



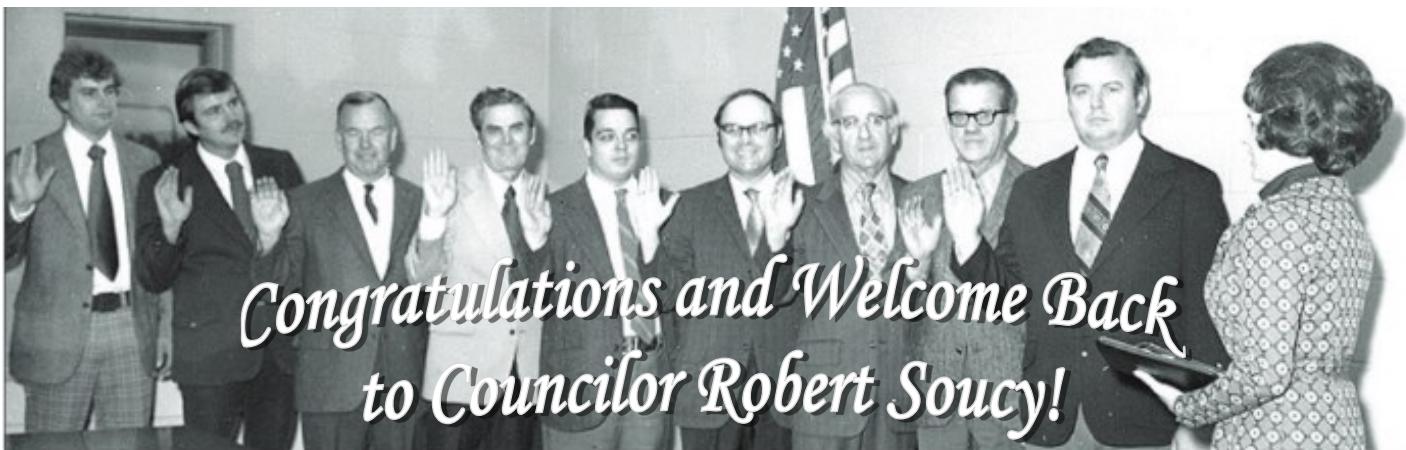
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links



July 31, 2020 - Edition #449

Be sure to check out the new Community Center sign and beautiful flower garden on Union Avenue



*Congratulations and Welcome Back
to Councilor Robert Soucy!*

The above photo shows Robert Soucy (fifth from left) being sworn in with other City Councilors in January, 1974.
(photo courtesy of Laconia Historical and Museum Society)

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!*



*Please join us in
welcoming him
to the City Council!*



At a special meeting on July 28th, the Laconia City Council elected Robert Soucy to fill the vacant Ward 2 Council seat created upon the recent passing of David Bownes.



The Library is now open to the public! Check the Library's [home page](#) for updated information.



Hear-Me-Read

August 3,
9:30 - 11:00
@ Library Park
Sign up to read to

Jamie or Gail in 15-minute blocks. Outside weather permitting, or by calling in. For practicing readers through third grade, by appointment. Sign up in advance required. .

Wildlife Encounters Wednesday, August 5, 2020



Our friends from Wildlife Encounters will show and talk about several animals up close and personal! Tune in for this Zoom show. Call IN ADVANCE at 524-4775 to get an invitation code to watch.



Family Craft: Painted Magical Creatures

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
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 3 pm. Bring your very own magical creature to life with a little bit of paint and a lot of imagination!



Teen & Tween Summer Reading

It's the last week of summer reading, so get those lists and forms filled out to qualify for prizes!



Shayla's Tech Help



Google Calendar

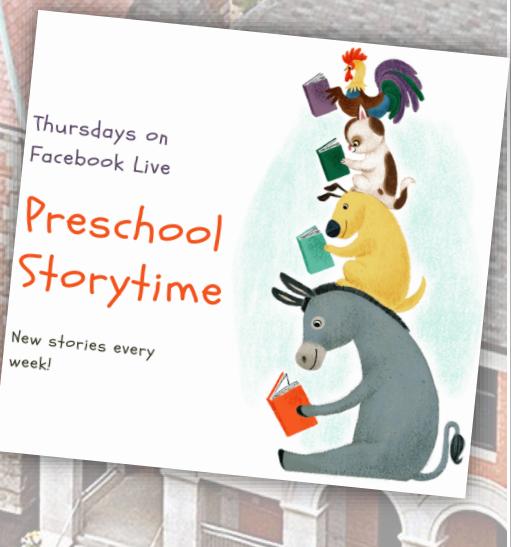
How to use Google Calendar: August 3, 12-12:30 pm . A link will be posted to our Facebook page at noon.

UPDATED LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

Monday and Wednesday: 9-5
Tuesday and Thursday: 9-8
Closed Friday
Saturday: 9-1

PLEASE NOTE: 9-11am Tuesday and Thursday are reserved for elderly and medically vulnerable patrons. We ask that all respect this accommodation.

Change in quarantine procedures! We will be checking in items within a day of return. They will still be quarantined for 3 days after that, but this new feature will check them in from the patron's account.



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 additional information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any public meeting and provide input.

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 agendas below regarding viewing and participating in City meetings electronically.

Planning Board

August 4, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

August 5, 2020, 6:00 pm

Water Commission

August 6, 2020, 8:00 am
[Agenda](#)

IT'S IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE A CENSUS FOR ALL PROPERTIES, INCLUDING SEASONAL HOMES!



If you live at multiple places throughout the year, count yourself at the address where you live and sleep most of the time. If you split your time evenly between two or more places, count yourself where you were staying on April 1, 2020. However, a census response is required from each and every property.

For any property you own but only use part of the time, follow these instructions:

1. Visit www.my2020census.gov
2. Enter the Census ID or address for this secondary property
3. Enter "0" for the number of people living at this property
4. Hit Next, and when a "soft error" occurs, click Next again
5. Select "No" when asked to confirm no person lives at this property
6. Select primary reason - Seasonal (most likely)
7. Complete! If you have already completed the 2020 Census for your primary residence you can exit at this point.

Following these instructions ensures all properties are counted!

For more information go to 2020census.gov or call 1-844-330-2020.

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your future
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Census
2020



Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The City of Laconia is looking for four members of the public to serve on the Capital Improvement Committee. This Committee meets for three months of the year, September, October and November, for a total of five meetings, with each meeting lasting about one to two hours.

The responsibility of this Committee is to recommend and rank the City's capital improvements. The Board hears presentations by the various City Departments explaining their requests and then ranks each submission. Once the Board ranks all the submittals, they submit their rankings to the City Manager, who then provides input and forwards them on to the City Council for possible adoption into the City Budget.

If you are interested in getting into City government and have an interest in what projects are being proposed in the City, this is a great Committee to provide input on how you would like to see specific things funded.

If you have any questions about the Committee, please call Robert Mora, Assistant Planner at 527-1264.



We need your help!

We are looking for election workers for the State Primary and General Elections.

These are paid positions. If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

Information about obtaining an

ABSENTEE BALLOT



Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

The State Primary date is set for September 8, 2020. Absentee ballots can be requested through the City Clerk's Office, or by clicking [here](#). Completed applications can be dropped off to the Clerk's Office, faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 pm on the day of the election in order for your vote to count. Visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website to track your ballot. You can verify receipt of your application, the date your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the Clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why.

Please contact the City Clerk at 527-1265 if you have questions regarding the information on tracking your ballot.

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

Trail Yoga

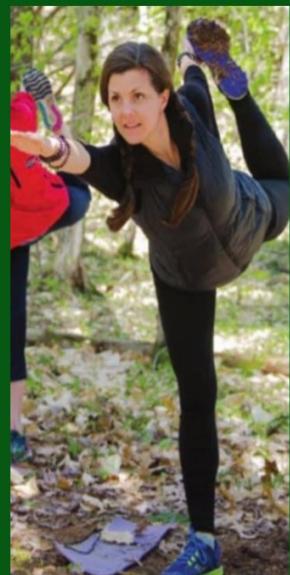
Saturday, August 18-10 am

Enjoy yoga poses amongst the trees, the rejuvenating effects of guided meditation, and the benefits of forest bathing.

To register:

prescottfarm.org

Please note: For the health and safety of staff and attendees, pre-registration, masks and physical distancing will be required.





Important News for City Residents!

The City's [Solid Waste Ordinance](#) has been in effect for quite some time. However, a campaign is now underway to enforce our current regulations in order to improve the overall look of the City. Residents and businesses will now need to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance; this will cut down on the overflow of trash barrels and bags piled on top or left on the ground, encourage recycling and result in a more attractive community.

The City began this effort starting with businesses and condominium associations, and as of July 20 began focusing on single family residential properties, as well as multi-family residential rental properties.

Please note that the City provides unlimited single-stream recycling pickup every other week curbside. Dates of recycling weeks can be found on our [Recycling Calendar](#), posted on our website. Residents can also drop off flattened corrugated cardboard behind the Public Works garage on Messer Street 24/7 in the "caged area".



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 triple 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 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.

For questions or additional information, please call Public Works at 528-6379.

Thank you for your cooperation!

2020 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor | Laconia Putnam Fund



The Rebel Collective | Friday, June 19th



Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 3rd



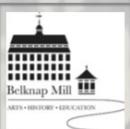
Bob McCarthy Trio | Friday, July 17th



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.



THE New Hampshire JEWISH FOOD Festival

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY

WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST

MENU

BLINTZES*
MATZO BALL SOUP*
BRISKET WITH GRAVY*
KNISHES – MEAT OR POTATO*
NOODLE KUGEL*
RUGELACH*
CHALLAH BREAD*

*SOLD FROZEN

PLACE ORDERS ONLINE

JULY 27-AUGUST 10

www.tbinh.org

**CURBSIDE PICK UP BY APPOINTMENT
210 COURT STREET, LACONIA**

Masks required at pickup

See website for ordering & pickup details

www.tbinh.org



For the last 23 years, the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival at Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) in Laconia has brought people together from all over New Hampshire and beyond to dine “under the tent”.

But this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jewish Food Festival will be a takeout event only. Orders can be placed online at www.tbinh.org, from July 27 to August 10 and picked up curbside by appointment at the Temple, 210 Court St. in Laconia. A drive through system will be used for everyone's safety and masks are required.

The online takeout menu offers some of the most popular items from the Jewish Food Festival! All items are sold frozen and include instructions for heating. This is the opportunity to fill your freezer to capacity with the most mouth watering and delectable foods prepared with love and care. Orders will be filled on a “first come-first served” basis until inventories are depleted.

All questions may be directed to foodfestival@tbinh.org and orders can be placed at www.tbinh.org starting July 27th.



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.

Reminder!

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of
August 3, 2020**

Remember:

"Glass is Trash"



*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG BAN LIFTED AS OF 7/27/2020

Monday, Governor Chris Sununu lifted the ban on reusable shopping bags, as “Scientists say the bags are safe as long as people wash them between uses; that single-use plastics are just as susceptible to carrying the virus; and that face masks are a far more effective way of preventing new infections”
(NHPN, July 27, 2020).

Do your part to help the environment by limiting your use of single-use plastics, and using your clean, reusable bags when you shop.



Filing period for the November 3, 2020 Election for the
Board of Education in Ward 4 and Ward 5 and One
Police Commission position will be held from **August 5, 2020 through August 14, 2020** at the City Clerk's Office
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Cheryl M. Hebert
City Clerk



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](#).

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

Updated 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 facemasks are available in our lobby if you do not have one. Social distancing is required, and a staff member located in the lobby will direct you to the appropriate department.
- Please see [page 13](#) 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.
- The Library building is now open to the public with limitations. New hours are as follows: Monday and Wednesday: 9-5; Tuesday and Thursday: 9-8; **Closed Friday**; Saturday: 9-1. Please note: 9-11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for elderly and medically vulnerable patrons. We ask that everyone respect this accommodation.

Guidelines for visiting the Library:

- 1) Please wear a face covering
- 2) Please observe social distancing and remain 6 feet apart
- 3) You are welcome to visit the Library one time per day, for up to 45 minutes.
- 4) Please, no food or drink inside.
- 5) Please check in at the welcome station.

Museum passes, homebound delivery, and inter-library loans are not available at this time.

Please visit the Library's [website](#) for details or call 524-4775.

- 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.

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! We will keep you updated as circumstances change.



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

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

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



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	YARD AND GARDEN
Art Supplies	Herbicides/Weed Killer
Cleaning Fluids	Pesticides
Roofing Tar	Pool chemicals
Unbroken Fluorescent Bulbs	Coal Tar-based Driveway Sealer
GARAGE	WORKBENCH
Car Wax Polish	Paint Stripper
Antifreeze	Oil-based Paint
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	Stains & Varnishes
Carburetor Cleaners	Spray Paint

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:
NO LATEX PAINT!



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

Questions? For more information visit lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.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 community's past.....



THEN ...

Ray Ladieu had sold Ray's Diner on Main Street, Laconia, to Stanley Emanuel, 75 years ago this week. In this 'Victory over Japan' parade scene, two weeks later, Aug. 16, 1945, the diner is seen, next to Emanuel's Quality Market and across from the Laconia Tavern. (Japan had surrendered Aug. 15, but the formal surrender did not occur until Sept. 2 aboard the battleship U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.) The Baldi Block is glimpsed at left and the Information Booth of the Chamber of Commerce is seen in distance at right, in front of the Veterans Monuments. (Laconia Public Library)

... AND NOW



Over the years, the diner at 672 Main St. was also known as Brad's, B&C, Jack's, Quality and Una's. It was removed in the late 1970s. The Quality Market relocated, in late May 1965 to the corner of Mill and Main streets and, after that building was razed in late April 1971, to Union Avenue, opposite the Taylor Home, where it reopened in 1974. Sunday's Spa is the most recent occupant of the corner building, replacing Yikes and several other earlier businesses. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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GOT LUNCH! LACONIA
2020
ONLINE AUCTION!

CLICK HERE to place your bid!

<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/66195/auctions/82593>



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HERON 9XT KAYAK The Heron 9XT Kayak combines comfort and features at an affordable price. Featuring a padded Comfort Flex seat and stern Click Seal hatch with bulkhead, the Heron 9XT is perfect for beginning and recreational paddlers who may want a few extra bells and whistles. With two flush mount rod holders, you can grab a rod and chase the fish whenever you want.

SARANAC 146 CANOE The Saranac 146 canoe packs in a ton of features at a great price. The Saranac 146 features rod holders, storage options and storage trays as well as two contoured seats with comfortable seat backs and a center bench seat (perfect for smaller passengers). From bow to stern the Saranac 146 provides versatility while delivering on fun. A great option for families, anglers or casual canoeists looking for a recreational canoe that performs well on the water.

GAME CHANGER PAD The Game Changer Pad is not only a game changer in our product line, but it is literally a game changer – adding an extra layer of FUN with 2 printed games on each side of the mat. Kids and families will now enjoy a classic Hopscotch game on one side, and a fun water-take of Cornhole on the other. Comes complete with 4 sponge game pieces and waterproof instruction card. These games are printed on a specially designed 2-layer Aqua Lily Pad with FlexCore Technology. When not in use, simply roll the mat into a compact form, and secure it without cinch straps.

AUCTION STARTS: 9am, July 26th

AUCTION ENDS: 5pm, August 9th

100% of proceeds go to

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

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\$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO IRWIN MARINE Check out the variety of ways you could use your gift certificate at their website
<https://www.irwinmarine.com/>



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Plans for Laconia Parks & Recreation

Summer of 2020 in Laconia certainly looks 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...

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

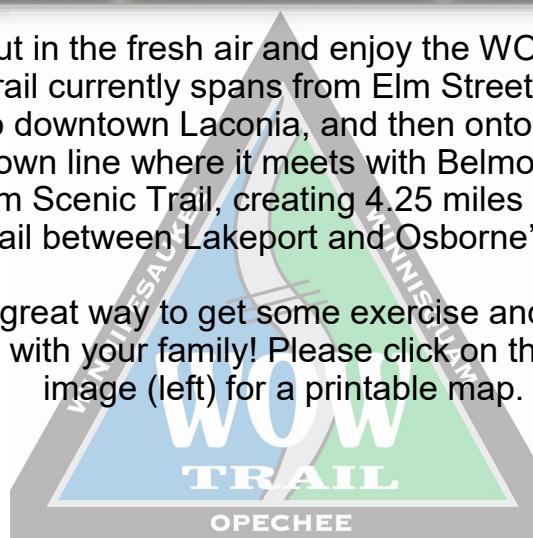
For any questions, please feel free to contact Laconia Parks & Recreation at 603-524-5046 or email parks@laconianh.gov





Get out in the fresh air and enjoy the WOW Trail! The Trail currently spans from Elm Street in Lakeport to downtown Laconia, and then onto the Belmont town line where it meets with Belmont's Winnisquam Scenic Trail, creating 4.25 miles of continuous trail between Lakeport and Osborne's Agway.

It's a great way to get some exercise and spend time with your family! Please click on the map image (left) for a printable map.



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

By: Mark Twain

After an amazing 13 weeks and 35 chapters, the Laconia Reads program has come to an end.

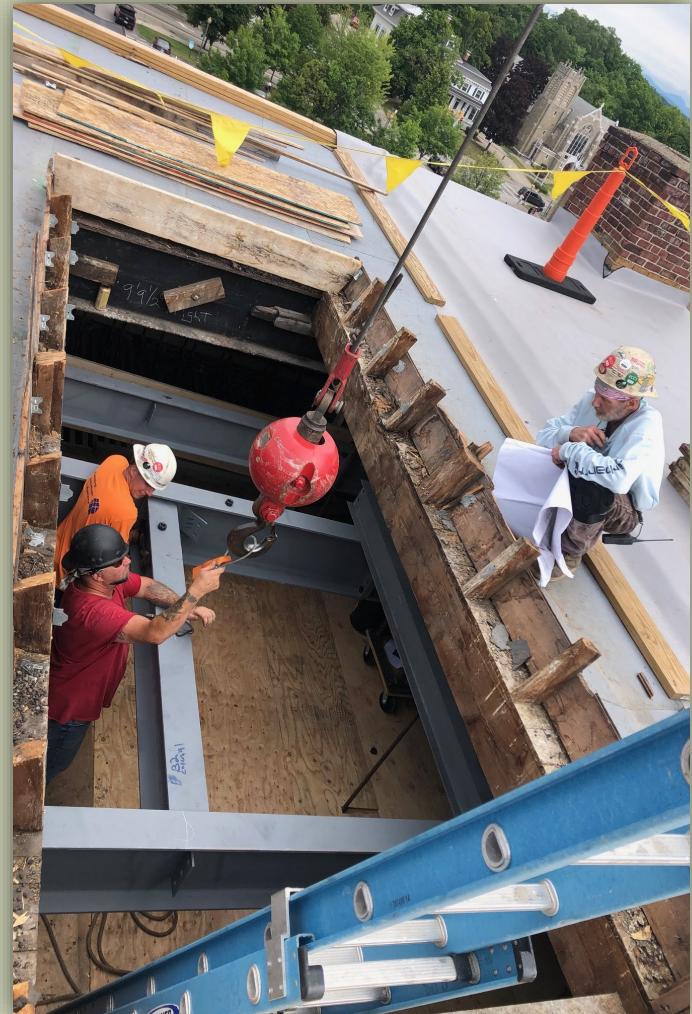
Our thanks to the amazing group of 35 guest readers that allowed us to enjoy *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* again, or perhaps for the very first time!

To view the final video presented by Mayor Andrew Hosmer, just [click Here to download](#)



Colonial Theatre Updates...

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



Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt

at the Belknap Mill

Test your knowledge!

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

Saturday, August 8

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

\$25/ team

FOR MORE INFO CALL
603-524-8813



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The 4th Annual Belknap Mill Historic Scavenger Hunt is a perfect event that provides fun for every age and has been designed to ensure appropriate social distancing! Being held a little later than normal, this year's Hunt is taking place on Saturday, August 8th from 12:30pm-4:00pm. Registration is now open! Teams can register online at Eventbrite.com, on the Belknap Mill Facebook event page, or on our website, www.belknapmill.org. This year's Scavenger Hunt is hosted by the Belknap Mill, Laconia Historical and Museum Society and generously sponsored by Misiaszek Turpin pllc.

Check-in for teams starts at 12:30pm at the Belknap Mill and the Scavenger Hunt will take place from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Teams of up to 6 people will work together to try and tackle as many of the 60 challenges as they can in the allotted time while documenting each clue with a photo or video taken with a smartphone and texted to a judge to obtain credit. This is an all volunteer run event and the \$25 registration fee goes to support mission driven programming delivered by the Belknap Mill. We are excited to be promoting the City of Laconia's rich history, its incredible businesses and organizations.

"It is an interactive and perfect event for families looking for a great afternoon activity. You will have to think about how much you know about your community and you will certainly learn a lot!", said Jill Desruisseaux, Communications Coordinator, who suggests building your team with a diversity of strengths.

"It takes more than one brain to crack these clues and team collaboration will make a big difference...it's not easy but it's definitely a lot of fun!"

The Historic Scavenger Hunt is organized by Belknap Mill staff members Tara Shore and Jill Desruisseaux. Research for the clues and challenges began several months ago with help from a group of volunteers, the Belknap Mill 'Clue's Crew', and members of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society. 'The biggest hint for teams playing this year is to be VERY observant while traveling through the City; a keen eye will be the strongest advantage a team can have', mentioned Tara Shore.

The teams that finish first, second and third will take home prizes donated by local businesses. A pontoon boat rental donated by Fay's Boat Yard Inc., a wine tour and tasting at Hermit Woods Winery, passes to Squam Lake Science Center and many more are up for the taking by the most observant team!

To learn more about the Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt and other Belknap Mill programs and events please visit us on Facebook, visit our website at: www.belknapmill.org or contact Tara Shore at 603-524-8813.



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 some advice for seniors on protecting themselves from COVID-19. Please click on the image above for helpful information!

**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!*

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Have a great weekend!



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