

Laconia Links

February 14, 2020 - Edition #425



Photo of deer in the woods near Belknap Mountain. (Photo compliments of Thomas Dufield)



6th Annual Cardboard Sled Race

Friday February 28th* @ 5:30p

Sledding Hill is at the end of South Street on Academy Street

Make your own cardboard sled and race against others in your age group.

This is a FREE EVENT, but registration is needed by Friday, Feb 21st.

***- Followed by the Sledding Party makeup**

Get ready for a night of fun in the snow, and start working on your cardboard sled now! See information about the Sledding Party (that will follow the Cardboard Sled Race) on page four.

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!



NEWS From the City Clerk's Office



The Presidential Primary was on February 11th. Click [here](#) for detailed information to see how Laconia residents voted!

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



**Seasonal
Coloring
February 21,
1-2:30 pm
Volpe Room**



Coloring with light music and conversation. All supplies are provided. Come enjoy and relax!



**Monthly Adult Craft
Drop-In Watercolor String
Art! Feb. 18, 2-3:30pm or
6-7:30 pm**

Laconia Rotary Hall
Create a unique abstract picture using string! Choose to doodle some embellishments, or simply follow where the paint takes you! All materials provided, no artistic ability needed to create something fun & colorful. No signup required; drop in during the open sessions.

**THE LIBBY MUSEUM: A BRIEF
HISTORY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
ONLY NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**



Thursday,
February 20
6:30pm



**Teen Book Club
February 19,
3-5 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall**

This is an "Any Book" Club. Come discuss what books you are loving (or hating!) right now. Get a first look at new books and graphic novels before they circulate and write bookmark reviews to add to your favorite books in the Teen Room. For Grades 6-12.

**Teen Craft: Henna
February 21
3-5 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall**



Draw on your hands with a stencil or create your own design!



**The Library will
be closed on
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!*

Laconia Airport Authority
February 20, 2020, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

Library Board of Trustees
February 20, 2020, 5:30 pm
Volpe Room

Board of Assessors
February 20, 2020, 5:30 pm

MEETINGS

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment
February 18, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec. Commission
February 18, 2020, 7:00 pm
Community Center
[Agenda](#)

Police Commission
February 19, 2020, 3:00 pm

Conservation Commission
February 19, 2020, 6:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission
February 20, 2020, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room
[Agenda](#)



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Nice to meet you - I'm Brody! I was originally adopted from the NHHS as a puppy, and unfortunately after a change of lifestyle I am back, 5 years later. This time, to find my FOREVER family.

I'm cute and sweet, but can be independent. I don't want someone who's going to be all up in my face- that's weird. I need some time to warm up to my people. I've had lots of twists and turns in my life lately, so forgive me if I don't trust you right away. If you're willing to take a chance on me, I am looking for an adult only home to call my own. I'd probably do best as the only pet, but may do well with another mellow doggy friend!

If Brody should be your new buddy, call us at 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org



Little Man came to us when his previous owner couldn't care for him properly. He is super sweet and friendly, and he loves to talk when he wants your attention. He came from a home with another cat, and could do well with cats in his next home. He can be a little feisty at times, so a home with older kids would be best.

If this Little Man with a big heart sounds like the one for you, call us at 603-524-3252 ext. 3312 or email 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. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.

Upcoming TED Talks at Taylor Community



Two TED Talks will be presented at Taylor Community's Woodside Theater on Tuesday, February 25 beginning at 1 p.m. These videos are free and open to the public.

The first is "Life's Third Act," presented by Jane Fonda. Dubbed by Fonda as our "Third Act," the 34 years we live beyond the lifespan of our great grandparents can be seen as a developmental stage of life marked by wisdom and happiness.

The second video is "Older People are Happier," with Laura Carstensen, who speaks on the benefits of aging. She cites evidence from numerous studies showing people who are past middle age experience less stress and enjoy life more.

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas, in the form of short, powerful videos (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.

Laconia Sledding Party

Friday February 28th

6:30p—8:00p

Following the Cardboard Sled Race

Come for the
Sled Race....
Stay for the
Bonfire and Hot
Chocolate

IT'S BACK ON!

*Follow Us on Facebook/Instagram
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'*

LACONIA!

community conversations

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Each neighborhood has its own unique qualities, amenities and character. Laconia has more neighborhoods than many of us know, and we want to talk about them all. For us to better serve the community and understand critical aspects that impact each neighborhood, we welcome all to participate in this interactive program.

Round Table Discussions
Group Breakouts
Mapping Exercises
and More!

02/27/20

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Laconia Community Center
306 Union Avenue; Laconia

Free to the Public

Can't make it in person? Live stream the program from Celebrate Laconia's Facebook page. Live broadcasting made possible by Lakes Region Public Access Television.



A CELEBRATE LACONIA COMMUNITY PROGRAM

register today: www.celebratelaconia.org/laconia-talks
questions: 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, 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.



BASEBALL RETURNS

FUN and INSTRUCTIONAL for BOYS AND GIRLS

In-Person Registration

2/1/2020 9:30-11:30
Laconia Community Center

2/19/2020 5:30-7:30
Funspot

3/7/2020 9:30-11:30
Laconia Community Center

Online Registration
www.laconiall.org


Come be a part of Laconia Little League for the 2020 baseball season!

Age Restrictions
Born on or before 8/31/2015

Cost
Instructional, Minors & Majors - \$50
Tee Ball - \$35
Maximum Family Cost - \$75

FOR MORE INFORMATION, LOG ON TO: WWW.LACONIALLORG
Email: laconianhl@gmail.com

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



Laconia City Hall Extended Hours!

City Hall is now open for extended hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month!

The offices of the City Clerk, Tax Collector/ Licensing and Planning, Zoning & Code will be open until 6 pm for these two days. We hope you find these extended hours convenient. For questions or more information, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

The next "City Hall Extended Hours" will be on Tuesday, February 18th!



Apply now. Applications are available on line at 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

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@servicelinkppnh.org

Free to the public

Topics to include:

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

67 Water St Suite# 105

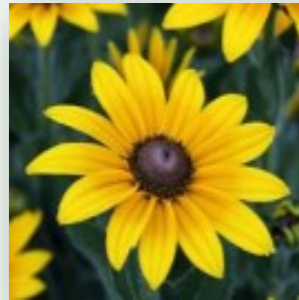
Laconia, NH 03246

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.



It's time for the Belknap County Conservation District's annual Tree and Shrub Fundraiser!

Just click [here](#) to download information and order forms.



Orders must be pre-paid and received by BCCD by March 4 for best availability. Orders will continue to be filled after that date while supplies last. See order form for additional details.

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.**



Sober Parenting Journey

Presented By:



Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.

Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting.

Sober Parenting Journey provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of triggers that may bring about relapse.

Personal recovery, accountability, positive actions, and hard work are only some of the topics discussed by group members.

Participants in this class should have at least 90 days sobriety prior to the start of the class.

Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:00 pm

Dinner served in class

14-Week Series begins

March 3, 2020

**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 may be available upon request.



PROJECT EXTRA



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe
Foundation

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 ...

Building 25 of Scott & Williams towered over Lakeport Square for seven decades after its completion in early 1920. (See separate article.) On its five floors, knitting machinery was manufactured and shipped all over the world. In this early 1940s view, the railroad tracks are at left and Building 80 — built in 1941 — is seen in the distance at right. The Bridge Street Bridge is also glimpsed in the distance. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

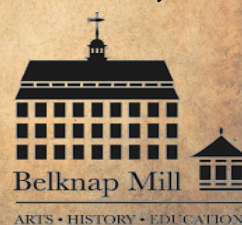
Building 25, which was located just beyond the footbridge at left, was torn down in 1991. A connector between buildings 25 and 80 (the latter looming in the distance) had been built in 1957. The connector was remodeled and repurposed as the Lake Opechee Inn and Spa in 1998. In this photo, part of the Quimby Block is seen at extreme left, adjacent to the structure today housing 'Mustache Pete's' which was visible in the earlier view. The round chimney adjacent to the far end of Building 80, in the distance in both views, is now adorned with cell phone antennas. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

"Man on the Hill" by John Stanley Shelley
At the Belknap Mill - Friday, February 28th, 6 pm



A new kind of performance, the fable-opus: a musical work that tells a story through narration and song. It is a one man, two act show that follows the life and times of a wise and loving man with each song an event or turning point in his journey.

This is a non-ticketed event, but you can save your seat by visiting John's [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.



TURN YOUR **PASSION** INTO A **CAREER**

APRIL OPEN HOUSE at Lakes Region Community College

Saturday, April 4th 2020 - Mark Your Calendar!

9am - 12 Noon | Check-in at 8:30am

Lakes Region Community College will host an open house Saturday, April 4, featuring campus and housing tours, financial aid guidance, program information and more. Admission is free and faculty and staff representing each program and department will be there to answer questions and help prospective students through the process, from start to finish. Special workshops on financial aid and career exploration will be available. Classrooms and labs on the campus will be open for viewing. You can save time and pre-register today by clicking [here](#).

Lakes Region Community College is a fully-accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, serving over 1,200 students annually. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 603-366-5210.

We hope to see you there!

Colonial Theatre Updates...

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

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!



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



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 17th, 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



FREE INFORMATIONAL SESSION!

DWN TWN THE DOWNTOWN GYM
171 Fair Street

90 Day Commit to Get Fit Information Session
Saturday, February 15th at 10am



THE 90 DAY COMMIT TO GET FIT PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER PROGRAM. IT STARTS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND FITNESS ASSESSMENT THAT INCLUDES BLOOD WORK TO TEST BLOOD SUGAR AND CHOLESTEROL. THIS IS NOT A DIET OR A STRICT WORKOUT PLAN. FOR THIRTEEN WEEKS YOU WILL MEET IN A GROUP FOR TWO HOURS. HOUR ONE IS COMPRISED OF NUTRITION, BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION OR STRESS MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND HOUR TWO IS FITNESS EDUCATION AND EXERCISE. YOU WILL LEAVE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO MANAGE YOUR NUTRITION AND FITNESS GOING FORWARD. CLASS WILL MEET ON MONDAYS FROM 5:15 TO 7:15PM.

COME HEAR ABOUT HOW THIS PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: DOWNTOWNGYMCTGF@GMAIL.COM



4-H GROWS HERE



Milk and Cheese Please

Friday, Feb. 28, 2020

9:00 - 3:00 PM

Laconia Public Library
Laconia NH

In this Special Interest Program (SPIN), youth will learn about different kinds of cheese, how cheese is processed, where cheese comes from, hand washing, food safety, knife cutting skills, nutrition, and cooking. They will have the opportunity to use their knowledge to cook their very own lunch.

Cost: Free

Open to youth 8 years old and up.



Extension

For more information contact:

UNHCE Belknap 4-H Office
Karen Deighan
(603)527-5475
karen.deighan@unh.edu

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and NH counties cooperating.



The 2020 World Championship Sled Dog Derby is scheduled for February 14, 15 and 16, 2020! Please note that the Start/Finish line is now located at the Laconia Country Club, 607 Elm Street, in Laconia. Parking is available across the street from the Country Club for spectators, as well as at the Elm St. School on Saturday, 2/15 and Sunday, 2/16. Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's [website](#) for updates!



Belknap Mill 2020 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 19
8:30am-10am

The Belknap Mill Annual Meeting is February 19th. The "Hard Hat" Tour begins at 8 am. View the restoration of the Rose Chertok Gallery! All are welcome.

Please click [here](#) for the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Cross Country Skiing at Bolduc Park!

Bolduc Park is open daily for Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing and winter Disc Golf!

Located on the Laconia/Gilford town line at 282 Gilford Avenue, the Park is open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and is a perfect place for a family outing or for people of any age wanting to enjoy a winter day in the outdoors.

We hope to see you soon!



Shown above is the Selesky family of Laconia enjoying a winter day of cross country skiing together at Bolduc Park. From left to right: Lydia, Quinn, Bethany, Naomi. Gregg and Mya Selesky.



Department of Public Works



Did you know that you cannot park or block the City sidewalks at any time during the year?

The City must keep all City sidewalks open and available for pedestrian use. We ask that you pay attention when parking your vehicle to ensure that it does not interfere with the use of any portion of the sidewalk. Public Works will notify the Police Department whenever they see a vehicle parked on the sidewalk. If it is late at night during a snowstorm, you could be woken up by a police dispatcher or officer asking you to move your car, you could find a parking ticket on your vehicle in the morning, or you could find that your vehicle has been towed. Please help the City and yourself by ensuring that you do not park on or block a sidewalk!

Did you know that it is unsafe to plow a driveway's snow across a street and leave it there?

Traffic passing by your driveway during plowing could have an accident as a result of hitting the plow vehicle or hitting the snow windrow left by the plow. Pushing or blowing snow onto a City sidewalk could prevent the City from clearing the sidewalk if the snow pile is too large for the sidewalk plows to clear. Please ensure that you or your plow contractor do not push driveway snow across a public street or blow snow onto the sidewalk. This will help Public Works clear the streets and sidewalks after a storm.

The City Council has implemented an Ordinance to minimize these problems. Public Works would first like to educate our property owners to avoid this practice. If the problem continues after our first communication to a property owners or others causing the issue, they could be subject to a \$500 fine under the City's Ordinance.



Did you know that drivers cannot park their vehicles overnight in the City's downtown parking lots?

Cars and trucks that park overnight in the City's downtown parking lots interfere with Public Works' ability to clear snow from these lots. Please park in the parking garage overnight. The Police Department announces through Twitter whenever Public Works will be plowing or removing snow from the downtown parking lots. The Police Department can fine or tow vehicles to ensure that the parking lots can be plowed.

Your cooperation is appreciated!
Questions? Please call DPW at 528-6379.



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



NH Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver

Did you know that New Hampshire residents 65 or older who are not currently enrolled in a degree program are eligible to take a maximum of 2 credit-bearing courses per academic year tuition free at the University of New Hampshire? Please contact UNH at 603-862-1234, or click [here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page for more details!

*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 - Ben Crawford	
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

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov