



Laconia Links



April 30, 2021 - Edition #486

All of a sudden it's Spring in Rotary Park!



Celebrating the 52nd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks' Week

We are proud of all of our City employees, especially over this past year for working hard under difficult circumstances to keep our customers and staff safe while continuing to provide necessary City services.

May 2 through 8, 2021 marks the dates of the 52nd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks' Week, a time for reflection on the importance of the Clerk's office in our community.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking our City Clerk's Office staff for their professional and friendly service!

Thank You!

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.



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.



LA CONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Preschool Storytime with Jamie
Thursdays at 10am
Facebook Live



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
Painting with Buttons!**
May 1 - May 31, 2021

Paint a lovely background and then create a design using buttons for a unique piece of art. Call, email or text the Library to reserve your kit while they last! Phone 524-4775, Text 556-4666 or email info@laconialibrary.org



Preschool Storytime with Gail
Wednesdays at 10am
Facebook Live

Facebook Live Program
Family Craft: Mother's Day Cards
May 4, 2021, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

We're wishing all the Moms in our lives a very happy Mother's Day with this month's craft! Pick up all the supplies at the Library, and then join Gail on Facebook Live for ideas!



Teen & Tween Programs to Go! Roll-up Beeswax Candle Kit May 1 - May 31, 2021

Create a fancy candle out of beeswax! Each kit includes a beeswax sheet, wick, a second beeswax sheet for decorating and scissors. For teens and tweens ages 9-19. Signup is required. Call, email or text the Library to reserve your kit while they last! Phone 524-4775, text 556-4666 or email info@laconialibrary.org



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

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Meet Wheeler: A 1-year-old neutered male Australian Shepherd

Calling all Australian Shepherd, Border Collie, Heeler, sport dog fanatics. WE HAVE A DOG FOR YOU!

HE. NEEDS. A. JOB. Like a real job. This dog wants to be up at 5 and go to bed at 10. He wants to move all day.

He is not for someone who just wants a hiking buddy. He is not for someone who wants to take long walks and then relax. He is not for someone who wants to do one training class and be done.

He is for someone who wants a dog to work. He is a dog for flyball, disc dog, agility. He is EXTREMELY toy motivated and will also work for food. He is not for the faint of heart but he has so much potential it makes my head spin.

He is cute, compact, but absolutely insane to work. He will not do well with a long walk once or even twice a day. He doesn't want cuddles or to sit calmly with you while you sip your coffee, he wants you to throw the ball again. NOW. No kids. No cats. He needs experienced hands on the other end of the leash and he could really, really shine. Even if you can't adopt him, you may know someone who is looking for a sport dog project and he is your guy.



Wheeler



Chick A Dee

Meet Chick A Dee: A 7-year-old neutered male domestic long hair

Chick A Dee came to us as a stray. He is a very shy boy and will need a patient home.

Volunteers and staff are working with Chick A Dee to earn his trust. He would do best in a home without children, he may do well with other cats and possibly a mellow dog with proper introduction!

Are you interested in Wheeler or Chick A Dee? 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.

Happy National Nurses Week!

May 6-12, 2021



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.



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.

Interfaith National Day of Prayer Service

May 6, 2021 9 A.M.

In person @ Gilford Community Church

19 Potter Hill Rd, Gilford, NH

*Live streaming — <http://lippb.weebly.com/>

 This is the 7th Year that the Greater Laconia Ministerial Association and Lakes Region Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Committee have hosted an Interfaith Service for the National Day of Prayer. Usually we have a wonderful breakfast but given life's circumstances this year, no food will be served.

Join us in person or on-line!

First 100 people will be welcomed in-person!

**Please call if you will be coming in person.
Gilford Community Church — 524-6057.**

Donations for Isaiah 61 may be mailed directly to:
Isaiah 61 Café, 100 New Salem Street, Laconia, NH 03246 —
on the memo line please put National Day of Prayer.

Incarceration Affects the Whole Family

Children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers need support.

The Family Ties Inside Out Project is here to help with a number of new virtual support groups.

Audience:	Hosted by:	Day/Time:	To Register:
Preschool-aged Children & their Caregivers (Ages 3-4 years)	Family Connections Resource Center	Last Wednesday of each month 4:00-5:00 pm	https://samanthajones.aidaform.com/free-event-registration-form Or email sjones@childrenunlimitedinc.org
Elementary School (Ages 5-9 years)	Family Resource Center of Central NH	Twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month 4:30-5:30pm	Sign up now Or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org
Middle School (Ages 10-13 years)	The Family Resource Center	The 3rd Tuesday of each month 4:30-5:30 pm	https://forms.office.com/r/eXZYkexEcp
High School (Ages 14-18 years)	The Upper Room Family Resource Center	The 3rd Tuesday of each month 4:30-5:30pm	Sign up now Or email kparent@urteachers.org
Caregivers of Children with Incarcerated Parents	Families First Health & Support Center/ Greater Seacoast Community Health	Last Monday of each month 6:30-7:30pm	Sign up now Or email pbaker@familiesfirstseacoast.org
Caregivers of Children with Incarcerated Parents	Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center	First Thursday of each month 1:00-2:00 pm	To sign up, email peisner@gta-frc.org

Children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers need to know they're not alone!

Join us for a safe place to feel supported, offer understanding to others, process feelings and learn how to cope with them.

Children's groups will do all of this through games, stories & other playful activities.

All support groups will be held via Zoom.

All participants will receive a \$20 Walmart Gift Card for each session they attend.



Intro to Gardening: Anywhere!

Porches, patios, garden spaces and even windowsills!

Free online workshop with UNH Extension's Home Horticulture Program and the NH Food Bank

Join us!

- How to start growing your own food in small spaces
- Best tips for beginners including easy to grow veggies and how to use them
- Q and A with UNH Extension

Join the NH Food Bank for monthly seasonal cooking classes starting May 13th!

When: Thurs. May 6th

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: Zoom

To sign up and learn more visit:

nhfoodbank.org/programs/recipe-for-success/cooking-matters/



Art to You with Larry!

A Virtual Free Cartooning Class with Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates

Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm via

[Facebook LIVE](#)



May 4th, 2021 - Job Fair Preparation Event



At this event job seekers will be able to meet with Career Counselors and Human Resources representatives from actual businesses to sharpen their interviewing skills and create a resume to best outline their skills. This event will also cover how to use the platform Remo for ease of navigating the upcoming job fairs. **Please read all details below prior to registering to attending.**

EMPLOYERS: Only register if you are interested in assisting with resume review and mock interviews. This is NOT a hiring event.

Before the event:

You will receive a link to attend just a couple days prior to the event. The email will come from Remo. This event is free, but job seekers MUST register using the button to the upper right. You can test your computer ahead of time by [visiting this page](#). Questions can be emailed to: jobfair@nhes.nh.gov

During the Event:

Virtually explore and engage with employers and resources. Participate by logging in from any computer or laptop. (A link with instructions will be sent to the email you register with a couple days prior to the event.) Talk with hiring managers and career counselors via live video or text. Resumes can be uploaded and sent directly to representatives. There is no cost to participate in this event.

If you're looking for a job:

[REGISTER AS A JOB SEEKER](#)

If you're a business interested in participating in this event:

[REGISTER AS AN EMPLOYER](#)

Let's have some great conversations!

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 ...

Stores, built by Benjamin Piscopo in 1922-23, on the south side of Canal Street are seen in 1923 when the Bean Brothers' clothing store occupied the Beacon Street corner. The Perley Canal runs directly under these stores, taking a 90-degree turn under the Colonial Theater stage, turning again to run under today's Laconia Antique Center and out under Bank Square and from there to the river. Piscopo also built all but one of the stores on the North side of Canal Street. His Colonial Theater, which opened in 1914, looms in the distance. (Laconia Public Library)



...AND NOW

Various businesses have been located here over the past 93 years since the Bean Brothers moved to the Keller-Bean Block on Main Street in 1928. Although Prohibition ended, Dec. 5, 1933, it took until Dec. 14, 1934, before the city's first State Liquor Store opened in this space. In the mid-1940s, Edward Lydiard's printing office (in the 1950s, Sidney Lerman's), later, the Lakes Travel Agency and, since the middle-1970s, Penny Pitou Travel have occupied the corner space. In the distance at far right, the Pemaco Block — built in 1926, three years after the earlier photo was taken — is glimpsed. Many buildings on Beacon Street, at left, were removed during Urban Renewal in the late 1960s-early 1970s. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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.

Prescott  *Farm*
Environmental Education Center



Thanks to our
Business Partner

Need a planting plan? We can help!

Organic Gardening Series kicks off tomorrow
(Saturday, May 1)
1-3 pm

FMI or to register prescottfarm.org



 **Recycling Collection**

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of May 10, 2021



RECYCLE RIGHT
Never Put
Plastic Bags in Your
Recycling Bin
THEY GET TANGLED IN THE SORTING
EQUIPMENT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER



What Does 116 Tons of Cardboard Look Like?

We don't know either, but that's how much our residents and businesses have brought to the "cardboard cage" on Messer St. over the past 2 1/2 years. Thank you to everyone!



Why separate out your cardboard from other recycling and bring it to 257 Messer St.?

- Cardboard has much greater value now than other paper/plastic recyclables.
- Separating cardboard out keeps it clean of other contaminants and adds more value to our end product.
- We pay to get rid of trash/recycling by the ton. Cardboard is one of the heavier recyclables so there is much greater benefit because we are removing more tonnage.
- It's easy: Flatten the boxes and tuck them away. When you have enough or are headed towards Messer St, drop them off. No mess. No odor.
- The cardboard cage is available 24/7. Drive right up and slide the cardboard through the slot.
- Helps reduce the cost of the City's Solid Waste Program.
- Something so simple makes a difference and makes you feel good!



2021 Budget Meeting Schedule

The City Manager presented an overview of the proposed 2021/2022 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 26, 2021.

Individual departments will now present details of their budgets on the following dates:

May 10, 6 pm: School
May 17, 7 pm: Recreation/Facilities, Fire, DPW
May 24, 6 pm: Planning/Code
June 7, 7 pm: Police, Finance, Administration
June 14, 6 pm: Water, Library
June 21, 7 pm: Follow-up with depts/Gen. discussion
June 28, 7 pm: Possible budget adoption during regular City Council meeting

All meetings are conducted remotely via Zoom at the present time, and we encourage and appreciate your questions and comments! Instructions on how to participate in the meetings on Zoom are included in each meeting's agenda posted on our [website](#) no later than the Friday preceding the meeting.

The [proposed budget](#) can be viewed on our website. Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 for additional information.

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





THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

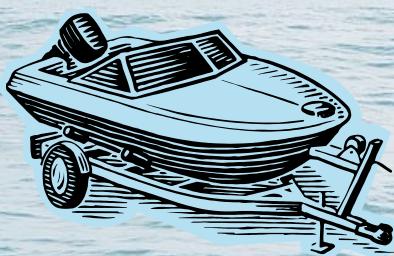
are looking for help this summer!

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 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?

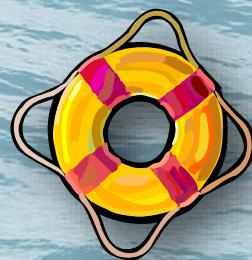
It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water!

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.



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!



BELKNAP MILL'S HISTORIC LACONIA Scavenger HUNT

\$30/Team
Saturday, June 26th
12:30pm-Registration | 1:00-3:30pm-Hunt

Gather a team, grab your phone and get ready for a fun afternoon of learning history, finding locations and completing challenges throughout Laconia.

To register:  Event Sponsors:  

www.belknapmill.org | (603) 524-8813 | 25 Beacon Street E Laconia NH



OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

your job is to
BE OUTSIDE
HAVE FUN
BE A ROLE MODEL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



BEACH CARETAKERS
WANTED
\$13.00/HR
Must Work Weekends
Spend your summer OUTSIDE
Be a part of an amazing team

What are YOU doing this summer?

Become a BEACH CARETAKER for Laconia Beaches!

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for more info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

City of Laconia

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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



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

The Emotional Benefits of Exercise—



Enhance your mood and overall emotional well-being

go4life.nia.nih.gov **Go4Life.**

Exercise and physical activity are good for just about everyone, including older adults.

No matter your health and physical abilities, you can gain a lot by staying active. Learn about some of the real life benefits of regular exercise:
<https://go.usa.gov/xHUVq>

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



**National Institute
on Aging**



City Meetings

Week of:
May 3 - May 7

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

May 3, 2021, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Planning Board:

May 4, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review

Committee:

May 5, 2021, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

