



Laconia Links

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The Mount Washington taking in the sights on Lake Winnepesaukee (photo compliments of View From Above)

Support Celebrate Laconia!

Go to threeiversfundraising.com and shop for fall bulbs with our Group Code:

W8AFSH



The last date for ordering your fall bulbs is September 15th!

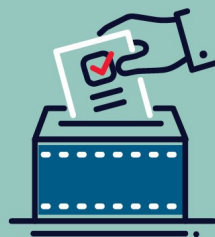
Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

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!



**Vote Healthy.
Stay Safe!**

Your Elections Polls will be safe!

All election officials will be wearing masks and we are asking that all voters wear a mask as well. There will be hand sanitizer, one time use pens, social distancing signs, and disinfectant wipes available. The City of Laconia is doing everything in its power to make sure you can vote safely!

EVENTS and Programs

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



Teen & Tween Programs to Go! Bullet Journaling

Entire month of September!

Take home everything you need
to get started with Bullet
Journaling today!

Each kit includes a dot
journal, washi tape, vinyl
stickers, gel pens, a mildliner,
and a black felt tip pen.

For teens and tweens, ages
9-19. Limited # of kits,
signup required



KIDS UNDER 5

Any child under the age of 5 who signs up
for a **new** library card in September will
receive a book bag with a free book
and other fun surprises!



KIDS AGE 6-12

We will also be giving out free books to
kids ages 6-12 who sign up for a **new**
library card!



Programs to Go!
Zendoodle Bookmarks
Ongoing and for all
ages. Relax at home
with a Zendoodle
Bookmark and a set of
colored pencils!



Answer a weekly trivia question either
online or in person, get a free book!
For children through age 12

Tuesday Book Trivia! Tuesdays
during our open hours in Septem-
ber. Answer a weekly trivia
question either online or in
person, get a free book!
For children through age 12.

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

September 1, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

September 2, 2020, 6:00 pm



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

**Meet This Week's
Featured Pets!**

Tavish



Tavish is a Scottish Straight that came to us as a surrender through no fault of his own. Tavish will need someone who has time, patience and understanding when it comes to acclimating him to a home environment - as he spent the last two years in a large crate and being in a home setting will be a huge adjustment for him. Tavish is very timid, and will do best with slow introductions and the understanding that he may take awhile before he is ready to accept affection. Tavish would do best in a home with no small children, and no dogs. He may do well with a cat friend or two. If you are interested in adopting Tavish please send an application to adoptions@nhhumane.org.

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.

Marigold



Meet Miss Marigold! Marigold came to us as a stray with 5 kittens to take care of! Now that her kittens are weaned, it is time for this gorgeous girl to find a home of her own. Marigold came to us as a stray, and therefore can be a bit apprehensive of people - however, her foster Mom boasts that she is sweet and affectionate when she warms up. Marigold would like a home with a family willing to go at her own pace as she adjusts to her new environment. Interested in adopting Marigold? Send an application to adoptions@nhhumane.org.

APPLY TO ADOPT

**YOUR LOVE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES**



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation

1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest

Get Creative-Have Fun!



Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation invites members of the Lakes Region Community to enter our 1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest. Build your own unique pumpkin figures as an individual, family, school, organization or business group. The figures must include at least one pumpkin along with other recycled or other creative parts. Use your imagination and come up with something unique, sweet or even scary. Perhaps a scarecrow with a pumpkin head, a snowman made of pumpkins, a pumpkin superhero or sports figure...let your imagination run wild.

PRIZES!



We ask that you register for the contest by October 1st. Check out our website and FACEBOOK pages in September to find out how to register (LRSF website: www.lrscholarship.org). Once your creation is complete, we ask you to send us a picture of your pumpkin figure and fee by October 5th. There will be prizes, donated by area businesses and individuals. We hope to see many figures displayed throughout the community. Be sure your pumpkin figure is out the weekend of October 10th to join the community in their celebration of *Come Catch the Glow*. We hope to have a map of the locations for all of the entries published on our FACEBOOK page and website.

PRIZES!

There will be a number of judging categories such as: Best Overall, Cutest, Scariest, Best by a Child or Children, Most Unique, Best Business, Best Non-Profit, Best Family or Group. Members of the LRSF Board will be judging the entries, and then on-site visits may be arranged for those who qualify for the final round. Winners will be announced on Saturday, October 10th on our FACEBOOK page.

Entry fees:

Individuals, small groups or families	\$15
Non-profit organizations	\$25
Businesses	\$30
Schools	

Contact the LRSF office scholarship@lrscholarship.org



For more information or questions do not hesitate to call us at 527-3533.
Proceeds to support the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund (FOFOF).

Laconia Skate Park Revitalization

Tuesday, September 1st at 5:30pm

At the Laconia Community Center

Masks must be worn!

**Do you want to see the Skate Park full of life again?
Come and be a part of the planning process to move
this park forward!**

Information about obtaining an

**ABSENTEE
BALLOT**

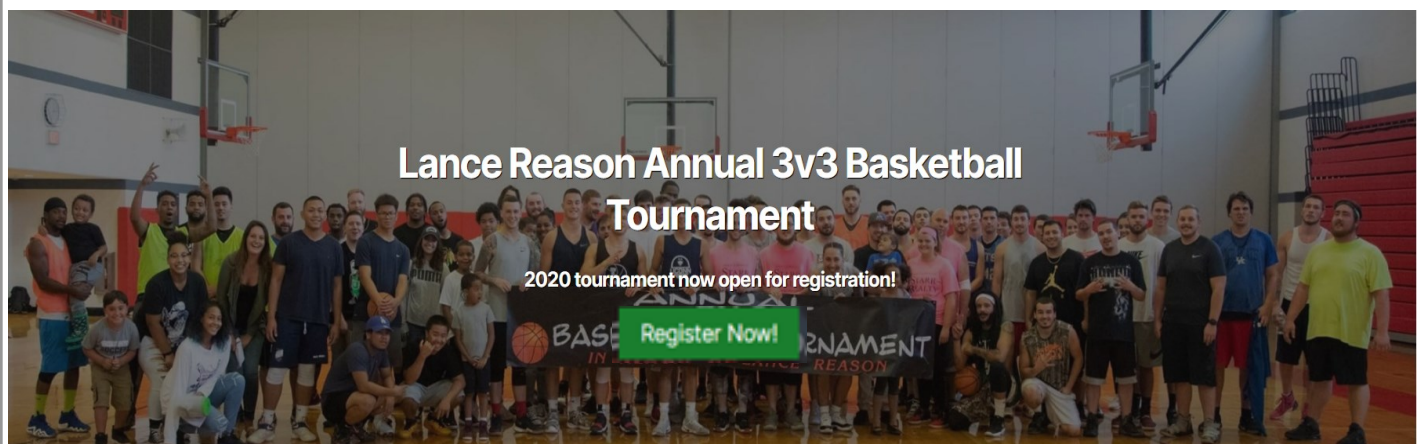


Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

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 5:00 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.



Lance Reason Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament

2020 tournament now open for registration!

Register Now!

The Lance Reason Annual 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on September 19, 2020 (rain date of September 26, 2020) at Wyatt Park in Laconia, NH, starting at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be available for a donation, and there will be a DJ with live entertainment. Please bring a facemask and check out all of the basketball action! Cost per team is \$150, and includes a free lunch and drinks for the players.

All proceeds to benefit the Lance Reason Scholarship Fund.

Click [here](#) to register!



6th Annual Golf Tournament Registration Form



Monday, September 21, 2020
Registration begins at 11:30am
Noon Shotgun Scramble
Laconia Country Club



Golf this summer to help a family.

Due to Covid-19 we can only accept 72 players. A grilled lunch will be offered on the course. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be notified via email and prizes delivered to team captain. BECOME a team captain and form a team!



Fee of \$125.00 per person or \$475 for a Foursome

Includes Cart, 18 hole scramble team, hole awards, and lunch.
Driving range available.

Team Captain _____

Team Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

Return To: Belknap House, 200 Court St, Laconia NH 03246

Please make checks payable to *Belknap House*, TAX ID #: 47-1916189

**CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER AS A
PLAYER OR TEAM**

Belknap House

For More Information

CALL Colleen Garrity
603-387-6598

EMAIL

President@belknaphouse.org



**6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
SPONSORSHIP FORM**
HELP SUPPORT A FAMILY!

**CLICK HERE TO
BECOME A
SPONSOR!!**

Public Works Dept.

LABOR DAY



NOTICE TO
RESIDENTS ON
CURBSIDE
COLLECTION
ROUTES

Labor Day Holiday: Mon., Sept. 7th

Solid Waste Collection Delay

Monday, Sept. 7th is Labor Day.

There will be A ONE (1) DAY
DELAY in curbside collection
during that week; Monday
collections will be on Tuesday,
Tuesday collections will be on
Wednesday, etc.

Any questions, please call
DPW @ 528-6379.

LACONIA
TRANSFER
STATION
WILL BE CLOSED



Monday, September 7th in
observance of Labor Day

*We apologize for any
inconvenience!*



City Hall will be
closed on Monday,
September 7th
in observance of
Labor Day

A complete list of 2020 City Hall holiday
closings can be viewed by
clicking [here](#).

Reminder! *'When in doubt,
THROW
it out'*

Curbside recycling will be
picked up the week
of August 31, 2020

Remember:

"Glass is Trash"



Pink Houses to perform for the Belknap Mill's 'Arts in the Park' 2020 Summer Concert
Series

Friday, August 28th 6:00 pm

Pink Houses – A Tribute to John Mellencamp, a four-piece band from southern Maine, will
perform in Rotary Riverside Park on Friday, August 28th at 6:00pm.

The hits of John Cougar Mellencamp will be authentically reproduced by this group of
professional musicians in a high energy show promising the sound of America's heartland
and Mellencamp's roots in Rock 'n' Roll.

Thank you to our Arts in the Park 2020 sponsors: the Laconia Putnam Fund, 104.9 The
Hawk, Lakes FM 101.5 and 107.7 The Pulse.

NH Safety Guidelines will be followed.

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 ...

'Baldi's Corner' at the intersection of Union Avenue, Main, South Main and Court streets, in the 1940s, shows a summertime pre-Urban Renewal Laconia. Paul's Restaurant and Leo's Food Center were among the occupants of the Camaan-Normandin Block, next to the Winnepesaukee River. In the distance, beyond the 'Bank with the Chime Clock' were Pitman Hardware, the Crystal Cafe and Keller's Confectionery. Palmer Plumbing Supply Co. building is visible in upper right corner. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

All of the Main Street buildings between Union Avenue and Mill Street were demolished during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s and early 1970s. By this time, 50 years ago this week, Baldi's Corner had been gone for almost three years, having been razed, Sept. 25, 1967. (The Normandin Block was taken down in mid-September 1968, and the rest by late April 1971.) Stewart Memorial Park was dedicated, at the Union Avenue corner, Nov. 19, 1973. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have **current vacancies**:

Board of Assessors (1 alternate position)
Zoning Board (4 alternate positions)
Library Bd. of Trustees (2 alternate positions)
Building Code Board of Appeals (1 registered firematic or plumber position; may also be a member of the general public)
Conservation Comm. (1 regular position)
Personnel Advisory Bd. (1 regular position)
Heritage Comm. (1 reg. & 1 alternate position)
Lakeport TIF District Advisory Bd
(2 regular positions) *
Downtown TIF District Advisory Bd
(2 regular positions) *

* Members of the TIF District Advisory Board above must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)

Some terms on the following Boards and Commissions will be expiring as shown below. Current Board and Commission members now holding these positions may request to be reappointed; however, members of the public are also encouraged to apply if they are interested:

Conservation Comm. (2 regular positions)
Highway Safety Comm. (1 regular position)
Licensing Board (1 regular position)
Planning Board (3 regular positions)
Zoning Board (2 reg. & 1 alternate position)
Downtown TIF District Advisory Board
(1 regular position) *

Weirs TIF District Advisory Board
(1 regular position) *

* Members of the TIF District Advisory Board above must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by [e-mail](#)) for further information. Applications are available [on-line](#) or can be mailed upon request by calling the phone number listed above. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our [website](#). Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board.

The deadline for receipt of applications is September 8, 2020.



17 and 18 year olds can apply!

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.



During the month of September, Veterans may go to the designated farmers market within the county they live, and with proof of service and residency, receive vouchers for market purchases.

Each week in September the Veteran attends the market, they will receive \$20 for the purchase of fresh and prepared food from local farmers and growers. The Veteran must be present to receive vouchers. All vouchers must be used in the month of September, 2020.

For Veterans living in Belknap County, the Barnstead Farmer's Market is the designated "Vouchers for Veterans" location.

Barnstead Farmer's Market is located at 96 Maple Street in Center Barnstead and is held Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. They can be reached by phone at 269-2329.

Vouchers for Veterans is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, created to give back to local Veterans in honor of their service, while providing a boost to local farmers.

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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





ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945) is the first
number to call for
senior services.



Click the image above to read information provided
by the US Food & Drug Administration on how to
shop safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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

Have a great weekend!

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov