

## Laconia Links

May 22, 2020 - Edition #439



### *Laconia's Municipal Buildings and Facilities*

Beginning on Tuesday, May 26th Laconia residents will see changes happening at some of our municipal buildings and facilities. City Hall, which has been closed to the public due to the Corona Virus since March 23rd, will reopen to the public on Tuesday, May 26th for its regular hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. At this time there will be no extended hours in City Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month; however, we hope to resume those extended hours at some point in the future. **Although City Hall will be open to the public, we are strongly encouraging our residents to use our on-line services and contact our various departments by phone to the fullest extent possible.** Contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Things will look different in City Hall than they used to; one door will be specifically unlocked and available for people coming into the building, and another will be used to exit the building. There will be a staff member stationed in the lobby to help people get to the right department, and to be sure visitors have the documents they need to make the best use of their time while they are in City Hall.

**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!*



We appreciate visitors wearing a facemask when entering the building and, if you do not have one, we will provide one to you. Appropriate social distancing will be required at all times.

We encourage people to schedule appointments with specific departments (such as Planning, Zoning, Codes, Assessing, Welfare and the City Manager's Office) to make sure there is a staff person available to assist you, and to control the number of people in one area at the same time. Please refer to the contact information on the last page of this newsletter, or on our [website](#).

Information is included on the following pages of this newsletter for details on changes in other departments' procedures or facilities.

Our primary goal is to protect the health of both customers and employees, and to continue to keep City operations going and helpful to our residents. We appreciate your consideration!

# 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!

Children's Book Talk

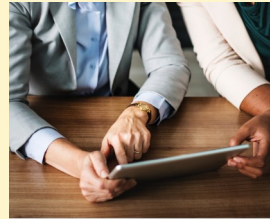
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**THURSDAYS**

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 information on our website! Please click [here](#) to access all of these helpful tips!



Shayla's Tech Help

## Teen Resources

Wednesday's craft (on 5/27) will be Yarn Mandalas 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 [here](#).



**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

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

Friday, 5/29 at noon with Jamie. Click [here](#).

Low Maintenance Houseplants

Place requests with your on-line account through our catalog [here](#). You can see what's new by clicking the tab under the green banner in the center of the page. For more help with navigating, try Shayla's helpful videos. Click [here](#) to see how to search our online catalog, and [here](#) for information on how to access your account. Please call us at 524-4775 with questions!

## 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 agendas below regarding how to view and/or participate in City meetings electronically.

**City Council - Budget**  
Police and Fire budgets  
May 26, 2020, 6:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

**City Council - Regular Mtg.**  
May 26, 2020, 7:00 pm

# Press Conference



A City of Laconia press conference regarding the COVID-19 virus was held on Wednesday, May 20th. Please use this [link](#) to view the broadcast on LRPA's website. The press conference can also be viewed on Channel 24 or 25 for Laconia Atlantic Broadband subscribers.

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 with questions.

## Reminder!

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

Remember:  
"Glass is Trash"



'When in doubt,  
**THROW** it out'



### 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.



## ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*** **By: Mark Twain** **Friday, May 22 - Friday, May 29** **Chapter 9 - Chapter 11**

### **Chapter 9:**

This chapter will keep you on the edge of your chair. Don't read it at midnight. When you reach the end, "the stillness was complete again, too." What was it that was now under the moon?

### **Chapter 10:**

What was "deep, and dark, and awful?" What is "red keel?"

Do you know what "verdigrise" means?

What was the final feather that broke the "camel's back?"

### **Chapter 11:**

Sid is a careful observer of Tom's activities, particularly in this chapter.

What happened at breakfast? And then at school? How do you think Sid feels about Tom?

**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>

**Sunday, May 24: Chapter 9**

**Pieter Roos, Executive Director, The Mark Twain House**

**Tuesday, May 26: Chapter 10**

**Jim Rogato, Chair, Laconia Putnam Fund**

**Thursday, May 28: Chapter 11**

**Rod Dyer, Former Mayor of Laconia, and Attorney at Wescott Law firm**

### **Tom Sawyer's Weekly Family Adventure/Activity:**

**Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center** is encouraging you to **explore the world after dark**. It's fun to join an adult and explore after dark ... this week see if you can identify the sounds of an owl. "The hooting of a distant owl was all the sound that troubled the dead stillness." - Chapter IX. "Every stump that started up in their path seemed a man..." - Chapter X

Aunt Polly was disappointed in Tom & Huck's midnight adventure. However, the world after dark can be fun to explore. As long as you have an adult with you (or are an adult!) head outside on a warm late-spring evening. This week's activity with Prescott Farm will help you identify owl calls and test your nocturnal senses.

Share your work with us at **Laconia Reads:** [www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads](https://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](http://marktwainhouse.org)) in Hartford, Connecticut and the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum ([marktwainmuseum.org](http://marktwainmuseum.org)) in Hannibal, Missouri.

**Monday, May 25:** A special program with George Griffin at the Mark Twain House in Hartford. Learn about Mark Twain carrying his girls to "hunt tigers."

**Wednesday, May 27:** A video of "Olivia Clemens" (Mark Twain's wife) in her library in the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut.

More information [www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads](http://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](http://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 just \$3,000 shy of our total goal of \$10,000 for the GIMME FIVE campaign! The campaign continues through the end of May and we would love to reach our goal. We appreciate the support from our community!***

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**



## **PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH**

Beginning Saturday, May 23, 2020 vehicles parking in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in the Endicott Rock Parking Lot must pay to use the parking spaces. Parking in this area is "pay by space". Please ensure that you know your parking space number when you leave your car as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.



(Parking passes are available for purchase by Laconia residents for Bond Beach and Endicott Rock Park beach parking lot - see information (right) for details

## **Resident Beach Stickers Now Available!**

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are now available. Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time).



Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for instructions on how to purchase your stickers for this year's season.

**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](#), or log onto [www.belknapedc.org/news-info](http://www.belknapedc.org/news-info) to find useful information that can help your business weather our current situation.



## *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:

- Please see page one for details about the re-opening of City Hall, scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 8:30 am. We strongly encourage residents to utilize our on-line services whenever possible.
- The Community Center and all City park houses continue to be closed to all programs at this time. All of the City's playgrounds, basketball courts and ball fields are closed until further notice. City parks and beaches remain open to the public at this time for recreation like walking, running and biking. Please be sure to abide by the Governor's order with regard to social distancing and gathering in groups of no more than 10 people. The City's tennis courts will soon be open to the public. 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 and offering lots of on-line activities. Please visit the Library's [website](#) or call 524-4775.
- The Water Department remains 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 will re-open on Tuesday, May 26th and will allow one person in the lobby at a time. Details of services that can be provided on-line can be found on the next page of this newsletter. Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379 for additional information. Spring Clean-Up Days have been postponed and will be rescheduled in the near future.

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

Please also check the [SAU website](#) for school related information.

*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.*

# Helpful info from Public Works...

Our Public Works Department will re-open to the public on Tuesday, May 26th, with one person allowed in the lobby at a time. However, please continue to use our on-line services whenever possible, contact the Department by phone (528-6379) or email at [publicworks@laconianh.gov](mailto:publicworks@laconianh.gov) for questions and 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 continue to be completed on the Public Works website.
- You can continue to purchase day passes at the Transfer Station. Check, cash or credit card may be used for purchase, and proof of residency is required.
- Annual dump stickers may be obtained from the City Clerk or Tax Office in City Hall, or they can also be obtained by mail. Just send a \$20 check made payable to the City of Laconia, a stamped self-addressed envelope 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.

*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](mailto:klarsen@laconianh.gov)  
if you have any  
questions.

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

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



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!!



## Field of Flags to Fly Again for Memorial Day

Last year almost 4,000 flags were lined up on the Congregational Church of Laconia UCC lawns and around the flagpole in Veterans Square, creating a Field of Flags set in place throughout Memorial Day weekend.

The Congregational Church and Greater Laconia Ministerial Association are joining to provide the display again this year. The purpose of this touching spectacle and dedication ceremony is to honor and remember the sacrifice of U.S. military personnel and their families in defense of our nation, "land of the free because of the brave." Following social distance protocols throughout the process, this is their way of providing a safe community tribute for Memorial Day. The flags will remain up from May 23rd - May 30th.

In lieu of a public ceremony, Rev. Dr. Judith Wright of the Laconia Unitarian Universalist Society has written this dedication for the flags: In the name of All That is Holy: This Memorial Day Weekend, we honor those men and women - our sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers - those who have laid down their life for our country. May we cherish their spirit, honor their commitment, send them our love, and never forget the service that they gave. As we remember those who sacrificed their lives for our nation's freedom, let us recall these famous words of President Abraham Lincoln, from his Gettysburg Address in 1863:

*We can pray that those who fought and died for our country did not die in vain. We can ask that their sacrifice would live on to inspire others to live in freedom and to serve and love their fellow citizens: that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

# 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 22<sup>th</sup>. **June 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline** to receive the first delivery on June 22<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

**LACONIA!**  
community conversations

AT HOME

Today's Education Experience

Dave Levesque

Principal of

Pleasant

Street School

Sponsored By:



### *Laconia Talks (at Home)* Today's Education Experience

This installment of Laconia Talks (at Home) will feature Principal of Pleasant Street School, Dave Levesque. With Dave's experience in the world of education we will discuss how COVID-19 has affected education, teaching methods, learning strategies and the student experience.

Thursday, May 28 at 5:30pm  
Watch on Facebook or  
here: <https://livestream.com/lrpatv/laconiatalks>

*Laconia Talks, sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, are back and being brought to your home!*

*Presented every other Thursday, tune in and join the conversations.*

# Assessing

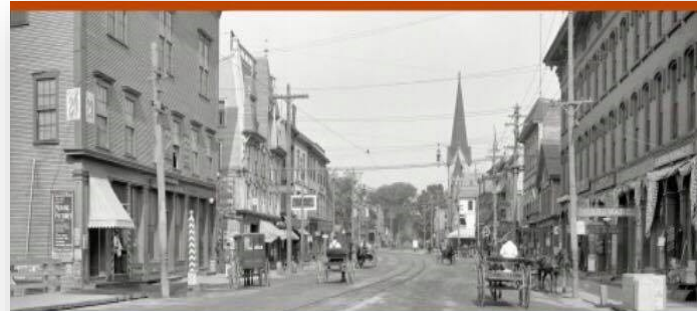
## Property Tax Credit Forms

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. 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.



## 4th Annual Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt Saturday, August 8, 2020



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Contact the Belknap Mill at 524-8813 for more information and registration!

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## Laconia Rotary Club's 28th Annual Charity Raffle



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# WIN THIS HARLEY!

2020  
Harley-Davidson  
FLHX® Street Glide

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



MSRP: \$24,094

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

Need not be present to win.



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](http://www.laconiarotary.org)

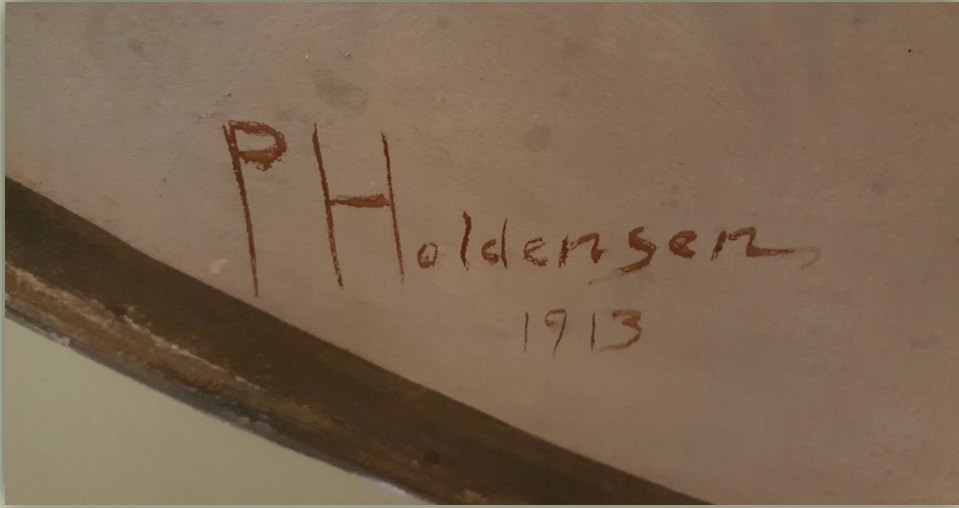
## UPDATE:

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](http://www.laconiarotary.org)

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

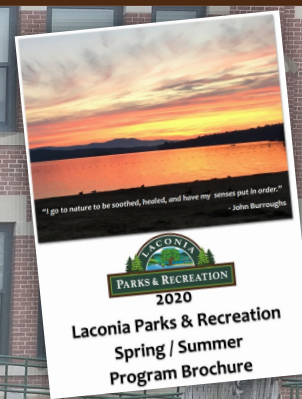
## Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



Thank you!



**Please practice appropriate social distancing when visiting our parks. For up-to-date information on the status of the City's parks and activities, please call Parks and Rec at 524-5046**

Our 2020 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 (above) to view the brochure.



## 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.

*Your help is greatly appreciated!*

### Contact Us

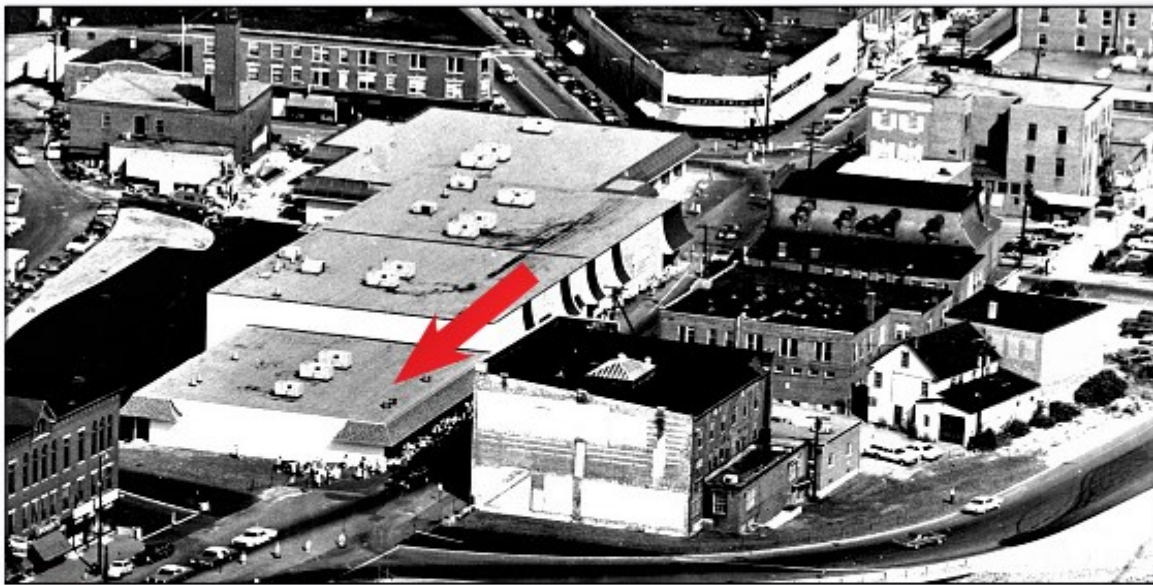
Email: [senior.atrisk@gmail.com](mailto:senior.atrisk@gmail.com)

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/>

# 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 ...

Ribbons were cut for four new stores on the west side of the Downtown Laconia Mall, May 21, 1970 — 50 years ago this week. They were Rosen's, the Varsity Shop, Junior Deb and Story Drug, which opened in the one-story building (arrow), seen here across Main Street from the Folsom Opera House ('Lower Bank') Block. The new building, erected by the Laconia Community Development Corp., adjoined O'Shea's Department Store, and Melnick's and Lynch's, in the SteLaur Block adjoined O'Shea's at the top. On the east side (at right) of Main Street, still open to one-way vehicular traffic, the former G.A.R. Building (Crystal Cafe, Matheson's), in the open space next to the Opera House Block, had been demolished in April 1969. The adjoining Keller-Bean Block, to the north, would be razed in December 1970 and, further north, the Parker Block (Lee's Cut-Rate, Emanuel's Quality Market) would come down in late April 1971. At extreme left, the Tilton Block would be razed in October 1970. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

The Stafford Family completed the two-story building, now occupied by Sawyers Jewelry, in early 1973. The Downtown Mall had become a pedestrian zone, Nov. 3, 1970, and remained so for the next quarter century, until July 8, 1994, when Main Street was reopened to one-way vehicular traffic. The Opera House/Lower Bank was not razed until late November 1972, and the Municipal Parking Garage, for which construction had started in summer 1972, opened June 21, 1974, with a ceremony on the top deck. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

# 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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.WayfarerRoasters.com)
2. Click "Shop"
3. Click "GIVE to the Local Food Project - Laconia"
4. Choose Items to Give
5. Complete Transaction
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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

Helpful  
Tips

### Vehicle Registration

Although City Hall will re-open to the public as of Tuesday, May 26th, there are still many types of City business that can be accomplished on-line, and we encourage you to take advantage of those services.

Two of the most common questions people ask relate to completing vehicle registrations and dog licensing on-line. Please see below for instructions on how to accomplish both:

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.



To renew your dog license on-line, 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.

**Please note that a late fee \$1/month for your dog registration will be in effect as of June 1st.**

### *Important!*

The deadline for party affiliation changes is June 2, 2020. Please click [here](#) for the "State of New Hampshire Application to Change Party Affiliation".

Additional election related information can be found on the City Clerk's [website](#).



**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!*

## 5/28, 6/11& 6/25 Genealogy Zoom Webinar Creating a Family Tree for Beginners



# GENEALOGY

### CREATING A FAMILY TREE FOR BEGINNERS



Thursdays, May 28, June 11 & June 25

6:00 PM

Lynn Brody Keltz, Instructor

**FREE**

Advanced Registration Required  
(603)524-8813

This free, hands-on Zoom class will introduce participants to Genealogy and teach them how to build their family tree on Ancestry.com. (A paid Ancestry membership is NOT necessary for this class)

In the first session, participants will learn general Genealogy methods and standards, how to navigate the Ancestry.com site, how to create a family tree on Ancestry, and how to input and edit known information about your family and ancestors.

Two subsequent lessons are scheduled which will address exploration of tree hints and how to conduct searches for new documents in order to expand your sources and add new ancestors to your family tree. Advanced editing techniques such as merging duplicate people, editing relationships, and adding unsourced information will be taught. Additional search websites and resources will be provided, as well as examples of charts, reports and books that can be created from your family tree using additional software. Ongoing post-class support by the instructor will be provided as needed.

Contact Lynn Brody Keltz at (978) 973-8693 for more details regarding classes.

### About the Instructor:

Lynn Brody Keltz grew up in Laconia, graduated from Laconia High (class of 1983) and attended Tufts University for undergrad and graduate school where she earned a Master's Degree in Education. She resided in Massachusetts for 35 years, teaching Special Education for 25 years at the preschool and elementary levels.

Lynn and her husband Ira moved back to Laconia in 2018 after their sons graduated high school; they love this community, its gorgeous scenery and all it has to offer. Lynn now dedicates much of her time to Genealogy and research. Having built and researched over 300 family trees for friends and acquaintances, and taken courses through the National Genealogy Society, Lynn has now begun teaching the genealogical techniques, skills and tricks she has learned to others who share her passion for Genealogy.

Lynn is thrilled to be back in Laconia and hopes to be able to support the community in many ways. She is happy to offer continued genealogical support to class participants and other interested individuals. She has never charged for her genealogy services

[Register for the Webinar](#)



**Laconia City Hall departments will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020. We will be back in the office to assist you at 8:30 am on Tuesday morning, May 26th.**

**Please be sure to review our re-opening procedures on page one.**

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*Our community thanks you!*



# 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](mailto: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.



Make Your Mark during Older Americans month by sharing stories and spreading the wisdom you've gained over the years. Click [here](#) for the National Council on Aging's website for more information!

*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

General Council E-mail:  
[citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)