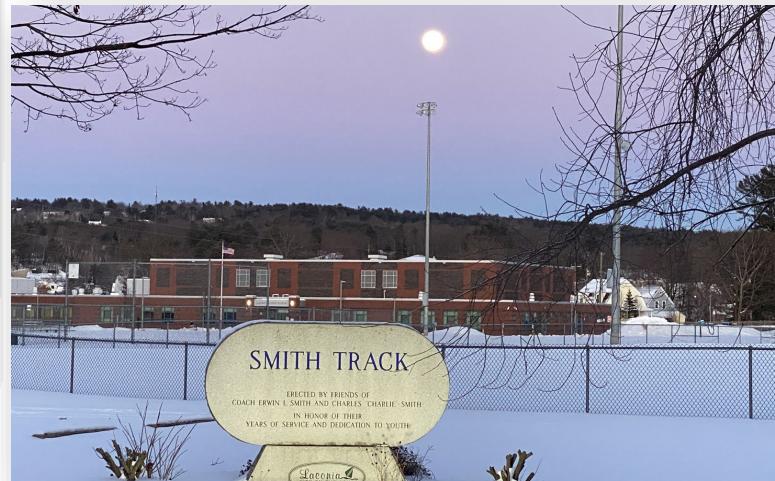




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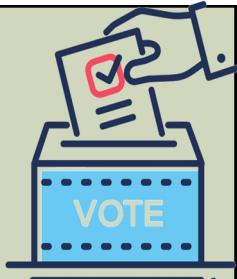
Laconia Links

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*Photo of "The Moon Over the Middle School"
compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin*

News From the City Clerk's Office



We need your help! We are looking for a Moderator and Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 2 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. These are paid positions. You must be a resident of Ward 2.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

Thank you!

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!*

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!



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



**Preschool Storytime
with Jamie**
Thursdays at 10am
Facebook Live



Preschool Storytime with Gail
Wednesdays at 10am
Facebook Live



**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.

**Teen & Tween
Programs –to-Go!**
February 1 - 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 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

City Council

February 22, 2020, 7:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Historic District Commission

February 23, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

February 25, 2020, 8:00 am
[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!***



Rights for someone (or an organization) to cross another person's property

This is a complicated topic as there are many different ways for someone or an organization to have a right to cross another's property. This article will focus on two of the most common situations in the City.

Crossing over another's property:

A right for another person to cross your property is most commonly created by a private right of way, a right to pass and repass, or an easement. All three versions are fairly common in the City. Most of the time the right to cross another's property is in your or their deed.

Some common situations found in the City are:

- A property that is "landlocked" by other properties such that they do not have access to a public street will have some form of a right to cross a property to get to the public street.
- Two properties that share a driveway, enabling the property owners to get to garages behind the houses.
- A private road that enables property owners to gain access to their property.

Utility Easements:

Utility easements give a utility company the right for a utility, such as an electric line, to go through a person's land. The easement could be for any utility or just a specific utility.

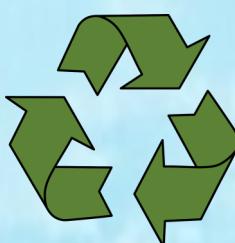
Some common situations found in the City are:

- Utility easements for Eversource's regional electrical distribution system.
- Water, sewer and drainage easements with the City
- Water, sewer and drainage easements to enable a property owner to install underground utilities to the City's system or to a lake or stream in the case of a drainage system.

If you have a question about a City utility easement please call Public Works at 528-6379. If you have questions on someone's right to cross over your property, you should talk with your attorney.

Reminder! "Glass is Trash"

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



City Manager Updates

The following updates have now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT

No parking on any public street between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:30 am



LRGHealthcare
care. compassion. community.

CH CONCORD HOSPITAL

Community members are invited to participate in a Public Forum on February 23, 2021 from 4 to 6 pm regarding Concord Hospital's proposed acquisition of LRGHealthcare assets. This is a Zoom meeting; please click [here](#) to register.

Topics of discussion will include:

- A community health profile by Katharine London, Principal for Health Law and Policy at UMass Medical School.
- A presentation on the proposed transaction by LRGHealthcare and Concord Hospital
- Audience questions and answers

Additional information about the proposed transaction can be found on the NH Charitable Trust Unit's [website](#).

Comments regarding the proposed transaction may be submitted on or before March 5, 2021 either by email at charitabletrusts2@doj.nh.gov or by regular mail to: Director of Charitable Trusts, Department of Justice, 33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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.



Cooking Matters For Parents in Belknap County

6 Week Cooking and Nutrition Class - FREE and Online!

Mondays on Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 pm starting March 1st

Together we will explore...

- Making meals more nutritious
- Tips for grocery shopping
- Healthy and kid friendly recipes
- Cooking skills
- And much more!



**To register and learn
more email:**
brenda.carey@unh.edu



**For each class you attend, receive a
bag of groceries to practice a new
recipe with your family!**

- 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. Language assistance is available at no cost

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News

From the
City Clerk's Office

It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2021 Boat Registration!



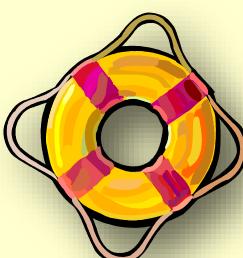
Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Please make checks payable to
City of Laconia.**

**In accordance with
RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will
be collected for each registration
processed as an authorized agent .**



Questions? Please call the City
Clerk's office at 527-1265.

Don't delay!
Summer Camp Early
Bird Rates end
March 1st!



Spring & Summer
Camp Registration
opens January 11th!

WildQuest Camps 2021
Let the Outdoor Adventures Begin!
Visit prescottfarm.org

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

A poster for "the Bell & BRICK" virtual coffeehouse concert series. The poster features a large bell on the left and the text "Bell & BRICK" in a large, stylized font. Below the main title, it says "virtual coffeehouse concert series". The date "February 25th, 2021" and time "6:30pm" are listed, along with the performer "Bob McCarthy".
A logo for Belknap Mill, featuring a stylized building with a steeple and the text "Belknap Mill" and "ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION".
A logo for NH Music Collective, featuring a stylized letter "N" and "H" and the text "NH MUSIC COLLECTIVE".
A logo for The GREENHOUSE recording studio, featuring a stylized leaf and the text "The GREENHOUSE recording studio".

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

SOLAR ASSISTANCE FOR NH SMALL BUSINESSES

– A LIVE WEBINAR –
FEBRUARY 24TH - 2 PM



Curious if your NH small business has the perfect roof for a solar array and how utilizing solar energy can help your bottom line? New Hampshire Rural Renewables (NHRR) and the USDA Rural Development REAP programs are here to provide the answers to your questions. Join New Hampshire Rural Renewables and USDA for an hour-long webinar on February 24th at 2 pm. Sandra Jones and Andy Duncan with NHRR, and USDA Rural Development's Ken Yearman will detail how your small business can receive no-cost technical assistance, how to access financial incentives such as a USDA REAP grant, and the tangible steps to get you there.

The February 24th webinar will cover how NH businesses qualify for NHRR's no-cost, vendor-neutral technical assistance and how NH small businesses can access incentives to fund over 50% of their solar project costs. The presentation will also feature how a central NH farm leveraged a USDA grant and other incentives to reach their solar goals.

Andy Duncan, from Lakes Region Community College, will explain NH Rural Renewables' vendor-neutral technical assistance services. "Small businesses located in 80% of New Hampshire's geographic area are eligible for our no-cost services," says Mr. Duncan, "to assist with reducing their energy costs through solar energy, modern wood heat and energy efficiency." Sandra Jones, Director of the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative, will feature a central NH farm that NHRR recently assisted with the process of picking a site, selecting a solar installer, obtaining financial incentives and bringing a solar array on-line. "We understand that business owners are busy running their businesses, our technical assistance is designed to make exploring and installing solar energy easier and less time consuming." The webinar will conclude with USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator Ken Yearman providing tips for successful applications to the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant program, which can provide up to 25% towards renewable and energy efficiency project costs.

To receive the Zoom link for the webinar, please sign up via the NH Rural Renewables website- www.lrc.edu/nhrr also via LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/nh-rural-renewables> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NHRuralRenewables>. For more information, please contact Andy Duncan, aduncan@ccsnh.edu, 603-366-5329.

New Hampshire Rural Renewables is a program of Lakes Region Community College. Located in Laconia, NH, LRCC provides a dynamic, community-based, high-quality learning environment, delivering a personalized education experience that prepares learners for success. www.lrc.edu

Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) is a key NH Rural Renewables partner. PAREI is a non-profit organization located in Plymouth, NH that offers community-based activities, educational programs and professional services all designed to help homeowners and businesses reduce or produce energy. Plymouthenergy.org

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is a program of USDA Rural Development, which provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.



2021 Tree and Shrub Program



Photo: Tom Howe

The 2021 Tree, Shrub, Flower and Trout Sale is here! This annual sale is a fundraiser for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) and your purchases help support local conservation efforts here in Belknap County. This year we are offering strawberry plants, blueberry bushes, raspberry canes, nut tree seedlings, fruit trees, fruit bearing ground cover plants, evergreens, flower bulbs and potted plants, asparagus, onion, shallots, plants for wildlife food and shelter, live trout, and more!! Please visit the BCCD website at www.belknapccd.org on the home page to see the plant description and order forms. Most plants are offered as bare root in a dormant state, meaning they are not in soil and require immediate planting.

BCCD recommends customers order their plants by March 1st ; however, orders will be accepted after the deadline while supplies last. The deadline for trout orders is April 23rd. The plants and live trout will be ready for pickup during the first weekend in May. Rainbow and Brook Trout come in 6-8" or 10-12". These disease-free fish are hatchery grown and cannot be released into free-flowing streams or public waterways. For more information please contact Lisa Morin, BCCD Program Coordinator at telephone (603) 527-5880 or email lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net

All programs and services are offered without discrimination.



The City Clerk's office has created three "How-to" videos to help residents take advantage of our on-line services and save a trip into City Hall:



[How to register your dog](#)



[How to request a vital record](#)



[How to register a vehicle or get an estimate of the cost of registration](#)

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 ...

In the days before World War I, when sleighs, pungs, barges and other vehicles on runners were used during the winter, this was a common sight on streets and highways. The heavy rollers compacted the snow to provide a firm surface for the runners. Because of the weight of the rollers, a six-horse hitch like this was required. Close inspection discloses at least four people riding on the roller. The photo was taken in front of 70 Academy St., at the corner of Hoyt Court, in Laconia.



...AND NOW

**The house has had a number of additions and renovations during the intervening years.
(Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS:

Online at www.nepassage.org/calendar

E-mail at Northeast.Passage@unh.edu

Phone at 603-862-0070

February Recreation & Arts Events

We are continuing to monitor COVID-19 spread in our communities. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as scheduled event details may change, particularly with indoor events. Please remember that face coverings are required during Northeast Passage programming. We are limited to smaller groups, so please pre-register for each event and cancel if you cannot make it. *There is no cost for these events.*

SPORTS & RECREATION EVENTS

These events are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERAN WELLNESS LAKES REGION: PICKLEBALL AND BOCCIA - Laconia, NH

It's getting cold but we can still have fun! Come join us at the Laconia Community Center for a socially distanced game of Pickleball and/or Boccia in a large open indoor space!

This program is offered to individuals of all abilities, inviting standing and seated players alike. Review rule variations for seated Pickleball players here on the USAPA.org website!

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10:30AM-12:00PM

NEP will provide staff, instruction, and a selection of sport wheelchairs for these events.

VIRTUAL ARTS EVENTS

Arts programming is part of a Veteran Wellness Series funded by Operation Hat Trick.

NEEDLE FELTING – Virtual via Zoom

We'll be using felt, colorful tufts of wool, and needles instead of paintbrushes to create your art. Researchers have been able to show a connection between doing things with our hands and the neurochemistry of our brains linked to happiness.

Tuesday, February 9 from 12:00-2:00PM

No experience necessary. Tools and materials will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. Check out this [video](#) to learn more about it! To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 2. These materials will be yours to keep!

VETERAN FAMILY ARTS PROJECTS – Virtual via Zoom

For these events, we invite the whole family to be involved. All ages and family structure welcome, no experience necessary. Supplies will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. These materials will be yours to keep. Zoom link will be included in your registration confirmation. Space is limited to 4 families, so sign up today!

Wednesday, February 17 from 4:00-5:00PM

Join us to create your own Family Crest. We'll be using multi-media art supplies. We will send out some basic supplies and encourage you and your family to utilize items and supplies from around your home to create a unique, artistic representation of your family values and beliefs. To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 9th.

Wednesday, February 24 from 4:00-5:00PM

Join us to have some family fun while collaborating with each other and exploring alternative perspectives. We'll be using acrylic paints for this project, all skill levels encouraged to attend. We will send out some basic supplies and encourage you to use your own supplies if you would like in addition (sparkles, buttons, beads glitter, stickers etc). To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 16th.

VETERAN FAMILY PUPPET MAKING SERIES – Virtual via Zoom

Join us for family fun creating your very own puppets! All ages and family structure welcome, no experience necessary. Supplies will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. These materials will be yours to keep. Zoom link will be included in your registration confirmation and we'll walk through the process together.

Friday, February 19 from 6:30-8:30PM - We'll make Sock Puppets. To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 11th.

Saturday, February 20 from 9:30-10:15 AM - We'll play games with our puppets and practice some improv puppet theater. Bring your coffee (and your kids) and settle in for some fun!



**University of
New Hampshire**
College of Health
and Human Services

Northeast Passage
121 Technology Drive
Suite 161
Durham, NH 03824
603.862.0070



LACONIA'S CARDBOARD SLED RACE

Saturday, Feb 27th

@ the Laconia Sledding Hill



Three Divisions:

10 & Under - begins at 1:00p

11 to 17 - begins at 1:15p

18 & over - begins at 1:30p

Masks & Social Distancing are Required

Call Laconia Parks & Rec 524-5046 to Register

Laconia Parks and Rec will host a Cardboard Sled Race on Saturday Feb 27th. All are welcome but masks and social distancing will be required. There will be three divisional races with the first division (ages 10 and under) beginning at 1:00 pm, the second division (ages 11-17) racing at 1:15 pm, and the third division (18 and up) racing at 1:30 pm. Please call the Parks & Rec office at 524-5046 to Register, or e-mail parks@laconianh.gov for more information.





TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday Feb 24th 7:00 - 8:00 on ZOOM!

Find the Link on our Facebook Page



Environmental Education Center

The solution to "stay-cation" blues!

Winter Break Outdoor Explorers!



Monday—Friday
10 am—noon
February 22 –25

Visit prescottfarm.org
for more information or to register.



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, the Café asks that items not be dropped off during lunch which is from 11:30 am-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
61Café



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



Winter isn't over yet! There are plenty of cold winter days still ahead.

Click the image above to read all about *Cold Weather Safety for Older Adults* provided by the National Institute on Aging.

We hope you have enjoyed this Edition of Laconia Links

We welcome your input, comments and suggestions!

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

Have a great weekend!



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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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