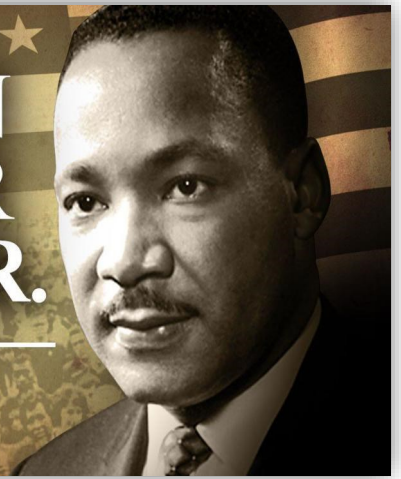




Laconia Links

January 15, 2021 - Edition #471

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. — DAY —



Please see [page 3](#) for details on the January 17th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee

REMINDER: Dumping Snow into Waterbodies is Prohibited



Snow cleared from roads and parking lots contains debris, trash, sand, salt and other contaminants that are harmful to water quality. While snow can be stored by surface waters at least 25 feet from the high water mark, it should NEVER be dumped into waterbodies. Due to the contaminants and debris snow contains, dumping snow into waterbodies without a permit is illegal. RSA 485-A:13, I(a) prohibits discharging wastes to surface waters without a permit. For more information about proper snow removal and disposal, please review the [NH Department of Environmental Services Fact Sheet on Snow Disposal Guidelines, 2020](#) and contact the Laconia Conservation Technician at 603-527-1264.

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!



Spring & Summer
Camp Registration is
now open!

WildQuest Camps 2021
Let the Outdoor Adventures Begin!

EVENTS and Programs

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



Teen & Tween Programs-to-Go! Squishies Through January 31st

Back by popular demand. Take home everything you need to paint your own Squishie Keychain! Each kit includes 2 squishies, a 6 strip of fabric paint pots, a paintbrush, and a keychain clip. For teens and tweens ages 9-19.

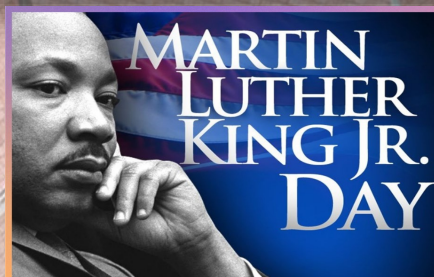


Laconia Public Library's Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays with Gail & Thursdays with Jamie
10 am on Facebook Live
For children birth to age 5



Penguin Painting!
January 19, 2021,
3:00-3:45 pm

In this craft program, we'll be making "cool" paper penguins and painting with watercolors to make a beautiful wintery background for them. Call ahead of time to pick up all of the materials needed for this craft, and join us on Facebook Live for step-by-step instructions! For children 3-12.



The Library is closed on Monday, January 18, 2021.

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!

Zoning Board of Adjustment

January 19, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec Commission

January 19, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

January 20, 2021, 3:00 pm

Conservation Commission

January 20, 2021, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors

January 21, 2021, 5:00 pm

Laconia Airport Authority

January 21, 2021, 4:00 pm

LACONIA HOUSING

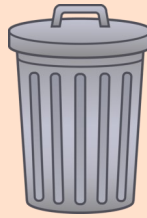
We put our residents first.

Laconia Housing will hold its' monthly board meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 Noon. The specific dates are posted on our website. Changes to the meeting time and schedule will be posted & announced here, the town hall and on the Agency website.

The Zoom invite link to join is on the website at:

www.laconiahousing.org
in the "about" section of the site.

Questions? Please call us at:
603-524-2112



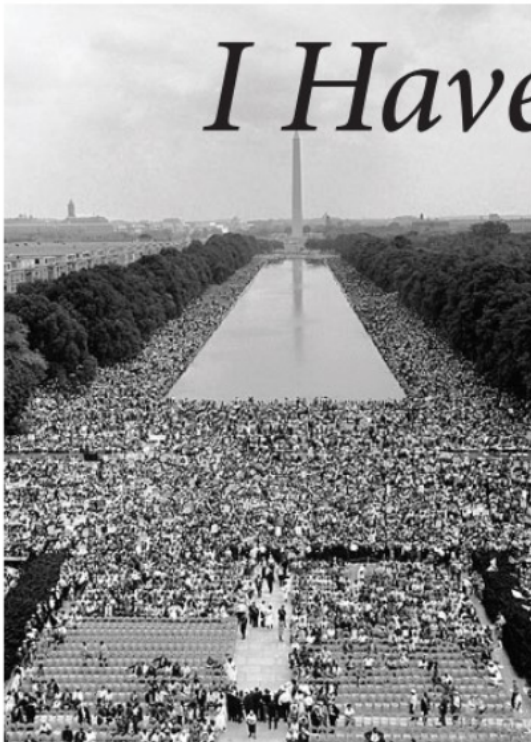
Public Works Department

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18th

Notice to Residents on Curbside Collection Routes

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Jan. 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Collections for the entire week will be on their regular schedule.

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



I Have A Dream ...

**Annual Celebration
of the Reverend
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Sunday January 17, 2021**



~ featuring panel & community discussion ~

Sponsored by Laconia Human Relations Committee. Please join us via Zoom on Sunday, January 17, 2021 for our Annual MLK Day Celebration beginning at 3:00 pm (you may begin joining the celebration at 2:30 pm). To attend the celebration virtually, connect via the [Zoom link](#) and use Passcode 882328. To listen only, call 1-301-715-8592, enter Webinar ID 842 2958 4087 and Passcode 882328.

Information can also be found on the City's website at www.laconianh.gov



Our community discussion on tolerance continues with another virtual panel:

Listening Across the Divide: Building Bridges or Walls?

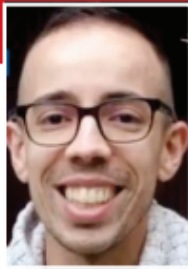
Wednesday, January 20, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

This diverse and balanced panel includes people who may be best known for their politics. But this forum is intended to move beyond divisive partisan debate and dive deeper into issues of free speech and respectful disagreement.

The Panel



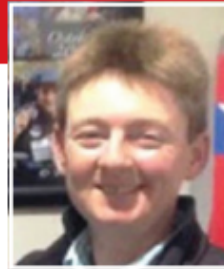
Peter Spanos is a lifelong resident of Laconia. He served three terms in the NH House and is now county commissioner.



Carlos Cardona is a local business owner and father of two. He served on Franklin School Board and has been a candidate for state representative.



Mike Bordes is a resident of Weirs Beach and was recently elected to the N.H. House of Representatives.



Mo Baxley, a resident of Laconia, and former member of the NH House, served as deputy political director for Bernie Sanders presidential campaign.



Gretchen Gandini, a member of Gilford School Board, is a lifelong resident of the Lakes Region.

Moderator is **Mike Seymour**, a 30-year resident of Laconia who served two terms as mayor and was chair of the school board, is currently a Senior Vice President at Bank of New Hampshire.

Hosts are **Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Senator Harold French**
and **SUN Publisher Adam Hirshan**.

The public is invited to participate. Visit laconiadailysun.com/tolerance to join.



the Bell & BRICK

virtual coffeehouse concert series

January 28th, 2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Dwayne Haggins



contact us at operations@belknapmill.org | 603-524-8813

Dwayne Haggins to perform for the Belknap Mill's Virtual Coffeehouse Concert Series Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6-8pm

The Belknap Mill is pleased to be offering three live streamed concerts in our upcoming Bell & Brick Coffeehouse Concert Series. The series will begin Thursday, January 28th with Dwayne Haggins, followed by Bob McCarthy on February 25th and March 25th will feature Green Heron. To ensure a high-quality music experience we are pleased to be working with The Greenhouse Recording Studio and NH Music Collective. The concerts can be found on the Belknap Mill's Facebook and YouTube channel. Dwayne Haggins has been described as "the love child of Hank Williams and Sam Cooke." "The John Legend of rockabilly." And even, "the 'what-took-you-so-long?' fusion of Elvis Presley and Marvin Gaye." At every performance, Dwayne is always at work...adding new subtleties to an obvious melody line, or reinterpreting a time-worn lyrical cliché to imbue it anew with genuine feeling. His distinctive sound delivers a brand new take on the traditional country-blues and soul that he loves, and has generated a rare sense of excitement and possibility throughout the musical community. For more information you can email operations@belknapmill.org or call (603)524-8813.

Disposal of Christmas Trees



The City of Laconia does not pick up Christmas trees curbside. This allows the Department of Public Works to more efficiently and effectively utilize personnel and equipment time. Laconia residents can bring their Christmas trees to either the City's Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road during its hours of operation (Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to Noon) or bring them to the designated area in the parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive (near its intersection with West St.) by Memorial Park. The Park is located at 31 Lindsay Court and is available every day.

Christmas trees may also be taken to the Brush Dump on Friday or Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm unless it snows. In the event of a snowstorm the Brush Dump will be closed to allow all Public Works personnel to work on snow removal.

There is no charge to dispose of a Christmas tree at any of these locations. If you are planning to go to either the Transfer Station or the Brush Dump to drop off your tree, please be sure to bring a document showing you are a resident of Laconia.

For more information call DPW at 528-6379.



LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
PRESENTS

(PART 1) HOME COMPOSTING: THE BASICS

CO-HOSTED WITH
TAMWORTH RECYCLING PROJECT
&
COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**JANUARY 29, 2021
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

This virtual workshop will cover information about the basic science of composting, the benefits of diverting food waste, and system considerations for your home composting site.

Join via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/compostingpartone>

Join via Phone: 1 (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 899 2379 2705

Passcode: 611762

To RSVP and for more information, please contact Paige Wilson by
email: pwilson@lakesrpc.org or phone: (603) 279-5342



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Protect Yourself

AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
 - You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
 - Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
 - Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.
- ✓ **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

! If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG Hotline: **1-800-HHS-TIPS** | tips.hhs.gov
- FBI Hotline: **1-800-CALL-FBI** | ic3.gov
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: **1-800-MEDICARE**



For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit:

oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus
fbi.gov/coronavirus
justice.gov/coronavirus



HHS
Office of
Inspector
General



Federal
Bureau of
Investigation



Department
of Justice



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Plan ahead for outdoor fun & adventure...

Programs fill up fast!

Saturday, January 30

Smartphone Snowflake Photography 10–12 pm
Snowshoe Big Tree Tour 1-3 pm

Saturday, February 6

Snowshoe Yoga 10 – 12 pm
Winter Survival Day 10 – 2 pm

Saturday, February 13

Snowshoe Yoga 10 – 12 pm

For more information or to register visit
prescottfarm.org

Reminder!

Curbside recycling will
be picked up the week
of January 18, 2021

"Glass is Trash"



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



Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our
Sled Dog Race this year. We hope to see you all next year!



Registration is open for the NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity & Health Challenge. The Granite State 90 Day Winter Challenge is to be physically active for 30 minutes or more every day in the months of January, February and March. Grab a buddy or a family member and walk, snowshoe, ski, build a snowman, join an online fitness class – move however you like for 30 minutes!

Join the challenge and you will have access to our 3 month Activity Calendar and online classes (Zumba, Yoga, Meditation, Cooking, etc.). Register today at <https://nhmoves.org/>

When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/14/2021



PHASE 1


PHASE 1A

- High-risk health workers
- First responders
- Older adults living in residential care settings

PHASE 1B

- People ≥ 65 years old
- Medically vulnerable at *significantly* higher risk with 2 or more conditions
 - Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons, ≤16 years old not eligible for vaccine
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

DECEMBER - MARCH*



PHASE 2

PHASE 2A

- K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B

- People 50 - 64 years old

MARCH - MAY*



PHASE 3

PHASE 3A

- Medically vulnerable <50 years old at *moderately* higher risk with 1 or more conditions

PHASE 3B

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

MAY and BEYOND*

Additional details are coming soon.

Contact 2-1-1 for more information and visit nh.gov/covid19 for updates.



ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.

1/14/21



On January 14, 2021 Governor Sununu announced that the Phase 1B vaccination plan is now adjusted to include any individuals 65 and older.

On January 22, 2021 Phase 1B eligible individuals will be able to schedule vaccinations. If you are Phase 1B eligible, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19 on or after January 22, 2021 to schedule your vaccination. If you need to know which vaccination phase you fall under, please visit www.vaccines.nh.gov.

Any updates will be posted on the www.nh.gov/covid19 website. You can also call 2-1-1 with questions Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 pm.

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 . . .

Intersection of Court and Academy streets, Laconia, is seen in the late 1890s. Sign in foreground advertises the City Hotel Stables and the photo was probably taken from the hotel, which stood approximately where today's Walgreens is located. A watering trough for horses is located in the intersection, in front of a horse and sleigh. Belknap County Court House is located off-photo at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

With replacement of horses by automobiles, by the 1930s the watering trough was no longer needed and was removed. By 1932, the Laconia Service Station Co. was operating a filling station at the intersection. Later operators included Robert C. and John H. Richdale in the 1940s, Gilmartin's and, later, Don Barney's Esso in the 1950s. After Fred Lamere's Exxon gas station closed, the building was remodeled into the Color Amber Salon in 2006 and, later, My Coffee House, which opened in July 2009. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have current vacancies:

- Board of Assessors (1 alternate position)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (4 alternate positions)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 alternate positions)
- Conservation Commission (1 alternate position)
- Personnel Advisory Board (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (2 alternate positions)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Planning Board (1 alternate position)
- Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) *
- Downtown TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) *

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

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

- Conservation Commission (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (1 alternate position)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 regular positions, 1 alternate position)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Putnam Fund (1 regular position)
- Trustees of the Trust Fund (1 regular term)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at Nbrown@laconianh.gov) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. **The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2021.**

POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE



**Meet the Colonial!
Informational Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, January 19th
11:00 am
Pre-registration required**

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, a new program of the Belknap Mill, will be hosting the second of two "Meet & Greet" opportunities to introduce Spectacle Management to the local arts and culture community. Spectacle is the management company for the Colonial Theatre.

Advanced signup is required. It is requested that groups choose one or two individuals to represent their organization to ensure ample time in each session for groups to introduce themselves and have their questions answered.

To register for the January 19th virtual meeting click [here](#) or check out the Colonial or Powerhouse on Facebook. Questions about the event can be addressed to Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative via powerhouse@belknapmill.org

Please note!
City Hall will be
closed all day
on Monday,
January 18th for
Martin Luther
King, Jr Day.

*We apologize for
any inconvenience
this may cause.*



Colonial Theatre Updates...

Before



After



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



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 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



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.



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.

Department of Public Works

The Laconia 2021 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available!



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

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



NEW Beginning 12/10/20

THE LAKES REGION PARENT & CAREGIVER GROUP

2nd Thursday each month

10:30-11:30am

Virtual until further notice

For more information and to receive
the Zoom link, contact:

- Tricia Hunt
- 603-581-1567 or
patricia.hunt@lrcs.org



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**Do you struggle
with your child's
or teen's
behavior?**

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Please join us:

- To learn strategies on
how to deal with
challenging behavior
 - To learn what
resources are
available to help you
 - To meet other families
who understand your
situation
 - To know that you are
not alone in this
journey
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NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

New Hampshire

85 North State Street • Concord • NH 03301 • www.NAMINH.org • (603) 225-5359 • (800) 242-6264 (InfoLine)



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



Click on the image above for some expert tips
provided by AARP for staying warm and motivated
as temperatures drop!

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

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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

Have a great weekend!

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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