

## Laconia Links

February 7, 2020 - Edition #424



*A winter's morning at Opechee Park*

## News

### From the City Clerk's Office



The Presidential Primary Election will be held on February 11, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 – Beane Conference Center (35 Blueberry Lane)
- Ward 2 – St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall (31 Gilford Avenue)
- Ward 3 – Middle School (multipurpose room) (150 McGrath Street)
- Ward 4 – New Covenant Church & Memorial Park Club House (31 Lindsay Court)
- Ward 5 – Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym) (225 Winter Street Ext.)
- Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse (334 Elm Street)

To view sample ballots, or to find out where you vote, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).  
Questions? Call the Clerk's office at 527-1265.

**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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

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



*City Hall will be closed  
all day on Monday,  
February 17th  
in observance of  
Presidents' Day.  
We apologize for any  
inconvenience.*

# EVENTS and Programs

## Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



**Coffee and  
Community  
Conversation**  
**February 11**  
**10am-12pm**  
**Mowbray Room**

Guest: Paula Corriveau, Director of  
Carey House. Please join us for a cup  
of coffee and light refreshments to listen  
to what Paula Corriveau, Carey House  
Director, has to offer and learn what her  
role is in our community. Everyone is  
welcome! For more information, contact  
Jill at 524-4775, Ext. 16.

Join us for "Romance Trivia" on February. 11,  
7:30-9pm,, at Cactus Jack's, 1182 Union Ave.,  
Laconia. Brought to you by the Laconia Public  
Library and Cactus Jack's, this evening is sure to  
get you in the spirit for Valentine's Day. Wear red  
or pink and be entered to win a special prize!

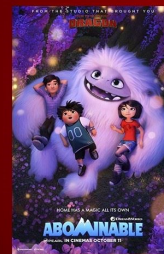


**Teen & Tween Craft:**  
**Yarn Hearts**  
Feb. 12, 3-4:30 pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall  
*Makes the perfect  
Valentine's Day gift!*



**Family Craft:**  
**Valentine's Day  
Unicorns**  
Feb. 11, 4 pm  
Selig Storytime  
Room  
Create a Unicorn  
Valentine's Day card  
to give to a friend or  
loved one!  
For families with  
children.

### MOVIES & MORE FOR KIDS: "ABOMINABLE"



Friday, February 14  
3:45pm  
PG. 1hr 37min.

**Teen & Tween Craft:**  
**Glitter Heart Votives**  
February 14, 3-5 pm  
Selig Storytime Room  
Join us to make a sparkly  
heart lantern!



**LIBRARY CLOSED**



Monday, February 17

## 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.

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

## MEETINGS

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

### City Council

February 10, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Technical Review Committee

February 12, 2020, 10:00 am

### Heritage Commission

February 12, 2020, 5:00 pm





# NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

## Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Jake is the sweetest older gentleman! He was brought in to us due to allergies in his last home, and he is now in search of the best retirement home! He has lots of love to give, and loves any attention he receives from people. He could do well in a home with other cats, respectful kids, and cat savvy dogs. All he wants is a cozy place to curl up and enjoy the view outside of a window. Is that too much to ask for? He is such a good boy and deserves all the world has to give him.

If you are looking to give a forever home to a senior in need who can give lots of love, call New Hampshire Humane at 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 or email [adoptions@nhhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhhumane.org)



Meet Razor! This handsome guy came all the way from Texas to find his new forever home! He is a 2 1/2 yr. old lab mix who already knows sit and shake - and is ready to learn more! Razor would be best in an adult only home with possibly a canine or feline friend. Razor is a very smart fella and would like an active lifestyle with someone who will continue his training!

For more information on Razor and to become his family, call New Hampshire Humane at 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 or email [adoptions@nhhumane.org](mailto:adoptions@nhhumane.org)

**Please visit our [website](#) to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their “forever” homes! Also visit our [Facebook](#) page for our latest news.**

## ***Ocean Rescues, Feb. 12 at Taylor Community***



Everyone is invited to join us as storyteller David Hill shares two stories which demonstrate how being in the right place at the right time may just be lifesaving.

This free public event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Hill has been a public speaker for more than 20 years and enjoys speaking about his adventures and life's experiences.

## ***Jonathan Hively Recreates Thomas Edison, Feb. 10***



Thomas Edison (1847-1931) held 1,093 patents. He was the inventor of the electric light bulb, mimeograph, scotch tape, phonograph, motion pictures, medical equipment, storage battery, the entire electric industry as well as improving upon the telegraph and the telephone. And that's just for starters.

Join us Monday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building as Jonathan Hively portrays Edison in period costume and dialogue. This free event is open to the public. With this presentation, you will learn about the world's most famous inventor. Hively personally conversed with Edison's son Theodore, which will "throw light" on the history and contributions of the "Genius from Menlo Park."

## ***Jonathan Lorentz Quartet with Special Guest Tap Dancer Ayan Imai-Hall, Feb. 16***



The 2020 Taylor Concert Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, continues Sunday, Feb. 16 at 3 pm in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

This event features the Jonathan Lorentz Quartet, who play energetic jazz with an enthusiasm for collaboration and on-the-spot creative inventions. Their shows always leave space for historical reflection, humor and surprise, adding up to a whole lot of fun. As they celebrate 20 years of music together, the band is excited to introduce their newest cohort, Tap Dancer Ayan Imai-Hall. The quartet is comprised of Jonathan Lorentz, tenor sax; Tom Robinson, piano; John Hunter, bass; and Tim Gilmore on drums.



# LACONIA! *talks*

## community conversations



### Getting to Know your Neighborhood

02/27/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Laconia Community Center



### Parking Perceptions

03/26/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Academic Commons at  
LR Community College



### Economic & Workforce Development

04/30/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Location to be Determined



### Today's Housing Crisis

05/28/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Academic Commons at  
LR Community College



### Urban Re-Development

06/25/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Location to be Determined



### Public Art and Placemaking

07/30/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Leavitt Park Clubhouse



### Nonprofit Symposium

08/27/20 | 5:00-7:00 pm  
The Belknap Mill



### Social Engagement & a Changing Demographic

09/24/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Location to be Determined



### Our Natural Environment

10/29/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Location to be Determined



### Our Social Environment

11/20/20 | 5:30-7:00 pm  
Location to be Determined

2020

A CELEBRATE LACONIA COMMUNITY PROGRAM

register: [www.celebratelaconia.org](http://www.celebratelaconia.org) | question: [connect@celebratelaconia.org](mailto:connect@celebratelaconia.org)





## Free Tax Help - Federal Income Tax Assistance Available AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program to be offered at Laconia Senior Center 17 Church Street

Again this year the AARP Tax-Aide program, which provides Free Tax Assistance in preparing and electronically filing your Federal Income Tax return, will be offered at the Laconia Senior Center at 17 Church Street. While the program gives special attention to all those 60 years of age and up, taxpayers with low and moderate income will also be accommodated by AARP personnel.

Assistance will be provided as follows:

**Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, from February 5 thru March 26**  
**Thursdays only, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm from April 1 thru April 9**  
***Please note that April 9th is the last day for AARP Free Tax Help at this location!***

The service will be offered on an appointment basis. **Call the Laconia Senior Center at 524-7689 to make an appointment.** Taxpayers are asked to bring the following: photo ID, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, any 1099 forms, dependent care provider info, proof of itemizing deductions, health insurance documents and Social Security cards or documentation for yourself and all dependents.

## New to Medicare Workshop

February 24, 2020 Monday 2:00pm-3:00pm

March 31, 2020 Tuesday 10:00-11:00am

&

April 28, 2020 Tuesday 2:30pm-3:30pm

Registration required 603-528-6945

lraymond@servicelinkpnh.org

Free to the public

Topics to include:

- ✓ Eligibility and Enrollment
- ✓ Original Medicare
- ✓ Medicare Advantage Plans
- ✓ Supplemental Plans

67 Water St Suite# 105

Laconia, NH 03246

If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Carissa Elphick at 603-707-5869. At least 5 business days advance notice of the workshop is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.



**SUMMER CAMP**  
LACONIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**SUMMER 2020**  
IGNITING CURIOSITY.  
EMBARKING ON ADVENTURE.

Please click [here](#) to read all about Laconia Christian Academy's Summer Camp!

**LACONIA**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



**Apply now. Applications are available on line at [lrscholarship.org](http://lrscholarship.org).**

### **SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

- Graduates of Laconia High School, Gilford High School, or Belmont High School in New Hampshire
- Legal residents of Laconia, Gilford, or Belmont, New Hampshire
- Those qualified for a specific donor preference or requirement; [some local clubs and civic organizations offer awards to a wider range of students who are residents of Belknap County. Check out our website for more details.](#)
- The scholarship foundation donors often follow students through their years of college or trade school, so if you have applied when you graduated high school, you can apply again now that you are in college.
- If you are returning to school as an adult, and are a resident of Laconia, Gilford or Belmont, you are eligible as well.

Only one application is necessary to apply for all the scholarship funds administered by the

**Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.**

**Application deadline April 1, 2020**





Great Meredith Rotary



# Ice Fishing Derby

February 8-9, 2020

**THE DERBY IS NOT CANCELLED OR POSTPONED!!**  
*See you on the ice!*

**ONLINE TICKET OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED.**  
Tickets can be purchased at HQ Trailer  
beginning Friday, February 7, 2020.  
Or at local vendors.

Just a  
friendly  
reminder...

**Dogs are due to be  
licensed by  
April 30, 2020!**

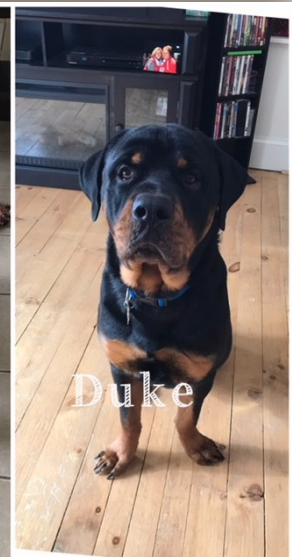
Failure to register by April 30th is a violation of RSA 466:13 and subject to a Civil Forfeiture of no less than \$25 in fines and court fees plus any late fees.

Please come into the City Clerk's Office, or use our convenient on-line service (click [here](#)). Tags for 2020 are available now! Fees are as follows for licensing:

Spayed/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Senior (1st dog for owners over 65)	\$2.00
Replacement tag	\$1.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil fine for failure to register by 4/30	\$25.00



Niko



Duke

**Questions?  
Call the Clerk's  
Office at  
527-1265**

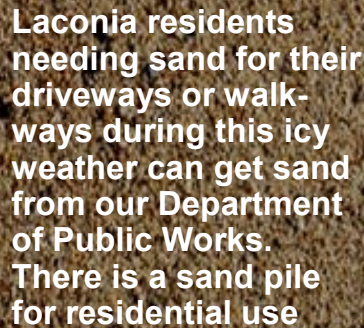


*For the comfort and safety of all, we ask that you leave your dog at home when you come into City Hall to conduct business. Although we enjoy seeing your four-legged family members, we would like to encourage you to be conscious and considerate of others.  
As always, certified service animals are welcome.*





# Sand is available!



*Thanks and have a safe winter!*

The City's Code is updated periodically; however, as new legislation is enacted by the City Council it will be posted in the "New Laws" section of this page on our website. Topics are also searchable by using key words.

## Bulky Item Pickup!

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6.00 per item you can have bulky items that are eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6.00/item) at the City Clerk's office or at our Public Works Department.

Please call 528-6379 with questions.





# 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 ...

The residence of John Carroll Moulton, next to the railroad tracks on the north side of today's Laconia Public Library lot, had been willed to the city of Laconia at his death in July 1894 as the site for a library. With the death of Napoleon Bonaparte Gale, five months later, in December 1894, another bequest to the city provided funds for 'a memorial building and public park.' The mayor and City Council appointed a committee, 125 years ago this week, to erect the library building and park. In mid-April 1895, the city purchased the rest of the Moulton property (between the mansion and Church Street, off-photo at right). Meanwhile, the mansion was operated as a hotel, known as the Crawford House, for a few years until the buildings on the site were sold at auction in late October 1900 and torn down to clear the site for construction to begin in 1901. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

Construction on the library continued from 1901 until the new structure opened, June 9, 1903. The Moulton mansion was taken down with the intention to re-erect it somewhere but ultimately the materials were sold as second-hand lumber. The site of the mansion (about where the evergreen trees at left are today) became part of the library park, with the Gale Memorial Library building occupying the center part of the lot. The Forestry (later Federal) Building, at left across the railroad tracks, was built in 1939-1940. Church Street is off-photo at right. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



# Assessing

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2019 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their Property Record Card to verify its accuracy and confirm if any changes have been made.

Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions.

[Click for Assessing Department](#)



## "PERSONAL FINANCES FOR PEOPLE IN ADDICTION RECOVERY"

Rewriting your Story



### PERSONAL FINANCE FOR PEOPLE IN ADDICTION RECOVERY



Join Us

Friday,

February 21, 2020

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

At

Greater Tilton Area  
Family Resource Center

5 Prospect St., Tilton, NH

RSVP

603-286-4255

**7** Years ago Brandon Turner was facing possible jail time for dealing drugs. Although he had a net, after taxes, \$200K per year lifestyle, he hadn't paid taxes at all in several years so he was facing time for this as well. He had a mountain of medical bills and unsecured debt and he just lost all of his money in a drug deal gone bad.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brandon Turner is a coach, facilitator, and entrepreneur in recovery. It is his purpose to create additional value to the recovery community by offering financial assistance to those who are looking to expand this area of their lives.

Brandon has been featured in Recovery Today Magazine November and December Issues.

Scholarships  
are available!

## WildQuest Winter Camp at Prescott Farm

**Winter camp** is one of our favorite programs—it has a personality all its own! Discover a camp experience a world away from Spring and Summer camps, for campers aged 6-12.

**Monday - Friday, February 24-28, 2020**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Extended care available 8-9am & 4-5:30pm\***

#### Activities include:\*\*

- Animal tracking & Snowshoeing adventures
- Sledding
- Winter games & snowcrafts
- A Winter Quest
- Exploring the frozen pond
- Winter-themed arts & crafts projects
- Maple Sugaring Activities
- Stories around the campfire

**\*\*Please note, all activities are weather dependent.**





# Colonial Theatre Updates...

- Construction and renovation continue at the Colonial Theatre! Below are photos providing a look at the progress and work to date. More updates to come!



*Our thanks to  
City Councilor  
Robert Hamel  
for providing  
the photos!*



## NH Primary Watch Party & Potluck

Tuesday, February 11th 6:00pm

At the Belknap Mill!

# NH PRIMARY WATCH PARTY & POTLUCK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00

LARRY FRATES CARICATURE DEMONSTRATION

7:00

NH CHRONICLE VIEWING FOLLOWED BY LIVE PRIMARY COVERAGE

'PRESIDENTIAL CARICATURES: Face to Face' exhibit by Artist in Residence, Larry Frates and the Creative Caricature Workshop with artist students at the Mill, will be featured on the Election Day Special of NH CHRONICLE.

**JOIN US AS NH CELEBRATES ITS FIRST IN THE NATION STATUS!**

In traditional NH style, join us at the Belknap Mill for a Primary Watch Party Potluck. Bring a crockpot meal to share. Beverages will be provided.



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Presidents' Day

Monday's collections (and collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call DPW @ 528-6379



## City Manager Updates

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

Take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. 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!

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



## Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*





The 2020 World Championship Sled Dog Derby is scheduled for February 14, 15 and 16, 2020! More details to come closer to the event. Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's [website](#) for updates!

# Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 17, 2020

Remember:  
"Glass is Trash"

'When in doubt,  
**THROW** it out'



## Taylor Community Hosts Resident Art Show

Taylor Community recently hosted its First Annual Resident Art Show in the Woodside Building. Over 200 people enjoyed the exceptional art on display, which included stained glass, photography, oil & watercolor paintings, quilts, cross-stitch, jewelry, weaving, carved stone, sculptures, and dyed silk.

"I was so thrilled with the quality and diversity of the artwork," commented Taylor Community's Director of Resident Life Brenda Kean. "It was a proud moment for me—to stand in the exhibition hall and welcome visitors to enjoy the exceptional talent of our residents. How lucky we are that so many chose to share their extraordinary gifts with us."

Members of the Opechee Garden Club were among the visitors to the show. The Opechee Garden Club will be pairing their lovely floral arrangements with art created by many Lakes Region artists—including Taylor Community residents—at their Art in Bloom exhibit, to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Taylor Community.

*Shown at left: Taylor Community Resident Jane Cleary shares a warm embrace with her art instructor, Ann Xavier, at Taylor Community's recent Art Show.*







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



Volunteering is great way for people of any age to keep active and involved in their community. There are a great many organizations and groups that would certainly appreciate and utilize the

expertise and varied talents of our area seniors! For a list of volunteer opportunities available in the Laconia area, please call ServiceLink of Belknap County at 528-6945.

***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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

*Have a great weekend!*

Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)



## **CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY**

Airport .....	524-5003
<i>Airport Manager: Marv Everson</i>	
Assessing .....	527-1268
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert</i>	
City Manager .....	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Conservation .....	527-1264
Finance .....	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Glenn Smith</i>	
Licensing .....	528-6331
<i>Licensing - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) .....	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie</i>	
Library .....	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks &amp; Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek</i>	
Personnel .....	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i>	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Matthew Canfield</i>	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Wes Anderson</i>	
Tax.....	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
Welfare .....	527-1267

### **City Council Contact Info:**

Mayor Andrew Hosmer.....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	491-8946
David Bownes (Ward 2) .....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5) .....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	524-7185

E-mail: [citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)