



Laconia Links

February 26, 2021 - Edition #477



Photo of the Meredith Rotary Club Winni Derby held recently (photo compliments of View From Above NH)



CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective March 8, 2021 at 6:00 am, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited the use of all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. A map of posted City streets can be found [here](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations as shown below:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane

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!*

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that authorized on the permit.

One-Time permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture
- Roll-off solid waste containers
- Automobiles to dealerships

Please call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 for more detailed information.



EVENTS and Programs

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



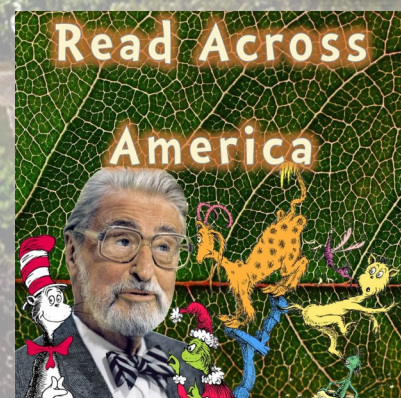
Adult Takeaway Craft



Woven Bookmark

Adult Takeaway Craft: Woven Bookmarks March 1 - 31, 2021

Weave a pretty and practical bookmark out of yarn. Loom, yarn and instructions are provided with each kit. Limited quantity available so registration is required. Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Call 524-4775, text 556-4666, email info@laconialibrary.org



It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Join us on Facebook Live to hear some of your favorite stories and learn more about the Doctor. For children birth through age 6, and a parent or caregiver.



Teen & Tween Programs -to-Go! March 1- 31, 2021 "Acrylic Painting"



Paint a mini-masterpiece on this travel-sized canvas complete with a mini easel. The kit also includes a paintbrush and a selection of acrylic paints. For teens and tweens ages 9-19; sign-up is required.



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 & changes.

*Become involved in
your City and make a
difference!*

MEETINGS

Building Code Board of Appeals

March 1, 2021, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

March 2, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Comm.

March 3, 2021, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

March 3, 2021, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

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.***



Short Term Lodging Ordinance Reminder

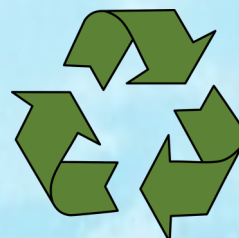
Please remember that anyone renting their home in Laconia for a period of 14 days or less per rental period **MUST** file for a Short-Term Lodging Permit. This includes homes rented on sites such as Airbnb and VRBO; through local rental agencies; or rented independently.

Please contact the Zoning Office at 603-527-1264 or via email at zoning@laconianh.gov for more information or to apply for a Short-Term Lodging Permit.

Website Link:
<https://www.laconianh.gov/881/Short-Term-Rentals>

Reminder! "Glass is Trash"

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



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



Everyday Living & Diabetes

FREE 4 WEEK CLASS FOCUSING ON:

Managing Blood Sugar Levels • Healthy Eating
Stress Management • Exercise • Goal Setting

These class will be offered online

You will need internet access and an email address

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Tuesday's, Apr. 7 – May 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday's, May 4 – May 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required. Please call: 527-2948

LRGHealthcare
care. compassion. community.

Thinking of Spring Cleaning?

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6 per item you can have bulky items eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items will be picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6/item) at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or at our Public Works Department at 27 Bisson Avenue.

Please call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 with questions or to arrange pickup for your metal items.



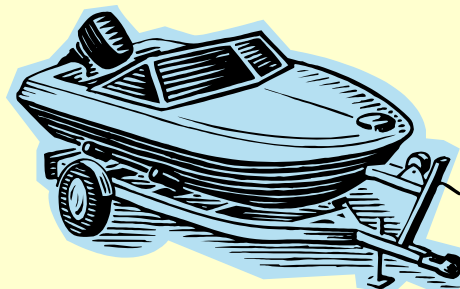
WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT

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

News

From the
City Clerk's Office

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

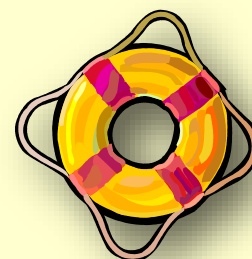


Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

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.**



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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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.



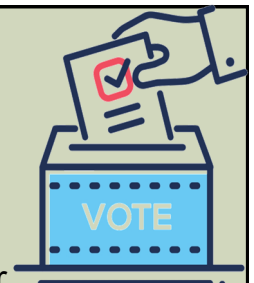
Isaiah 61 Café has a need for gloves and thermal underwear (men's and women's of all sizes). for the local homeless community. We ask that if you are able you purchase an item and either personally deliver to the Café, or that you have it delivered there. If you wish to make a purchase on-line and have 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.

ISAIAH
61Café

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

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!



BOLDUC PARK IS OPEN FOR CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING AND DISC GOLF

Looking for a Covid safe and fun activity in the outdoors? Come to Bolduc Park!

Disc golf, snowshoeing or cross country skiing is offered 7 days a week for a \$5 donation.

The non-profit Bolduc Park is located at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. This spring, golf lessons will be offered on the 9 hole golf course. Volunteers are needed to staff the clubhouse or help with course maintenance. Volunteer benefits include use of the park's facilities.

Call Bob at 387-4208 to volunteer. For more information on Bolduc Park please call 524-1370.

RESIDENT CREATIVITY MENTION

With the snow falling each week, Mike F., a resident of Sunrise Towers at Laconia Housing, doesn't seem to mind the cold weather and building snowmen to entertain the community.

Thanks Mike for your efforts and the awesome snowmen you build!



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 to 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](#)

Tenant 101:

A 4-Week Workshop Series

**4-Week Zoom
 Series
 Begins
 March 2, 2021
 From
 6:00-8:00pm**

(There will be no class on
 Tuesday March 23, 2021)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email
tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org



**Do you have poor or negative
 landlord references?**

**Do you want to work on changing
 them?**

**Come learn how to be the best
 tenant you can be!**

Many landlords have agreed to accept this Tenant 101 Certificate as your willingness to be a better tenant, and this may offset a prior poor or negative reference from another landlord.

Topics Include:

- What do I look for in an apartment?
- What do I expect in an interview?
- Is this apartment affordable?
- What are my tenant rights?
- What is the eviction process?
- How can I be a good neighbor?



The Linden
 Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe
 Foundation



[Think Twice Before Buying Easter Chicks](#)

With Easter coming soon, you'll be seeing ads for Easter chicks. Aww... aren't they cute? However, the City considers chickens, even the cute little chicks, to be livestock and NOT pets. In most areas of the City, livestock including chickens, are not allowed to be kept on the property.

Chickens, ducks, guinea hens, pigs, goats, and other agricultural animals are not permitted in most districts in the urban/suburban districts in Laconia. Agriculture and agricultural animals are permitted in the RR1 (Residential Rural), RR2 (Residential Rural Corridor) and AI (Airport Industrial) districts. In the CR (Commercial Resort) district, agriculture and the animals typically associated with agriculture are only allowed by Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you're not sure what zoning district you live in, check your tax card on the City [website](#) or call the Planning office at 524-1264 to find out.

A good idea is to keep your chick purchases to the pink marshmallow kind!



[March is Women's History Month!](#)

Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement

The campaign for women's right to vote was a long one, from the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York to ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Who were the key players in New Hampshire and the nation? What issues and obstacles did they face? How did suffragists benefit from World War I in the final push for passage of the women's suffrage amendment? Who was left out when women got the right to vote?

Using historic photos and documents, Liz Tentarelli will guide us on the journey. Liz is President of the *League of Women Voters NH*, a nonpartisan organization that is the direct descendant of the *National American Woman Suffrage Association*.

This 'Humanities To Go' event is offered through the generosity of [New Hampshire Humanities](#).



Visit our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) for streaming.





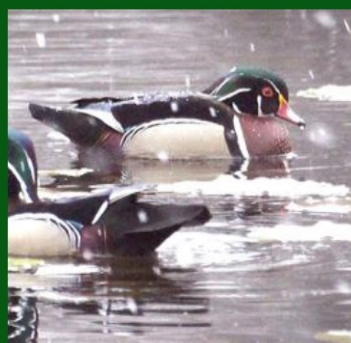
Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Join us
Saturday, February 27

Snowshoe Yoga
[adults]
10—12 pm

Species Spotlight: Ducks
[all ages]
1—3 pm



FMI or to register: prescottfarm.org



TRIVIA NIGHT

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

Find the Link on our Facebook Page

Questions? Call the Laconia Parks and Rec Department at 524-5046 for details.

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

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee will meet March 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

State Representative Mark McConkey of Freedom will be the guest for an informal discussion of transportation funding in New Hampshire. Rep. McConkey, who represents Carroll County's District 3, is Vice Chair of the House Public Works and Highways Committee. Updates will be provided on the state's Ten Year Transportation Plan (2023-2032) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

As a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Governor Sununu regarding the state of emergency currently extended through March 4, 2021 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2021-02, the LRPC 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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88329227074> or by phone at 929-205-6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 883 2922 7074. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC website at www.LakesRPC.org. Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting or for additional information can call 603-279-5334 or email admin@lakesrpc.org for assistance.

Blue Rhino
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Not sure what to do with those unwanted propane tanks? Call Blue Rhino!

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For safe refurbishment or recycling

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claims@bluerhino.com
BlueRhino.com/TankPickup

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 John T. Coffin homestead (left) occupied the Main Street property on which the first Masonic Temple Building (next below) was erected in 1894-1896. Until the early 1890s, both sides of Main Street from Bank Square to Church Street contained mainly dwellings, many substantial like this one, with spacious grounds, trees and fences. (Laconia Public Library)

...NEXT ...

The first Masonic Temple Building, which opened this week in 1896, contained the city offices, post office and several businesses on the first two floors. Close inspection discloses the Laconia Hardware Co. at left, with Knight & Huntress, a dry goods store, next, then the entrance to the Post Office and two more stores at far right. (Laconia Public Library)



...AND NOW

A new Masonic Temple Building — today's 653 Main Street — was dedicated in June 1904 after its predecessor was destroyed, Dec. 6, 1902, by fire and explosion. For six decades, the Lougee-Robinson Co. (furniture, dishes, carpets, etc.) occupied much of the building. The Masonic bodies sold the property in 1984 and moved to 63 Court St. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Tuesday, March 9th from 12:00-2:00pm

(While supplies last)

**Weirs Community Park
49 Lucerne Ave. Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of central NH.

This event is open to all. Proof of residency or income is not needed.
This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

On February 17th, Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer was pleased to present a Proclamation from the City recognizing Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation on their 65 years of awarding more than \$7.3 million in scholarships to over 5,600 Lakes Region students. LRSF scholarships are awarded annually through the generosity of our hundreds of donors and those who support them.

Pictured L to R above: Amanda Dudek, LRSF Assistant Director; Karen Switzer, LRSF Executive Director; and Andrew Hosmer, Laconia Mayor.




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

Please click on the image (right) to read a full-sized version of the Proclamation presented to Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.



Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Click on the image (above) to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthy eating and physical activity habits!

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and suggestions!*

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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	

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