

May 21, 2021 - Edition #488

Busiel Mill in the springtime!
(Photo compliments of Paul Merritt)



***There's a
Place for
Everything:
Even Your
Trailers!***

With the start of the summer season very soon people will be using their "toys" that require trailers while enjoying all of the opportunities that the Lakes Region has to offer. While everyone is starting to enjoy the warmer weather, the City's Zoning Enforcement office would like to remind people there are some rules about their trailers that are often forgotten in the warmer weather.

Storage of Recreation Vehicles, which include trailers, campers, boats, any other recreational vehicle, and storage box-type trailers (does not include motorcycles unless on a trailer) need to be stored in specific areas on your property. Places where these items may be stored are in a carport, enclosed building, or rear yard area and shall not be located within 10 feet of any lot line. (See the [City Zoning Ordinance § 235-41 \(L\) Storage of Recreational Vehicles.](#))

For those residents having properties located on the shore, the area between the road and your home is considered your front. We understand that you do not want to hinder or damage the view of the lake for anyone, but please remember trailers of any type and recreational vehicles are not allowed in the front yard or side yards.

There have been a number of complaints to the City about placement of trailers and recreational vehicles. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the public, and responsibly store trailers and recreational vehicles where they should be. Don't forget that includes those items that are intended for the snow (like snowmobiles), as you transition from winter to summer.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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.





Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



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



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



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**



NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY

MORE THAN A CENTURY CARING FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

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

The ministry may not be happy with us for divulging this, but we cannot contain our secret any longer. With that being said, come one and come all; muggles, witches and wizards alike... while we introduce you to the New Hampshire Humane Society's very own hippogriff.

Hippogriffs, as you well know... are proud creatures. One does not simply walk up to one and scratch it's chin willy nilly, that is how you wind up with Madam Pomfrey agitated with you in the hospital wing (Draco Malfoy, yes we are referring to you and we don't care if your father will hear about this).

To engage with a hippogriff, you must learn a dance that only few are privy to. When approaching a hippogriff, to avoid loss of limb, you must bow before it. If the hippogriff determines you are worthy, it will bow back indicating an invitation for you to go forward and pet it.

The staff here at NHHS, through trial and error, have learned this intricate dance with our hippogriff, Abacus. Staff will extend their hand in offering, and with bated breath await the verdict of their worthiness to approach. If Abacus bows her head, you may pet her for as long as she will allow. Conversely, if Abacus rejects your offering, you must heed her command and back away slowly and calmly for she can sense your fear.

If you are hankering to compete with the likes of Newt Scamander with your collection of magical beasts, look no further - we have the best beast around. You may not be able to fly atop Abacus's back while she soars through the skies, but you can fly her right into your front door and give her the forever home she deserves.



Meet Nicholas: A 2-year old neutered male mixed breed

Nicholas is a sweet, active dog looking for a home that will be patient as he is a little anxious and gets overstimulated easily. He seeks attention from people, though due to his anxiety, would do best in a home with no kids. He may do ok in a home with the right teenager 16 and older. Nicholas is social with other dogs, though may be picky when looking for the perfect housemate. He will also need an environment with no cats or small animals. Basic training with positive methods, fun enrichment to mentally stimulate this smart boy, and lots of love will ensure that Nicholas will be your best friend!



Are you interested in Abacus or Nicholas? Please complete and submit an [application on-line!](#) Also, please visit our [website](#) to view all of our adoptable animals and visit our [Facebook](#) page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.



**MEMORIAL DAY
Solid Waste Collection Delay**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31st.
There will be a **ONE-DAY DELAY** in curbside
collection of trash and recycling this week.

Monday's collections will be on Tuesday; all
other days will be moved ahead by one day.

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

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

**Saturday, May 22 at
Prescott Farm....**

Build Your Own Butterfly Habitat
(10-12 pm)

Painting at Prescott Farm
(10-12 pm)

Tiny Things Hike
(1-3 pm)

For more information or to register visit
prescottfarm.org



Plans this summer!?

Be a BEACH CARETAKER for Laconia Beaches!

BEACH CARETAKERS

WANTED

\$13.00/HR

Must Work Weekends

Spend your summer OUTSIDE

Be a part of an amazing team



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

Lakeport Community Association



Saturday May 29th 5pm to 7pm \$10.00 donation.
15 Railroad Ave behind the old Lakeport Fire Station
All meals packed to go. ONLY 100 tickets available.

Assessing Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms are now available on-line at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm> or by calling the Assessing office at 527-1268. The deadline for filing the form is June 30.

This form applies to the Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit.

This program is offered by the State and refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying owners.

Call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions or for additional information.



The City of Laconia Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road will be closed on Saturday, May 22, 2021 so that much needed critical repairs can be made to the scale.

The Transfer Station will re-open on Monday, May 24th at its normal time.

Thank you for your patience...we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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



Industrial Heritage Film

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative Announces Movie Auditions for Kids!

★ **LOOKING FOR 1 BOY & 1 GIRL THAT CAN PASS FOR 4TH GRADERS**

Audition video submissions
due June 15
filming July 17-18
Paid position

POWERHOUSENH.ORG



Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the community-based theatre program of the Belknap Mill has several opportunities for kids to be involved in their productions including 4 projects in the next 8 months!

We are currently seeking auditions for a boy and a girl to participate in a movie featuring the historic Belknap Mill. The Belknap Mill was recently awarded a generous grant from NH Humanities, along with additional support from Eversource to create a film version of the Belknap Mill's award-winning Industrial Heritage Program where 4th graders from all over NH come to the Mill to experience a day in the life of a mill worker in 1918.

The Mill has turned to its in-house performing arts company, Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, to adapt the Mill program into a script and produce the movie that will allow kids to experience the program from their own classrooms. Says Powerhouse's producer Johanna Halperin, "Due to the pandemic, kids were unable to attend the Industrial Heritage program in 2020 or 2021, so the Mill team wanted to find ways we could bring the Mill to them. This movie will recreate the experience in a format that can be shared with schools across New England and around the world!"

But the first step is casting, and Powerhouse is seeking a boy and a girl who can believably pass for a 4th grader who will become the eyes through which the 4th graders in schools will "see" the program. Actors should be able to memorize lines, be comfortable rehearsing and acting with adults, and be available for the shoot in Laconia on July 17 and 18. There will be a few rehearsals prior to shooting. Auditions will be by video and all the information on how to audition can be found at <https://www.belknapmill.org/powerhouse-auditions>. Auditioners will fill out the audition form and send a video introducing themselves and performing the provided audition speech. Videos will be accepted through June 15.

While at the website check out three other audition opportunities for kids including two chances to perform on the Colonial stage, and the opportunity to participate in a staged reading of a brand new musical! Auditions for the Colonial productions will be August 29, in person, and auditions for the reading will be by video submission. Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live. For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor, visit www.belknapmill.org or email powerhouse@belknapmill.org.



New Hampshire Job Fair and Recruitment Event Portal

The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security is holding a series of virtual Job Fairs throughout the month of May!

Beginning on May 23, 2021, NHES will begin requiring New Hampshire residents collecting unemployment benefits to prove they are looking for work. To help find a great job opportunity, please click [here](#) to access the New Hampshire Job Fair and Recruitment Event Portal!

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 . . .

For many years a landmark at 148 Union Avenue, Laconia, the large apartment building at the corner of Arch Street was heavily damaged by fire, May 3, 2018. (Google satellite photo)



. . . AND NOW

The building at 148 Union Ave. was demolished in late 2019. The small, one-story structure remaining on Arch Street was once Martel's, then Wilfred's Market, still later the Arch Street Cash Market. It had earlier been home to the Guay and Walker Bakery and then the Royce Radio Shop. The large apartment building remaining on Arch Street, at right, was, at one time, a blacksmith shop and, on the second floor, a carriage shop. The River's Edge apartments in the background opened in August 2016. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Belknap Mill



Check out some of the fun 'Kids in the Park' Family Series events we have coming up this July! More dates coming soon. Thank you to our event sponsors Helping Hands Thrift Store, Laconia Kiwanis and Bank of New Hampshi...



Kids in the Park —
Belknap Mill
belknapmill.org

**NH
GIVES**

An initiative of  NH Center for
NONPROFITS

We are energized!!



\$500 match! Save the date.

JUNE 8-9, 2021

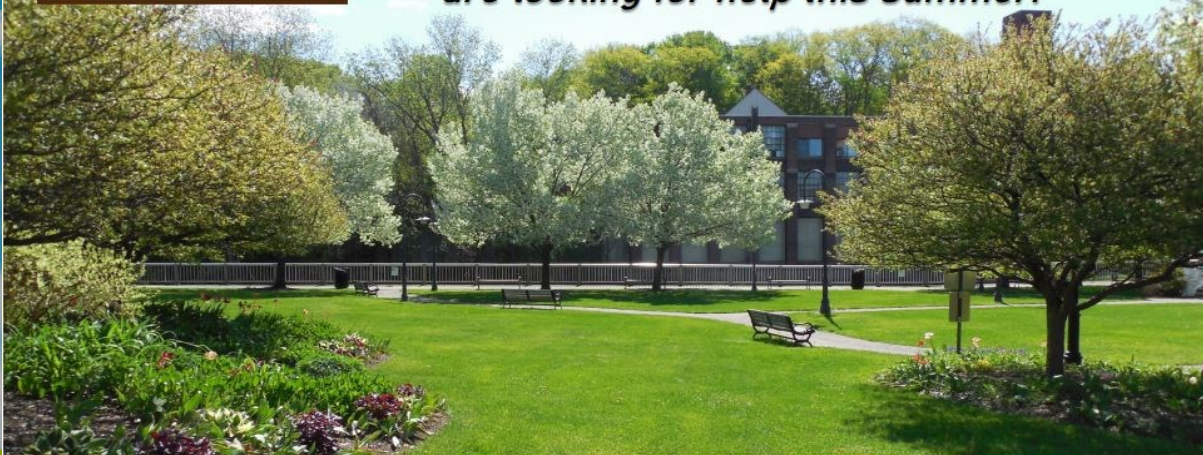
Be a part of the success of the newest program of the Belknap Mill. The Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative creates community-based entertainment at the Mill and the Colonial Theatre to make Laconia and the Lakes Region a place in NH where arts and history come to life!

Click the image above if you can help; a generous donor will be matching the first \$500 raised so that your donation can go twice as far!



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

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, June 5**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot

9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	De-humidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pans	\$ 1

Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

*The item will be weighed on site and price determined.

NEW! We can now accept Teflon or other non-stick pots and pans, any size - at a cost of \$1 each!

Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions



OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS



your job is to





BE OUTSIDE

HAVE FUN

BE A ROLE MODEL

E-mail to apply: PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH


Beginning Saturday, May 29, 2021 vehicles parking in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in the Endicott Rock Parking Lot must pay to use the parking spaces. Parking in this area is "pay by space". Please ensure that you know your parking space number when you leave your car as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.

(Parking passes are available for purchase by Laconia residents for Bond Beach and Endicott Rock Park beach parking lot - see information (below) for details



Stay informed and see updates about road projects in the City of Laconia!

Click on the map image (below) to read information on current projects.



**Please contact
Krista Larsen,
Assistant Public
Works Director,
at 528-6379, Ext. 306,
or email
klarsen@laconianh.gov
if you have any
questions.**

Resident Beach Stickers Now Available!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are now available. Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). 65+ or handicapped - no cost.



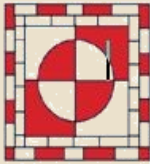
Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for instructions on how to purchase your stickers for this year's season.

GOT LUNCH! *LACONIA*

Got Lunch! Laconia is now in its 11th season. If you have school-age children and would like to receive lunch groceries free each week throughout the summertime, please complete the ONLINE registration at www.gotlunchlaconia.org. The link will be available and live beginning on May 24. Register by June 21st for the first delivery on June 28th. Any registrations received after that date will begin with a delivery the following Monday.



BMQG



BELKNAP MILL QUILTERS GUILD
Post Office Box 6174, Laconia, NH 03247



Belknap Mill Quilters Guild to hold “Pat’s Pop Up Sale”

The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild recently received a large donation of fabric on behalf of the late Pat Stevens, an avid quilter who lived in Alton, NH for many years.

To share the bounty of this generous donation, the Guild will hold “Pat’s Pop Up Sale” at the Belknap Mill (Third Floor) on **Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 9am to 3pm** – or until everything is sold! The sale is open to the public. No “early birds,” please. Cash or credit cards accepted.

The proceeds from the sale will support the Quilting Guild’s efforts to provide scholarships, comfort quilts, and charitable donations to the local community, as well as provide classes and educational programming for interested quilters. What a great way to honor Pat and spread her love of quilting!

The Guild’s queen-size raffle quilt, “Full Spectrum” will be on display during the Pop-Up Sale, and tickets will be available, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the Harvest of Quilts quilt show, in Laconia September 25-26, 2021. You do not need to be present to win. Any questions regarding the sale, please contact Katie Haddock at 202-468-1463 or kthaddock@gmail.com



**Recycling
Collection**



***Curbside recycling will be picked up the
week of May 24, 2021***



RECYCLE RIGHT

*Never Put
Plastic Bags in Your
Recycling Bin*

THEY GET TANGLED IN THE SORTING
EQUIPMENT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

REGISTER NOW! WELCOME TO MEDICARE VIRTUAL FAIR



JUNE 23, 2021 | OPEN FROM 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM ET

Learn about signing up for Medicare! Go to www.shiphelp.org for more details, to see the agenda, and to register.

This fair is for **people turning 65** or joining Medicare because of a disability. Learn about Medicare – and all its parts - to assist you in your initial enrollment decisions. **There is no cost to attend.** Join us online for any length of time!

Get **trusted, unbiased Medicare education** to help you make Medicare choices that best meet your needs.

There will be **national expert presenters** on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, and coverage options. Chat with exhibitors from your state health insurance assistance programs (SHIP) for **answers to your individual questions.**



State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) are in all 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Your SHIP may use another name, locally. Use the SHIP Locator at www.shiphelp.org to learn more.

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www.shiphelp.org -or-
www.shiptacenter.org



info@shiphelp.org



877-839-2675

This project was supported, in part, by grant number 90SATC0002 from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects under government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official Administration for Community Living policy.

2021 Summer Concert Series
Founding Sponsor:
Laconia Putnam Fund

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HAWK
 ROCKIN' THE LAKES & MOUNTAINS



Acoustic Trio | Friday, May 21st



CatFish Howl | Friday, June 4th



Tall Granite Band | Friday, June 18th



80's Dance Party | Friday, July 2nd



April Cushman | Friday, July 16th



Green Heron | Friday, July 30th



Dwayne Haggins Band | Friday, August 13th



Rebel Collective | Friday, August 27th



**Sock Hop w/ Rockin' Daddios
 Friday, September 10th**

All Concerts are Free & Open to the Public
 NH State Guidelines will be followed to ensure patron and performer safety.
 All concerts are scheduled to begin at **6pm**

Connect with us.

www.belknapmill.org | (603)524-8813 | operations@belknapmill.org

**SAVE
 THE DATES!**

the Belknap Mill presents
**Arts
 in the
 Park**

2021 City of Laconia 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 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/General 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.

Rotary
 Club of Laconia

**29th Annual
 Charity Raffle**

Sponsored in part by:

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 New Hampshire

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\$20 each
Need not be present to win.

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Scan the QR
 Code below to
 buy your
 ticket!

**Harley-Davidson
 CYCLES**

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



**Laconia City Hall Will Be
 Closed On Monday,
 May 31, 2021 in
 observance
 of Memorial Day.**



Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families
Developing Empathy & Self-Awareness
A 6-week Zoom Series
Thursdays 6:30-8pm beginning May 27, 2021



Join Parent Educators
from the Family Resource Center of Central NH
as we discuss

"Developing Empathy & Self-Awareness"
in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on the
importance of empathy and techniques for
managing feelings such as anger & stress.



This six-week series is open to anyone...
parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.
All are welcome!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrsc.org



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe
Foundation

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.

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



Burning Permits Required!



**Effective May 1st all
outside burning will
require a written permit.
Receiving a permit by phone
will no longer be
allowed.**

Outside burning permits can be obtained at the Laconia Central Fire Station on North Main Street, or the Weirs Fire Station on Lucerne Avenue.

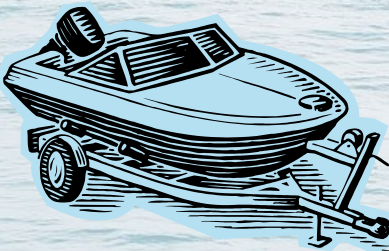
To receive a permit, you must be the property owner, or have a Non-Property Owner Authorization Form signed by the owner.

For a seasonal camp fire/cooking fire, you must have a 25 foot clearance from any structure or property line, and a 50 foot clearance is required for burning a brush pile. The permittee must also have a hose or other way to control and/or extinguish the fire. A full list of rules are available when the permit is received.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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.



Powerhouse announces auditions For A Christmas Carol!

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is pleased to announce the first open auditions for an opportunity to be in one of its productions on the Colonial Theatre stage! Beginning now through June 15, Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is accepting video submissions from adults for Joel Mercier's *A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story*. Produced in conjunction with NCCA at Jean's Playhouse, we look forward to the 2021 production being an annual tradition of bringing the beloved Dickens' classic to the Lakes Region.

Directed by Mercier and featuring his original music and lyrics, there are roles for 20-25 adults and 10-15 children. Three of the adult roles are dancing phantoms and perfect for people who love to dance. Auditions for the children will take place at the end of August. Says Mercier, "This production is the true definition of an ensemble cast. Everyone has a lot to do and everyone plays a specific character in the ensemble, while also doubling as traditional characters in the story, such as Fezziwig, the School Master, Mrs. Dilber, Old Joe, etc."



According to Powerhouse Producer Bryan Halperin, "We can't wait to get auditions started for Powerhouse's 2021 Colonial Series. We are thrilled to partner with Joel and NCCA on this exciting production and hope it will become a mainstay of the Lakes Region's holiday festivities." Powerhouse's Colonial Series is sponsored by Taylor Community and RE/Max Bayside.

This adaptation has been seen previously in Concord and Lincoln, most recently in 2018. All roles are open with the exception of Ebenezer Scrooge who will once again be played by the venerable John Conlon. "What a lot of people don't realize is that before Dickens published *A Christmas Carol*, Christmas was not lavishly celebrated by the lower and middle classes. This story literally changed their view of the holiday, and that tradition stuck. I can't think of a better and more influential story to celebrate as an annual musical," says Mercier.

Rehearsals will begin in late October and performance dates are scheduled for December 17th—19th, 2021.

All information about the production and what to include in your video submission can be found at www.belknapmill.org/powerhouse-auditions

Not a singer or dancer, but can't wait to get on the Colonial stage? Powerhouse's other fall production, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* scheduled for November, will begin auditions at the end of August. Says Halperin, "We will have a busy fall, but we will be scheduling rehearsals to make sure that people can participate in both shows if they are cast."

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live. *A Christmas Carol* is sponsored by Lakes Region Fence, Melcher & Prescott Insurance and Misiaszek Turpin PLLC Architecture and Planning.

For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor, visit www.belknapmill.org or email powerhouse@belknapmill.org. For information on NCCA at Jean's Playhouse go to www.jeansplayhouse.com.



"THANK YOU, PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL!"

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation was pleased to receive a generous check from Pleasant Street School students as part of an ongoing fundraising project to maintain an annual scholarship called the "Pleasant Street School Pride Award."

The PSS Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Laconia High School who attended Pleasant Street School

and is pursuing a degree in education. Last year's recipient was Noah Mousseau. Students raised the money during the Penny Drive as part of "Pride Week" at PSS.

Pictured above, left to right: 2 students from PSS, David Levesque, Pleasant Street School Principal; Amanda Dudek, LRSF Assistant Director; and Karen Switzer, LRSF Executive Director



CITY OF LACONIA SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four (4) years must re-register to remain on the checklist.

The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the City of Laconia will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and/or change of political party affiliation on:

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
TIME: 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: City Clerk's Office, 45 Beacon St East, Laconia 03246

Voters may check party affiliation on-line:
<https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx>



Don't miss these short original plays presented by Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative in cooperation with Community Players of Concord, NH. The plays have been created by writers who participated in the Powerhouse Theatre's playwriting workshop in the fall of 2020.

We hope you can join us!

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!*



Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

Hope Ministries Opens Shed to Collect Clothing

Cleaning out your closets? Now you can bring your good used clothing donations to Hope Ministries at the First United Methodist Church at 18 Wesley Way (off Rt. 11A near 3/11 bypass) in Gilford.

Hope Ministries is partnering with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use. This shed is designed to give community

members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option for donation of their used clothing.

St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they are ultimately re-worn by people who need them. First United Methodist Church receives funding for donated clothing and has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,100 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2018, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: include clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Thank you!

'Laconia's Origins and Rediscovery Part II' coming May 24

The Laconia Historical and Museum Society presents NH's first and best story, "Laconia's Origins and Rediscovery Part II," next week, when Historical figure Charles Vaughan returns for Part II of this live stream presentation about the origins of Laconia.

About 1761 Joshua Crockett and Ebenezer Smith, came north from Exeter to view this area. They camped atop Cotton Hill and, in the morning, when they looked out over the vast wilderness to the north, they chose this as the site for the new settlement. Crockett settled at what is now the site of the old State School and Smith at what is now the junction of Elm Street and Parade Road.

Charles Vaughan will share the rest of the story on Monday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. via live stream. The live stream will be available on the LHMS [Facebook](#) page and YouTube channel. Greenhouse Recording Studio will be operating the live stream presentation for LHMS.

To learn more about Laconia's Founders, LHMS will present "The Notables Series" beginning May 30 to August 14. Daily segments will be posted to [Facebook](#) and Instagram.

LHMS is an organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of all aspects of the history of Laconia, Lakeport and Weirs Beach. For questions, please contact LHMS at 603.527.1278 or at lhmslpl@metrocast.net, attention Heidi Smith, Programming Committee Chairman.



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



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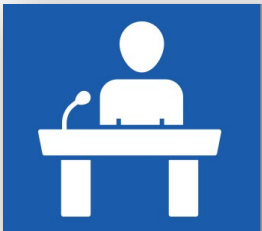
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SENIOR RESOURCES

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



May is "Older Americans Month" The theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength". Click [here](#) to access the US Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living website. Learn how to celebrate the strength of older Americans and the experiences that helped them to build the resilience they now share with others.



City Meetings

Week of:
May 17 - May 21

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.

City Council Budget Review - (Planning/Codes)

May 24, 2021, 6:00 pm

City Council - Regular Meeting

May 24, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Historic District Commission

May 25, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

May 27, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Library Board of Trustees

May 27, 2021, 5:30 pm

Special Events Review Committee

May 28, 2021, 12:00 noon



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