



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links

January 29, 2021 - Edition #473



Please be sure to use extra caution out on the ice!

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Monday, February 8th from 12:00-2:00pm

(While supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



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!*

Scam and Fraud Directory

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) for fraud, errors, or abuse related to Medicare - **877.808.2468**

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for consumer scams and identity theft - **877.382.4357**

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for unwanted calls - **888.225.5322**

National Center for Disaster Fraud for fraud related to natural or man-made disasters - **866.720.5721**

Medicare for lost or stolen Medicare cards - **800.633.4227**





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



Adult Takeaway Craft: String Art

February 1-February 28, 2021

Choose from two adorable designs!
Pick a fox or a penguin to create
hangable art. All materials provided,
sign-up required as supplies are
limited.



**Groundhog
Day
Pop-up Craft!**
thru Feb. 2,
2021
Happy
Groundhog
Day! On Feb.
2nd will
Punxsutawney
Phil see his
shadow and go into hiding for another 6
weeks, or will he come out for an early
Spring? Call or email the library to pick
up this fun craft kit so you can decorate
your own groundhog scene!



Teen & Tween Programs –to-Go! February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021

Make a sticker
masterpiece!
Designs are limited to
those available at the desk.

For teens and tweens ages 9 through 19. Call, text,
or email the Library to reserve one of our limited
number of kits.

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 be-

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

Planning Board

February 2, 2021, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Special Events Review Committee

February 3, 2020, 12:00 noon

Agenda

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!*



Share the Warmth!

Isaiah 61 Café has a need for gloves and thermal underwear (men's and women's of all sizes). for the local homeless community. We ask that if you are able you purchase an item and either personally deliver to the Café, or that you have it delivered there. If you wish to make a purchase on-line and have it delivered, please have it sent to Isaiah 61 Café, 100 New Salem St., Laconia, NH 03246, Attention: Dawn Longval. Donations may be dropped off Monday -Friday during the hours of 9 am to 2 pm. However, they ask that items not be dropped off during lunch which is from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

This is a community effort of the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia. Our little white church is located at 172 Pleasant Street in Laconia.

For further information please go to our Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/UULaconia/>

ISAIAH 61 Café



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.

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

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+

PHASE 3

Updated: 1/14/2021

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*

Click [here](#) for larger image

Additional phases coming soon.

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

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



ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



Phase 1B vaccinations for eligible individuals have begun. If you are Phase 1B eligible, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19 to schedule your vaccination.

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

Click
[here](#) for
more
info on
this
series
of
classes!

COOKING MATTERS® AT HOME

Do you live in Belknap County? Are you parenting children? If so, please sign up for a FREE online education series via Zoom.

Eight topics to choose from to help you with healthy eating in your home.

Contact Brenda Carey to schedule (weekdays or weekends)
brenda.carey@unh.edu

Call or Text: 630-8303

Receive a \$10 Hannaford gift card for every class you attend.
(Income restrictions apply)

If you qualify for SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance, then you qualify to participate at no cost to you. Language assistance is available at no cost. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda Carey at 603-630-8303 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

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Extension
Nutrition Connections



Spring & Summer Camp Registration is now open!

WildQuest Camps 2021
Let the Outdoor Adventures Begin!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Winter Beauty... BIG & small!

Saturday, January 30
Smartphone Snowflake Photography
10 – 12 pm

Snowshoe Big Tree Tour
1-3 pm

For more information or to register visit
prescottfarm.org

Assessing

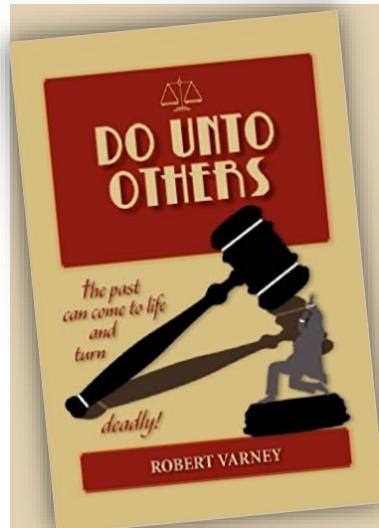
The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st.

This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2020 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend that property owners get a copy of their Property Record Card to verify its accuracy and confirm if any changes have been made.

Questions?

Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.



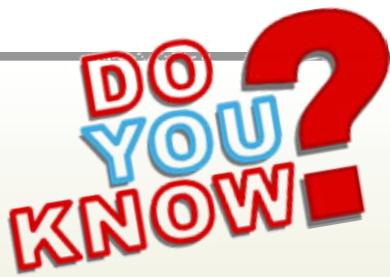
Belknap Mill Virtual Book Club
Wednesday, February 3
6pm to 7pm

Note: January's Book Club Meeting has been rescheduled to February 3

As Judge Harry Warren presides, languidly passing sentences over others in his rural New Hampshire Court, unknown to the Judge, an old girlfriend and the investigation of a brutal murder have combined to shake the foundations of his carefully arranged world. Fatefully, Harry blunders into the case and finds suddenly that his job, his reputation, his marriage, even his own freedom all hang in the balance.

The Book Club meets virtually via Zoom. For more information or the link, please email Cathy Waldron at giveasalute@gmail.com

The Belknap Mill Book Club will resume its regular year schedule via Zoom beginning Wednesday, February 24th.



Department of Public Works

What is a Public Road Right of Way?

A public right of the way is the area that has been “given” to a government for the public’s use. Typical uses for a public a right of way include roads, bike paths, sidewalks, stormwater drainage and public utilities. In New Hampshire, municipalities or NHDOT control these rights of way.

To protect public rights of way to ensure their continued use by the public, states and municipalities have implemented laws, ordinances and regulations. Property owners cannot build or obstruct the right of way in front of their property without obtaining an encroachment or license from the government that controls the right of way. For most streets in the City, that is the City of Laconia. Meredith Center Road, Parade Road, Endicott Street North and Endicott Street East as well as portions of Routes 106 and 107 in the City limits are state roads.

If you want to construct a driveway or replace/repair a driveway you will need a driveway permit. This permit provides the City the opportunity to ensure the driveway will not interfere with the public’s use of the right of way.

The only item that can be in the right of way without a permit is a simple mailbox. If you want to construct a large type structure to support your mailbox please contact Public Works first.

Public Works has heard from residents many different comments on where they think the edge of the right of way is in front of their property. Some include:

- Edge of pavement
- 20 feet from the center line of the road
- 5 feet from the edge of pavement

These may be true in certain situations but only by accident as rights of way vary in width depending on the intended use of the road at the time of its creation. One section of Main Street has a right of way that is over 180 feet wide. Also, a road may not be in the center of the right of way.

So, how do you determine where the edge of the right of way is on your property? One simple way that gives a fairly accurate representation of the location of a right of way is the tax maps on the City’s website. One option that may help locate the right of way is to add an aerial “layer” photograph to the map. You can find that feature by clicking on the icon in the top right corner that looks like a window. You can also find it by using the description of your lot in your deed to find the property’s boundary pins that were placed by the surveyor when your area/lot was developed.

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

Coming soon – What are private rights of way?



Braver Angels

FAMILIES AND POLITICS

HOW TO TALK WITH LOVED ONES ON THE OTHER SIDE

A Braver Angels Northern New England On-Line Workshop

**Saturday, February 6th, 2021
2-4 p.m.**

Are some of your family relationships suffering and becoming casualties of our toxic political environment? In some instances, family members are having nasty political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop will offer you:

Insight into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging

Recognition of common roles that family members play in political conversations (for example, the Gladiator, the Defender, and the Sniper).

Strategies and skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way

Although the focus is on family relationships, the skills and strategies discussed and modeled in this workshop can help smooth divisions in many types of relationships.

For more information, contact Martha Kruse, local organizer, at muff@metrocast.net.

To register: braverangels.org, Find an Event (February 6, listed as Portsmouth, NH) or find Braver Angels on Facebook and register there through Eventbrite.



Click on the image (above) to read the Year-End 2020 Newsletter from the Lakes Region Scholarship Fund!

Please remember that LRSF applications are due by April 1st. You can find the application online at LRSF's [website](#).



Applications can either be filled out on-line and emailed, or can be printed out and mailed

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 Masonic Temple Building, erected in 1894 at 653 Main St., Laconia, is seen around 1900, with the North Church (Congregational) still on its original site, at the corner of Church Street, and the Marsh livery stable on the site of the New Piscopo Block, which would be built in 1924. The city offices moved to the Masonic Temple Building, 125 years ago this week, in 1896. (Laconia Public Library)

...AND NOW

Following a fire and explosion, Dec. 6, 1902, the Masonic Temple Building was rebuilt and the city offices returned — where they remained until 1926 — after the city acquired the John Adams Harper House on Pleasant Street as a new City Hall. The Masons sold the temple property to 653 Main Street Associates in 1984 and relocated to 63 Court Street. Just barely visible at left, the library flagpole now occupies the site of the North Church, which was moved to its current location on Depot (now Veterans) Square in 1903. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)





Blanket Forts & Books

Join Ms. Trish on Zoom

Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:00am

Let's have some cozy fun on a winter day!
 Build a blanket fort, then meet me on Zoom.
 I'll share the stories*, you share the snuggles!

To receive the Zoom link, go to:
<http://www.lrcs.org/family-event-signups/>

*Children of all ages are welcome,
 but the stories will be best suited to ages 2-5 years.

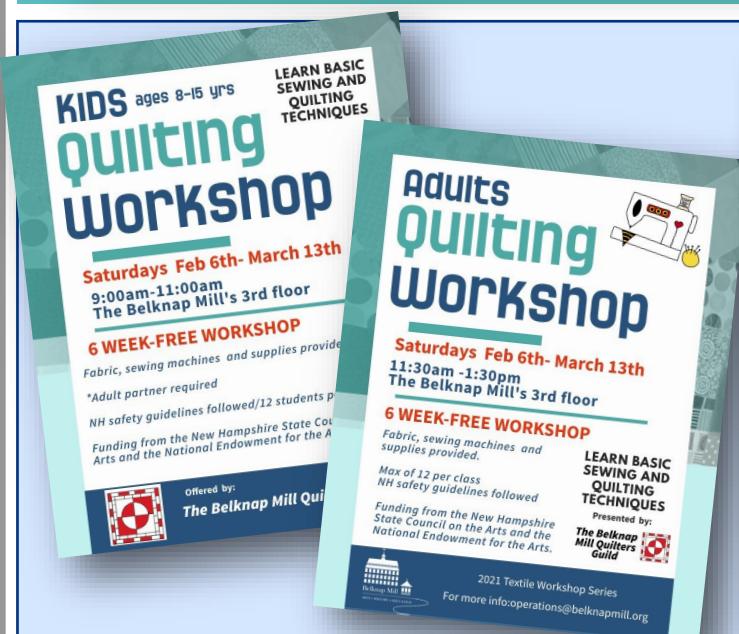
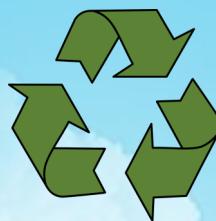
Reminder!

Curbside recycling
 will be picked up the
 week of February 1,
 2021



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

"Glass is Trash"



Both the adults and children's
 quilting workshops are now
 full.

Please email Tara at
operations@belknapmill.org
 to be added to the waiting
 lists.

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



Also be sure to
check the Colonial
Theatre's
Facebook page
[here](#) for renovation
updates!



MEDICARE RIGHTS

Getting Medicare right

MEDICARE RIGHTS CENTER
Getting Medicare right

SHIP Local Help for People with Medicare

LSPM Empowering Seniors To Pursue Healthcare Freedom

What's New for Medicare in 2021?

Part A: hospital insurance

Part A premium	\$0 if you've worked 10 years or more \$259 per month if you've worked 7.5 to 10 years \$471 per month if you've worked fewer than 7.5 years
Part A hospital deductible	\$1,484 each benefit period
Part A hospital coinsurance	\$0 for the first 60 days of inpatient care each benefit period \$371 per day for days 61-90 each benefit period \$742 per lifetime reserve day after day 90 in a benefit period (You have 60 lifetime reserve days that can only be used once. They're not renewable.)
Skilled nursing facility insurance	\$0 for the first 20 days of inpatient care each benefit period \$185.50 per day for days 21-100 each benefit period

Part B: medical insurance

Part B premium (for those with incomes below \$88,000)	\$148.50 is the standard premium
Part B deductible	\$203 per year
Part B coinsurance	20% on most services Part B covers

Part D: prescription drug coverage

National average Part D premium	\$33.06 per month
Part D maximum deductible	\$445 per year
Coverage gap begins	\$4,130
Catastrophic coverage begins	\$6,550

Learn what's New for Medicare in 2021! Click the image (above) for helpful information

Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Virtual Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, February 3, from 2 to 4 pm.

The TAC will discuss Road Surface Management services offered by LRPC, and will be joined by Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney for an informal discussion of transportation issues in the Lakes Region.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Governor Sununu on March 23, 2020 regarding the state of emergency currently extended through February 11, 2021 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2021-01, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom. There are two ways for the public to access the meeting: Online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82016194023> or by telephone at 1-929-205-6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 820 1619 4023. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC website at www.LakesRPC.org. Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 603-279-5334 or e-mail admin@lakesrpc.org for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.

LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!



Beginning January 1, 2021, you can register your dogs for the 2021 year. To renew **online**:

www.laconianh.gov, Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

*All dogs are to be
registered by April
30th each year.*



Healthy Eating

Tips for a Healthy Diet



Fruits & vegetables
Grains
Milk & milk alternatives

Now is the time to adopt healthy eating habits to increase your overall energy & boost your immune system! Especially during these cold winter months, be sure to choose foods from the food groups below at least three times a day:

Meat & meat alternatives
Be sure to drink plenty of plenty of water!

Have a healthy and fun winter!

***Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.***

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

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



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

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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