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Photo of the Busiel Mill in Laconia

Disposal of Christmas Trees



Just a reminder....the City of Laconia does not pick up Christmas trees curbside. This allows the Department of Public Works to more efficiently and effectively utilize personnel and equipment time. Laconia residents can bring their Christmas trees to either the City's Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road during its hours of operation (Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to Noon) or bring them to the designated area in the parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive (near its intersection with West St.) by Memorial Park, which is available every day. Christmas trees may also be taken to the Brush Dump on Friday or Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm unless it snows. In the event of a snowstorm the Brush Dump will be closed to allow all Public Works personnel to work on snow removal. For more information call DPW at 528-6379.

Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!



Closed for New Year's Day

City Hall will be closed on January 1, 2020, New Year's Day. We apologize for any inconvenience and wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED AT 3 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

CLOSED

ALL DAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1



INTERNATIONAL FILM

"DEPARTURES"



Monday, January 6
6:15pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

A newly unemployed cellist takes a job preparing the dead for funerals.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

PG-13. 2hr 10min.

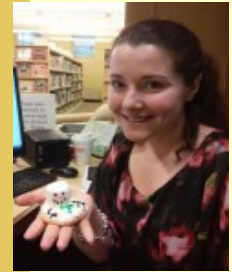
For more information, please contact Leonard Campbell at
Lsoup03@gmail.com.

International Films picked by
the Laconia Human Relations Committee.

No-Bake Melted Snowmen

Tuesday, January 7, 4 pm
Selig Storytime Room

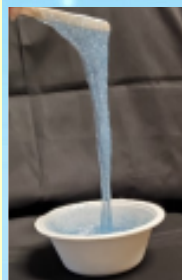
Make and decorate an edible snowman cookie who melts! For families with children.



Arctic Slime!

Saturday, January 4
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Laconia Rotary Hall

Teens (ages 13-19) & Tweens (ages 9-12)
please join us for some Saturday
morning fun!



SEASONAL LEGOS

For Teens & Tweens!

Friday, January 3
3pm
Laconia Rotary Hall



Color Challenge! Build a Lego scene with a fun color pattern. Creations will be displayed in the Library! A Lego Kit will be raffled at this program.

Teen & Tween:
Sharpie Art & Snacks
Squishies!
January 7, 2:30 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall



Color a Squishie Keychain!

Upcoming Meetings...

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council. Check each issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated information and changes.

MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the
Armand A. Bolduc City Council
Chamber in City Hall (formerly
Room 200A) unless otherwise noted

*Please note that there are no
meetings the week of 12/30/19
through 1/3/20.*

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

Girl Scout Troop 10424 is collecting items for homeless care packages.

Items that can be donated:

- Feminine Products
- Comb/Brush
- Towels/Washcloths
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Chapstick/Lotion
- Reusable Cups/Bottles
- Books/Stationary
- First Aid Supplies
- Wet Wipes
- Non Perishable Snacks
- Hats, Gloves, Blankets

For additional information, contact:
Kim Ainsworth (603) 630-8510



Please deliver these items to:
Laconia Community Center
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Historic District Commission

By Ordinance 2019-235-21.1, the City Council recently established a Historic Overlay District and, in connection with that District, a Historic District Commission. The purpose of the District and Commission is to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, educational, economic and general welfare of the community. More details can be found by viewing the Ordinance [here](#).

The City is now accepting applications for members to serve on the Historic District Commission. The Commission will consist of five regular members and up to two alternate members. All members are required to be residents of the City of Laconia. Of the five regular members, one will be a member of the City Council and one will be a member of the Planning Board. Members will serve for three-year terms and will be appointed by the City Council.

To apply for membership on the Commission, please click [here](#) to access an on-line application form.

Printed applications can also be picked up in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, or if you prefer to have a copy sent to you, please contact Nancy Brown in the City Manager's Office, Nbrown@laconianh.gov or by calling 603-527-1270.

2020 LACONIA SNOW MAN

BUILDING CONTEST!!!!



December 1st through March 1st!

Make a Snowman and send a photo to parks@laconianh.gov

Check Facebook and Instagram for submissions!



We will announce the winner on Wed March 4th!





Department of Public Works

NEW YEAR'S DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

**New Year's Day is Wednesday,
January 1st**

There will be **A ONE (1) DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash for this week. Monday's and Tuesday's collections will be as normal; Wednesday's collections will be on Thursday, Thursday's collections will be on Friday, and Friday's collections will be on Saturday. Questions? Call 528-6379.

Reminder!

*Curbside recycling will be
picked up the week of
January 6, 2020*

Remember: "Glass is Trash"

*'When in doubt,
THROW it out'*

City Manager Update



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

The new [Financial and Operational Trends](#) report has been posted to the City's website. In this document you'll find 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!

Be sure to also 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.

And lastly, 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.

Please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or info@laconianh.gov with questions.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



Active Parenting for Stepfamilies

Learn how to create harmony & stability in your stepfamily while raising responsible, courageous children.



Topics Include:

- Blending family histories, traditions & values
- Coping with loss and encouraging healthy grieving
- Establishing parental authority using non-violent discipline techniques that work
- Improving communication and building new relationships based on respect & trust
- Teaching responsibility, cooperation & other important values
- Preventing or stopping problems such as loyalty conflicts, power struggles & more
- Coping with difficult topics such as drugs, violence & sex
- Setting boundaries that work for your whole family
- Encouraging your children to be their very best!

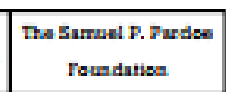
When: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, Dinner served at 5:30pm.

6 week series begins January 7, 2020

Where: The Family Resource Center, 719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

To register: Contact Tricia T. at 528-0391 or e-mail tricia.tousignant@lrscs.org

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.



Author Lecture: Rediscovering Mt. Washington's Hidden Culture



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Over the course of one calendar year, Journalist Dan Szczesny explored the history and mystique of New England's tallest mountain. However, Mount Washington is more than just a 6,288-foot rock pile; it is the cultural soul of climbers, hikers and tourists from around the world looking to test their mettle against extreme conditions, in return for inspiration through its intense natural beauty.

From being on the team of a 97-year-old marathon runner; to reading poetry upon the mountain; to spending a week during the winter cooking for the scientists at the observatory, the mountain became Szczesny's muse.



Join us Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building as Dan Szczesny turns a veteran journalist's eye toward exploring Mount Washington's place in the collective consciousness of the country. This free event is open to the public.

Musical Performance by the Rockin' Daddios, January 6th



The music of the 1950s and '60s conjures up many special memories for those of us commonly referred to as Baby Boomers. The Rockin' Daddios bring back some of the best-loved songs of this era, with the accent on harmonies and fun.

Join us Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm at Taylor Community's Woodside Building for a free musical performance by Lakes Region residents Jim Rogato, Bo Guyer, Angelo Gentile and Drew Seneca – the Rockin' Daddios.

These men have been performing together in various shows and reviews for well over 10 years. Collectively, their community theater experience spans six decades!

Come enjoy a variety of songs including, *Book of Love*, *Little Star*, *Wake Up Little Suzie*, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Walk Like a Man* and *Sherry*. All are guaranteed to warm your heart and bring a smile to your face.

Laconia Parks and Recreation

Weekly Programs @ The Community Center


MON	TUE	WED
<i>Line Dancing 10:00a-12:00p</i> <i>Adult Lunch Bball 12:00-1:00</i> <i>Strength Training 1:15-2:00</i> <i>Middle School Open Gym</i> <i>2:21-4:15</i> <i>Pickleball 6:45p-9:45p</i>	<i>Pickleball 8:45a-11:45a</i> <i>Adult Lunch Bball 12:00-1:00</i> <i>Middle School Open Gym</i> <i>2:21-4:15</i> <i>18+ Bball 7:00p-9:45p</i>	<i>BINGO 10:00a-11:00a</i> <i>Pickleball 10:30a-1:00p</i> <i>Strength Training 1:15-2:00</i> <i>Elementary Open Gym</i> <i>3:00-4:15</i> <i>Line Dancing 4:15p-6:00p</i>
THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Pickleball 8:45a-11:45a</i> <i>Adult Lunch Bball 12:00-1:00</i> <i>High School Open Gym</i> <i>2:00-4:15</i> <i>55+ Bball 6:45p-9:00p</i>	<i>Hearts & Hands 9:30a-11:30a</i> <i>RC Airplane and Drone Club</i> <i>10:00a-12:00p</i> <i>Adult Lunch Bball 12:00-1:00</i> <i>High School Open Gym</i> <i>2:00-4:15</i>	<i>Jazzercise 9:00a-10:00a</i> <div> <div>SUN</div> <div> <i>ArtsFest 2:00p-5:30p</i> </div> </div>

Block Out Dates

The Community Center will not be open for programs on the following dates:

Mon Oct 14th (Columbus Day); **Thu Oct 17 -> Sat Oct 19** (Baby Boutique); **Mon Nov 11th** (Veterans' Day);
Fri Nov 15 -> Sun Dec 15 (Christmas Village); **Wed Dec 25** (Christmas Day), **Wed Jan 1** (New Year's Day);
Mon Jan 20 (MLK, Jr Day); **Mon Feb 17** (Presidents' Day)


Look what's happening at the Belknap Mill!



GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

The Belknap Mill is dedicated to providing community and educational programming that is welcoming to all. By becoming a member today you support our commitment to high-quality programming and historic preservation. Your membership not only provides you with exclusive discounts but also ensures that the Belknap Mill can achieve this mission.

To join or renew online, please visit www.BelknapMill.org



[Become a member](#)



I have something in store for you
New Year's Eve Dollface!
Your plans are with me.

Start shopping for your Gatsby Era attire and
Get ready to Ring in the Roaring 20's!

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NYE 2020

Click [here](#) for more information and
to purchase tickets

Belknap Mill Society's Holiday Hours

To give our employees time with their families during this holiday season, the Belknap Mill Society offices and Museums will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st.

We will also be closed for a private event on Saturday, December 28th.





2019 LIGHT-UP LACONIA HOLIDAY DECORATING COMPETITION

JUDGE'S SELECTIONS

BEST USE OF SPACE - HOME

17 EDWARDS STREET

CLARK GRISWALD - HOME

256 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

THEMED - HOME

62 CHAPIN TERRACE

TRADITIONAL - HOME

1487 OLD NORTH MAIN STREET

BUSINESS

MELCHER & PRESCOTT INSURANCE
426 MAIN STREET

COMMUNITY'S CHOICE

BUSINESS

MELCHER & PRESCOTT INSURANCE
426 MAIN STREET

HOME

84 BALDWIN STREET

AN INITIATIVE OF:



POWERED BY:





More details will be available and posted closer to the event. Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.



Extension Nutrition Connections

Slow Cooker Meals Made Easy



Parents and their children prepare a slow cooker meal to bring home each week.

Family cooking and nutrition topics.

Brenda Carey, Nutrition Connections

Weekly topics:

Use a Slow Cooker Safely.

What's in a Whole Grain?

Be Active as a Family.

What's on the Food Label?

Test Your Soft Drink Knowledge.

Choose Your Fruits and Vegetables.

Language assistance is available at no cost.

For person with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda at 527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

If you qualify for SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance Please let us know for priority.

- Free slow cooker for each family (if needed).
- Taste test slow cooker recipes in class.
- Limited space - sign up today!
- No charge to attend.

Date: Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 (snow date)

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Place: Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region

To sign up: Email James Holmes: james@lakeskids.org or 528-0197

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Family Names: _____ Allergies? _____

_____ # of Adults _____ # of Children & ages _____ Phone number _____

Do you need a slow cooker? Yes ___ No ___ Can we text you with reminders? Yes ___ Cell _____

Our yesterdays

Our thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past....



THEN . . .

Veterans Square, Laconia, is seen in the 1920s, from Pleasant Street and the Veterans Park. The obelisk honoring those who served in the Civil War was dedicated, June 16, 1904. In the background at left, the former North Church (Congregational) was moved to this site in mid-November 1903 from its original location at the head of Church Street, near the Library Flagpole. (The tall steeple had been added to the 1836 building during renovations between 1869-1871.) The Congregationalists had sold their former church edifice to the Peoples Church and were planning to build a new stone church on the Church Street property later acquired by St. Joseph Parish for its new church. Instead, between 1905 and 1906, the Congregationalists built the new stone church seen at right, at the Pleasant Street end of the square, with formal consecration and opening, June 3, 1906. (The former North Church building was renamed the Christian, and later the Evangelical Baptist, Church.) In 1904, the Harriet Gale House — moved to the lot between the two churches, to clear the site for the new stone church — became the Congregational Parsonage and later Parish House. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The tall steeple on the First Christian Church came down in the Hurricane of 1938 and was replaced by a shorter one. The Evangelical Baptist Church relocated to Lakeport in 2014 and the old church building housed a restaurant and pub, The Holy Grail of the Lakes, from 2015 to April 2017, when it closed. The Harriet Gale House was razed in 1959 and replaced by a new Parish House, dedicated June 26, 1960. The Veterans Park was considerably enlarged in 1990, with addition of monuments for World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The World War I tablets were moved there from across the street in 2017. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Don't forget !
ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.



If you have a loved one who needs some
Companionship, a friend who will spend time
playing cards, having tea or lunch, going to
local places and just being around, maybe you
can connect with the Senior Companion
Program! Perhaps you would like to become a
Senior Companion? Call for more
information at 524-7689.

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
City Manager's office, 527-1270,
or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
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
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 - Seth Nuttelman	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	

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www.laconianh.gov