



## Laconia Links

*June 5, 2020 - Edition #441*



*Downtown Laconia on a recent quiet Saturday afternoon  
(Photo compliments of View From Above)*

## Laconia Water Department CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. At this time, there are no indications that COVID-19 is in the drinking water supply or will affect the reliable supply of water. Please refer to EPA and CDC's messaging about safety of drinking water: [EPA Coronavirus and Drinking Water and Wastewater](#); [CDC Water Transmission and COVID-19](#)

## COVID-19's Survivability in Water

\* The EPA recommends that Americans continue to use and drink tap water as usual. The presence of COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water supplies and based on current evidence the risk to water suppliers is low. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, as we do,

**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!*



\*Excerpt taken from NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) COVID-19 Answers to FAQs & Information for Public Water Systems May 26, 2020. To view the entire list of Frequently Asked Questions in this NHDES document, please click [here](#).

**The Laconia Water Department remains closed to the public at this time. We encourage our customers to mail in payments, put a payment in our drop box or pay online [here](#).**

**We are still available for cash payments, water testing and water meter pickups. Please contact the office at 603-524-0901 for help with any questions.**



# EVENTS and Programs

Check the Library's [home page](#) for updates on when and how the Library will begin its reopening phases!




**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

CLICK HERE

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

**Returns for all items borrowed from the Library are accepted in the drop box at the Church Street entrance. They will be quarantined before check-in. Thank you!**

Shayla's next tech help video on 6/8 is "How to Use NoveList" Catch any past tech videos on our website [here!](#)



**Shayla's Tech Help**

Now on the Library's YouTube Channel! Mondays at noon



**Middle-Grade Book Talks with Gail**

CLICK HERE



**Rockin' Snails with Jamie**  
Wednesday,  
June 10th.  
See instructions [here!](#) for crafting along with our videos. Also check our playlist of craft videos [here.](#)

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!



Check out "How to Make Paneer" with Shayla, Friday, 6/12 Click [here.](#)

## 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 - Budget**

June 8, 2020, 6:15 pm

[Agenda](#)

### **City Council - Regular Mtg.**

June 8, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### **Water Commission**

June 11, 2020, 8:00 am



## Some Good News from Laconia for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

Laconia, like every city and town across the world, is having to make some difficult decisions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes traditional celebrations that people attend every year being cancelled. Unfortunately, this means changes to the Laconia 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. The popular parade and celebration at Opechee Park have been cancelled.

The good news is that there is one classically important tradition of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that we can uphold safely. The annual Independence Day FIREWORKS!! The City is excited to have the opportunity to host this event.

The show will be moved from the track to the middle of the main field at Opechee Park and the entire park will be closed. No entrance will be permitted. The show will consist of all Class B fireworks. Class B fireworks are the extremely high and large shells, which will be visible from all around the city. There will be no Class C fireworks, which are the lower shells. This way people will not need to be in the Opechee Park area in order to see the show. In fact, viewing this show from a distance will be the better show.

There will be multiple areas around the city where people can watch the show and still have a fantastic view. For instance, the Messer Street boat launch, the High School, Middle School or Pleasant Street School parking lots. There are also many roads where cars can simply pull over to watch. The City does suggest that people stay in their cars unless proper social distancing guidelines can be met. The City is even working on logistics of live streaming the show for anyone not wanting or unable to leave their homes! More information will be forthcoming on this idea closer to the event.

At Weirs Beach, the traditional July 3<sup>rd</sup> midnight fireworks show has been cancelled, due to the inability to properly comply with social distancing. The show consists of only the lower, Class C shells, and crowds typically gather closely together on the boardwalk to watch.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Laconia Parks & Recreation at 603-524-5046 or email [parks@laconianh.gov](mailto:parks@laconianh.gov).

**Reminder!**

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

*Curbside recycling will be picked up the  
week of June 8th, 2020*



**Remember:  
"Glass is Trash"**





## ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*** **By: Mark Twain** **Friday, June 5 - Friday, June 12** **Chapter 15 - Chapter 17**

Can you imagine hiding under the bed as someone talks about your death. What did Aunt Polly say about Tom? Tom, Huck and Joe leave their homes and become pirates. They are mourned as dead by the community until they appear at their own funeral. Like most boys who run away on an adventure they eventually give in to homesickness. The scenes on the island are exciting as the boys separate into three hostile tribes and ambush one another with war whoops, covered with mud.

### **Chapter 15:**

How did Aunt Polly respond when she thought Tom had died? Do you think Tom knew how she felt? What did Huck, Joe and Tom have for breakfast? Sumptuous, it was.

### **Chapter 16:**

How do you play "knucks" and "ringaw" and "keeps"? What do you need to play these games? What did Tom say "was so easy! If I'd knowed this was all, I'd a learnt long ago." What happened when "two of the savages almost wished they had remained pirates?"

### **Chapter 17:**

What does Becky Thatcher wish she had to remember Tom? One of his treasures. At their funeral they were remembered as "noble and beautiful." What do you think? Where did Huck, Joe and Tom hide to listen to their own funeral service? Tom wondered who got the most gracefulness?

**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>

**Tuesday, June 9: Chapter 16** Jennifer Anderson, Director of Laconia Motorcycle Week and Co-Chair of the Belknap Mill Society  
**Thursday, June 11: Chapter 17** Father Marc Drouin

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

**Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center** is encouraging you to share your work at

**Laconia Reads:** [www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads](https://www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads)

While on their adventure, Tom, Joe, and Huck decide to "sleep in the open air... as they became outlaws." A few days later, they become very lucky that they decided to build a shelter for their supplies.

While you read Chapter 16, you are going to need a shelter, like our adventurers. **Whether you build a lean-to in the forest or a blanket fort indoors, get some tips from Prescott Farm this week to protect you from "a drenching rain pour(ing) down and the rising hurricane (that) drove it in sheets along the ground," even if it is just in your imagination!** Learn more at: [www.prescottfarm.org](http://www.prescottfarm.org)

### **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.

For programs on **Monday, June 8** and **Wednesday, June 10** please find more information at:

[www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads](http://www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads)

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.

# Thank! you!

A huge thank you to our very generous community. Thanks to you we have EXCEEDED our recent "Gimme Five" fundraising efforts. Our goal was \$10,000, but we raised just shy of \$11,000! Your thoughtfulness and generosity will help us to continue covering the expense of providing care for the animals in our facility.



Our exact reopening date has not been set, but we will be announcing our operating schedule very soon with new procedures and protocols in place to keep everyone safe.

Stay tuned and we look forward to seeing you soon!

**Questions? Please contact the  
Humane Society at 524-3252**

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.



The 2020 census will count **every person** (including children) who lives in the United States. And they need **YOUR** help!

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your future  
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2020**

We are excited to announce our *tentative*  
**2020 Concert Series**

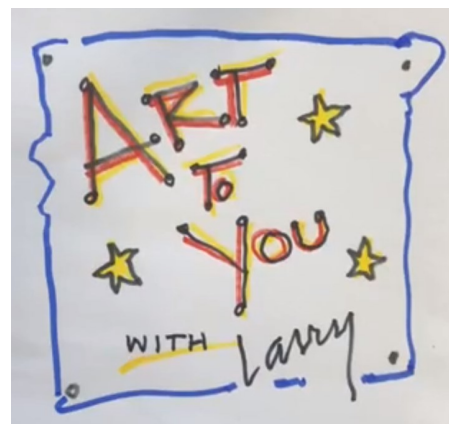


**2020 Concert Series**  
Founding Sponsor  
Laconia Putnam Fund

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our Arts in the Park series may look different this summer.  
Stay tuned for more details.

Connect with us.  
www.belknapmill.org | (603) 524-8813 | operations@belknapmill.org

the Belknap Mill presents  
**Arts in the Park**



Join Larry Frates for a 30 minute 'Facebook Live' art class at 1:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The only materials you will need are paper and pencil.

Join Larry on his [Facebook](#) page!



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

We are here to help the elderly and at-risk members of our community to run errands, find daily needs and necessities, go grocery shopping, and any other support we can offer. If you can volunteer your time or need our help, please go to <https://forms.gle/iFP6qt8NNLovGWoP8> 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.

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/261144590579225/>

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, 528-6379, Ext. 306, or email [klarsen@laconianh.gov](mailto:klarsen@laconianh.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:

- City Hall is now open to the public during our regular hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. However, residents are strongly encouraged to utilize our on-line services whenever possible. Please wear a facemask when visiting City Hall, or we can provide you with one if needed. Social distancing is required, and a staff member is located in the lobby to direct you to the appropriate department.
- 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 at Leavitt park and Memorial Park are now open.** Call the Community Center at 524-5046 for more information.
- Although Library buildings remain 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. Information about the Library's programs is also included on page two of this newsletter.
- 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 is now open and will allow one person in the lobby at a time. We encourage customers to use our on-line services whenever possible. Services that can be completed on-line include plumbing, driveway, sidewalk and excavation permits. Daily dump passes can be purchased directly at the Transfer Station; please be sure to bring identification that shows you are a Laconia resident. Annual dump stickers may be obtained from the City Clerk or Tax Office in City Hall. They are good for the calendar year for the Transfer Station and the Brush Dump. 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.*



It all started with scrunchies. Laconia High School freshman, Ella Tryon, had an interest in sewing and decided to start sewing and selling hair scrunchies to save money for a class trip in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Her business took off and soon she was selling them everywhere and even had a couple of pop up shops as well as having them for sale at local hair salons.

Then came the Corona virus epidemic. She decided that since she had plenty of fabric she would start making face masks and again her business skyrocketed. She was getting orders from local residents and many people from around the country. The orders were double and tripling. She was balancing remote learning for school (maintaining her honor roll status) and making masks in her "off" time.

She wanted to give back to her community and came up with a plan. She loves milk and decided a way to help would be to donate money to purchase milk for a local social service agency that provides meals. She contacted Troy Cone, Assistant Manager of Hannaford Gilford and asked if they might be willing to match her donation. Store Manager Joel Lloyd quickly agreed. She contacted the Salvation Army to arrange delivery.

On Friday, May 22 she went to Hannaford's in Gilford and with the help of the store purchased 101 half gallons of milk which she and her mom brought to the Salvation Army and Carey House. She will continue to make these masks. If you are interested in purchasing them she can be reached at [tryonella@yahoo.com](mailto:tryonella@yahoo.com).

## BelknapEDC

belknap economic development council

### Business resources and help currently available in NH

Belknap County Economic Development Council is keeping up-to-date on COVID-19 resources available to support our business community.

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

## 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.





## *Laconia's Municipal Buildings and Facilities*



Although City Hall has now reopened to the public, we are strongly encouraging our residents to continue 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.

City Hall is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. At this time there are no extended hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, although we hope to resume those extended hours in the future.

There are some new procedures in place in our building. One door of City Hall will be unlocked and available only 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.

Please be sure to wear a facemask upon entering the building and, if you do not have one, we will provide one to you. Social distancing practices are now in effect and required.

You are encouraged to schedule appointments with specific departments (other than the City Clerk's Office) to ensure there is a staff person available to assist you and to control the number of people in one area at the same time.

We are working hard to ensure the safety of our customers and employees to make it possible for us to continue providing services to our community and its residents. We appreciate your consideration.

For questions of a general nature, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

## **There's a Place for Everything: Even Your Trailers!**



With the start of the summer season people are using their "toys" that require trailers while enjoying all of the opportunities that the Lakes Region has to offer. While everyone is enjoying this season, the City's Zoning Enforcement office would just like to remind people there are some rules about their trailers that are often forgotten in the summer heat.

Storage of Recreation Vehicles, which include trailers, campers, boats, any other recreational vehicle, and storage box-type trailers (does not include motorcycles unless on a trailer) need to be stored in specific areas on your property.

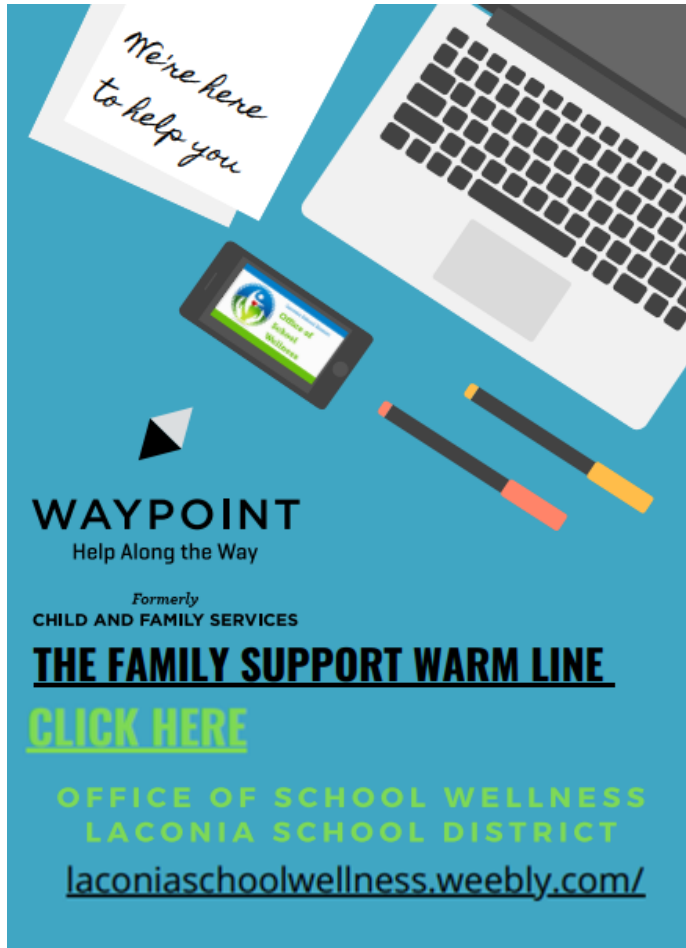
Places where these items may be stored are in a carport, enclosed building, or rear yard area and shall not be located within 10 feet of any lot line.

(See the [City Zoning Ordinance § 235-41 \(L\) Storage of Recreational Vehicles.](#))

For those residents having properties located on the shore, the area between the road and your home is considered your front yard. We understand that you do not want to hinder or damage the view of the lake for anyone, but please remember trailers of any type and recreational vehicles are not allowed in the front yard or side yards.

There have been a number of complaints to the City about placement of trailers and recreational vehicles. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the public, and responsibly store trailers and recreational vehicles where they should be. Don't forget that includes those items that are intended for the snow (like snowmobiles), even though it's too early to think about that!

*Enjoy the summer and remember  
to be safe!*



*We're here to help you*

**WAYPOINT**  
Help Along the Way

Formerly  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

**THE FAMILY SUPPORT WARM LINE**

**CLICK HERE**

OFFICE OF SCHOOL WELLNESS  
LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
[laconiaschoolwellness.weebly.com/](http://laconiaschoolwellness.weebly.com/)

## LACONIAHOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding their  
monthly Board Meeting on  
Thursday June 11th at 12pm.

The link to join is on the website

[laconiahousing.org](http://laconiahousing.org).

The link is located  
in the "About" section on the website.

For questions, please call Laconia Housing at 737-2214 or email

[tom@laconiahousing.org](mailto:tom@laconiahousing.org)

# GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

## GOT LUNCH! Laconia, 2020 Registrations NOW Open

GOT LUNCH! Laconia is a summer healthy lunch program that delivers healthy groceries directly to the child's home every Monday morning. Deliveries will begin June 22. **June 15 is the deadline** to receive the first delivery on June 22. 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.







## Belknap House Family Fun Virtual Race

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES IN  
BELKNAP COUNTY



WHEN: May 30th to June 15th

WHERE: Wherever you want

COST: \$25/individual, \$40/family

SIGN UP: Belknap House FB page or website.

ACTIVITY: walking, running or biking & length.

Individual or family, choose a t-shirt size and pay the fee. That's it!

Sign up before June 12th and finish by June 15th and submit your results. Once results are posted you will receive a t-shirt.



Any questions please call 527-8097.  
SIGN UP  
[www.belknaphouse.org](http://www.belknaphouse.org)



## Resident Beach Stickers!

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). No cost for handicapped residents or residents over 65.

Resident Beach Stickers are available for purchase at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Please be sure to bring a copy of your current registration for the vehicle you will be putting the sticker on. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 with questions or for more information.



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

SUPPORT US AND  
GIVE ON JUNE 9-10<sup>TH</sup>

**NH  
GIVES**

[NHGIVES.ORG](http://NHGIVES.ORG) #NHGIVES

## The Belknap Mill Gears Up for NH Gives

NH Gives is a state-wide, 24-hour online fundraising initiative held annually by the NH Center for Nonprofits. The event is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector. NH Gives provides nonprofits the opportunity to reach potential new donors and increase their visibility in a way that only a state-wide effort of this type can generate.

**Beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9th** the Belknap Mill invites you to visit [NHGives.org](http://NHGives.org) to make a donation to support the organization and our programming initiatives. Donors have 24 hours to make a donation, and all giving will end at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 10th. NH Gives is a great way for the Belknap Mill and other nonprofits throughout NH to boost fundraising efforts, especially given the financial impact of COVID-19.

As the nation's oldest intact brick textile mill, the Belknap Mill has evolved from a center of industry into a center of cultural heritage offering arts, history and education programming. The Mill hosts programming for all ages in arts education and exploration and recognizes that these are the foundation for creativity, design and innovation. The stories of our past become more powerful when we make them relevant to our experiences today and the Mill is committed to being the singular source for industrial education within an historic mill building. It is a unique model that exists nowhere else in New Hampshire.

During the 24 hours of NH Gives, each online donation made to any participating nonprofit will be **MATCHED 1:1 up to \$1,000 per donation for the first \$250,000** given. This funding match is made possible by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and its Thomas W. Haas Fund and John F. Swope Fund. Please consider donating **early in the day on June 9th** so that your dollars can be matched! Mark your calendars now and before you go to bed...make a gift to the Mill via NH Gives [here](#). Thank you for your support of the Belknap Mill. For more information please contact us at (603)524-8813 or [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org)

# Public Works Department

## Trash Collection: Condominium Associations

Please note that under the City's Solid Waste Ordinances condominium associations are treated as businesses, and can only place seven trash cans out for curbside collections.

Beginning on June 26th, the City's curbside collection contractor will no longer empty trash cans over the seven allowed under the Ordinance from any condominium association that has placed more than seven trash cans in the right of way for collection. Condominium associations that generate more than seven cans of trash per week should either contract with a private collection service or bring their trash to the City's Transfer Station and dispose of the trash for a fee.

The trash collection contractor will also not collect any trash can with trash bags stacked such that the lid to the trash can cannot be placed on the can.

Please see the City's Ordinance below:

### Chapter 194. Solid waste

*RESIDENTIAL is defined as a" dwelling unit, such as a home, mobile home and/or trailer, or multi-family dwelling, or three or less units (single-family, duplex, triplex), not including hotels, motels, apartment buildings or condominiums."*

#### *§ 194-4 Placement of containers and bundles.*

*C. Containers and bundles shall be set out for collection by 6:00 a.m., local time, on the day of pickup.*

*D. No containers or bundles shall be set out for collection before 7:00 p.m., local time on the day prior to such collection, and all containers shall be removed from the street by 7:00 p.m., local time, on the day established for collection.*

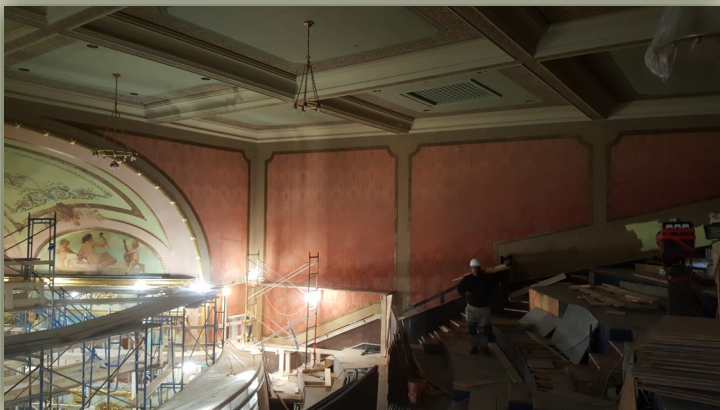


### Important Notice

**Construction work on Union Avenue near the Stark Street intersection will be happening over the next two weeks. Thru-traffic is encouraged to use the Route 3 Bypass to avoid long traffic delays. Check the City's website for project updates: [Laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates](http://Laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates).**



# 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.

# Tennis Courts Open!

Please follow Social Distancing Guidelines

## USTA Covid-19 Recommendations

- Please do not play if you are exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19, been in contact with anyone who has Covid-19, or at high risk.
- Please respect other players' space using the courts.
- Please wash hands and wipe down shared surfaces before and after playing.
- For more USTA recommendations please go to:

[https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2020-pdfs/20200421\\_USTA\\_COVID19\\_PlayingTennisSafely-Players.pdf](https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2020-pdfs/20200421_USTA_COVID19_PlayingTennisSafely-Players.pdf)



## USTA Recommendations on Tennis Balls while Playing:

- Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball
- Take one set of numbered balls, and have your playing partner take a set of balls from the other can.
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch it with your hands. Use your racket head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.

For questions, please contact Laconia Parks and Recreation at 603-524-5046 or [parks@laconianh.gov](mailto: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 white frame building in the left foreground was Laconia's City Hall from 1926 until 50 years ago this week, in 1970, when city departments began moving to a temporary home in the former Scott & Williams Building at Normandin Square — to make way for a new Laconia Savings Bank Building on Pleasant Street (which runs diagonally at right, with the Congregational Church of Laconia at far right). The Lawrence Baldi warehouse (later Warner Stove Co.) is seen across the railroad tracks, right of center, beyond the church. The portion of the City Hall fronting on Pleasant Street had been the home of U.S. Rep. John Adams Harper during the War of 1812. Later additions were made for a private hospital and, still later, for city offices. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## . . . AND NOW

Laconia Savings Bank opened its new headquarters, Nov. 15, 1971, and added a second story in 1986-1987. Meanwhile, the solar-powered drive-through had opened in late June 1981. The financial institution became Bank of New Hampshire, April 18, 2012. Part of the Congregational Church is visible at extreme right, beyond the utility pole and Beacon Street West is glimpsed, just off-photo at left. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

# News

## From the City Clerk's Office

Helpful  
Tips

### Vehicle Registration

Although City Hall is now open to the public, there are still many types of City business that can be accomplished on-line, and we strongly 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 have questions, please call our office at 527-1265, Ext. 242.



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 as of June 1st there is a late fee of \$1/month for your dog registration.**

**Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265, Ext. 242 for assistance if needed! Our office is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.**

*Thank you for your patience!*



## PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED MAY 29, DUE JULY 1

Payments are accepted [on-line](#), by mail or at the counter in City Hall during our normal business hours which are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. When visiting City Hall, please be sure to comply with our posted social distancing guidelines and wear a facemask. If you do not have a facemask, we will provide one to you.

For your convenience there is also a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

**[Follow this link to our Tax Department for more information.](#)**

We can accept credit cards for payments at the counter and online; Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card and on-line transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.





# 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.





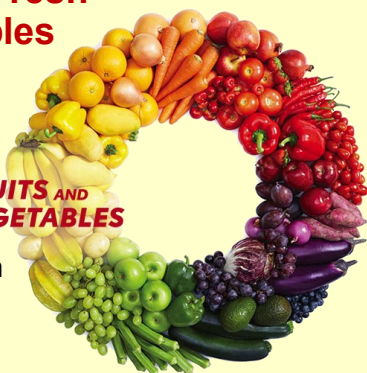


Don't forget !  
ServiceLink  
Resource Center  
(1-866-634-9412 or  
528-6945)....it's the first  
number to call for  
senior services.

**June is National Fresh  
Fruit and Vegetables  
Month!**



**ADD COLOR  
WITH FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES**



Check out the American  
Heart Association's  
website [here](#) for tips on  
how to easily add these  
healthy foods to your diet!

*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!*



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City Manager  
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## 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:  
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