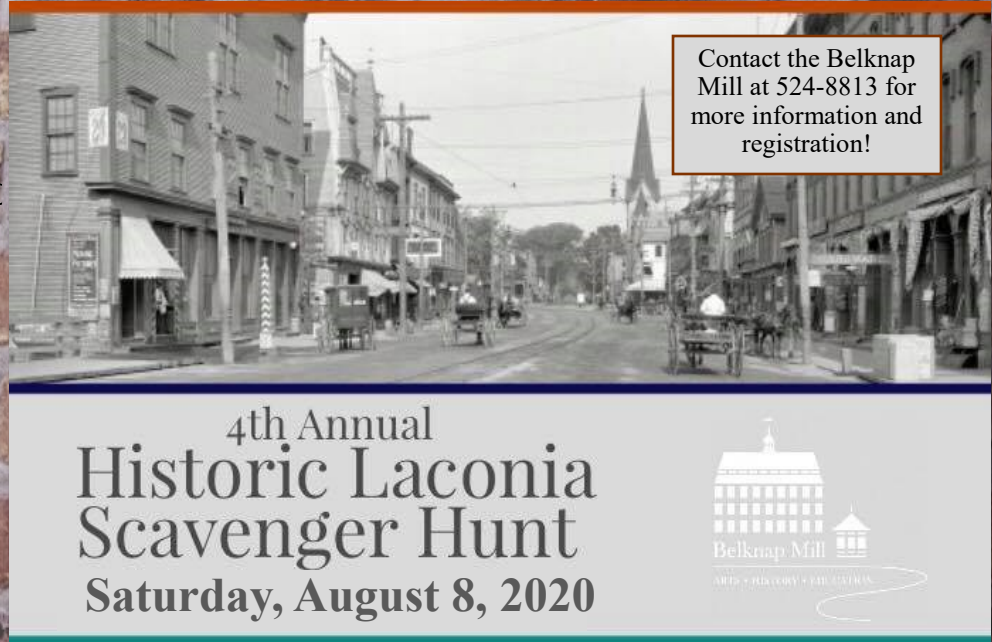
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25 Beacon Street East Laconia NH 03246 (603) 524-8813

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

During this difficult time, the Belknap Mill is dedicated to supporting our families and residents 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!

Here are just a few of the activities offered:



Join Larry Frates on his [Facebook](#) page for a 30 minute "Facebook Live" art class at 1:30 pm on 5/16.

Appropriate for all ages and abilities. The only materials you will need are paper and pencil!





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 "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

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.



New Hampshire Legal Advice Line

The Senior Citizens Law
Project, a service of New
Hampshire Legal
Assistance, provides free
legal advice in civil matters for NH senior
citizens 60 and older. Contact them at
603-624-6000 or 888-353-9944.

*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:
www.laconianh.gov



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 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:

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| Mayor Andrew Hosmer..... | 496-2078 |
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| 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 |

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov