



Laconia Links

July 10, 2020 - Edition #446



See [page 12](#) for details on the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day!



State of New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery

Now accepting applications! Apply [HERE](#)

Governor Chris Sununu has authorized the allocation and expenditure of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to support New Hampshire self-employed, for-profit businesses due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

Important Dates & Timeline:

- Application Period: July 6, 2020 – July 17, 2020
- Deadline to File a Completed Application: July 17, 2020

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

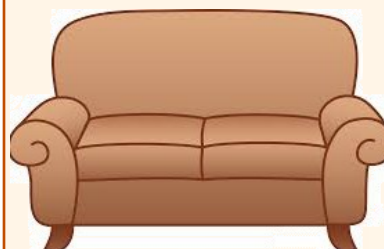


*We look forward to keeping
you up to date on our
beautiful City!*

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. Questions? Please call Public Works at 528-6379.



*Thank you
for your
cooperation!*

EVENTS and Programs

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



Tech Help Videos, Monday, July 13 at noon "How to Use Google Drive" - On the Library's [YouTube Channel](#). If you have a topic you would like covered, just let us know and we'll see what we can do!

Imagine Your Story

SUMMER READING 2020 | JULY 6 - AUGUST 7

Children's Summer Reading
How are you using your imagination this summer? During these unusual times, we are doing things a little differently, but we can't wait for you to get out there and explore! We are sharing lots of exciting, fantastic, magical stories! We are having weekly story time, and we are also having a drawing contest. We are giving out book prizes weekly too... just let us know how many books you've read! Call or text us our online form to sign up. Open to kids, birth-12 years old. Form: <https://bit.ly/2Vd4N4N>

Family Crafts
Stop in, call (524-4775, ext. 13) or text (556-4666) in advance to sign up and get the supplies you need to make each craft. Tune in and make it along with Gail and Jamie on Facebook Live each Tuesday at 3pm.

Fairy Houses, July 7
Gather natural materials from your yard and put them together with supplies from the library to make an inviting home for fairies!

Wand Wands, July 14
Create a colorful, glittery wand, work your best magic, and make a wish!

Dragon Eggs, July 21
Craft a beautiful dragon egg to display in your own castle. You'll want to guard these dragon eggs carefully... who knows what might hatch!

Crowns, July 28
Every King or Queen needs the perfect crown. Decorate your own, so you can rule your kingdom!

Pinwheel Magnets, August 4
Bring your very own magical creature to life with a little bit of paint and a lot of imagination!

WEDNESDAY SPECIALS
Peter Bink, Magician for Non-Believers
Wednesday, July 22, 1-4pm

495 Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 524-4775

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday 9-5
Friday 9-4
Saturday 9-4

Thursdays on Facebook Live

Preschool Storytime

New stories every week!

Hear-Me-Read

Mondays, 9:30-11:30am

Outside weather permitting, or by calling in.
For practicing readers through third grade,
by appointment.

Summer reading starts on July 6! Please click the image (above) for details and information on all of the super fun activities we are offering.

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!



Family Craft: Magic Wands!
July 14, 2020, 3-4 pm. Stop in, call 524-4775, Ext. 13 or text 556-4666 in advance to sign up and get the supplies you need to make each craft. Tune in and make the craft along with Gail and Jamie. Create a colorful, glittery wand, work your best magic, and make a wish! Because of scheduling, instead of live we have to pre-record the Tuesday craft. The video will post to YouTube and Facebook at 3 pm.

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!

Laconia Airport Authority
July 16, 2020, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

Board of Assessors
July 16, 2020, 5 pm, Armand A.
Bolduc City Council Chamber

MEETINGS

Please note important information included on the agendas below regarding viewing and participating in City meetings electronically.

City Council
July 13, 2020, 7:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

City Council Finance Committee
July 13, 2020, at the end of the Regular City Council meeting above
[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee
July 14, 2020, 2:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Police Commission
July 15, 2020, 3 pm, Armand A. Bolduc
City Council Chamber

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!

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?

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/jFP6qt8NNLovGVoP8> 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 (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!

Parenting the Second Time Around

An 8-week ZOOM series that addresses the unique challenges faced by grandparents, relatives, & others who are parenting...AGAIN!

Topics include:

- *Child Development**
- *Discipline & Guidance**
- *Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver**
- *Rebuilding a Family**
- *Living with Teens**
- *Legal Issues**
- *Advocacy**



Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95581402521>
pwd=M1dGbmRQS04reVBJYXN6YUVX
ZnA0QT09

Meeting ID: 955 8140 2521

Password: 621101



**Monday afternoon from 1:00-
3:00 pm**

To register:
Contact Melissa Shadden at
(603) 460-5285 or
Melissa.shadden@lrccs.org

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



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

Come join our team!

Reminder!

*Curbside recycling
will be picked up
the week of
July 20th, 2020*

*"When in doubt,
THROW
it out"*

Remember:

"Glass is Trash"



U.S. Small Business
Administration



The U.S. Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program has re-opened and started accepting applications on July 6th in response to the President signing the program's extension legislation. This is a loan program designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. Click [here](#) for more information.

The deadline to apply for this program loan is August 8, 2020.

2020 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor | Laconia Putnam Fund



~~The Rebel Collective | Friday, June 19th~~



~~Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 3rd~~



~~Bob McCarthy Trio | 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~~

Please see next page for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park.

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.



VIRTUAL CAR SHOW!

July 25 - August 1
lakesregionrotary.org/carshow/

Online registration and viewing starts July 11 - July 24
Voting July 25 - August 1 • Winners announced August 2
Vehicle Registration \$10 • Spectator Voting \$1 per vote
2020 Lead Charity: Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region
Secondary Charity: NH Food Bank • lakesregionrotary.org

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Business Advisers & Management Consultants
The Solution Group
Concord & Laconia NH | www.grahamcpa.com



Lakes Region
Rotary



Bank of
New Hampshire



The Concord
Daily Sun



visit LakesRegionRotary.org/CarShow for additional details and to register your car

News

From the City Clerk's Office

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

1. Have your Vehicle Registration available; it contains your Plate No. and VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)
2. Log onto the City's website at www.laconianh.gov
3. Click "Online Bill Pay"
4. Choose "Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals"
5. 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; or
 - By Pin - This can be found on the email you received from the City Clerk's Office
6. Click "Continue"
7. Click "Add to Cart"
8. 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.



Please click the image (above) to read the July edition of Servicelink of Belknap County's monthly newsletter!



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer **By: Mark Twain** **Friday, July 10 - Friday, July 17** **Chapter 30 - Chapter 32**

Oh my gosh. "The alarm swept from lip to lip, from group to group, from street to street, and within five minutes the bells were wildly clanging and the whole town was up!" Tom and Becky are missing. As our two young friends remain trapped in the cave we read with worry to learn if they will be discovered. The town is sad and forlorn. Mrs. Thatcher has become ill and Aunt Polly's gray hair has turned white. They are desolate. Until our young friends are discovered, brought to safety and a celebration engulfs the town. At the end of Chapter 32 Tom "turns white as a sheet" when he learns that the cave has been sealed with a "big door sheathed with boiler iron and triple locked." Why? You'll see and we'll learn more in Chapter 33.

Chapter 30:

A few words to add to our vocabulary: "follered them", "goose" (as describes Huck), "Sabbath School".

Chapter 31:

When Becky tells Tom "I am so hungry" what does he find in his pocket?

What does Tom use to find his way out of the cave?

Chapter 32:

How many days did Tom and Becky spend in the cave? How many days were they bedridden?

Why is water thrown into Tom's face? Where is Injun Joe?

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 12

Tuesday, July 14

Thursday, July 16

Chapter 30

Chapter 31

Chapter 32

Hannibal's Becky Thatcher

Officer Eric Adams, Laconia Police Department

Congressman Chris Pappas, NH 1st Congressional District

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

Take a second look at bats this week with Prescott Farm. Did you know that one bat could eat up to 1,500 mosquitoes in one night? Learn how to play "Bat and Moth," a few fun facts, and why you should not be afraid of bats, like Becky and Tom were in this week's reading!

Hope you will join us.

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

Thank You



Our sincere thanks to the volunteers who showed up on the 4th of July to clean up the woods near the WOW Trail, and also to Imperial Hauling, LLC for donating the use of a dumpster to make the job much easier.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

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.



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.





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 14](#) 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.



**2020 Lakes Region
Household Hazardous Waste
Collections**
www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp

Keep Our Lakes Region Clean and Beautiful!

Bring up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of household hazardous waste to one of our regional collection days for no additional cost!

Saturday, July 25 (8:30 AM – 12 PM)

Belmont Fire Station (14 Gilmanton Rd.)
Franklin DPW Garage (43 W Bow St.)
Gilford DPW Garage (55 Cherry Valley Rd.)



Saturday, August 1 (8:30 AM – 12 PM)

Bristol Newfound School (150 Newfound Rd.)
Laconia DPW Garage (27 Bisson Ave.)
Moultonborough DPW Garage (68 Hwy Garage Rd.)

*Meredith and Ossipee will **NOT** be host sites for 2020 Collections*

19 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

Alexandria • Andover • Belmont • Bristol • Center Harbor • Effingham • Franklin • Freedom •
Gilford • Gilmanton • Hebron • Hill • Holderness • Laconia • Moultonborough • New Hampton
• Sanbornton • Sandwich • Tuftonboro

ATTENTION: Resident participation in the following 6 communities is postponed until 2021;
Bridgewater, Meredith, Northfield, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tilton.
(For alternative disposal options visit lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp)

COVID-19 Update – on collection day, attendees **MUST**:

- **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!!**
- Avoid bringing fuel containers you want back
- Wear a mask on site
- Put HHW in open car trunk or truck bed



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Art Supplies
Cleaning Fluids
Roofing Tar
Unbroken Fluorescent Bulbs

YARD AND GARDEN

Herbicides/Weed Killer
Pesticides
Pool chemicals
Coal Tar-based Driveway Sealer

GARAGE

Car Wax Polish
Antifreeze
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
Carburetor Cleaners

WORKBENCH

Paint Stripper
Oil-based Paint
Stains & Varnishes
Spray Paint

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

**NO LATEX
PAINT!**

- Tires
- Electronics
- Ammunition/Fireworks
- Radioactive Materials
- Asbestos and Propane Tanks



Find us on
Facebook & Instagram:
[@lakesrpc](https://www.facebook.com/lakesrpc)

Questions? For more information visit lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp



Annual household hazardous waste collection events are organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, with financial support from participating communities and the NH Department of Environmental Services.



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



THEN . . .

High on its little knoll, the Adna Pike house at 329 South Main St., Laconia, is seen in June 1947, just before it was moved to a new location at 23 Cottage St. (off-photo at right), to make room for the parking lot of Weeks Dairy and Dairy Bar, then under construction in background at right. As in several other areas of the city, South Main Street had once crossed over a small hill here, extending across the roadway from the knoll — but by then long leveled for ease of travel. The dairy bar opened in late August 1947. In the distance at left, a canopy of elm trees still frames the entrance to the Downtown, before filling stations, a Dunkin' Donuts, an automobile dealership and other commercial buildings replaced a number of residences. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The Dairy Bar at 327-339 South Main St. — known for its 'Weeksie Burgers' and 'Awful Awfuls' among other specialties, closed in March 1999 and was replaced by Shang Hai Restaurant, which opened, May 24, 1999. The gambrel-roofed dwelling beyond it, at 341-343 South Main St., has been replaced by Young's Auto Sales, in the former Bud's Gulf Station. (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.

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 Belknap Mill has Children's Programming 'In the bag!'

The Belknap Mill certainly has not allowed the COVID-19 pandemic to slow them down. Mill staff, Tara Shore and Jill Desruisseaux got right to work when schools were forced to close in March providing the community with virtual educational learning resources. The 'Cabin Fever Reliever' program ran Monday - Friday for 10 weeks, through the end of the school year. The Mill, working with community partners, shared educational videos, art lessons with Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates, STEM activities through UNH Cooperative Extension/4H, Zoom conversations with local historians, and activities from their 'Industrial Heritage Program' geared towards elementary school-aged youth.

While planning for this year's 'Kids in the Park,' a program successfully launched last year for youth and their families to gather for fun and educational activities throughout the month of July in Rotary Riverside Park, we considered current NH State Guidelines for how to best deliver this year's program. In collaboration with community partners the Mill created a virtual version of 'Kids in the Park'. 'Offering quality educational programming for our community is always a primary goal in our planning process; we are delighted with this year's offerings', said Program and Operations Manager, Tara Shore. The Laconia Kiwanis Club has donated copies of *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, by Judy Barrett and Laconia Kiwanis members will read their favorite stories aloud via Zoom Live. Activity packets from Petals in the Pines, UNH Cooperative Extension/4H, and Laconia Conservation Commission offer many hands-on experiences. The Downtown Gym will keep everyone moving with exciting online workouts and a nutrition activity. A 'Create Your Own Cartoon' booklet, developed by Belknap Mill Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates and an Architecture Scavenger Hunt from program sponsor, Misiasek Turpin pllc, are sure to engage the imagination.

Registration for the program filled quickly and while we are unable to provide any additional backpacks we have developed a 'Kids in the Park 2020' Facebook group to provide links and information about all the program offerings so that anyone interested is still able to participate. Facebook LIVE art lessons, workouts, and stories are just some of the programming opportunities available. Families are encouraged to join the Belknap Mill's Facebook group 'Kids in the Park 2020' at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/320951635572690/?ref=share>

A special THANK YOU to Misiasek Turpin pllc for sponsoring 'Kids in the Park 2020' and to grant funding from NH Humanities as part of the CARES Act and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional information please email operations@belknapmill.org.

Earn cool National Park Trust prizes!

Complete a camp activity and submit it to BuddyBison@parktrust.org or share it on social media using

#BuddyBisonSummerCamp. Every week we will pick up to three of the best entries as our prize winners.

Prizes include a Buddy Bison plush or a Hydro Flask water bottle.

Submit your week one entry by **Saturday, July 11th** for a chance to win. Winner(s) will be announced the following Monday!



**NATIONAL
PARK TRUST**
TREASURE FOREVER



The Laconia Senior Center will be having a fundraising yard sale at 532 Main Street in Laconia on July 11th from 8:00 am to noon. The Senior Center is hoping to raise funds for a new kitchen at their Main Street location. Facemasks are strongly recommended and will be available. Thank you for your help!

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



SMP Consumer Fraud Alert: COVID-19



Fraud Surrounding COVID-19 is Increasing

As the number of people and communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic grows, so do the scams associated with it. Scammers use public health emergencies as opportunities for new fraud schemes, and because older adults are at greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, they may target older populations.

There is currently no FDA-approved vaccine for COVID-19 and although there may be treatments for symptoms, there is no “cure.” However, scammers often use fear-based tactics to convince people that a vaccine or cure is now being offered.

It’s also important to remember that although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health officials may contact you if they believe you may have been exposed to the virus, they will not need to ask you for insurance or financial information.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) recommends that Medicare beneficiaries:

- Contact your own doctor if you are experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19.
- Do not give out your Medicare number, Social Security number, or personal information in response to unsolicited calls, texts, emails, home visits, or booths at health fairs and other public venues. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes as well.
- Be suspicious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free coronavirus or COVID-19 testing, supplies, or treatments.
- Carefully review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB), looking for errors or claims for products or services that weren’t received.
- Follow the instructions of your state or local government for other actions you should be taking in response to COVID-19.
- Contact your local SMP for help. SMPs empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is ready to provide you with the information you need to PROTECT yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT your concerns. SMPs help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries in the fight against health care fraud. Your SMP can help you with your questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud and abuse issues. It also provides information and educational presentations. To locate your local Senior Medicare Patrol, call 1-877-808-2468 or visit www.smpresource.org.



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



Hunger & Economic Security

The National Council on Aging's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other food assistance benefits can help older adults access the food they need to stay healthy.

Click on the image (above) to find out how to access these programs and available resources.

*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
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or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
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