



Laconia Links



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See [page 6](#) for information on obtaining your beach pass for this summer season!

Notes from the Public Works Dept.

Why should you bring corrugated cardboard to the City's collection point at 257 Messer Street?



Since 2017 the City has paid to process and sell corrugated cardboard collected at the curb. This product is a commodity and for a period of time it had little to no value. It costs the City \$106/ton for the contractor to transport and process recycling collected at the curb. Per the contract, the actual cost of recycling is adjusted monthly based on the value of the recycled product. At one point the City paid \$134/ton to "sell" our recycled corrugated cardboard. At that point, a lot of recyclable materials had no value, and the processor was paying firms to take the product. The market has now recovered and the value of the product in March lowered the City's cost to \$69.11/ton.

The value of some types of recycled products (including corrugated cardboard) have recovered much faster than others. Corrugated cardboard is the material that makes up those Amazon boxes you have been getting (not the material that makes up your cereal boxes). Corrugated cardboard is heavy, and its value has significantly increased compared to the other products. The firms that need recycled corrugated cardboard to make new corrugated cardboard are paying more for this product. In October 2020, the City sold cardboard for \$5 per ton towards the expense of transporting the cardboard to the recycler. In March, the City sold the cardboard for \$35 per ton. A big difference!

The City asks that all residents and businesses bring their corrugated cardboard to the corrugated cardboard collection point at 257 Messer Street (it is open 24/7) because it saves the City and taxpayers money. Recycled corrugated cardboard collected at the curb cost the City \$69.11 per ton in March. However, that same material brought to the cardboard collection center at 257 Messer Street cost the City only \$49/ton in March saving the City \$20/ton. Please help the City save money by bring your corrugated cardboard to the recycling point!

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.





LA CONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Laconia Public Library

Events and Programs



Preschool Storytime
With Gail
Thursdays at 10am
Facebook Live



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
Save the Bees!
April 1 - April 30, 2021**

Save the bees! There are TWO crafts to make this month: create a cute bee watering place, and plant some bee-friendly flowers. All materials provided, although supplies are limited, so please reserve a kit. (flowerpot in the kit will be larger than the one pictured).

Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Phone 524-4775, Text 556-4666 or email info@laconialibrary.org

ONLY A FEW KITS LEFT!!

Preschool Storytime with Gail
Wednesdays at 10am
Facebook Live

Click the image (right) to read all about our new on-demand, anywhere online tutoring for kids and adults!

New!

brainfuse HelpNow

To access Brainfuse, first log into your library account with your card number and password. After you are logged in, click "Brainfuse HelpNow" on the list of electronic resources found below.

Please click here for a quick Brainfuse HelpNow tutorial.

Electronic Resources	What's Hot
Brainfuse HelpNow On demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning. For all ages and levels.	Most Popular What's New Booklists
Ancestry.com Library Edition Explore family history research resources.	The four winds
OverDrive - New Hampshire Download ebooks and audiobooks for free with a valid library card. For tips and advice check out the NH Downloadable Books blog at http://nhbooks.blogspot.com .	Deadly cross
hoopla Instantly borrow free digital movies, audiobooks, music, ebooks and more, 24/7 with your library card.	The sentinel
Explora Explora provides easy-to-use features and reliable content.	The return A time for mercy



**Teen & Tween Programs to Go! Tissue Paper Painting
April 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021**

Create a multi-colored masterpiece complete with wax relief design! For teens and tweens aged 9-19.



NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY MORE THAN A CENTURY CARING FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

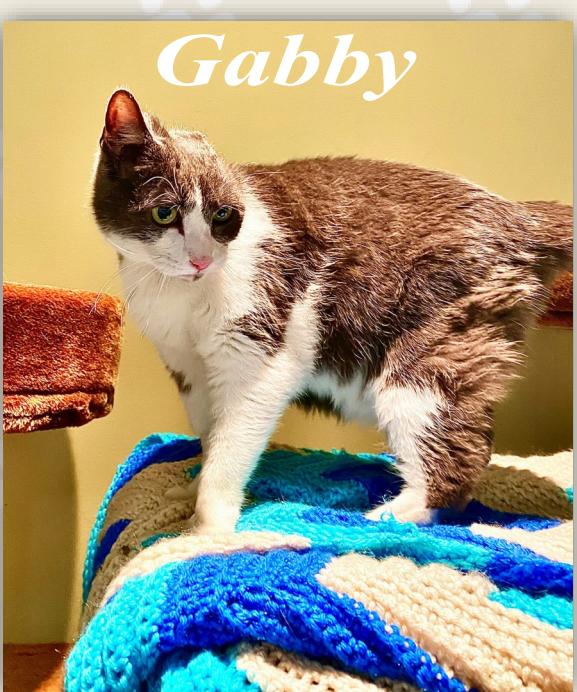
Meet Sasha: A 2-year-old spayed female - Mixed breed

Sasha is a wonderful girl who loves to play! She is perfect if you are looking for lots of personality in a medium-sized package! Sasha loves to play with her toys, and already has excellent house-training habits. Sasha is working on her leash skills, impulse-control skills, and sharing her things. She is looking for a quiet home, where she can continue building her skills with positive reinforcement, and get lots of playtime and walks! Sasha would do well in a home with adult humans, no cats, and no dogs - she wants to be your one and only four-legged friend!



Sasha

Gabby



Meet Gabby: A 7-year-old spayed female domestic short hair

Gabby came to us because she was left behind when her owner moved out of their apartment. She came in with a wound in her ear. She was sent to a surgeon, who performed what is called a TICA procedure; the inner ear and pinna was removed to fully resect the cancer that was found there.

Gabby is now cancer-free, and her bout with cancer has no effect on her life expectancy! Gabby may continue to require daily eye drops, as the procedure left her unable to blink one eye due to some nerve damage. Gabby gets along with other cats and is super sweet.

She may have one less ear, but she has twice the love to offer!

Are you interested in Sasha or Gabby? Please complete and submit an application on-line!

Also, please visit our website to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their “furever” homes and visit our Facebook page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.

Community Education Classes

These classes will be offered online
You will need internet access and an email address

EVERYDAY LIVING & DIABETES

(3 SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM)

Mondays, May 17 - June 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, June 8 - June 29, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

(Guest Speaker: Susan Patz, RN, MSN)

Thursday, May 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration Required. Please call: 527-2948

Prescription Drug Take Back Day!
APRIL 24, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Located at the Laconia
Police Department
Parking Lot.
This is a Drive-Thru
Event!**

**This event is brought to you by the Laconia Police Department in
partnership with Laconia Youth Alliance, Stand Up Laconia/Stand Up
Sachems and The Partnership for Public Health.**



**COMMUNITY
CLINIC**



*Please join us at the NH Humane Society
(1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia)
on Saturday, April 24 from 9 am to noon
for our Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic!*

*1 and 3 year rabies vaccinations available
(for the 3 year vaccine you must have proof of
either current vaccine or previous 3 year vaccine)
Microchip also available*

*Questions? Please call the
Humane Society at 524-3252*

*Thank you for loving your pets and for your support
of New Hampshire Humane Society!*



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

**Please remember to register your
dogs for the 2021 year.**

To renew online:
Go to www.laconianh.gov, Online
Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

To renew 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 6/1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

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

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

Resident Beach Stickers!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach will be available at the City Clerk or Tax Collector offices beginning May 1st!

Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). Please bring your vehicle registration with you.

A beach pass will allow you to use Bond Beach (the City's resident and taxpayer-only beach), and to park at Weirs Beach parking lot for free, provided there is space available.

Questions? Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

The Belknap Mill's
Drive Thru

CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

#candyforcommunity

Find the Golden Ticket
WIN A SPA GETAWAY PACKAGE!



Details:

\$5.00/candy bar

May 1, 2021

12PM-3PM

Belknap Mill

25 Beacon Street East

A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction



2021 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 3 - May 7, and May 17 - May 21 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks on your normal trash day. All materials must be placed in paper compost bags.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

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

Our yesterdays

Our sincere 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 Diamond Match (later Diamond National) building on Lower Court Street is seen in the late 1920s or early 1930s. At a later date, the structure was painted dark red. The company announced plans, 50 years ago this week in 1971, for constructing a new building materials center, next door. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Diamond National had the earlier structure at 355 Court St. razed in 1971 and the building to the right, at 343 Court St., erected in its place. Site of the earlier building became its parking lot. After Diamond National went out of business in 1990, later occupants were Cheapo Depot until late 2009 and, today, Eased Edges, which won a Golden Trowel award in 2010 for its transformation of the building. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



**Saturday, April 24 at
Prescott Farm....**

**Fire Ecology (10-12 pm)
Naturalist-Led Hike (10-12 pm)
Soapmaking 101* (1-3 pm)**

**Soapmaking session is full—
waitlist available through registration link!*

For more information or to register visit
prescottfarm.org



Rotary Club of Laconia **29th Annual Charity Raffle** **You Could WIN THIS HARLEY!**

Sponsored in part by:



**2021
Harley-Davidson
FLHX Street Glide®**

- Milwaukee-Eight® 107 Engine
- Reflex™ Linked Brembo® Brakes with Standard ABS
- BOOM!™ BOX GTS INFOTAINMENT SYSTEM
- Billiard Red Paint Job
- Batwing Fairing
- Responsive Suspension



MSRP: \$23,752

**Only
3,000 tickets
to be sold!
\$20 each**

Need not be present to win.

*Scan the QR
Code below to
buy your
ticket!*



*All net proceeds raised will go towards Laconia Rotary Club's Charities
Drawing: The last Sunday of Motorcycle Week - 4:00pm
Purchase your tickets at www.laconiarotary.org*



Recycling Collection

**Curbside recycling will be
picked up the week
of April 26, 2021**





Where : Laconia High School

Address : 345 Union Avenue

When : Saturday, April 24

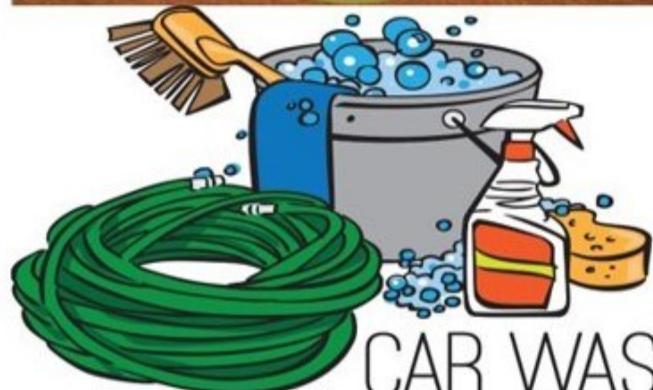
Starting at 9:00 AM

Donations Only - You pick the price!



Laconia Middle School

SOFTBALL



**CAR WASH
FUNDRAISER**



CITY OF LACONIA SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 from 7-7:30 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making corrections/changes to the checklist.

Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

**Marilyn Brown, Ward 1
Marie Clark, Ward 2
David Stamps, Ward 3
Amber Flanders, Ward 4
Christine Callahan, Ward 5
Lynda Brock, Ward 6 (chair)**



Thank you!

The City Clerk's Office needs your help!

We are still looking for a Moderator for Ward 3 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. This is a paid position. You must be a resident of Ward 3. If you are interested in this position, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Please Dial 911 for Fire or Medical Emergencies

The Laconia Fire Department has seen a significant increase in the number of emergency requests that are called directly to one of our fire stations through our business line. These may be for fires, or requests for an ambulance. Unfortunately, there is not always someone in the station to answer your call. Companies may be out on another incident, training, or not immediately able to answer the phone. This means a delay for you in receiving the help you need.

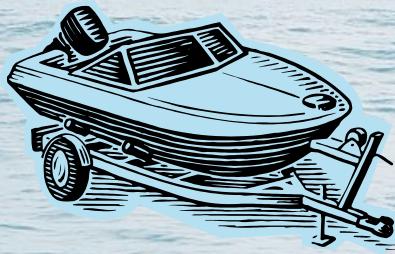
By dialing 911, the caller is guaranteed to talk to a trained emergency telecommunicator. This operator will gather vital information that our crews need, and forward that information to our dispatch center, all while staying on the line to assist you until help arrives. This is a quick process that saves a lot of valuable time.

All non-emergency calls, or questions for our staff can still go directly into our business line. However, we ask that all emergency requests are initiated by dialing 911.

**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
Call 911**

Chief Kirk Beattie
Laconia Fire Department

News



From the City Clerk's Office

It's Time 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!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done easily 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.



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



The City Manager has posted new updates to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

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!*

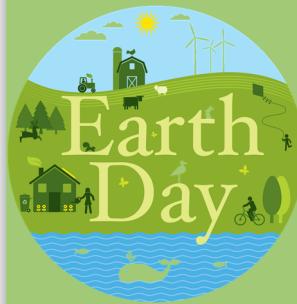
*For more information
please contact the
City Mgr's office at
527-1270, or email
info@laconianh.gov*



A signed 18x24 print
"Summer in New Hampshire"
by Artist in Residence, Larry Frates



Become a member of the Belknap Mill between now and May 1 and receive a limited edition signed print (18"x24") "Summer in New Hampshire" by the Belknap Mill's Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates! Pick up available at the Mill for Laconia residents, free shipping outside of Laconia.



To our greater Laconia Community from the members of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia and volunteers from the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club:

A huge "thank you" for coming by this past Saturday with all of your recyclable plastics!

Nearly 500 pounds of recyclable plastics were collected, kept out of our environment and soon will be on their way to being repurposed.

This truly is a reason to celebrate our Earth. May we continue to safeguard our Planet!

And until we have another drive, please use the soft plastics recycling bins found in local grocery stores to keep these items out of the trash.

We appreciate your help!

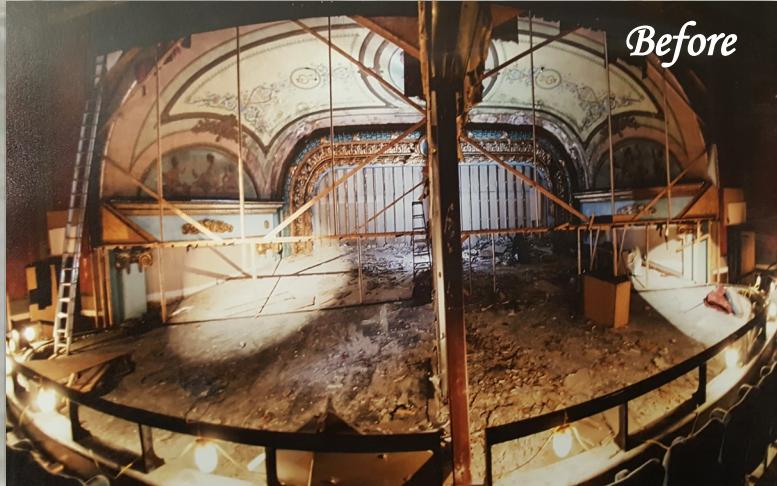


The link is LIVE! You can now watch the Zoom Play Festival on [YouTube](#)! Check it out to see the creative ways the actors, directors, and writers found to make theatre together even when they had to be apart.

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!



SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 18TH, 2021 - 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Watershed Planning Virtual Public Workshop

Join your neighbors to discuss...

What do you value about the Winnisquam Watershed?
What is a Watershed Based Plan and why are we developing one?
How can we protect our lakes and streams for the future?

Visit our [website](#) to register for the meeting (Zoom link will be sent once you register)

winnisquamwatershed.org



Cohosted by NHDES and EPA

Please take a moment to fill out our [survey](#) so we can understand what issues are important to you!





THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

are looking for help this summer!



SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

- STARTING at \$13.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- SHIFTS begin as soon as April 5th!
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!
- LANDSCAPING EXPERIENCE PREFERRED
- MUST BE 18+ w/ VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- CALL 524-5046 or EMAIL Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to apply!



News from the Public Works Dept.

Effective April 20, 2021 - The City of Laconia Seasonal 10 ton weight limit has been lifted!

We appreciate your cooperation!



This year's Spring Clean-Up Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th.

Please click [here](#) for details and more information about the event.

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

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday



SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center
(603) 528-6945 is the first number
to call for senior services.

Are you thinking about retiring? Social Security is part of the retirement plan for almost every American. The Social Security Administration provides information to help you better understand the program and the application process, and offers online tools and resources that are readily available.
Just click [here](#) to begin planning your future!



City Meetings



Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's website. Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

April 26, 2021, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Airport Appointive Agency

April 26, 2021, 6:15 PM

[Agenda](#)

City Council

April 26, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Historic District Commission

April 27, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

April 29, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)



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	
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 Baumol	
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