

May 7, 2021 - Edition #487

Don't miss the Laconia Kiwanis "Bicycle Safety Rodeo" this weekend!
Details on page 12. (photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)



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.



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.

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

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



***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? Please call the Dept.
of Public Works at 528-6379.**



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



**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



**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 Rupert: A 2-year-old neutered male Domestic short hair

Rupert came to the shelter as a stray. He is a really handsome boy, but don't let his good looks fool you! Rupert is an interesting character. He can be a pretty grumpy boy with some people, and can be perfectly fine with others. When he trusts you he does like attention, but he has his limits and will let you know when he has had enough. Rupert seems to be interested in other cats here at the shelter, so he could do well in a home with another kitty friend. But he would need to be fed separately, as he has shown signs of food aggression. Due to this and his personality, he would need a home without any small children, but he may do well with cat savvy children 12 and older. Rupert may also do well with dogs with proper introduction!



Rupert

Meet Harley: A 7-year-old Spayed female GSD mix



Harley

Harley is an active and social shepherd mix. She loves to play fetch and run in our outdoor pens next to her dog friends. Harley has been a little stressed in the kennel environment, and she self soothes by chasing shadows. We are working on helping her with this behavioral quirk by showing her ways to settle and giving her games and puzzle toys to keep her mind busy - and we will show her adopters how to work on this at home as well! Overall, Harley is sweet, social and loves to make new friends! She is looking for a quiet home without kids, no cats, but she may enjoy a dog friend.

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

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



Acoustic Trio to Kick Off the Belknap Mill's Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series

Friday, May 21st at 6:00 pm, the Acoustic Trio of James Montgomery, Bob McCarthy and Billy Martin will be the season opener for the Belknap Mill's 2021 Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series! Celebrating bringing live music to the Lakes Region community for over 10 years, the 'Arts in the Park' summer concert series will feature nine concerts taking place every other Friday evening through September 10th with our season finale, The Rockin' Daddios Sock Hop. All concerts are free and open to the public to enjoy. Bring a chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable for an evening of LIVE music.

Bob McCarthy, with his guitars and mandolin and James Montgomery on harmonicas are joined by Billy Martin on his double bass, each one a diverse and gifted musician.

Together they will deliver a treasure trove of musical selections. Their combined experience includes music from every genre ranging from modern chamber, folk, gospel, jazz, Celtic, bluegrass, Brazilian and of course, Rhythm & Blues. Bob McCarthy and James Montgomery have each been legendary fixtures on the music scene for 50 years, first appearing in the Boston-Cambridge and New York venues in the '60s.

In Bob's extensive career as a solo artist, he has met and played with dozens of bands and artists, in commercials and on radio and television. Currently Bob spends a lot of his time bringing his instruments, his voice and his best pal Beau to visit patients and friends in the Laconia area.

James is known as one of the most dynamic performers on the scene. Among his long list of credits is former conductor of the Cambridge Harmonica Orchestra. He presently brings his vast talent to charity works for the benefit of health care for blues musicians and veteran support groups country wide.

Billy was an original member of the James Montgomery Blues Band. Another student of the infamous Berklee College of music, he has played the double bass in many small ensembles ranging from opera to modern chamber and includes jazz, blues and folk.

Their combined talent and wealth of material is a guarantee for an uplifting and memorable musical experience.

The Belknap Mill's 2021 Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by founding sponsors The Laconia Putnam Fund and media sponsors, Lakes FM 101.5, 104.9 The Hawk, and 107.3 The Pulse.

For more information about upcoming performances or our safety guidelines, please visit our website www.belknapmill.org

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

We are seeking... Nature Detectives!

The Mystery of the Disappearing Logs

**Saturday, May 8
1–3 pm**

Trees fall in the forest, and they leave logs behind. Here at Prescott Farm we have noticed that these logs are disappearing! Use your nature detective skills to help us solve the mystery of where these logs go.

Recommended Ages: Kids (with Adult)

For more information or to register visit
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



Resident Beach Stickers!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are now available at the City Clerk or Tax Collector offices!

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.



Lakes Region
Mental Health Center



FREE VIRTUAL MOVIE SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION

ORCHESTRATING CHANGE

6-7 PM THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

'Orchestrating Change' is a documentary film that tells the inspiring story of Me2/Orchestra, the only orchestra in the world created by and for people living with mental illness and those who support them.

There will also be a discussion with Me2/Music Director Ronald Braunstein, Executive Director Caroline Whiddon, a Me2/ musician featured in the film and the two filmmakers.

This event is free, but registration is required. This event is brought to us by Disability Rights Center in NH and the NH Community Behavioral Health Association

GO TO

WWW.LRMHC.ORG/MAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

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 ...

Main Street and Hanover Street properties, including the Perley Block (to right of the Colonial Theater) and Eastman House (around the corner on Hanover Street), had been sold, 75 years ago this week in 1946, to the M.N. Landau Co., which was planning to build 'one of the largest stores of its kind in the East on the site.' Landau moved its store to the Perley Block, two years later, in June 1948 and operated there until having the building razed in late March 1950, along with the old tenement house. Photo shows Landau store in Perley Block, just before demolition in March 1950. The Main Street First National grocery store is seen on the far corner of Hanover Street. (Laconia Public Library)



... AND NOW

The new Landau store — today occupied by the Laconia Antique Center — opened, Nov. 2, 1950. J.J. Newberry took over the building in early January 1960 and, for a time, operated at both that location and its former space at 540-544 Main St. When Newberry's closed, April 5, 1997, Gary Bloom opened Bloom's Variety, which operated from Sept. 10, 1997 until July 12, 2008. The building then remained essentially vacant until the Antique Center moved in, March 4, 2011. Citizens Bank now occupies the First National store space. (Adam Drapcho/ The Laconia Daily Sun)



Burning Permits Required!

Effective May 1st all outside burning requires 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!



Lakes Region
Mental Health Center



FREE VIRTUAL MOVIE SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION

TRE MAISON DASAN

4-6 PM WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

Tre Maison Dasan is an intimate portrait of three boys growing up, each with a parent in prison. Directly told through the child's perspective, the film is an exploration of relationships and separation, masculinity, and coming of age in America when a parent is behind bars.

After the screening, a panel featuring incarcerated parents and their children will discuss how having an incarcerated parent and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can lead to toxic stress and possible negative outcomes for our children. Registration is required.

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\$13.00/HR
Must Work Weekends
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Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for more info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Rotary Club of Laconia **29th Annual Charity Raffle**

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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

Happy MOTHER'S DAY





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!



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, Click [here!](#)

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here.](#)



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!



use your head

BEFORE YOU HEAD DOWN THE ROAD,

LEARN TO
RIDE SAFELY!



**BICYCLE SAFETY
RODEO**

Saturday, May 8, 2021
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(rain or shine)

**Laconia Middle School
Parking Lot**

150 McGrath St., Laconia

All participants accompanied by a parent/guardian will receive a Certified Helmet (\$30 value), Certification of Achievement, refreshments, and a chance to win a new bike from Piche's Ski & Sports Shop

Sponsored by: the Kiwanis Club of Laconia
partnering with

the Laconia Police Department and the Laconia Fire Department



laconia kiwanis family safety day

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/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.

2021 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the week of May 17 - May 21 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves 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.

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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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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



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

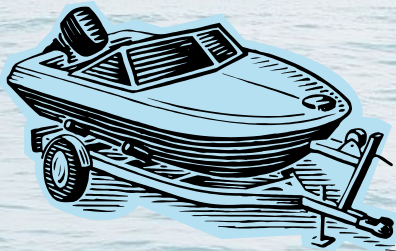
Check out the new **Financial and Operational Trends Report** which provides financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

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



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...



Before



After



Before



After

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!

Nurture Hope

An educational series for parents with children who have special needs and health challenges



on 

When: Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm

8 week series begins May 12, 2021

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org

This program is designed to help families explore their hopes and fears, develop effective parenting skills, enhance communication, develop strategies for facing challenges and recognize opportunities for celebration.

Topics covered will include:

- Appropriate Parental Expectations
- Empathic Awareness of the Feelings & Needs of Children
- Effective Discipline Strategies
- Family Rules
- Effective Communication
- Stress and Coping Techniques for Parents & Children
- Personal Power & Independence

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



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 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
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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



SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Social Security

Do you receive Social Security benefits or Medicare? Make sure your address is correct in the Social Security Administration's records. You can verify your information or change your address and telephone number for your Social Security account [here](https://www.ssa.gov) on the SSA website.



City Meetings

Week of:
May 10 - May 14

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](http://www.laconianh.gov). 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 Meeting - School Budget

May 10, 2021, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

City Council

May 10, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

City Council Finance Subcommittee

May 10, 2021 - Immediately
following the regular City
Council meeting

Heritage Commission

May 12, 2021, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

May 13, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

