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Laconia Links

June 19, 2020 - Edition #443

Sunrise on Lake Winnipesaukee



Our sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Laconia High School graduation special for the Class of 2020 and their families. A job well done!

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!



Be sure to check page 15 for updated information about our parks and beaches!



Check the Library's [home page](#) for updates on when and how the Library will begin its reopening phases! In the meantime, there are so many new items coming out, and you're encouraged to check out the catalog to see what's available. Here are some videos to help: ["How to Search Our Online Catalog!"](#) ["How to Access My Account!"](#)



Shayla's Tech Help

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

Tech Help Videos

Monday, June 22, at noon
"How to Use Microsoft Word" - On the Library's [YouTube Channel](#)



Owl Food Craft!

Craft Project: Owl Food Craft

Wednesday, June 17, 2020.
See instructions [here](#) for crafting along with our videos. Also check our playlist of craft videos [here](#).



"Acrylic Pour Project" -
Join Amanda on Friday,
June 26, 2020 on our [YouTube Channel](#)

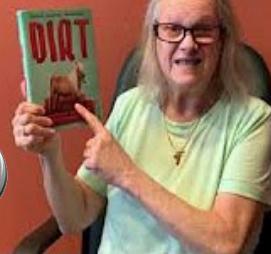


PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Middle-Grade Book Talks with Gail



Thursday,
June 25

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!

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 Meeting

June 22, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

City Council - Regular Meeting

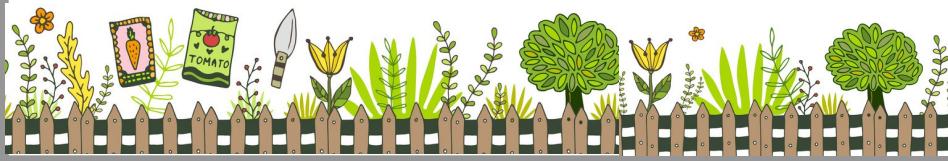
June 22, 2020, 7:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Laconia Airport Authority

June 23, 2020, 4:00 pm
Airport Terminal Conf. Room
[Agenda](#)

Library Board of Trustees

June 25, 2020, 5:30 pm



Public Works Department



(also known as "Free Dump Day")

Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th. (Businesses cannot dispose of their solid waste for free on that day.) Public Works highly recommends businesses do not come to the Transfer Station on June 20th as it will be very busy.

Due to the social distancing requirements, City and Waste Management employees will not be able to assist residents in unloading their trash.

Residents needing assistance with unloading will need to bring help with them. We expect a large turnout for this popular event, so be prepared to be patient as there is likely to be a longer wait time than normal.

To help minimize wait times, the City recommends that residents use the following schedule when coming to the Transfer Station on June 20th.

<u>Time</u>	<u>First letter of last name</u>
7 to 9 am	A through and including G
9 to 11 am	H through and including N
11 am to 1 pm	O through and including Z

Public Works will turn away any resident who arrives later than 1 pm, so please be sure to be at the Transfer Station before that time.

Residents who do not have dump stickers must have some form of documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

Items we will accept are appliances, water heaters, furniture, beds, plumbing fixtures, bagged leaves, demolition lumber, auto tires (limit 6 tires per customer). Items we will not accept are auto tail pipes, mufflers, radiators, engines, batteries or hazardous waste, paints or solvents.

Residents must still pay for disposing of electronics during free dump day.

Disposal of leaves and recycling for Laconia residents is free all year. Residents do not need a dump sticker or day pass to dispose of leaves or recycling, but must have documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

For more information or for questions about what is acceptable and what is not, please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.

PARENTING THE SECOND TIME AROUND

-8 WEEK VIRTUAL SESSION-

Are you a grandparent, relative, or friend that is parenting... again?
Join us to connect and learn with others that face these unique challenges!

TOPICS: child development, discipline & guidance, caring for yourself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues and advocacy.

LEAD BY: Melissa Shadden of Lakes Region Community Services & Jane Merrithew of Grow & Thrive Counseling, PLLC

WHEN: Mondays from 11 AM - 1 PM beginning on June 22nd



Grow and Thrive
Counseling, PLLC



Call Whole Village Family Resource Center
to register: 603-536-3720 x 100



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!](#)



The Rebel Collective will be the season opener for the Belknap Mill's 'Arts in the Park' 2020 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor: Laconia Putnam Fund
Friday, June 19th - 6:00 pm

Please see [page 12](#) for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park

The Rebel Collective is a New England based Irish/American pub rock/Celtic Folk-Punk band formed by two cousins, Michael Green and Brian Waldron. The Rebel Collective pulls songs from both popular and lesser-known traditional Irish songs, contemporary covers, and original compositions. They refer to themselves as a collective because on any given night the band may consist of many different musicians, creating a different experience every performance while maintaining a familiar sound.

The Belknap Mill is excited to bring you the 2020 "Arts in the Park" Summer Concert Series! We are grateful to the Laconia Putnam Fund, our Founding Sponsor, and to all of you who support the Mill. We have worked closely with the Laconia Police and Fire Departments and the City of Laconia to find the safest option for hosting this year's "Arts in the Park" Summer Concert Series.



Learn to Play. Play to Learn.

2020-21 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have a child 4 years of age by September 30, 2020
it is time to register them for preschool!

Laconia School District preschool registration packets will be available via email from the Superintendent's Office Monday-through Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Please call or email Regina Theberge at rtheberge@laconiaschools.org or 603-524-5710 to request a packet. A copy of your Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of Laconia Residency, Immunization Records and most recent Physical Examination is required for registration. Parents are asked to call the SAU to register and obtain a packet. Please call the SAU with any questions or for further information regarding the registration.

School Administrative Unit 30
39 Harvard Street
Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 524-5710



SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

Landscaping and Facility Maintenance

\$13.00/HR. Up to 40 hours a week. Must be 18+

Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV for application



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer By: Mark Twain Friday, June 19 - Friday, June 26 Chapter 21 - Chapter 23

Vacation is approaching we are reading Chapter 21 at just the perfect moment. Just before "Examination Day". The students are terrified, even though on the cusp of summer. We read poetry and feel Tom's discomfort as he attempts to read Patrick Henry's "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech. Mark Twain never lets us down in the *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. What is more exciting than a trial – a real trial where our young Tom is asked to testify and is riveting on the stand. From poetry and prose to a murder trial in three short chapters.

Chapter 21:

What are the poems the children recite? And what happened to our dear poor Tom as he begins to recite his speech? What was the prevalent theme of the compositions? What word was over-fondled in many of the compositions?

Chapter 22:

As a member of the Cadets of Temperance, what are some of the rules? And what desire tormented Tom? There is a circus. There are parties and there is the dreadful disease. What is it that keeps Tom in bed for two and eventually three long weeks?

Chapter 23:

What is it like to keep a secret, a deep dark secret in your heart? Who tells Tom and Huck: "What I want to say, is, don't you ever get drunk – then you won't ever get here? ..." When Tom is on the stand and asked where he was the night of the murder what was he carrying. Just at midnight. Near the grave?

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, June 21 Chapter 21 Victoria Abate, LHS Junior and Winner of 2019 LHS Poetry Out Loud

Tuesday, June 23 Chapter 22 Dr. K. Patrick Ober, Mark Twain Scholar

Thursday, June 25 Chapter 23 John C. Herman, New Hampshire Artist/Actor

Tom Sawyer's Weekly Family Adventure/Activity:

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center is encouraging you to

Share your work with us at **Laconia Reads: [/www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads](https://www.facebook.com/groups/laconiareads)**

Summer vacation is here or at least, near! Before students are free, they must complete the Examination Evening. The ladies share their own compositions of prose and poetry. **Join in on examination evening (without the pressure from Mr. Dobbins) and write a nature poem! View tips for different forms of poetry from Prescott Farm in the Laconia Reads Facebook group.** Learn more at: www.prescottfarm.org

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.

For programs on **Monday, June 22 and Wednesday, June 24** please find more information at:

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

COVID-19

(Novel Coronavirus)

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

Information for our residents regarding City services

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

- 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.
- Please see page 10 of this newsletter for a detailed update regarding Parks and Recreation facilities, beaches and playgrounds. The City's tennis courts at Leavitt park and Memorial Park are now open. Please 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.

Important News for City Residents!



Over the last month the City has begun a campaign to improve how its residents and businesses dispose of their solid waste as part of the City's Curbside Solid Waste Collection Program.

The City began this effort starting with businesses and condominium associations. Starting on July 20th Public Works will begin focusing on single family residential property, as well as multifamily residential rental property.

The City's solid waste rules as they apply to residences include the following:

- Solid waste can only be placed in the City right of way no earlier than 7 pm the day before the area's collection day. The cans must be removed before 7 pm the day of collection.
- All trash must be in plastic bags and be placed in a trash can. The trash can cannot be overflowing.
- All solid waste cans must have a lid.
- Single family residences can have two trash cans.
- A duplex can have four trash cans.
- A triplex can have six trash cans.
- Any apartment complex over 3 units can have only 7 trash cans.
- Recycling containers are unlimited; however, the contractor will only collect recycling containers that are not contaminated with trash.
- Solid waste containers can weigh no more than 50 lbs including its contents. The container shall have a height no greater than 36 inches.
- The City does not collect tires, freon containing appliances or electronics at the curb.
- Large items can be placed in the right of way for collection if the item is a 2 person lift. Each item must have a bulky item sticker.
- Metal bulky items with a bulky item sticker are only collected on the first Wednesday of the month and by appointment only.
- Large items placed in the right of way for another party to take for free are considered trash and can only be in the right of way from 7 pm the day before the area's collection day to 7 pm on collection day.

The curbside collection contractor as of July 20, 2020 will only pick up curbside solid waste that meets the City's regulations. Public Works employees will be inspecting collection routes and may assess fines depending on the nature of the violation of the City Solid Waste regulations. Questions? Call 528-6379.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Reminder!

*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*

*Curbside recycling will be picked up the
week of June 22, 2020*

**Remember:
"Glass is Trash"**





Family/Pizza Container Gardening

Class Right from Your Home



Do you have a sunny outside spot to put a container garden?

- We will supply all the supplies you need to do this class from home.
- This class will include 4-6 virtual group lessons during the summer.
- At the end of the class, we will celebrate with each of you making a "PIZZA" with your harvest!



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 or Karen at 527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

No charge to attend this class!

Date: Starting the week of June 22nd and continuing throughout the summer.

Time: Flexible

Place: Your own home, during the summer

To sign up: contact Brenda Carey: Brenda.carey@unh.edu or Karen Deighan: Karen.deighan@unh.edu

National Safety Month 2020

Focus on safety behind the wheel

for yourself, your passengers and other road users. Limit driving to essential trips, follow the speed limit and always practice defensive driving.



nsc.org/DDC/nsm



Avoid the Dash to the Dashboard

DASHBOARD TOUCHSCREENS CREATE DANGEROUS DISTRACTIONS FOR DRIVERS... TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR THE CONVENIENCE THEY OFFER.

IT'S MORE DISTRACTING

THAN YOU THINK

Drivers talking on handheld or hands-free devices can FAIL TO SEE 50% OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS



Please use caution!



The NH Department of Transportation and the Rail Contractor will be working on the rail lines in the City of Laconia!

The rail line through the City is an active line, and residents and visitors should not walk along the railroad track as work crews or trains could come through at any time.

Over the next 30 days, crews will be replacing rail ties in many locations throughout the City. Pedestrians and drivers crossing the tracks should be cautious when they approach the tracks to help reduce the chances of accidents.



*Helping
Hands: Senior
Support
for the Lakes
Region*

Do you know a senior in our community who could use a little extra help during this difficult time? Or are you able to volunteer? See info (right)....

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/jFP6qt8NNL0vGWoP8> 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
Google Voice: (802) 242-1574. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible!

2020 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor | Laconia Putnam Fund



The Rebel Collective | Friday, June 19th



Acoustic Radio | Friday, July 3rd



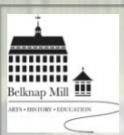
Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 17th



Martin and Kelly | Friday, July 31st



Songwriters in the Round | Friday, August 7th



TBD | Friday, August 14th



Pink Houses | Friday, August 28th



Rockin Daddios | Friday, September 11th

All Concerts are Free and Open to the Public

New Hampshire State Guidelines will be followed to ensure patron and performer safety.

All concerts are scheduled to begin at **6pm**

Connect with us.

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



2020 Summer Concert Series

The Belknap Mill is excited to bring you the 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series! We are grateful to the Laconia Putnam Fund, our Founding Sponsor, and to all of you who support the Mill.

We have worked closely with the Laconia Police and Fire Departments and the City of Laconia to find the safest option for hosting this year's 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series. With the recent updates to the State of New Hampshire's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines we are now able to offer the concerts in Riverside Rotary Park. We ask that you follow the simple guidelines below in an effort to ensure that all attendees are able to safely enjoy the concerts.

The Belknap Mill is delighted that we are able to bring our 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series to the Laconia and Lakes Region community! Enjoy!

Arrival

Enter the park from any direction while practicing social distancing. Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Seating

Socially distanced areas (6' apart) will be marked by a chalk outline for family groups to sit inside of. Please choose any area that is not already taken. If all areas are filled when you arrive, please consider sitting, with appropriate distance along the river walkway or sidewalk. Sitting in-between marked areas will not be allowed.

Food/Beverage

Patrons are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy while listening to the concert. Please take all trash with you upon departure. Alcohol is not permitted.

Restrooms

The Belknap Mill will be staffed and restroom facilities will be open and available. No more than two patrons will be allowed into the building to use the facilities at any one time. Restrooms will be disinfected by Belknap Mill staff after each use. When entering the building please wear a cloth mask. Add'l patrons waiting to access the facilities will be asked to wait outside practicing 6' of appropriate social distancing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted within any City of Laconia parks. Smoking is permitted 5 feet from the front of the Belknap Mill building, on the parking lot side.

Donations

We hope that you enjoy the 'Arts in the Park' Summer concert series. Your donations help to support our high quality programming. Thank you!

State of NH Guidelines regarding Performing Arts:

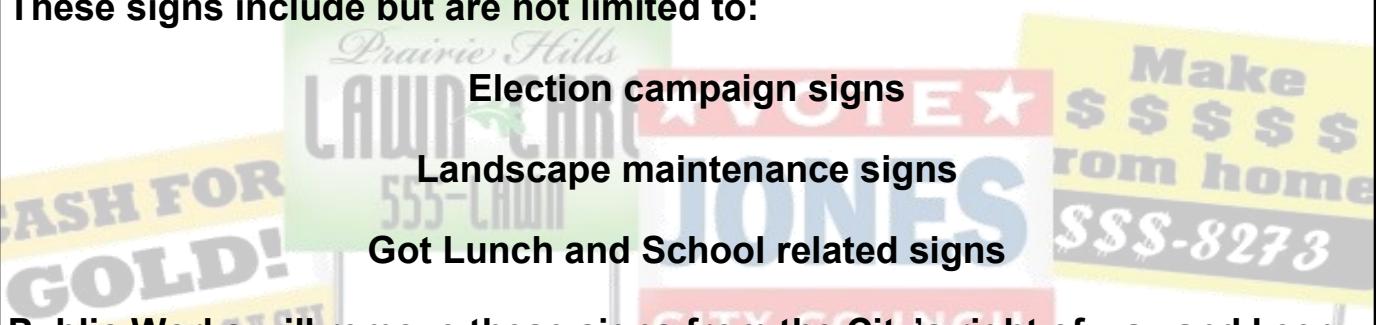
- Capacity is limited to the number of people where social distancing is able to be safely maintained with at least 6 feet of separation between individuals and between groups at all times. Close household contacts (e.g. a parent and child) are allowed closer than 6 feet to each other.
- Where possible, clearly mark physical distancing spaces/guidelines with floor/ground markings, seat markings, or signs
- When outdoors, performer group sizes are limited to 10 people total (excluding other support or media streaming staff), and performers should be seated or positioned more than 6 feet apart.





Did you know that City regulations prohibit temporary signs in the City right of way and on City property?

These signs include but are not limited to:



Public Works will remove these signs from the City's right of way and keep them for two weeks at the Public Works building at 27 Bisson Ave where you may pick them up if you'd like. At the end of the two weeks the City will dispose of them.

**Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.
Thank you for your cooperation!**

Assessing Department

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.

Exterior Property Reviews

In the coming weeks the Assessing office will be conducting EXTERIOR reviews of properties that have been purchased within the last year, as well as homes that are on the list for cyclical review. (Cyclical properties will have also received a postcard in the mail.)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Assessing office at 527-1268.



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)

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

Thank you for your patience!

**21 JUNE
HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Plans for Laconia Parks & Recreation

Summer of 2020 in Laconia is going to look very different from past years at all of our City parks. All parks & beaches are open (and have been throughout the Governor's Stay at Home Order.) Please feel free to visit our beaches and parks,

and be conscious of appropriate social distancing for everyone's safety. We appreciate your willingness to follow these guidelines for everyone's health, and we hope you will continue to do so.

Below are some changes taking place at this time...

Endicott Rock Park (Weirs Beach) will have a limited capacity of 400 throughout the 2020 summer season. There will be beach caretakers to monitor this activity.

The 4th of July will consist only of Class B fireworks this year. Unfortunately, there will not be a parade or celebration in the park. The entire park will be shut down and everyone is encouraged to watch the show from their cars around the City. Please see more details on [page 20](#) of this newsletter.

Playgrounds will re-open within two weeks! There will be limited cleaning of our parks, so parents are encouraged to take additional steps for their children's safety.

Basketball Courts will re-open as well. Proper social distancing is still in place for this activity. Anyone can use the courts to shoot hoops, but we are asking that there be no pickup games.

The Leavitt, Weirs Community, and Tardif Park Houses are available for rent again! Any group of 50 people or less may rent the facilities being sure to pay attention to the current state guidelines.

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

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.

Laconia Parks & Rec is currently seeking



BEACH CARETAKERS

- STRENGTHEN YOUR RESUME
- WORK OUTSIDE AT ONE OF NH'S MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND BE A PART OF A TEAM
- STARTING AT \$13.00/HR
- 30-35 HOURS PER WEEK

CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC TO LEARN MORE

call: 603-524-5046

e-mail: PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



Bolduc Park is Open for Golf and Disc Golf

Looking for something to do? Bring the family to Bolduc Park at 282 Gilford Avenue, Laconia. A nine-hole golf course is available for the most affordable cost around.

Not a golfer? Try out disc golf on the 9-hole wooded disc golf trail. Equipment is available if needed. Safety guidelines for sanitation and social distancing are in place at Bolduc Park for a fun, safe outing in the fresh air. Donations of \$9 for a round of golf and \$5 for disc golf are suggested.

Volunteers to staff the club house and help with course maintenance are always welcome. Volunteering is a good use of your new free time and gives you the benefit of free golf. Call Bob Bolduc at 387-4208 for more details about volunteering or discounts for those in need. Call Bolduc Park at 524-1370 for general info.



Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



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 ...

At Lakeport, 75 years ago this week, the Munsey & Weeks Funeral Home at 1061 Union Ave. changed hands, transferring the business to Melvin Allen Hicks of Dorchester, Mass., effective July 1, 1945. The concern had been founded in 1870 — 75 years earlier — as the E.D. Ward Co. George B. Munsey was with the firm for 60 years, and had become owner in 1918. 'Sixteen years ago his daughter's husband, Alton M., Weeks, who died last December (in 1944), became associated with him and the name was changed to Munsey & Weeks.' Although the 1945 newspaper account noted that Hicks planned to keep that name, by the time of this winter photo in the 1950s, it had become the Melvin Hicks Funeral Home. The Squire Clark/Hathaway House is glimpsed in distance at left. (Lakeport Community Association 2001 Calendar)



... AND NOW

In later years, the business became the Robichaud and, ultimately, Dewhirst funeral homes, before closing in early 2013. The house on the far side of the former funeral home, at 1067 Union Ave., has been torn down since the earlier view. Off-photo at far left, the 'Hathaway House' succumbed to the wrecker's ball in 2014, replaced by a Dunkin' Donuts. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

News

From the City Clerk's Office

Vehicle Registration

Helpful
Tips

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. Please see [page 21](#) for details on how to pay your taxes on-line, by phone, or via text!

**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.



Some Good News from Laconia for the 4th 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 4th 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 4th 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 3rd 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.



Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt

at the Belknap Mill

Test your knowledge!

Gather a team, grab your phone (with camera/video storage available), and get ready for a fun afternoon of finding locations and completing challenges throughout Laconia.

Saturday, August 8

12:30-Registration
1:00-3:30-Hunt

\$25/ team

FOR MORE INFO CALL

603-524-8813



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Register on-line for the Scavenger Hunt [here!](#)

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Pay By Text

[Sign up](#) to receive text notification when bills become available; pay from link provided in your text.

Questions? Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269.

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!



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



Did you know the Laconia Public Library offers many useful "Tech Help" videos on their [You Tube](#) channel to help you enjoy everything the Library has to offer? Library staff is also available to answer any questions you may have at 524-4775.

*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
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