



Laconia Links

June 26, 2020 - Edition #444



Come and join our team! See pages 3 & 17 for details.



Per [Per State RSA, Title XLV, Chapter 466](#) all dogs residing in the City of Laconia must be registered with the City Clerk prior to April 30th. A late fee of \$1/month is assessed for those dogs not registered by that date.

Beginning July 8th, a civil fine of \$25 is due. If the fine is not paid within 15 calendar days of the notice of forfeiture, the case may be forwarded to the District Court as a violation with a fine not to exceed \$50.

Fees for registering dogs are shown below:

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| <u>Late charge per month as of June 1:</u> | \$ 1.00 |
| <u>Civil fine for failure to register by April 30 will begin July 8th:</u> | \$25.00 |

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|--|--------|
| Altered dog (or puppy under 7 mo. old: | \$6.50 |
| Unaltered dog: | \$9.00 |
| Senior (1st dog for owners over 65: | \$2.00 |
| Replacement tag: | \$1.50 |

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's office at 527-1265.

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!



EVENTS and Programs

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!"](#)



Middle-Grade Book Talks with Gail

CLICK HERE

STAR ART SPLATTER PAINTING!

"Star Art Splatter Painting" with Jamie - on Wed., July 1 on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Imagine Your Story

SUMMER READING 2020 | JULY 6 - AUGUST 7

Children's Summer Reading is the summer! During these summer months, we are doing things a little differently, but we want you to get the most out of the summer. We have a variety of activities, including storytime, book talks, and more. Each hour will be considered as your story time. Each hour will be considered as your story time. Each hour will be considered as your story time.

Thursdays on Facebook Live

Preschool Storytime

New stories every week!

Tech Help Videos, Monday, June 29, at noon "How to Make and Use a Gmail account" - On the Library's [YouTube Channel](#)

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!

CLICK HERE

WEDNESDAY

Check it out on our NEW YouTube Channel

Posted Wednesdays at 3pm!

Please note that the Library will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4

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 29, 2020, 7:00 pm



News

From the City Clerk's Office

Vehicle Registration

Helpful
Tips

Did you know that it is quick and easy to renew your vehicle registration on-line? Just follow the steps below:

1. Log onto the City's website at www.laconianh.gov
2. Click "[Online Bill Pay](#)"
3. Choose "[Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals](#)"
4. In the box labeled Renew Type, hit the down arrow and choose either:
 - "By Plate No./Vin where you will enter your license plate number and VIN (Vehicle Identification Number); or
 - By Pin - This can be found on the email you received from the City Clerk's Office
4. Click "Continue"
5. Click "Add to Cart"
6. You can now select to either pay by Credit Card or ACH (Automated Clearing House - this will require your checking account numbers). If you pay by credit card you will be charged an additional 2.95% fee; if you pay by ACH you will be charged 40 cents.

John Smith _____ Name 1 on Checking Account
Sam Smith _____ Name 2 on Checking Account
Street, Town _____ 0001
Tel: (001) 555-1000 _____ DATE _____

PAY TO THE _____ \$ _____
ORDER OF _____ DOLLARS

MEMO _____

100200300 10203040506070809 0001

Routing Number (9 DIGITS) Checking Account Number (UP TO 17 DIGITS) Check Number (DO NOT USE)

If you have any questions please call our City Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

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



As we approach the 4th of July holiday, and the heart of the summer season, it is time to pause to remember that safety has to be a priority when using consumer fireworks. Injury and unintended fires are a real possibility. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure these do not happen.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2018 there were 9,100 fireworks related injuries nationwide, and 62% of them occurred in the month surrounding the Fourth of July. Almost half of the reported injuries occurred in persons under 20 years old.

The National Fire Protection Association reported that in 2018 19,500 fires were caused by fireworks. Almost 10% of these were building fires.

With those statistics, it is important we remember some key points to keep everyone safe...

Only permissible fireworks are allowed in NH. Permissible means they have been made legal for sale, possession and use. These can be purchased in licensed NH retail stores. Other devices are illegal!

When using permissible fireworks, it is important to follow some very important rules to keep everyone safe.

- Display only on your own property
- Read all safety warnings
- Have a fire extinguisher and/or water hose nearby
- You must be 21 or older to buy or display permissible fireworks
- Always wear eye and hearing protection
- Light only one device at a time and move away quickly
- Keep all spectators a safe distance away
- Only display fireworks away from anything that can burn
- Discard used fireworks in a bucket of water; **do not throw away in regular garbage**
- Keep children away from where fireworks are being lit
- Do not allow young children to hold sparklers

Laconia Fire Department wants everyone to enjoy this holiday weekend, and we also want everyone to be safe.

For more information about fireworks, or for other summer safety initiatives, feel free to contact the Laconia Fire Department, or check out the [NH Fire Marshals Office website](#) for fireworks safety information.

Department of Public Works

Holiday Trash Pick-up



**JULY 4th Holiday (observed July 3)
No Solid Waste Collection Delay!**

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

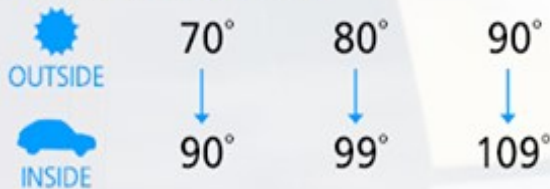
July 4th is on a Saturday (but the holiday is observed on Friday, July 3rd.) There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash the week of June 29 - July 3. All collections will be on their normal schedule.

Questions? please call 528-6379.



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR

AFTER 10 MINUTES



Leaving the air conditioner running will NOT prevent heatstroke. A car's engine or AC unit can fail, or a dog might accidentally hit buttons and switches.

SIGN THE PLEDGE:

humanesociety.org/hotdog



ONLINE AND PHONE PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Pay Online:

Click here: [Make a one-time payment now](#)

- Schedule your payment for a specific future date
- Sign up for automatic payments
- Schedule recurring payments or flex payments

Pay By Phone

Call (855) 906-0411 to pay your property tax bill using Interactive Voice Response (IVR). Bill number is required. (\$40 charge to use a bank account or percentage fee to use a credit/debit card)

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.

If you would prefer to pay your bill in person, payments are accepted at the counter in City Hall during our normal business hours which are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 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.

We can also accept credit cards for payments at the counter: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions.





The Adventures of Tom Sawyer **By: Mark Twain** **Friday, June 26 - Friday, July 3** **Chapter 24 - Chapter 26**

In Chapter 24 we find our dear Tom a “glittering” hero on one hand and terrified on the other. Twain writing about the issues around “conduct” we all face at times. In the next chapter we move on to a hunt for hidden treasure. A fantasy for all of us. We smile when we learn how Huck would spend his money if the two young boys strike gold. In Chapter 26 “lookyhere, Tom” ...says Huck, referring to the day of the week. They engage in playing Robin Hood and then discover Injun Joe in a place where there just might be “thousands of dollars.” ... to be continued.

Chapter 24:

How would you describe Tom’s nights? List a few of the words. What does “found a clue” refer to?

Chapter 25:

What do we read around the idea that time is money? Where and when do Huck and Tom encounter ghosts and spirits? When do witches not have power?

Chapter 26:

What day is it when we first meet Tom in this chapter? How did Tom and Huck feel when they first encountered the haunted house? What made Tom and Huck “gasp and quake?”

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 28 Chapter 24 Preston Danner, Mark Twain Homestead, Hannibal, Missouri

Tuesday, June 30 Chapter 25 Ali Sekou, recent graduate UNH

Thursday, July 2 Chapter 26 Karen Abraham, Laconia High School Librarian, Key Club Advisor

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer was published in 1876, followed by *Huckleberry Finn*, first published in the United Kingdom, in 1884. These books, based on Mark Twain’s childhood, use contemporary vernacular terms familiar to him as he was growing up in Missouri, following the end of the Civil War. As a result, *Huckleberry Finn* has been, particularly in the 1980s, banned from some school libraries.

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 29** and **Wednesday, July 1** 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



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 16](#) of this newsletter for a detailed update regarding Parks & Recreation facilities, beaches and playgrounds. 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. Stay tuned for re-opening updates!
- 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 July 6th, 2020

Remember:
"Glass is Trash"





Extension
Nutrition Connections



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

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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



Granite United Way



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



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 (below)....

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/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.

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!

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.



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

the Belknap Mill presents

**Arts
in the
Park**



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:

**Election campaign signs
Landscape maintenance signs
Got Lunch and School related signs**

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 Bison 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



Are you having trouble paying your 1st half 2020 taxes due to COVID 19?

You may be eligible to defer your payment without accruing interest. Please contact the Assessing Department for information regarding abatement of interest accrued on the 1st half 2020 property tax bill.

Questions? Please call 527-1268 or email assessing@laconianh.gov.

[Click here for the Application to Abate Interest](#)

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



Made with PosterMyWall.com



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



Shown above are Laconia Conservation Commission Chair Dean Anson and member Deb Williams explaining the importance of keeping our watersheds clean by demonstrating an easy and fun activity you can do at home, brought to you by PBS Kids.

This activity can be viewed on the City's [YouTube](#) page. More information can be found on the [PBS Kids website](#).

For questions please reach out to the Laconia Conservation Commission at Conservation@laconianh.gov

City Manager Updates

A new update has been posted to the City's web-site to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270



We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

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 Rotary Club's
28th Annual

Charity Raffle



Sponsored in part by



Bank of
New Hampshire



WIN THIS HARLEY!

**2020
Harley-Davidson
FLHX[®] Street Glide**

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

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

Need not be present to win.



MSRP: \$24,094



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

UPDATE:

Due to COVID 19, the drawing will be held on the last Sunday of 2020 Laconia Motorcycle Week, whenever the event is held. The event is currently scheduled to begin on August 22nd and end on August 30th.

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

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

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 . . .

Harvey Construction Co. of Manchester was demolishing 'the familiar original building' (at left) of the Laconia Hospital at the top of Elliott Street, Laconia, 50 years ago this week in 1970. Dedicated Nov. 16, 1908, at a cost of \$25,000, the structure served patients for 62 years. At right is the original Nurses Home, built in 1916. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

Following major expansions in 1918, 1924, 1934, 1946, 1968, 1987-1989 and 2009-2011, the hospital now faces Highland Street, on the other (south) side of the complex. The School of Nursing ceased operations in 1969 and the Nurses Home was razed in 1983. The brick wing, left of center, is on the site of the 1924 addition and was located directly behind the original hospital building — site of which is now parking lot. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



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 and Courts are now open. Please see samples of signs (right) and (below) that are posted at each facility.

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.



The Playground is open for use, but please know the following:

- This playground is **NOT SANITIZED** as chemicals may harm the playground equipment. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please stay home if you are sick
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups



The Basketball Court is open for use, but please know the following:

- This Basketball Court is **NOT SANITIZED**. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please note that under the current advisory, all activities must be **NON-CONTACT**
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups
- Please stay home if you are sick

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





**Acoustic Radio to perform for
the Belknap Mill's
"Arts in the Park"**

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

Friday, July 3rd at 6:00 pm

Acoustic Radio is a Seacoast NH based band consisting of Rick Twombly, Don Berrios, Chris Boyle, Mike Waterman and Pete Leavenworth. Now in its 4th year, Acoustic Radio has played over 400 shows from Maine to Arizona for crowds of 200 to 10,000 and delivers the same energy and amazing performance.

They are famous for long sets and keeping the venue PACKED all day/night long. Strong vocals and harmonies and a diverse set list provide a party-like atmosphere wherever this band performs. Acoustic Radio's cover list will entertain any crowd from 18 to 80 and everyone in between with a great mix of Country, Rock, Alternative, 80's, and Southern Rock.

The Belknap Mill is excited to bring you the 2020 "Arts in the Park" Summer Concert Series in Rotary Riverside Park! 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" Concert Series.

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




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

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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





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!

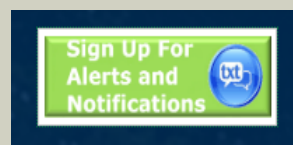
Laconia School District preschool registration packets will be available via email from the Superintendent's Office Monday-through Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Please call or email Regina Theberge at rtheberge@laconiaschools.org or 603-524-5710 to request a packet. A copy of your Child's Birth 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

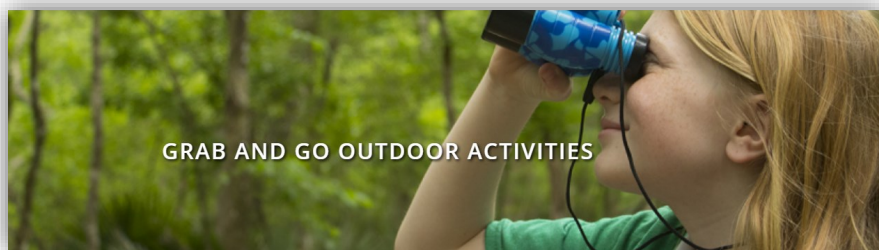
Please sign up for City of Laconia Notifications and Alerts!

We encourage you to sign up for our Alerts and Notifications email list. Receive up-to-date information on important City news via e-mail as it occurs. Click [here](#) for our website.

Look for the "Sign Up" image as shown (below) at the top of the home page of our website to set up your account. Questions? Please call 527-1270.



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle". To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#)! Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).



GRAB AND GO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



**NATIONAL
PARK TRUST**
TREASURE FOREVER.



It's summertime! Which can only mean one thing...it's time for camp! We know that many kids across the country will be staying close to home this year which is why we are excited to be hosting **Camp Buddy Bison**.

Starting July 6th and continuing each week for the month, we will be **sending out weekly special edition newsletters** (themed around National Parks) containing **FIVE exciting summer camp activities** to do at home, including hands-on science experiments, arts & crafts, virtual park tours, carbon reduction lessons, and junior ranger booklets.

Looking to start your summer of fun with Buddy Bison sooner? Visit Buddy's **grab-and-go activities** that will help your kids engage with the outdoors no matter where you call home.

GRAB-AND-GO ACTIVITIES



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.

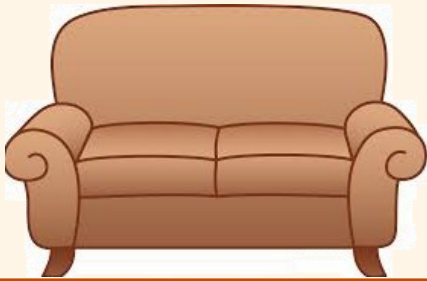


Bulky Item PICK-UP

Please do not put Bulky Items out for collection on Fridays in the Weirs.

Friday collections are considered the “second collection” during the summer and, therefore, a smaller truck is used on Fridays. The smaller truck cannot accept bulky items. Please put your bulky items out on Mondays for collection.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Please note that the Transfer Station will be open its regular hours on Friday, July 3rd (7:30am-3:30pm) but will be closed on July 4th.

**TRANSFER
STATION
CLOSED**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Questions? Call DPW at 528-6379.



The Belknap Mill is delighted to bring **Kids in the Park** to the community for another year! Taking into consideration the State of NH guidelines for group gatherings and social distancing restrictions, we invite families to enjoy and work on these activities at home throughout the month of July!

Some activities will be virtual and will include a link to access the activity, some will have materials and instructions, some will be a “go and do” opportunity.

We are thrilled to be collaborating with Laconia Kiwanis Club/LHS Key Club, Larry Frates Creates, Cassandra Prescott, UNH Cooperative/4H, Petals in the Pines, Misiaszek Turpin and more!

Kids in the Park 2020 is free and open to the public.

Activities are best suited for elementary school age children.

Join our “Kids in the Park 2020” Facebook group to get virtual links to all activities - Click [here!](#)



LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Laconia, New Hampshire



MATTHEW J. CANFIELD
Chief of Police



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Laconia Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment, being conducted remotely, as part of a program to maintain international accreditation.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the program requires agencies to meet and maintain compliance with state of the art standards in four basic areas; policies and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on July 7, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The session will be conducted as a webinar using the Zoom platform. The public has access to listen to and participate in this meeting by using the following link:

[Zoom Meeting](#) and entering password 562933

The link to this Zoom Meeting can be found on the main page of the Laconia Police Department webpage under News Flash items

Listen only: Call: 1-646-558-8656 and entering Webinar ID: 827 4416 5797
For problems, please call 603-832-3476

To view this meeting: YouTube under the City of Laconia website <https://www.laconianh.gov/laconianh>

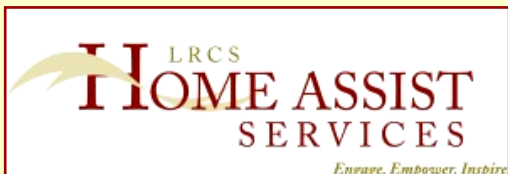
Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling (678) 361-4419 on July 7, 2020 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Comments will be taken by assessor Lt. Dan Clark.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's standards. A copy of the standards is available for review at the Police Department. The local contact is Captain Allan Graton, (603) 524-5257 x326.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Laconia Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 22030-2215 or www.calea.org.



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



Do you know about the HomeAssist Program offered through Lakes Region Community Services? This program provides you or a family member with personal non-medical support to maintain independence at home as long as possible. The program is offered to seniors and adults age 18 and over living with chronic illnesses. Click [here](#) to read more!

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

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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| Airport | 524-5003 |
| Airport Manager - Marv Everson | |
| Assessing | 527-1268 |
| Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker | |
| City Clerk..... | 527-1265 |
| City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert | |
| City Manager | 527-1270 |
| City Manager - Scott Myers | |
| Code Enforcement..... | 527-1293 |
| Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen | |
| Conservation | 527-1264 |
| Conservation Technician - Ashley Ruprecht | |
| Finance | 524-3877 |
| Finance Director - Glenn Smith | |
| Licensing | 528-6331 |
| Licensing - Lindsey Allen | |
| Planning & Comm. Dev. | 527-1264 |
| Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen | |
| Fire Dept. (Central Station) | 524-6881 |
| Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) | 366-2229 |
| Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie | |
| Library | 524-4775 |
| Library Director - Randy Brough | |
| Parks & Recreation..... | 524-5046 |
| Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek | |
| Personnel | 524-3877 |
| Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel | |
| Police (Administration) | 524-5257 |
| Police (Crime Line) | 524-1717 |
| Police Chief - Matthew Canfield | |
| Public Works (Main Office) | 528-6379 |
| Public Works (Transfer Station) | 528-5822 |
| Public Works Director - Wes Anderson | |
| Tax | 527-1269 |
| Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen | |
| Water..... | 524-0901 |
| Superintendent - Ben Crawford | |
| Welfare | 527-1267 |
| Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond | |

City Council Contact Info:

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

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