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Laconia Links

July 2, 2020 - Edition #445



*Sunrise in the Weirs - photo compliments of
Rich Tilton Photography*



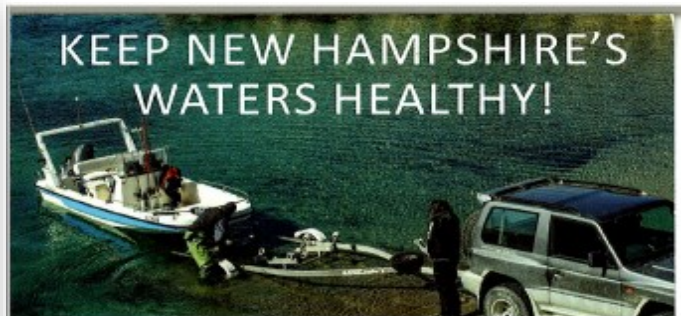
Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

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!*



HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



In New Hampshire, you are never more than a short drive away from a lake, pond or river where you can launch your motorboat, sailboat, canoe, kayak or paddleboard into the water.

By always making sure that your boat, trailer and gear are **cleaned, drained and dry** before launching into the water, you will prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and will help keep our waters boatable, enjoyable and healthy.

If you have questions or if you believe you found a new infestation of aquatic invasive species, contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Exotic Species Program at (603) 271-2248.

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!
LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Family Craft:
Fairy Houses
July 7, 2020 at
3:00 pm on
Facebook Live

Imagine Your Story
SUMMER READING 2020 | JULY 6 - AUGUST 7

Children's Summer Reading...
Teen & Tween Summer Reading...
Family Counts...
Hear-Me-Read...
LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
691 Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246
603.524.4779

Thursdays on
Facebook Live
Preschool Storytime
New stories every week!

Tech Help Videos, Monday,
July 6, at noon "Adjusting Security
and Privacy Settings in your
Gmail Account" - On the Library's
[YouTube Channel](#)

Hear-Me-Read
Mondays, 9:30-11:30am
Outside weather permitting, or by calling in.
For practicing readers through third grade,
by appointment.

**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!**

**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.

Planning Board
July 7, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Committee
July 8, 2020, 10:00 am

Conservation Commission
July 8, 2020, 6:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission
July 9, 2020, 8:00 am
[Agenda](#)



**TRANSFER
STATION
CLOSED**

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 Saturday, July 4th.

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

City Manager Updates

The following updates have now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.



We hope you find this report helpful and informative! Questions? Please call the City Mgr.'s Office at 527-1270.



Department of Public Works

**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.



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.



Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show Goes Virtual!

Details | [Schedule & Categories](#) | [Beneficiaries](#) | [Sponsorship](#) | [Photos & Results](#)

Take a virtual ride with the Lakes Region Rotary this July, as the Club hosts its 8th annual car show from July 25th through August 1st. Fueled by Graham & Graham, PC, this year's event features a virtual tour of cars from all over the country. Viewers will have the opportunity to take a leisurely 'scroll' through the entries and vote for their favorites in a number of categories.

The cool thing about the virtual show is that participants can enter their car, and have it featured and viewed before a global audience without having to leave their driveway. Car owners will be able to register their entry beginning July 11th, with a deadline of July 24th. Up to four pictures of the show car may be submitted, along with a brief description of the car's features.

The Show will run for one week beginning July 25th, allowing viewers plenty of time to vote for their favorite cars for the People's Choice Award, and a panel of judges will select the winners of each category with cash prizes awarded. This year the Rotary Club is supporting a children's charity that works year-round to provide children of the Greater Lakes Region with clothing and other necessities – the Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region. The Club will also donate monies raised to the New Hampshire Food Bank in support of their efforts responding to the food insecurity needs of our fellow citizens; needs that have increased during the virus pandemic.

Show your Car

Register your car and show it off! Cost to register is \$10, and registration begins on July 11th. Check our [Facebook](#) page or [website](#)! Encourage your friends and family to visit the show and cast votes for your vehicle! A panel of judges will select the best vehicle in each category with cash prizes awarded.

See the cars

Beginning July 11th, you can view the fabulous cars, with voting starting on July 25th. Vote for your favorite in each category. Donate to vote at a low price of \$1 per vote. Remember your donation supports [local charities](#)! Last year's Car Show was a great success. We had 182 car owners come to the show and over 1,000 visitors came to see the cars; raising over \$11,000 for the Santa Fund and other local charities. Check out [photos and results](#) from previous years' shows.

Reminder!

"When in doubt,
THROW
it out"

*Curbside recycling will be picked up the
week of July 6th, 2020*

Remember: "Glass is Trash"



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer **By: Mark Twain** **Friday, July 3 - Friday, July 9** **Chapter 27 - Chapter 29**

In Chapter 27 we find our dear Tom once again thinking about finding hidden treasure ... that is in the form of at least one hundred dollars! Of course, he has an idea. In Chapter 28 he and Huck find Injun Joe and run for their lives. Quite an adventure. Then in Chapter 29 we follow Tom into MacDougal's Cave and Huck into a situation that ends with an explosion of firearms and a cry.

Chapter 27:

How many times did Tom have his hands on the rich treasure? For real? How much? What does No. 2 represent? What advice does Tom give Huck?

Chapter 28:

Who is the ghost Tom mentions? Where does Huck stay?

Chapter 29:

What wonderful news does Tom learn to take his mind off finding buried treasure? What is described as "romantic and mysterious to stand here in the deep gloom and look out upon the green valley shining in the sun?" What made a deadly chill go through Huck's heart?

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, July 5	Chapter 27	Jaime Sousa, President Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction
Tuesday, July 7	Chapter 28	Roger Carroll, Editor, the Laconia Daily Sun
Thursday, July 9	Chapter 29	Randy Brough, Director, Laconia Public Library

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)

At the picnic, the children spend hours wandering the cave, enjoying the "vast labyrinth of crooked aisles." This week, we encourage you to take a few hours outside to wander around Prescott Farm, the WOW Trail, Ahern State Park, or your favorite trail.

See next page of the newsletter for more information, and learn more at: www.prescottfarm.org

Special Content:

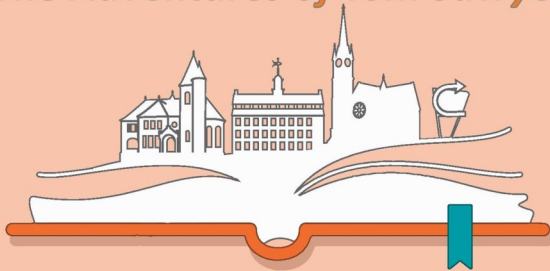
Special programs are occasionally posted so readers can explore the Mark Twain House (marktwainhouse.org) in Hartford, Connecticut and the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum (marktwainmuseum.org) in Hannibal, Missouri. Find more information at: www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-reads

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

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer



LACONIA READS

Week 10: A Picnic Outing

Presented by *Prescott Farm*
Environmental Education Center

LACONIA READS

Activity 10: A Picnic Outing

- **Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center:** Options to take you up to three miles on trails through forest, fields, and gardens. Trail maps available on-site and online at prescottfarm.org/service/plan-a-visit.
 - **Where:** 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia
- **WOW Trail:** 4.25 miles of paved, multi-use rail trail for bikers, walkers and runners of all ages, between Lakeport and Belmont's Osborne's Agway. Learn more at wowtrail.org.
 - **Where:** Park in Lakeport at the Lake Opechee Inn & Spa, behind the train station in downtown Laconia, and at Laconia's Bartlett Beach.
- **Ahern State Park:** Ahern State Park spans 128 acres, with shoreline on Lake Winnisquam. Trail maps available at nhstateparks.org.
 - **Where:** 43 Great Bay Lane, Laconia

LACONIA READS

Week 10: A Picnic Outing

At the picnic, the children spend hours wandering the cave, enjoying the "vast labyrinth of crooked aisles."

This week, take a few hours outside to wander the labyrinth of trails available here in Laconia. Be sure to look out for treasure!

Here are a few suggestions of where to go:



Photo from: The Project Gutenberg eBook of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Complete by Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)

the Belknap Mill presents



Join our "Kids in the Park 2020" Facebook group to get virtual links to all activities -

Click [here!](#)

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?

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!

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 shown (left) and leave a message.



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.



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:

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

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.

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

*Come
join
our
team!*



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



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Buddy is a large, handsome long-haired cat and is approximately nine years old.

He will be available for adoption soon and is ready to be the love of your life!

Lucy is a medium-sized, mixed breed, spayed beauty who is approximately five years old.

She is waiting to be the center of the universe for the right home.

More information is coming soon at nhhumane.org on both of these pets, as well as several others that will be available for adoption in the near future.



To ensure the safety of our staff, the public, and the animals in our care, visitation is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to schedule an appointment, you must submit an application in advance and can do so via fax or by emailing it to adoptions@nhhumane.org. Our adoptions team will get back to you as soon as possible. Applications can be downloaded at www.nhhumane.org/adopt/application.

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.



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 . . .

Alfred D. Rosenblatt's Lee's Cut Rate, 549 Main St., Laconia, is seen during its going-out-of-business sale, which started in early February 1965. The building to its immediate right, with a more modern facade, at 545 Main St., occupied by Rosenblatt's Canteen Value Mart, was at one time home to Morrison's Market, but readers of a certain age will remember Roberts Market there, which moved from an earlier location at 605 Main St. and opened, July 2, 1945 — 75 years ago this week. Mill Street is at left and Meredith Court opens between the two stores and the Endicott Johnson shoe store, in the Keller-Bean Block. Wooden building, part of the Belknap Mill complex, is seen in distance. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The section of Mill Street at left is now a pedestrian way and the buildings in the earlier view have been replaced by the Municipal Parking Garage, erected during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. Lee's Cut Rate would have been at the left and Roberts Market would have been about where the people are queued-up at right. (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





**The Michael Vincent Band to perform for the Belknap Mill's 'Arts in the Park' 2020
Summer Concert Series**

**Founding Sponsor: Laconia Putnam Fund
Friday, July 3rd 6:00 pm**

The Michael Vincent Band is a three piece blues band from central New England that has been touring and playing music together for over 15 years. Rhythm and Blues is the basis for this power trio, but they bring many elements to their sound such as swing jazz, funk and rock. They have been all over the country bringing their music to dive bars and festival stages from San Diego to Chicago and New Orleans to Key West, but this Friday they come to you from their hometown right here in the Lakes Region.

Concerts are free and open to the public in Rotary Riverside Park. NH safety guidelines will be followed.

Please see [page 11](#) for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park

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.



Colonial Theatre Updates...



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





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.

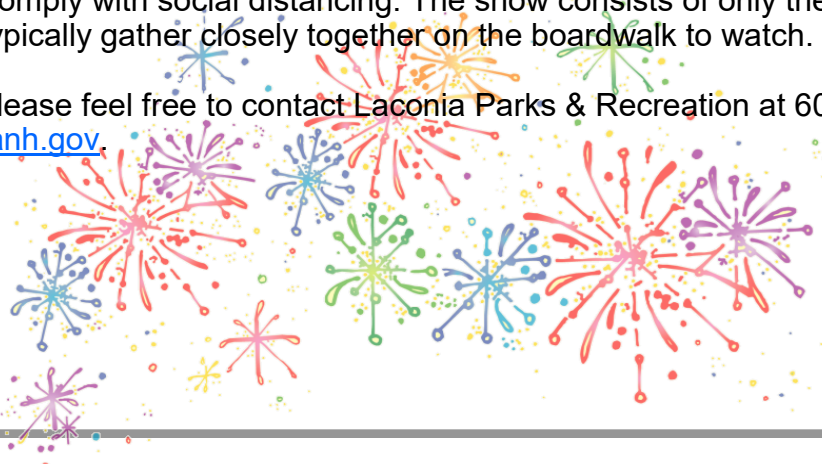
Fireworks begin at 10:00 pm!

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.

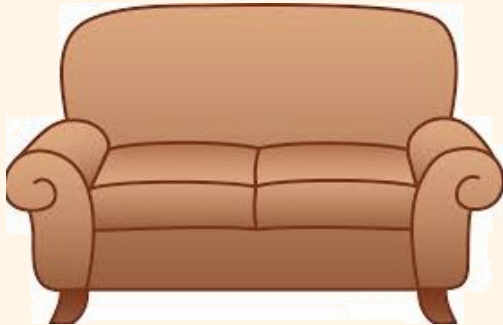


Bulky Item PICK-UP

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!



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](#)



LACONIA
HOUSING
AUTHORITY

Laconia Housing will be holding its monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, July 9th at 12:00 pm.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at www.laconiahousing.org. You can find the link to this meeting on the "About" section on our website.

Questions? Please call 603-524-2112.



State of New Hampshire
Governor's Office for

**Emergency Relief
and Recovery**

**BEHIND ON RENT OR MORTGAGE
PAYMENTS DUE TO COVID-19?**

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery has announced the **New Hampshire Housing Relief Program**, an initiative designed to keep people from losing their housing and to secure or maintain permanent housing in partnership with the Community Action Partnership for NH (CAPNH).

Applications are open NOW. To contact CAPNH, [click here](#) or call 2-1-1 from any New Hampshire phone.



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



The National Council on Aging has information to make it easier to make ends meet on a fixed income. Click the image above to read about benefits programs designed to support your health and economic security!

*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!



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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	

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