



*Photo of the Laconia Fire Station
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

Residential Excess Trash Sticker Program starts effective December 7, 2020



For more information call Public Works
at 603-528-6379.

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!*

Laconia families living in single family, duplex and triplex homes that receive the City's curbside collection service are currently allowed to place two 30-gallon trash cans at the curb for collection.

In response to residents' concerns and acknowledging that there are times (such as the holidays) when more than two trash cans may be needed, the City Council has approved the Residential Excess Trash Sticker Program which will become effective December 7, 2020.

Families living in single family, duplex and triplex homes will now be able to place more trash cans out for collection for a small fee. Excess trash stickers can be purchased and are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall and at the Public Works Department, 27 Bisson Avenue. Stickers are not sold individually but can be purchased at a cost of \$15 for five stickers.

Stickers must be placed across the area between the top of the trash can and the lid, or on the top bag if your trash can does not have a lid.

This program is only available for single family, duplex and triplex homes; it does not apply to apartment complexes, condominium associations with over three units, or businesses.

Please remember that the City's collection contractor will still not collect bagged trash that is on the ground or trash bags that are stacked above the rim of a trash container.

EVENTS and Programs

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



TEEN & TWEEN
PROGRAMS-TO-GO

*Glitter
Ornaments*

All December long!
Make a glittery ornament keepsake.
Kit includes 1 clear plastic bulb ornament,
1 small pot of glitter, 1 vial of floor polish,
and a paper funnel.

Limited quantity, signup suggested.

FAMILY CRAFT

*Fork
Painted
Holiday
Trees*



Family Craft: Fork Painted
Holiday Trees!
Dec. 8, 2020, 3-3:45 pm

During this fun, festive (and maybe a little messy!) program, we will be using forks and fingers to paint holiday trees. Call to pick up supplies ahead of time, and join Jamie on Facebook live on Dec. 8th at 3 pm so we can paint these pretty trees together!



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

ADULT TAKEAWAY CRAFT GINGERBREAD HOUSE ORNAMENT



Adult Takeaway Craft: Gingerbread House Ornament!

Paint a cute ornament
for your tree! The kit
includes 1 small flow-
er pot, paintbrushes,
assorted paint,
ribbon, bell, and a
stick for drawing. Sign up for a bag of
materials and instructions; a limited
number of kits are available throughout
the month of December.

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

Laconia Human Relations Comm.

December 8, 2020, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Site Walk

December 8, 2020, 3:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Committee

December 9, 2020, 10:00 am

Heritage Commission

December 9, 2020, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)



News From Laconia City Hall



Although the official first day of winter (December 21) is over a month away, temperatures are dropping quickly!

While City Hall is now open for business and we always love to see you here, with the current COVID situation it is still vitally important that everyone continues to social distance. With that in mind, we want to remind you that the City Hall lobby can only hold a limited number of people at a time. Depending on how busy our departments are when you visit, you may find that you have to wait outside for a short time, so please dress appropriately for the weather to stay warm until you can come inside.

Announcing "Wait in Your Car" Check In"!

If there is a line when you arrive and you wish to wait in your car rather than in the lobby or outside, please call 603-387-1252. We will call you back when it is your turn to come in!

There are a number of transactions that can be easily done on-line to save yourself a trip to City Hall. Please see [page 15](#) for more information.

Please note that per Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #74, facemasks are now required to be worn in all public buildings.

Stay safe and warm!



PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/25/20!

Property tax bills will were mailed on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

They are due on December 28, 2020.

Please note that there are many options for payment of your property taxes! It is not necessary to drop your property tax payment off in person. As shown on your tax bill, you can mail in your tax payment (or drop it off in the drop box slot on the Belknap Mill side of City Hall) and we will send you a stamped receipt. Please include a portion of your bill with your payment to ensure proper credit when paying by mail or dropping it off in the drop box. The drop box is checked every morning and you will be given credit on the morning your payment is retrieved.

You can also pay your bill [online](#), or by calling (855) 906-0411. Convenience fees are added to all credit card and telephone payments.

Payments will continue to be accepted at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours which are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30.

Questions? Call the Tax Office at 527-1269

Look what's happening at the Belknap Mill!



Looking for the perfect backdrop for your holiday photos? Bring the entire family (pets welcome!) to the Belknap Mill's Knitting Room! Thirty-minute appointments are available Monday-Saturday, Nov. 18 - Dec. 12. Donations are welcome and will help to support the Mill's 2021 programming. Bring your phone or camera to capture the smiles!

Contact Tara Shore at 524-8813 or email operations@belknapmill.org to secure your appointment.

'ART to You' Cartooning Class Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates



Join Belknap Mill Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates, weekly for a free virtual cartooning art lesson on Facebook LIVE:

<http://www.facebook.com/arttoyouwithlarry>

Tuesday's December 8, 15, 22 & 29
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm



THE HOLIDAYS Through the Eyes of a Child PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FEATURED
IN THE JANUARY 2021
**BELKNAP MILL
GALLERY EXHIBIT**



Kids Photo contest!

Two age categories: Ages 2-10 and 11-18. Images will be posted on the Belknap Mill's Facebook page and will be open for community voting January 1st - 4th.

Submit your photos* between November 16th - January 1st to: jill@belknapmill.org
Include the name/title of your image, photographer name, age group, and contact information.

All entries will be display in the Mill's Riverside Art Gallery during the month of January, 2021. One 'Community Favorite' from each age group will be selected and will receive a professionally framed version of their photo.

**All photos must be original work, taken by the entrants. No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains, and the photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person. The event is sponsored by the Belknap Mill. This contest is in no way sponsored or endorsed by Facebook.*



ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION



CROWN THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

Who will have bragging rights as the 2020 Community Choice winners? Vote for your favorite decorated home and business! Each participant has an official Light-Up Laconia sign posted to identify them as part of the competition. All members of the community can participate to vote for their favorite home and business.

Find an interactive map of participating locations here:

<https://bit.ly/LUL20Map>

Residential Voting Link: <https://bit.ly/LUL20Home>

Business Voting Link: <https://bit.ly/LUL20Biz>

Voting is open until Friday, December 18 (one vote per person).

More info: celebratelaconia.org/light-up-laconia



Click the image (left)
for more
information on the
Coloring Contest!



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

THEY DESERVE LOVE AND CARE.

EVERY
SINGLE
ONE



BUDDY



OLIVER



BARBIE

Friends,
Like you, we believe every single one of the pets that come to us deserves a second chance. We do everything we can to help. It is often heart-wrenching because we pick up the pieces from what other people have done to defenseless animals. In some cases it can be a significant hardship and it is almost never easy. These are a few of our recent rescue successes we wanted to share:



Buddy is a very good boy who was hit by a car. A neighbor realized Buddy's owner had left Buddy without care for several days so Buddy ended up with us. He was malnourished, covered in fleas, and his back leg was badly broken. Even in horrible pain, his tail wagged constantly but he needed care. Your help will save another Buddy.



Barbie is a sweetheart who came to us with a badly fractured hip. She had clearly had puppies fairly recently and she had re-learned how to walk despite the significant injury she had suffered. She was taking care of her family even though no one had cared for her. Even while in pain she is always quick to give

kisses and press her head against you whenever you enter the room. More pets like Barbie need your help.



Our new little friend Oliver had been abandoned alone in the basement of an empty house. We found him emaciated, with a badly injured leg, and scared. With our love and care, he is now ready for a new home and loving family.

Your support rescues another Oliver.

EVERY
SINGLE
ONE

DONATE

We created the EVERY SINGLE ONE campaign and we will be continuing this campaign through January 2021 with the goal of raising crucial funds to save more pets like Oliver, Buddy and Barbie. There is always a need for our services and it is no small feat! The care for these three lovable goofballs resulted in more than \$10,000 in medical expenses in addition to the normal care we provide. We can't do this alone. We can't save them without you. Whether \$100, \$1,000 or just \$1.00...every single dollar matters to every single one of the pets who need us and need you. We know you believe these sweet creatures deserve love and care. They are owed a second chance. They matter. Every single one of them. Please help if you can.

For the animals,
Charles Stanton, Executive Director

[Donate Now](#) to save a life.



Get outside for
some old
school Twitter.



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Backyard Birding: Winter Birds

Saturday, December 5
10 – 12 pm

Which species remain for the
winter? Grab a pair of
binoculars, and answer this
question with your own eyes
and ears!

Online advanced registration is required.
FMI visit: prescottfarm.org



Reminder!

Curbside recycling
will be picked up the
week of December 7th

Remember: "Glass is Trash"



Thank You!



Members of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia's Social Justice Committee wish to thank the Laconia Community for the recent generous outpouring of donations of non-perishable food, blankets, tents and sleeping bags to assist the people and families served by the Isaiah 61 Cafe. On November 14th our volunteers received these donations at the little white Unitarian Universalist Church on Pleasant Street, and delivered three filled pick up truck loads of the needed items to the Isaiah 61 Cafe, just in time for winter's arrival.

Also, thank you to the greater Laconia community for responding to the call to drop off recyclable plastic bags and wrappings to help keep the harmful chemicals from these plastics out of our environment. On November 21st, volunteers of the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, together with members of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia (UUSL), joined in front of the church collecting recyclable plastics, primarily bags, then transferring them to a midway site. Ultimately these plastics will be used in the manufacture of composite decking and furniture. We netted nearly 200 pounds of plastic. Congratulations to each of you who stopped by!!



On Saturday December 12th from noon to 3pm the Universalist Unitarian's Social Justice Committee is partnering with Laconia-Gilford Lions Club to collect food for the Community Action Program of Laconia's (CAP) food pantry. Items requested are peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, soups, cereals, tuna fish, and canned foods of all varieties. The Lions will be out in front of our Church at 172 Pleasant Street, curbside, for drop off of any donations. **Please note that the church remains closed at this time due to Covid-19. If you plan to drop off items for this Food Drive, please wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, and if you have traveled out of state, have been around someone who is Covid-19 positive or suspected Covid-19 infected, then please stay home. Thank you!**

News

From the City Clerk's Office



2021 Transfer Station Stickers

2021 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office, 527-1265.



Do you need to change your mailing address for tax bills and other general correspondence?

Just fill out and submit our **"Change of Address Form"** on-line and we will be happy to correct our records.



Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!



City of Laconia Code Enforcement Office

The City of Laconia has adopted updated building codes to be in line with the State of New Hampshire's adopted codes (see [RSA 155-A](#)).

The City has specifically adopted the 2015 Editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Code, and International Property Maintenance Code, along with the 2017 Edition of the NFPA/National Electrical Code. There are exceptions and/or amendments to some of these codes listed in Laconia Ordinance 119-9:B to address New Hampshire specific concerns.

Generally speaking, any building permit issued before December 31, 2020 will be inspected and work approved using the previous codes, (the 2009 versions). Any building permit issued January 1, 2021 or after will be inspected and approved using the newly adopted codes.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Joseph Gray, Building Inspector (jgray@laconianh.gov), Dean Trefethen, Planning and Code Enforcement Director (dtrefethen@laconianh.gov), or by calling 527-1264.



Tuesday December 15th
6:00-8:00pm
Call 524-5046 to RSVP

Santa won't be at Laconia Parks & Rec this winter, but he still wants to make sure he can call the good children of Laconia!
Please RSVP before Dec 14th!



Cross Country Ski Lessons At Bolduc Park

Sat Jan 2 | Sat Jan 9 | Sat Jan 16 | Sat Jan 23

10:00am (rentals can be picked up as early as 9:00am)

\$80 per person w/ rentals included | \$40.00 per person if you have your own equipment

For more info contact:

Piche's Ski & Sport Shop - 318 Gilford Ave, Gilford, NH (524-2068)

Bolduc Park - 282 Gilford Avenue, Gilford, NH (524-1370)

Laconia Parks & Rec - 306 Union Avenue Laconia, NH (524-5046)

Gilford Parks & Rec - 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH (527-4722)

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 . . .

The Ox-Bow cabins at 1330 Union Ave. date from 1937 when Greek emigrant George J. Barton came to Lakeport; the cabin colony was later known as Barton's Village and Barton's father ran an antiques business for many years in the building seen in right corner. House in left corner was at one time home to the Irish Tweed Shop. Union Avenue is in foreground and Paugus Bay at top. (Photo from Claire Clark's 'Black Brook,' published recently.)



. . . AND NOW

Many changes to the property have occurred over the years, including construction of modern motel units and addition of a swimming pool. Annie's Book Stop has occupied the building at right since the early 1980s. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Since there was no newsletter last week, please see the next page for an additional edition of "Our Yesterdays"....

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Demolition of the Keller-Bean Block (site marked by arrow) was progressing rapidly, 50 years ago this week, opposite the new O'Shea's Department Store. The space would be graded for temporary parking, much to the happiness of Downtown merchants with the approach of the Christmas holidays. Six months later, in this May 1971 photo, the Lee's Cut-Rate/Quality Market Block formerly on Mill Street at extreme left has also been demolished, but the Peoples National and Laconia Savings Bank (Folsom Opera House) Block is still there at far right. Foundation for the city's new 'Municipal Building' is under construction in upper left corner. (Laconia Public Library)



. . . AND NOW

The 'Lower Bank' (about where the circular brick plaza at right is today) was razed in November 1972 and the Municipal Parking Garage opened in June 1974. The Keller-Bean Block would have been located about where the far portion of the green section of the garage's Mansard roof is now. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

CARDBOARD WANTED!!

Gather all of those corrugated cardboard boxes you're sure to accumulate this holiday season...flatten them down, pile them up and bring them to the bin behind the City garage at 257 Messer St. to be compacted and recycled! Cardboard recycling is clean and easy. Corrugated cardboard only please! No cereal, soda/beer or shoe boxes, and no bubble wrap or air pillows.

Please help us save solid waste/recycling tax dollars by dropping off your cardboard.

Cardboard recycling is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Questions? Please call
DPW at 528-6379.*



Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Welcomes a New Assistant Director

Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced this week that she and the Board of Trustees were

pleased to welcome Amanda L'Heureux Dudek to the Foundation as their new Assistant Director. Amanda will be stepping in as the Foundation transitions their executive staff. Former Assistant Director, Karen Switzer stepped up to the Executive Director's position back in June, replacing Paulette Loughlin, who will be retiring the end of this year. Amanda will step into Karen's shoes and serve as the Assistant Director. Karen commented that she and Paulette had worked as a team the past two years at the helm of the Foundation. She hopes to do the same with Amanda.



When asked how she felt about her new position with LRSF, Amanda said "I am thrilled to be working at the Foundation. I am eager to meet many of the wonderful donors, who have created scholarship funds to help young people of the area succeed in their dreams of a career or obtain skills. As I hope to be here for many years, I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know each of the donors. This organization has been serving the community for 65 years as of February of 2021. That is just amazing. If anyone is interested in becoming a new donor with Lakes Region Scholarship or making a donation to us to help us to continue our work, I hope that they will not hesitate to contact me. The foundation is easy to find through our website, our FACEBOOK page or by just checking our phone listing."

Reminder from the Department of Public Works!

Fall curbside leaf pickup is over!

The last week for property owners to have their bagged leaves collected at the curbside was the week of November 16th.

All residents must now bring their bagged leaves to the Transfer Station for disposal.

Residents do not need a dump or day pass to dispose of leaves, but you must have some form of identification that shows you are a resident of Laconia. A utility bill or tax bill are acceptable forms of identification.

LACONIAHOUSING

We put our residents first.

A Recap of 2020 at Sunrise Residential Living and Laconia Housing



Laconia Housing opened its doors and welcomed its first residents into the New Sunrise House in February 2020.



Apartments at Sunrise Towers have been newly equipped with mini split systems for easier heating and cooling.



New lighting has been installed in all Sunrise Towers units for better lighting and efficiency.



Sunrise Towers has completed its brand new dining room and community room. This fresh new look is filled with modern furniture that suits the needs of all residents and guests and has lots of natural lighting.



New double-hung windows have been installed into all Sunrise Towers units, to allow for easy cleaning.



Landscaping has been done at all 3 properties, Sunrise Towers, The Tavern Inn Apartments and The Sunrise House



Are you looking for ways to help your community during the pandemic?

We are looking to assemble community and clinical volunteers to assist with any staffing shortages that may arise in the future within healthcare facilities, and this would include: APRNs, RNs, LPNs, LNAs, etc.

We are proactively building a back-up team to have on standby in case it becomes necessary to assist our healthcare community as well as provide assistance when a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available for dispersion.

In addition to clinical volunteers, we have a need for community volunteers who would be willing to assist at clinics with logistical tasks such as setting up/taking down at clinic locations, registration, supply management etc.

Temporary Health Partners (THP) are desired for the length of the COVID-19 crisis, with an 8-hour online training program and the scope of work including activities to meet the needs of residents in long term care centers. You can learn more about the work and training to become a THP at <https://bit.ly/THP4LTC>.

Anyone who has a desire to help should register at www.nhresponds.org and choose to join Lakes Region COVID-19 Team. You can also contact John Beland from the Partnership for Public Health with an inquiries at jbeland@ppnh.org.

Reminders from the City Clerk's Office...

Did you know?

...that you can renew your vehicle registration online?
Visit our website [here](#) to start your on-line vehicle Registration.

Skip the lines and have your registration mailed to you!

Do you want an email reminder? Call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265 or email us at cityclerk@laconianh.gov



Do you need a birth, marriage, death, or divorce certificate?

Apply for it through the City of Laconia website [here](#).

Follow the instructions and we will mail your document to you at the address you provide. If you have questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265.



Do you want to register your dog online?

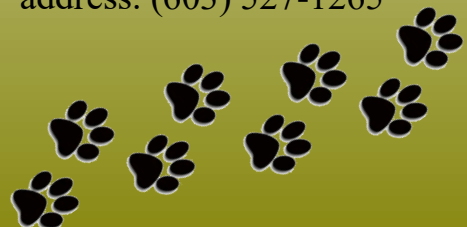


Visit our website's Dog Licensing page [here](#)!

Do you need to update your dog's rabies vaccination information?

Simply e-mail us a copy at cityclerk@laconianh.gov

Remember that dog licenses are due by April 30th of every year. If you would like an e-mail reminder please call or email us with your email address. (603) 527-1265





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



Holiday Safety Tips for Seniors!

- Use basic decorations that won't create clutter.
- Keep extension cords out of the way of walking areas
- Remove candles and replace with bright center pieces, or use battery powered candles.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

*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

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Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
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City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
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City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
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Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
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Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
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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	
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