



Laconia Links

September 18, 2020 - Edition #456



*The newly renovated Opera House in Lakeport
(photo compliments of Rich Tilton Photography)*

ROAD WORK



CITY OF LACONIA Public Information Session, Court Street/Durkee Brook Bridge

A Public Information Session for the upcoming Court Street/Durkee Brook Bridge project will be held Wednesday, September 30 starting at 6 pm at City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia.

Contact Krista Larsen, Public Works, at 528-6379 ext 106 or KLarsen@laconianh.gov for additional information.

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!*

Time is running out. Respond now.



Shape
your future
START HERE >

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



We want to know
What time of day works best for FB Live children's programs?

Call the Children's Room, 524-4775, Ext. 13!



TECH HELP VIDEOS!
Click [here](#) for "How to Use Zoom"
Click [here](#) for "How to Use Google Forms"



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

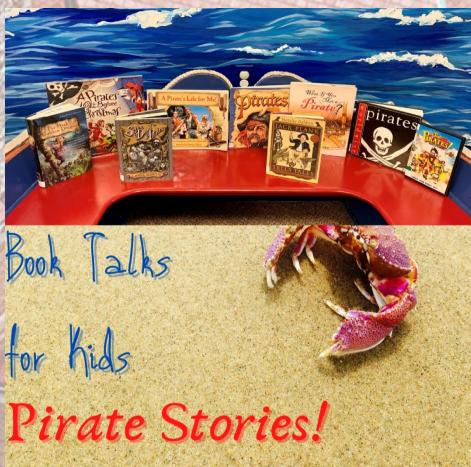


Programs to Go!
Zendoodle Bookmarks Ongoing and for all ages.

Relax at home with a Zendoodle Bookmark and a set of colored pencils!

Teen & Tween Programs to Go!
Bullet Journaling

Entire month of Sept.
For ages 9-19. Limited # of kits, signup required



Book Talks for kids
Pirate Stories!

Join us on Facebook Live to hear some swashbuckling tales that will shiver your timbers!
For kids ages 5-12.

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.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

September 21, 2020, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

September 24, 2020, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Library Board of Trustees

September 24, 2020, 5:30 pm

Capital Improvement Program

September 24, 2020, 6:30 pm



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Paisley

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@nhumane.org.

Our adoptions team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Applications can be downloaded at www.nhumane.org/adopt/application.

APPLY TO ADOPT

YOUR LOVE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES

Meet Paisley, a sweet yet sassy little girl. Paisley enjoys affection, however, she is a cat that will need someone willing to read her signals when she has had enough and give her space. She is looking for a home where she can be the queen of the castle! She will most likely thrive being your one and only, but may do well with a mellow kitty who will let her rule the roost.

Please fill out an [application](#) today if you are interested in adopting Paisley and email it to adoptions@nhumane.org.



Dozer

What is better than a puppy? A big puppy! Dozer is a goofy, yet very smart, retriever mix! You can find this big boy swimming in a puppy pool, hiking trails, or sleeping with his plush baby in his mouth. Dozer would thrive in an experienced adult only home with people who are ready to teach him more, because boy is he ready! So far Dozer has already mastered *sit*, *down* and *paw* and is now working on *leave it!* This goofball has so much love to give that he will be the only pet you need. If you feel like you can be the patient and understanding owner that Dozer is looking for, fill out an [application](#) today and email to adoptions@nhumane.org.



LRGH Auxiliary

Out of an abundance of caution, the Annual LRGH Auxiliary Craft Fair will not be held in October, 2020.

This was a difficult decision, however made out of the best interest of our exhibitors, volunteers, and shoppers.

As plans for the 2021 LRGH Auxiliary Craft Fair are made, we will keep you informed. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Any questions, please contact lrghauxcraftfair@icloud.com.



MGN

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you plan to vote by Absentee Ballot, we suggest that you complete an application as soon as possible.

Please request your absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office (527-1265) or by clicking [here](#) to fill out an application. Applications can be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office (45 Beacon St. East), faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247.

General Election Absentee Ballots are not yet available; we expect to receive them at the end of September or beginning of October.

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office, 527-1265.

Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of September 28



Remember:

"Glass is Trash"

*When in doubt,
THROW it out!*

**THE ONLY THING MORE POWERFUL THAN A TEEN TITAN?
A LIBRARY CARD!**

**September
is Library
Card
Sign-up
Month!**



ALA American Library Association

Visit the Library today to get your card and explore everything it has to offer!



4-H GROWS HERE



4-H SnapTrek

Hikes: Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

Zoom Meetings: Oct 18, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Location: TBA

This outdoor adventure experience is for teens aged 12 years and up. This is free and open to the public. In this program teens will get together with other teens for social games, hiking, and fun. As an added bonus, teens will learn to fine tune their photography skills while snapping photos in the outdoors. A closed Instagram group will be used to share photos and for youth to participate in challenges. To sign up, contact the 4-H Program Manager in your county.



For more information contact:

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Amanda Royce, Amanda.royce@unh.edu
447-3834, Carroll

Caitlin Wollack, Caitlin.wollack@unh.edu
749-2529, Strafford

No cost to attend!
Open to youth ages 12 and up.

Laconia Fire Department



LIGHT THE NIGHT

FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors “Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters”, a tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

This year’s event will be held from September 27th through October 4th. You are invited to display a red light on your business or home in honor of all fallen firefighters.

For more information, visit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation [here](#).

Thank you for your support!

First day of Fall!

Happy Fall!

September 22, 2020

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center



IT'S A WIN-WIN.



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**BUY THIS
BAG, SEND A
\$1 DONATION
TO US.**

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY & SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT.

Prescott Farm is the beneficiary of this month's "Give Back Where it Counts" program at Shaw's in Gilford. During September, every re-usable shopping bag sold in the store will mean \$1 for Prescott Farm! Spiff up your shopping bag collection AND help support the programs you love.

Happy Sounds

On ZOOM

Join Ms. Trish for
music, movement, and laughter!
Wednesday mornings at 9am

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrcts.org

Want to stay up-to-date on Family Resource Center classes & events and find direct links to our Zoom activities?

Join our private Facebook group,
"LRCS Family Resource Center Events"


Engage. Empower. Inspire.



6th Annual Golf Tournament Registration Form



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 _____

Belknap House

For More Information

CALL Colleen Garrity
603-387-6598

EMAIL

President@belknaphouse.org



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**



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

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



**THERE'S STILL TIME
TO REGISTER FOR THE
CLASSES YOU NEED!**

BUSINESS
HISTORY
MATH
PSYCHOLOGY
SCIENCE
ARTS...

Visit us to learn more: LRCC.edu

**LATE START CLASSES
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 28TH.**

Start Late. Stay On Track.

**FREE TUITION Assistance for those
financially affected by COVID-19.**

See if you qualify!

Call us today at 603-524-3207
and we can help:)



**LAKES
REGION
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

The COMMUNITY CENTER is OPEN for RESERVATIONS

*For PICKLEBALL, RAQUETBALL, and
BASKETBALL (SHOOT-AROUND ONLY)*

Groups cannot be larger than 10 people

Participants must be 18+

Participants must SELF SCREEN at
home and be able to ANSWER 'NO'
TO THE SCREENING QUESTIONS

- Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19?
- Do you have a fever of 100.4°F or higher?
- Have you had contact with someone who is suspected to or confirmed to have had COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- Have you traveled outside of New England within the past 14 days?

**If you have any QUESTIONS or would like to make a RESERVATION,
please call LACONIA PARKS & REC at 524-5046**



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation



1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest

Get Creative-Have Fun!



Introducing LRSF figure
BRAD THE GRAD

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 something that fits a business or a hobby, for example: a set of pumpkin figures might be exercising, if a gym enters; or group might choose to create a character or perhaps a set of characters from their favorite movie. The creations could be as simple as a scarecrow with a pumpkin head or a snowman made of pumpkins.



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, you to send us a picture of your pumpkin figure and the 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 it is out the weekend of October 10th to join the community in their month long 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.

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).

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 ...

This was the corner of Church and Main streets, around 1895, with a grocery store in the Sanborn House at left, the original Masonic Temple Building (erected 1894-1895) next to it and the Marsh livery stable at extreme right. Utility poles at that time were required to be squared instead of round. There was talk, 125 years ago this week, of replacing the dwelling on the corner with a new hotel. 'Yes, Laconia needs a good-sized modern hotel, and I think the Sanborn property on the corner of Main and Church streets, just above the new Masonic Temple would be a dandy location for a hotel,' opined Attorney Stephen S. Jewett, this week in 1895. 'The lot is not very large but the hotel should be five stories high, with elevator and all the modern improvements.' It would be another 18 years, however, before the new hotel was opened. (Laconia Public Library)



... AND NOW

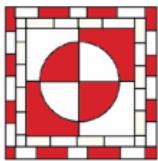
The Laconia Tavern Hotel was built during 1912-1913 and served travelers until late September 1969, when it became part of the Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority's holdings. For more than 50 years, the hotel dining room had been a destination for both visitors and Laconians, and its function rooms were home to several local clubs and organizations. Among other prominent visitors, President Dwight D. Eisenhower had been an overnight guest in 1955. The first Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire and explosion, Dec. 6, 1902, but was rebuilt and rededicated, Jan. 20, 1904. The Marsh Livery Stable was replaced in 1924 by the New Piscopo Block, seen in distance at right. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Sunrise Residential Living in Laconia

Getting older can be a challenge, but not when you have a safe, caring and affordable place to live.

Sunrise Residential Living Campus at Laconia Housing in the heart of the Lakes Region can provide just that. When you live at Sunrise Residential Living, all of your friends and family are welcome. The support services we offer and amenities allow residents to live independently. You will have peace of mind knowing your loved ones have a dedicated staff and team working with them. Sunrise Residential Living's unique Choices For Independence program provides the opportunity for two meals a day in a beautiful dining room setting, housekeeping and laundry service, licensed nursing services, medical transport, resident service coordination and much more.

Sunrise Residential Living is within walking distance to restaurants and shops in historic downtown Laconia, so seniors can maintain their activity and independence. For more information please contact 603-737-2228 or online at laconiahousing.org



**The Belknap Mill
Quilters Guild
presents:**

Mysterious Quilt Journey

Saturday, Oct 3

10:00am-2:00pm

Rotary Park/Belknap Mill

10:00am – 1:00pm – Journey:

Follow your map to find quilts in dozens of businesses throughout downtown Laconia

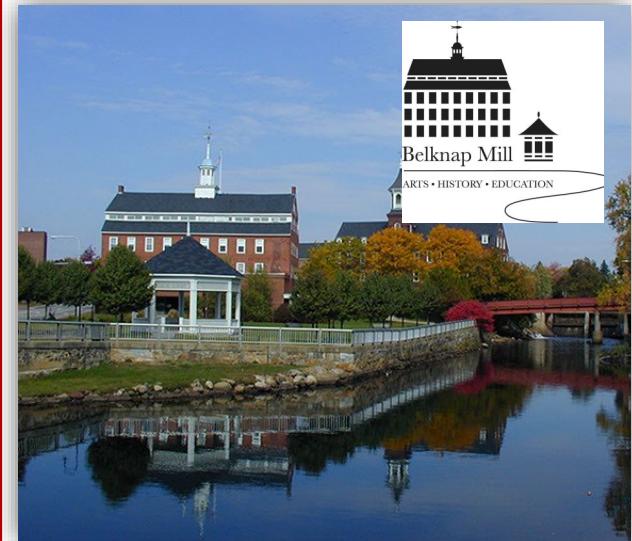
(Maps available at the Mill and all participating businesses)

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Journey's End:

Prize Drawings at the Mill

Turn in map for tickets no later than 1:15pm!

- “Quilted Treasures” handmade gifts
- “Attic Corner” quilting supplies for sale
- Beautiful Quilts on Display
- Winni Wagon Food Truck
- Safe, socially-distanced, family FUN!



Hours of Operation

The Mill will be closed this Saturday, September 19th

We will see you again Saturday, September 26th (10:00 am to 2:00 pm)

BCCCD Conservation Planning Webinar Series

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8 pm



On behalf of the Belknap County Conservation District and Prescott Farm, we are inviting landowners to join us for a series of virtual workshops on Conservation Planning. These free workshops will take place on Tuesdays in October: October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8pm. It is our great pleasure to host this event to assist new and long-time landowners.

Learn how a Conservation Plan can help you:

- Better define your goals for protecting the environment on your land or farm
- Identify key soil, water, and other natural resources
- Define conservation practices to consider as management options and
- Turn best management practices into actionable steps

Whether you are interested in protecting open space, wildlife habitat, improving forest land, or a farm, conservation plans can help you meet your goals for the future. Workshop features interaction with conservation experts, practical tips, and information. We are looking forward to giving all participants a valuable and worthwhile experience in learning and sharing knowledge.

Please sign up at:

<https://prescottfarm.wufoo.com/forms/qae14q20tfs0yb/>



At The Change of Seasons, Where's Your Trailer?

*A guide to storing
boats, trailers and RVs
on your property*

With the end of the warmer weather and winter just around the corner, people are moving their grownup "toys" that require trailers. If you're looking to store your summer toys or getting your winter fun ready, the City's Zoning Enforcement Office would like to remind residents there are some rules about their trailers that are often forgotten during these busy times.

Storage of Recreation Vehicles, which include any kind of trailers, including campers, boats, trailers with either jet skis or snow machines, any motorized recreational vehicle, and storage box-type trailers (does not include motorcycles unless on a trailer) need to be stored in specific areas on your property. Places where these items may be stored are in a carport, enclosed building, or rear yard area and shall not be located within 10 ft. of any lot line. (See the City Zoning Ordinance § 235-41 (L) Storage of Recreational Vehicles.)

For those residents having properties located on the shore, the area between the road and your home is considered your front. We understand that you do not want to hinder or damage the view of the lake for anyone, but please remember trailers of any type and recreational vehicles are not allowed in the front yard or side yards, including the driveway area in front of the house.

There have been a number of complaints to the City about placement of trailers and recreational vehicles. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the public, and responsibly store trailers and recreational vehicles where they should be. Failure to comply with the Zoning Ordinance can lead to fines or court action. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center



Wilderness Survival Series

Make & Use a Compass

Sat. September 12
1 - 3 pm

Debris Shelters

Sat. September 19
10-12 pm

Online preregistration is
required:
prescottfarm.org



Cow Pie Bingo

Sunday, September 20, 2020
1:30PM - 3:00PM

To Benefit Belknap House

Huckins Farm
52 Magoon Rd, New Hampton, NH



Tickets are \$20 each

**Winner gets 25% of ticket sales up to \$2500
500 tickets maximum will be sold
You don't need to be present to win**



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

Falls Prevention
Awareness Week
∞
September 21-25, 2020



Falling is NOT a normal part of aging! There are steps you can take to reduce your risk.

Just click [here](#) to read information provided by the National Council on Aging to help prevent falls for yourself and those you love.

*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 Baumoel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

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Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
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Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov