



NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Laconia Links

December 18, 2020 - Edition #468



*A spectacular view of Laconia and holiday lights on Country Club Rd. - courtesy of View from Above*



The amount of snow in Thursday's storm was definitely over the 8 to 12 inches predicted for Laconia. There are snowdrifts of over 30 inches throughout the City. Our Public Works Department, like most agencies in the state, has been impacted by the COVID virus. This has lengthened, but will not stop, our efforts to clear the City streets and sidewalks of snow.

The City asks that residents and businesses assist its efforts by not blocking sidewalks with trash and recycling containers and to not plow or blow snow into the streets and sidewalks. Over the next few days you can expect multiple passes by City plows and sidewalk tractors as the crews widen the cleared areas of the streets and sidewalks to their full width. Please be patient as the City digs itself out of one of the largest storms that we have had in the last few years. Your help is appreciated!

**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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

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



*Please note!  
City Hall will  
be closed on  
Friday,  
December 25th,  
Christmas Day  
and Friday,  
January 1st,  
New Year's Day.  
We apologize for  
any inconvenience  
this may cause!*



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.

The Library will be closing early on Christmas Eve at 3 pm and closed on Christmas Day. The Library will be open its regular hours on Saturday, 12/26 from 9 am to 1 pm.



#### Adult Takeaway Craft: Gingerbread House Ornament!

Paint a cute ornament for your tree! The kit includes 1 small flower pot, paint-brushes, 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.

## MEETINGS

### Board of Assessors

(December 17 meeting rescheduled to December 21, 2020, 5:30 pm)

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

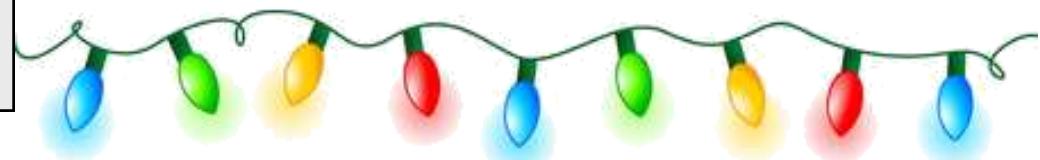
December 21, 2020, 6:30 pm  
[Agenda](#)

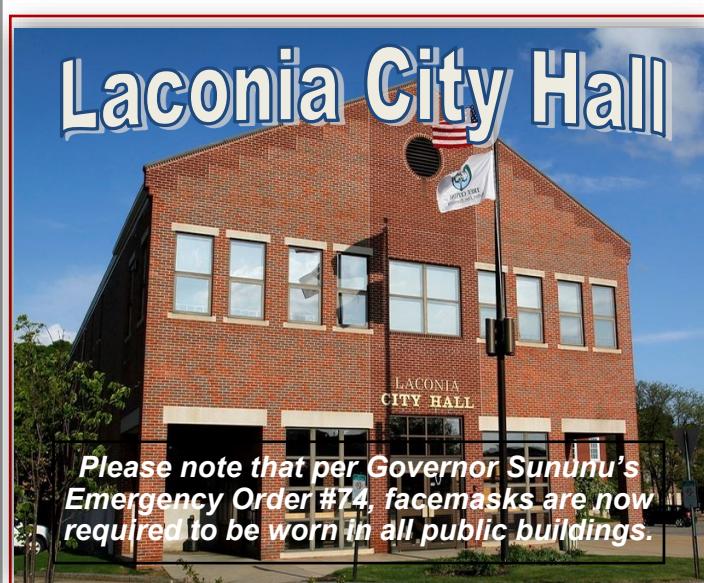
### City Council

December 28, 2020, 7:00 pm

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!**





While City Hall remains open to the public and we are always happy to see our customers, COVID numbers are on the rise and it is now even more vitally important that everyone continues to social distance and limit their activities. With that in mind and the safety of our visitors and staff our primary concern, we are asking that whenever possible you conduct your City business on-line or by phone. There are a number of transactions that can easily be done without making a trip to City Hall. Please see page 16 for more information.

Our staff is always available and happy to help you with any questions you may have, or assist if you have questions while using our on-line services.

Also, if you do find it necessary to come to City Hall in person, we want to remind you that our lobby can

only hold a limited number of people at a time. Depending on how busy our departments are when you arrive, 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.

If there is a line when you arrive and you wish to wait in your car rather than in the lobby or outside, you may find our new "Wait in Your Car Check In" service helpful! Please call 603-387-1252 when you get here and we will call you back when it is your turn to come in!

For questions of a general nature, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

# Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 21st

# Remember:

"Glass is Trash"



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT  
(IN THE GARBAGE).

# Virtual Christmas Fair



The Congregational Church of Laconia is holding a virtual Christmas Fair! Please visit our Church website [here](#) to see the wonderful items available for sale. More items added daily! This virtual sale will benefit the many outreach programs of our Church. All are welcome!

# Community Discussion

A virtual community discussion on tolerance will be held on Wednesday, December 23, from 5 to 6:30 pm. Co-hosts are Mayor Andrew Hosmer, State Senator Harold French and Adam Hirshan, publisher of The Laconia Daily Sun. The Moderator is Roger Carroll, editor of The Laconia Daily Sun. Panelists include Rabbi Dan Danson of Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia. More information will be available in the 12/19 edition of The Laconia Daily Sun.

The public is invited to participate. Click [here](#) and use Passcode 660859 to join the forum via Zoom on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 5 pm.

To listen only, call 1-646-558-8656, enter Webinar ID 89677364647, Passcode 660859.

## SOCKS

THE BELKNAP MILL CHRISTMAS ELF



Illustrated by  
Larry Frates

Written by  
Christopher A. Beyer

Paperback Book \$12.95

Limited Edition \$19.95

Meet SOCKS, The Belknap Mill Christmas Elf, and discover the tale of how a hard-working little elf, a young boy's Christmas wish and a special Mill located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire brought holiday joy to the children of Laconia, New Hampshire and the world beyond. A must read before hanging up that special Christmas stocking each holiday season!

Each book is signed by the Author, Christopher A. Beyer, the Illustrator, Larry Frates and of course, SOCKS!

**Paperback: \$12.95**

A special Limited Edition, which includes a knit sock ornament, will be available exclusively at the Belknap Mill. **Limited Edition, paperback with sock ornament: \$19.95**

*\*This is a pre-order only. Books are expected to arrive by December 30th. You will be notified by email when your book(s) come in!*

# Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center



**Raise your hand if you're ready to borrow some snowshoes at Prescott Farm!**

*(Foot raising is optional)*

**Members can borrow snowshoes at no cost; just \$5 for non-members! Our program building is open from 9 am- 4 pm, Monday-Saturday.**

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

603-366-5695



On Saturday Dec. 12 The Universalist Unitarian's Social Justice Committee partnered with Laconia-Gilford Lions Club to collect food for the Community Action Program of Laconia's (CAP) food pantry. The Committee and the Lions Club send a great shout out of thanks to our community! We were able to collect and deliver an entire trailer full of food to the CAP's pantry. The shelves there are now overflowing all thanks to each of you who came by and generously donated. Thank you greater Laconia for remembering our neighbors needing a bit of a helping hand.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

As a result of the increase in the COVID-19 cases in New Hampshire and the positivity rate, Laconia Public Works as of December 14, 2020 is restricting customer visits into its office at 27 Bisson Avenue.

The change is to protect visitors from possible exposure and to minimize the work force's exposure. This is to help ensure that Public Works can minimize the impact of the virus on its ability to keep the streets open during snow and other winter storms.

Any visitors who need to come to the office will need an appointment. Once you arrive at the office please call Public Works and someone will meet you at the door.

To assist the City's residents and businesses all of its permits are available on the City's web site and can be submitted on line.

Public Works' drop box located on the Strafford Street side of the building is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4 PM.

**Bureau of Infectious Disease Control**

**NH DIVISION OF Public Health Services**  
Department of Health and Senior Services

**If You Have Been Exposed to COVID-19: A Guide to Quarantine**

If you have been identified as a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, then you are at risk of developing COVID-19 yourself and need to follow these guidelines:

**1 Stay home for 10 days**

- Spend at least 10 days at your home and avoid being around people for 10 days after you were last exposed to a person with COVID-19. You may not go out in public places - not even to the grocery store or to run errands. Do not visit with other people outside your home, and do not invite others into your house to visit. If you must have visitors, make sure that you are under quarantine.
- Keep your distance from others when you are around (at least 6 feet).
- Wear a [cloth face covering](#) to protect those around you.
- Someone who is exposed to COVID-19 can develop illness and test positive anytime during the 10-day period.

For questions about exceptions to quarantine for essential travel or work, please read this [guidance](#). As long as you don't develop symptoms of COVID-19 during this 10-day period, you can stop quarantine after 10 days from the date of your last close contact to a person with COVID-19.

**2 Get tested**

- Get tested 5 - 7 days after your close contact to a person with COVID-19. This should be a test that detects active COVID-19 - preferably with a nose swab that is followed with a PCR-based test (which detects the genetic material of the novel coronavirus). You can find testing locations on our [COVID-19 Testing website](#).
- NH DPHS does not recommend "step out" of quarantine. This option suggests a person ends their quarantine after 7 days if their person tests negative for COVID-19 on day 6-7. Currently testing sources are not sufficiently available to adopt this approach, and risk of transmission is increased with this approach.

**3 Monitor for symptoms**

- Take your temperature with a thermometer and/or the temperature of family members who were exposed and cannot do so themselves. You should do this two times a day or anytime you feel like you might have a fever.
- Watch for other potential symptoms of COVID-19 such as respiratory illness (cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath), whole body symptoms (fatigue, chills, muscle aches), change in taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19:
  1. Seek medical advice and get tested - call ahead before you go to a healthcare provider's office or emergency room. Tell them you are under quarantine and have symptoms.
  2. If test positive for COVID-19, you will need to follow the [Isolation Guide](#) instructions for how long you need to stay home due to diagnosed COVID-19, which is typically ten days from the start of your symptoms or ten days from the date of your positive test, if you do not have symptoms.

**4 Take care of yourself**

**Support your immune system:** Reach out to your healthcare provider or seek emergency care if you have any questions about your health. Isolation can be lonely. Connect with others through phone, video, email, text, and email. Seek help from others to provide you and your household with supplies you need while in quarantine. If you have a medical emergency, call 911. Tell them you are under quarantine for COVID-19 exposure. If possible, use these resources to help keep you safe from COVID-19:

- [Using cloth face covering to prevent spread of COVID-19](#)
- [What to do if you are sick and caring for yourself at home](#)
- [Caring for someone who is sick](#)
- [Caring for a child with stress](#)

This document is available online at: <http://www.dhss.nh.gov/lcds/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>

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Please click on the image above for the most up-to-date information from the NH Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (Department of Health & Human Services) regarding exposure to COVID-19.



## 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](http://celebratelaconia.org/light-up-laconia)





# NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

## Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



### Brownie

Meet Brownie, a fun loving, happy go lucky guy! Brownie is about 1 year old, full of personality and would love to be in a new home for the holidays! He would be great in a home with another canine friend, although cats are just too much fun to chase! Brownie needs plenty of exercise and training to be successful in his new home. He will most likely do well in a home with older kids and with other dogs who can tolerate his active play style. If you are interested in adopting Brownie, please fill out an [application](#) today and email it to [adoptions@nhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhumane.org).



### Rex

Meet Rex! He is a special boy that needs a home that understands his needs. Rex is active and very playful. He needs room to get all that energy out and someone that has experience with cats. If you are interested in adopting Rex, please fill out an [application](#) today and email it to [adoptions@nhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhumane.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@nhumane.org](mailto: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](http://www.nhumane.org/adopt/application).



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



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

**DONATE**

# LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

## METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



Meters are changed periodically to comply with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations, the American Water Works Association and in accordance with the Laconia Water Works' Tariff. The Water Department has an annual program that replaces meters and **there is no cost to the property owner**. Our goal is to change out 600 meters over the winter months.

The Water Department will contact those property owners whose water meters are to be changed. We are in the process of sending letters and making phone calls to schedule appointments. This process takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes. For your convenience Saturday morning appointments may be available.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 524-0901.

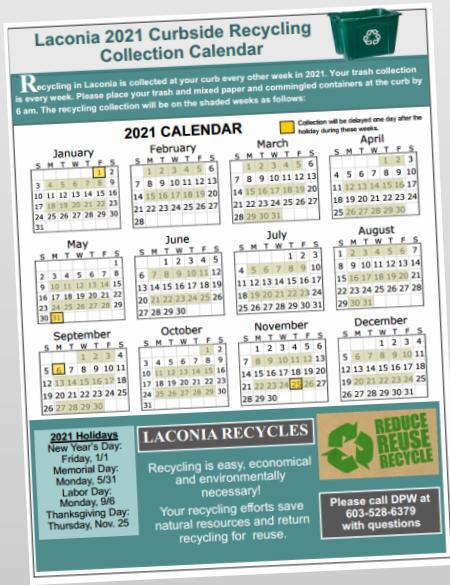


## Department of Public Works

The Laconia 2021 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is here!

Click on the image (below) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.



Please note that the WOW Trail gate in back of the Library and Messer St. is now closed for the season. The trail can still be used for walking, but not for motorized vehicles.

Questions? Please call the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department at 524-5046.

## 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.



## LACONIA READS

### Holidays 2020

*December 10<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>*

Join us this holiday season for twelve short stories celebrating the spirit of the season; sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Make sure to follow the Laconia Reads Facebook Group to share in the stories.

*Celebrate Laconia, the Belknap Mill and Meredith Village Savings Bank would like to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season!*



**C**elebrate Laconia and the *Belknap Mill* are pleased to welcome back our community-wide virtual reading program, *Laconia Reads*, for this holiday season. The program will run from December 10<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> and will consist of twelve short stories that celebrate the many different traditions of the holiday season. We will be welcoming twelve community members to do a virtual reading of their short story that all in the family can participate in; these readings will be posted on the *Laconia Reads Facebook Group* every other day at noon. The postings will also be available on the *Belknap Mill's Facebook Page*.

#### ***Upcoming Story Schedule:***

**12/18 |** *Hershel & the Hanukkah Goblins* ~ by: Eric Kimmel  
*The Bearer of Gifts* ~ by: Kenneth Steven

*Two holiday stories read by: Gail Drucker; Laconia Public Library*

**12/20 |** *Snowmen and Night* ~ by: Caralyn Buehne  
*Read by: Kirk Beatie; Laconia Fire Department Chief*

**12/22 |** *Socks, the Belknap Mill Christmas Elf* ~ by: Christopher Beyer  
*Read by: Christopher Beyer, local Author ~ Illustrations by Larry Frates*

**12/24 |** *Twas the Night Before Christmas* ~ *Read by Santa Claus!*

*Share a picture reading your favorite holiday story!*

**#LaconiaReads #CelebrateLaconia #BelknapMill**

*Celebrate Laconia | [www.celebratelaconia.org](http://www.celebratelaconia.org)*

*Belknap Mill | [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)*

*Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!*





## Residential Excess Trash Sticker Program

Christmas is coming and excess trash stickers are available to dispose of the wrapping paper and other items that are unique to the holiday season.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> the City Clerk's office and Public Works Department began selling excess trash stickers. The City Council approved this program to provide families the opportunity to place additional trash containers at the curb for collection. Residents living in single family homes, duplexes and triplexes are allowed to put on the curb only two 32-gallon containers per family for collection. This program provides these families an opportunity to place out more containers when they have more trash. This is timely as it provides an opportunity for families to dispose of the extra trash at the curb as a result of Christmas. The extra trash must still be in a container to protect the collection crews from needles as well as to keep animals from ripping open the bags allowing the trash to blow onto the street. To use the program residents must place the sticker on the top bag in the container if it does not have a lid or across the gap between the barrel of the trash can and the lid.

As always, the number of recycling containers is unlimited. Residents can place as many containers of recycling at the curb for collection as they wish. Please ensure that the container has a recycling sticker on it or another marking indicating to the crews that the container contains recycling. Only place those items the City accepts as part of its recycling program in the containers. Also, make sure that there is no food waste on the recycled items. Any contaminated items that are removed at the processing site increases the City's cost of recycling thus leaving less money to pay for other City priorities.

Have a lot of cardboard as result of Christmas presents? Why wait until the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> to recycle it? The City's cardboard collection site (located at 257 Messer St.) is open all day, 7 days a week. The more you use this site for corrugated carboard the less it costs as the City does not have to pay the cost of separating this cardboard from the remainder of the recycling stream.

The City hopes that all residents enjoy their Christmas during these difficult times!



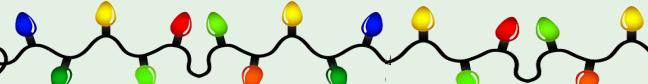
### Department of Public Works

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**

**Christmas Day is Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**All trash and recycling collection during Christmas week will be on the normal schedule with the exception of Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th. There will be no trash or recycling collected on Christmas Day; Friday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Saturday.**

**Any questions, please call 528-6379.**



### Department of Public Works

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**

**New Year's Day is Fri., Jan. 1st**

**All trash collection during the week of New Year's will be on the normal schedule, with the exception of New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st. There will be no trash collected on New Year's Day; Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd. Questions? Call 528-6379.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# KINSHIP CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12PM-1PM VIA ZOOM

UPCOMING DATES:

DECEMBER 28

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 29

Parenting is tough; parenting a second time can be even harder. This group aims to bring grandparents and other relative caregivers together to celebrate successes, mourn losses, problem solve for the hard times, and give support to one another. We hope you can join us to hear from other kinship caregivers and learn more about resources and opportunities that are available in your community.

This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center of Central NH and the Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center.

For more information, please contact:

Melissa Shadden-Cyr

(603) 460-5285 or [Melissa.Shadden-Cyr@LRCS.org](mailto:Melissa.Shadden-Cyr@LRCS.org)

Or

Patricia Eisner

(603) 286-4255 or [PEisner@GTA-FRC.org](mailto:PEisner@GTA-FRC.org)

To Register, please follow this link: <https://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/>

ARE YOU RAISING  
A GRANDCHILD,  
NIECE OR NEPHEW,  
OR OTHER  
RELATIVE?

ARE YOU  
INTERESTED IN  
LEARNING ABOUT  
RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE IN  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY?

WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO CONNECT WITH  
OTHER RELATIVE  
CAREGIVERS IN  
YOUR AREA?

DO YOU  
NEED  
SUPPORT?

YOU ARE NOT  
ALONE

We hope you'll  
join us for this  
monthly lunch  
hour group.

 **F**LRCS  
**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
Engage. Empower. Empile.

 The Greater Tilton Area  
**FAMILY**  
**RESOURCE CENTER**  
MAIN OFFICE



## Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative

The Belknap Mill is happy to announce that its new theatre program, Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, will be hosting virtual opportunities to introduce Spectacle Management to the Lakes Region community. Spectacle Management is the company that will be managing the Colonial Theatre in Laconia when it opens in 2021. Powerhouse, led by Bryan and Johanna Halperin, will be the resident theatre company at the Colonial and will be helping Spectacle get to know the local arts community.

There will be two opportunities for Lakes Region groups who might wish to utilize the Colonial for their own events to meet the Spectacle team and ask questions about scheduling, rental rates, ticketing, etc. "We understand a lot of groups are

excited to find out how they can get involved at the Colonial, but also that they don't know what the process will be. This will be the perfect opportunity to get those questions answered," says Bryan Halperin. Besides theatre, dance, and music performances, the Colonial will be appropriate for groups that want to host speakers, videos, large meetings and more.

The Zoom meetings will be held on January 12th at 6:30 pm and January 19th at 11 am. Advanced sign up is required and it is requested that groups choose one or two people to represent them so that there is time in each session for each group to introduce themselves and have their questions answered. Those representatives can then bring the information back to their groups. Along with the Halperins as facilitators, Spectacle team members Peter Lally, Dan Berube, and Brandon Caron will be present to do a short presentation and make (virtual) connections to the groups. "In addition to the National Touring Artists Spectacle Management will bring to the Colonial, community and non-profit events will become a key part of the building's schedule," said Spectacle Management Marketing Director Dan Berube. "The Colonial is going to be an exceptional theatre, and will be able to host a wide variety of events, including live theatre, dance competitions, galas, speakers, and much more. We look forward to introducing Spectacle to the Lakes Region, getting to know the community, answering your questions, and working to make the Colonial the center of a vibrant downtown Laconia."

Spectacle and Powerhouse are busy making plans for the 2021 season, but recognize that there is still a lot of uncertainty in the near future about producing live events. A "Grand Opening" will be delayed until it is safe to fill the audience, but a "soft" opening may happen this spring or summer with some smaller, socially distanced events. "As excited as all of us at Spectacle and Powerhouse are to get going, we all recognize that the health and safety of performers and audience members is paramount. In the meantime, events like these "meet and greets" are a good way to stay in communication with the public so everyone is ready to go when the time is right," says Halperin.

To sign your group representatives up for one of the virtual meetings in January go to <https://coloniallaconia.com/> or check out the Colonial or Powerhouse on Facebook.

Questions about the event can be addressed to Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative via [powerhouse@belknapmill.org](mailto:powerhouse@belknapmill.org).

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and a center for award-winning cultural and educational programs.

# 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 ...

**It is believed this photo was taken in December 1969, when Bank Square — before Urban Renewal demolition and reconstruction — featured a manger scene and brightly decorated tree on the island in front of Woolworth's. At left, Melnick's Shoe and Laconia Hardware Co. are glimpsed, with the Moulton Opera House Block (O'Shea's Department Store) faintly outlined beyond them. Two-way traffic still operated then on Main and Pleasant streets. Downtown parking meters were in operation until September 1972, although those at right were eliminated when the southern section of Main Street became a pedestrian mall in early November 1970. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**Urban Renewal (late 1960s-early 1970s) eliminated Bank Square as such, extending buildings at left out into the former square. Woolworth's closed, Dec. 30, 1970 and was succeeded by Benjamin's and, later, the Sundial Shop, which closed in 2010. The building is currently home to a number of other businesses. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



## **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](http://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@pphn.org](mailto:jbeland@pphn.org).

**LACONIA**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Your help  
is needed!*

With over 30 inches of snow we NEED your help! Please help your neighbors if you can and dig out their walkways and vents for any heating appliances. Many communities have already been responding to CO issues with illness.

We also need your help with the fire hydrants. PLEASE shovel out your closest fire hydrant. In a fire every second counts and the amount of snow can delay us by minutes getting water to a fire.

*We greatly appreciate your assistance!*

## 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!*

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week on December 25th.

In the meantime, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas!



Pictured above: Bolduc Park volunteers Bob Bolduc, Bill Kosla and Stevens Hill

**\$80 per person including rental equipment or \$40 per person if you have your own equipment. Register with the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department or at Bolduc Park. For more information call Bob or Pat at 524-2068. For more information, contact Piche's Ski & Sport Shop (524-2068), Bolduc Park (524-1370), Laconia Parks & Rec (524-5046) or Gilford Parks & Rec (527-4722).**

Bolduc Park is now open for cross country skiing! Come join us for some safe, affordable fun outdoors. Bolduc Park is on Gilford Avenue at the Laconia/Gilford Town line. The non-profit, all volunteer run Bolduc Park's mission is to offer recreation to area residents.

Cross Country lessons will be offered to youth and adults beginning on Saturday, January 2 and will continue on January 9, 16 and 23. Lessons begin at 10am and rental skis may be picked up at 9am at Piche's Ski shop. The cost for lessons is

# Reminders from Laconia City Hall Staff...

## 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](mailto: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.



## PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/25/20!

Property tax bills 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



## 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.

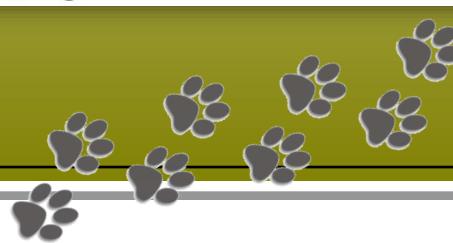
## Do you want to register your dog online?

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](mailto:cityclerk@laconianh.gov)

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



# Winter Information from the Department of Public Works

## DID YOU KNOW?

...That drivers cannot park their vehicles overnight in the City's downtown parking lots? Cars and trucks that park overnight interfere with Public Works' ability to clear snow from these parking lots. Instead, please park in the parking garage overnight. The Police Department announces through Twitter whenever Public Works will be plowing or removing snow from these parking lots, and owners of vehicles parking in the City lots may be fined or have their vehicles towed at their expense to ensure that these parking lots can be plowed.

And did you know that it is unsafe to plow a driveway's snow across a street and leave it there? Traffic passing by your driveway during the plowing could have an accident as a result of hitting the plow truck or hitting the snow windrow left by the plow.

Also, please be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto a City sidewalk could prevent the City from clearing the sidewalk if the snow pile is too large for the sidewalk plows to clear. Please ensure that you or your plow contractor do not push driveway snow across a public street or blow snow into the sidewalk. This will help Public Works clear the streets and sidewalks after a storm to keep our community safe.

The City Council has implemented an Ordinance to minimize these problems. Public Works will first reach out to educate a property owner if there is a violation. If the violation continues after the first communication, the property owner or person in violation of the Ordinance can be subject to a \$500 fine.

Please feel free to contact our Department at 528-6379; we will be happy to answer any questions and provide additional details.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe this winter safe this winter!

## Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during this icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks. Questions? Please call 528-6379.

*Thanks and have a safe winter!*

## City Manager Update

The new [Financial and Operational Trends](#) report has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

# 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.



**Winter Holidays**  
Enjoy the holidays and take  
steps to protect yourself from  
getting or spreading COVID-19.  
[Learn more](#)

Click "Learn more" in the above image for helpful  
information and guidance provided by the CDC to  
stay safe during this 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://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        |          |

### 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 |

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