

Laconia Links

April 17, 2020 - Edition #434

Happy Arbor Day



Arbor Day in New Hampshire is April 24th. See pages 3 and 4 for additional information!

United States® Census 2020

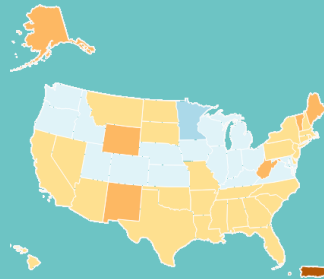


**Let's Be Counted
Laconia!**

Detailed information regarding the Census can be found [here](#). It's quick and easy!

Important Reminder!

Have you completed your 2020 Census form yet? It's vitally important to our community and State that everyone be counted.



Just click on the map image (left) to see how Laconia's response rate compares to those of our neighboring communities, or your friends in other states.

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!*



Community Garden

It's almost gardening time! Are you interested in having a spot at the Community Gardens on State land across the street from the former State School property in Laconia?

Please email Lisa Morin at lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net and use the subject line "Community Garden Plot", or call 527-5880 for more information.

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



Please note that although the Laconia Public Library and the Goss Reading Room are both closed to the public at the current time, Library staff continues to work in the building and are happy to answer questions and help you access materials. See ["How to Enjoy the Library From Home"](#).

You can also pick up and return materials at the Laconia Public Library. Details of this service (and other Library related information) are updated regularly and found on the Library's website [here](#). Questions? Please call 524-4775.

The Library staff has been very busy! They have come up with a lot of fun activities for you and your family to keep you occupied while you are spending more time at home! Check out their Facebook page (click the Facebook logo, right) to see what interesting things are happening at your local Library!



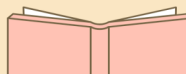
Children's Book Talk



THURSDAYS

Gail will share a few good books to try

Find it on our NEW
YouTube Channel
For middle-grade readers



THE LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Has a YouTube Channel!

Check us out for our first video
Wednesday 4/15 with a children's craft!



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wed & Thur
10am
Laconia Public Library's
Facebook Live

CHILDREN'S CRAFT
WEDNESDAY

Check it out on our NEW YouTube Channel
Posted Wednesdays at 3pm!

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. While City Hall is closed to the public, all City departments continue to be staffed, and they will be happy to provide you with any information you may need.

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

Please note important information included on the agendas below regarding how to view and/or participate in City meetings electronically.

Zoning Board

April 20, 2020, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec. Commission

April 21, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

April 23, 2020, 8:00 am.

[Agenda](#)





Arbor Day

Friday, April 24

The City of Laconia is proud to be named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, for the past 29 years. This has been achieved by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Why is Arbor Day important?

Arbor Day is a national holiday that recognizes the importance of trees and is most typically celebrated by planting trees, although there are other ways to celebrate as well! Trees play an important role in health of the environment and are valuable to the community.

According to the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#), "100 trees remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide and 430 pounds of other air pollutants per year."

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

– Chinese Proverb

Did You Know?

Laconia is home to the state champion white oak, known as the Perley Oak. It is estimated that the Perley Oak sprouted approximately 400 years ago and is now the largest of its kind in the state, with a circumference of 20 feet. You can view this magnificent tree while driving on N. Main Street, just north of Blueberry Lane, adjacent to the Perley Pond.

In September, 2019 the Perley Oak was pruned of dead limbs in hopes it will help the tree celebrate more birthdays. The Union Leader did an article on the pruning, found [here](#).

Ways to Celebrate:

Plant a tree!

Read a book about trees.

Learn to identify trees in your yard and neighborhood.

Enjoy the outdoors. Visit a local park or take a nature hike.

Have questions about trees on your property? UNH Cooperative Extension County Foresters will visit your property, free of charge and help you achieve your woodlot objectives including forestry, recreation, wildlife habitat, water resources, scenic beauty and income.

Click [here](#) for more info.

CITY OF LACONIA TRANSITIONS TO ON-LINE MEETING FORMAT

If you are interested in viewing and/or participating in a City public meeting, you can do so using any number of platforms. Just click [here](#) to read detailed information on the City's on-line meeting format.



DID YOU KNOW?

CITY HALL DROP BOX AVAILABLE

While City Hall is closed to the public, please feel free to drop off payments that you might otherwise mail or bring into City Hall, as well as any information for all of our City departments. The drop box is located on the Belknap Mill side of the building and is checked regularly.

Thank you!



LACONIA'S SPRING
CLEAN-UP DAYS
MAY 2 and May 3

**Postponed! Spring Clean-Up Days
will be rescheduled to a future date**

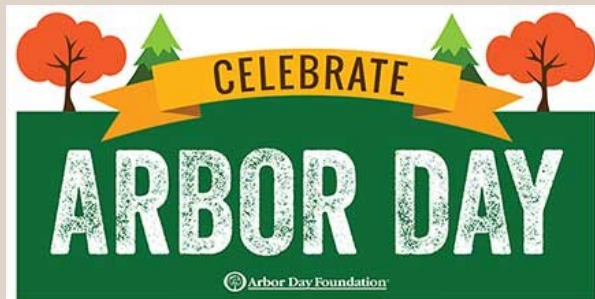
RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY
NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.

Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

ACCEPTABLE: APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES (limit 6 tires per customer).

NOT ACCEPTABLE: AUTO TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic Waste **WILL NOT** be accepted free of charge at this event. If you bring e-waste normal fees for disposal will apply.



In honor of Arbor Day, this year the City of Laconia will be celebrating this special day by planting a tree at Tardif Park.

Each year a Proclamation is created; this year marks the observation of the 134th anniversary of Arbor Day in the State of New Hampshire.

Click [here](#) to read this year's Proclamation.





Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) remains fully-committed to serving patients during this unprecedented time. In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and protect the health of our patients and staff, the majority of our services will be conducted remotely; either by telephone (audio-only) or by using audio-visual technology (i.e. computers with cameras, smart phones with cameras, video-conferencing equipment, etc.) so that the patient and provider can see each other. In-person services are available on a limited basis as we continue to comply with COVID-19 recommendations.

LRMHC will maintain hours of operation in Laconia and Plymouth:

Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.

For Emergencies: Crisis support is always available and you can reach our Emergency Services staff by calling 528-0305.

If you are an existing patient, our staff will reach out to you about how we can continue to support you and how those services may best be delivered.

For individuals who are new to us and want to seek treatment, we ask that you please call us during normal business hours at 603-524-1100 to schedule an initial appointment by phone or by alternative telehealth options. We will conduct a brief mental health assessment and provide you with options for appropriate care.

If you are receiving in-person services such as medications, injections or have a primary care appointment, here is what to expect when you arrive at LRMHC:

Upon entering the office, you will be asked a number of questions that screen for illness, recent travel and ask you about the reason for your visit. We will also take your temperature. We will instruct you to maintain safe distancing from others and answer any questions you might have. Your provider will greet you in the lobby.

These are difficult and confusing times. Many are feeling overwhelmed and we are here to support you. LRMHC is only a phone call away.



Information for our residents regarding City services

To keep our residents informed regarding City services and operations during this public health situation, please see the information below:

- With the safety of all of our citizens and employees in mind, City Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

Please note that City staff will continue to work and are available to answer phone calls and respond to emails during our regular business hours. We will do our best to continue to provide essential services to our residents. Please click on this [link](#) to see additional information and details, including contact phone numbers. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who may not have access to our website or this newsletter.

- The Community Center and all City park houses are closed to all programs. All of the City's playgrounds, courts and ball fields are also closed until further notice. City parks remain open to the public at this time for social distancing recreation like walking, running and biking. Call the Community Center at 524-5046 for more information.
- Although Library buildings are closed to the public until further notice, they are operating a "take-out" service. Please visit the Library's [website](#) or call 524-4775.
- The Water Department is now closed to the general public. Please visit their website [here](#) for information on how to pay your bill, or call 524-0901.
- The Public Works office is now closed to the general public. Details of services provided can be found on the next page of this newsletter. Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379 for additional information.

Stay updated on all City news by visiting our [website](#) where alerts will be posted, or sign up to receive notifications via email. (See [page 18](#) of this newsletter for instructions). For questions of a general nature, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

Please also check the [SAU website](#) for school closure details and related information on remote learning, lunch deliveries, etc.

Click [here](#) to read the City Manager's comments that were presented during the most recent press conference. In this document you will find a great deal of useful information to help you and your family during this difficult time.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding
as we continue to try and provide the best possible
service to our residents.*

News from the Public Works Dept.

Our Public Works Department is currently closed to the public for the protection of our visitors and employees. Please use email, telephone and the City's [website](#) for questions about how to transact your City business. Please see below for some helpful information:

- The solid waste pickup schedule for the year is on the City's website, and is available [here](#).
- The Public Works Department will mail recycling decals to City residents upon request. Just call us at 528-6379.
- Seasonal weight limit permit applications are available on the City's website (see links below). Please fill out the application and email it to us at publicworks@laconianh.gov. We will return the permits to you that day by e-mail.
[One-time permit](#) [Blanket permit](#)
- **NEW:** Please note that plumbing, driveway, sidewalk and excavation permits are now able to be completed on the Public Works website.
- Until the Coronavirus pandemic is under control, day passes to the Transfer Station may be purchased at the Transfer Station by check, cash or credit card. Proof of residency is required. Annual dump stickers may be obtained from the City Clerk or Tax Office by mailing a \$20 check made payable to the City of Laconia and a copy of your valid vehicle registration to: City of Laconia, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. There is also a drop box located on the outside of City Hall on the Belknap Mill side of the building. Annual dump stickers are good for the calendar year and apply to the Transfer Station and the Brush Dump. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 with questions.
Please call our Department of Public Works office at 528-6379 - we are happy to help.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Reminder!

Curbside recycling will
be picked up the
week of April 27, 2020

Remember:
"Glass is Trash"

'When in doubt,
THROW
it out'

News from Public Works:

Stay informed and see updates about
road projects in the City of Laconia!
Click on the map image (below) to read
information on current projects.



Please contact
Krista Larsen,
Assistant Public
Works Director, at
528-6379, Ext. 306,
or email
klarsen@laconianh.gov.

**ROADWORK
AHEAD**



Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region

We are a group of volunteers that have come together to help the elderly and at risk citizens in our community during this time of need. Volunteers are able to help run errands, find daily needs and necessities, go grocery shopping, and provide any and all support we are capable of.

If you would like to volunteer your time or request our help, please go to <https://forms.gle/jFP6qt8NNLovGWP8> and fill out the form. All information will be kept confidential. If you are unable to access the form or require assistance doing so, please call the number below and leave a message.

We are also currently seeking donations from the community. Please contact us if you are able to donate supplies or would like to make a monetary donation. Commonly requested items include non-perishable food items, paper goods and cleaning supplies.

Contact Us

Email: senior.atrisk@gmail.com

Google Voice: (802) 242-1574. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2611445905792257/>

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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

Laconia Parks & Recreation

Laconia Parks & Recreation UPDATE



Although Parks remain open, all **courts, playgrounds, and fields** are **CLOSED** to prevent the spread of Covid-19 here in Laconia.



If you have any questions please contact Laconia Parks & Rec at 524-5046 or parks@laconianh.gov

We strongly encourage people visiting our parks to practice appropriate social distancing.

Smith Track is Now Open!



Please be sure to stay a safe distance from others when using the track.



Who Can **ADOPT - A - SPOT?**

- Individuals
- Non-Profits
- Businesses
- Sports Teams
- Anyone who like to see how beautiful we can make Laconia



To learn more, call Laconia Parks and Recreation at 524-5046 or e-mail at parks@laconianh.gov

Thank you!

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 ...

These were the City Sheds, on Water Street, Laconia, sometime after 1887, when the brick Moulton Opera House (far left) was built. Horses used by the Fire and Street departments and associated equipment, including the steam fire engine, were stored here. Back in 1895 — 125 years ago this week — plans had been drawn for 'a new city building' to accommodate the Fire and Police departments, along with other municipal offices, but nothing came of it for another seven years. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

A modern brick Central Fire Station (but minus the other municipal offices) was eventually built, in 1902, to replace the old buildings and it served the Fire Department until late 1971, when it was demolished, after the department had moved to new quarters on North Main Street. The old Central Station site now covers approximately the parking lot behind Rent-a-Center and MC Cycle. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Pets of the Week!

Chance



Chance is a sweet and gentle soul, to the ones he knows. Chance traveled all the way from South Carolina to find his forever family back in June of 2018. Chance found a family in August of 2018, and unfortunately due to a change of circumstance, Chance came back to us in May of 2019.

We cannot stress how smart and willing this dog is to overcome his fears, but there are a lot of them. Chance does not do well meeting all strangers, and if you are interested in meeting him, he will sport a basket muzzle just for precaution's sake.

Chance needs an adult-only home to call his own and has done well with some female dogs; however, he can be picky, and has actually been fearful of cats!

For more information on either of these available pets, please contact us at 524-3252 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org

The NH Humane Society is working through its Pet Compassion Project to provide pet food and additional services at this time. Please click [here](#) to read the press release in the Laconia Daily Sun regarding this program. You can also find up-to-date information about COVID-19 as it relates to The NH Humane Society their [Facebook](#) page.

Please note that the Shelter is not taking donations of food at this time to minimize the number of people in and out of the facility. Those interested in supporting them can either make a financial donation online, or hold their donations of food until the risk is mitigated.

CONSIDER SAVING A LIFE TODAY!



Velma is so fun and goofy! This 1 year old mix is smart and willing to learn with those she trusts. Velma takes a little bit to warm up to strangers, so multiple meetings are required in order to adopt her. That being said, she is so, so worth it! Velma is active, loving, courageous when given the chance, and food motivated! With a bit of training and patience, Velma has the potential to be the dog of someone's dreams!

Velma needs an adult only home, potentially with other dogs. She has done great in play groups here, however she needs a home without kitties.

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.

Business resources and help currently available in New Hampshire

We know many of you are facing a very stressful situation during the Covid-19 pandemic and are trying to figure out the best way to get your company through these challenging times. Below, we have outlined several business resources that may be helpful during this time. We will get through this challenge together.

SBA Paycheck Protection Program

The SBA Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. The Paycheck Protection Program will be available on 4/3/20 through 6/30/20. For details of this program [CLICK HERE](#)

NH Working - WorkShare Program

As employers navigate new challenges created by COVID-19, one way to help maintain their trained workforce is the State's WorkShare program. Employers can temporarily reduce their workforce in a particular unit, shift or company 10%-50% and avert a layoff. They can then recall the employees when business increases. As employees are retained morale, productivity and flexibility in the workplace are maintained. Affected employees have a softer landing as their hours are reduced rather than eliminated, and they keep their health insurance and can collect wages for hours worked plus unemployment compensation benefits for the reduced hours. WorkShare plans may be submitted by any New Hampshire employer whose taxes are currently up to date and they are in good standing with the NH Department of Labor. Find more information on the [NH WorkShare program](#).

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest federal disaster loans can provide working capital to New Hampshire small businesses and private, non-profit organizations suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19.

- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.
- The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profits.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years.

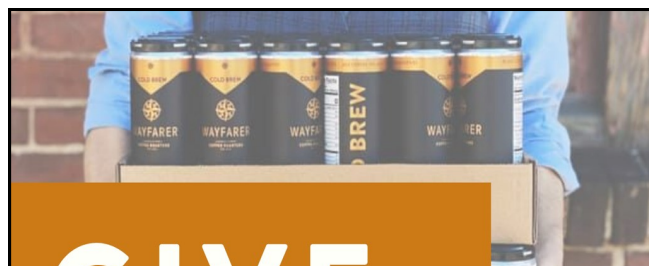
Click [HERE](#) to visit the SBA Disaster Assistance website or connect with their customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY:1-800-877-8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Unemployment Benefit Relief

Per Emergency Executive Order #5, individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment:

- If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19;
- Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a healthcare provider, employer or government official;
- Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine;
- Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs;
- **Self-employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.**

Individuals will need to file for each week of temporary unemployment. People can do all of this online from your home internet connection or your phone without ever having to go into a state office. For more information and to file for unemployment benefits, visit the [NHES website](#)



GIVE

to the Laconia Local Food Project

Wayfarer Coffee Roasters has teamed up with other Laconia businesses to help facilitate delivering food and fresh flowers to healthcare workers, service workers, and families in our community that are affected the most during the COVID-19 crisis.

How to GIVE:

1. Visit our online store: www.WayfarerRoasters.com
2. Click "Shop"
3. Click "GIVE to the Local Food Project - Laconia"
4. Choose Items to Give
5. Complete Transaction
6. We will deliver these items daily to those who need it most!



WAYFARER

Laconia Village
Bakery



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4. Choose Items to Give
5. Complete Transaction
6. We will deliver these items daily to those who need it most!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

WEEKLY DELIVERY ONLY
LIMITED QUANTITY
ENDS MAY 1ST!

100% PROFIT TO GOT LUNCH LACONIA & GILFORD

Click [here](#) to order!

PIC•COLLAGE

Downtown Laconia Business Relief - Fundraiser Tee

Order your t-shirt today! This is a great way to help the businesses we depend on to keep doing what they do. Proceeds of tees sold will be distributed among the businesses shown on the back of the shirt.



Please click [here](#) to order and for more information.

Downtown Laconia has made some great strides over the last few years.
Let's do what we can to help it continue!

Thank you Laconia for supporting our community!

Laconia School District Office of School Wellness

LAKE REGION STUDENT ATHLETE CHALLENGE

Our students need us!! There are many students missing their seasonal sports training and PE classes! Yes, there are some students that are motivated to complete the trainings their coaches are sending out BUT, what about those that are not? Don't we all do a little better when we know that others are working out ☺ too? As one of the trainers aptly put it, we are looking to engage students in a community-based physical activity.

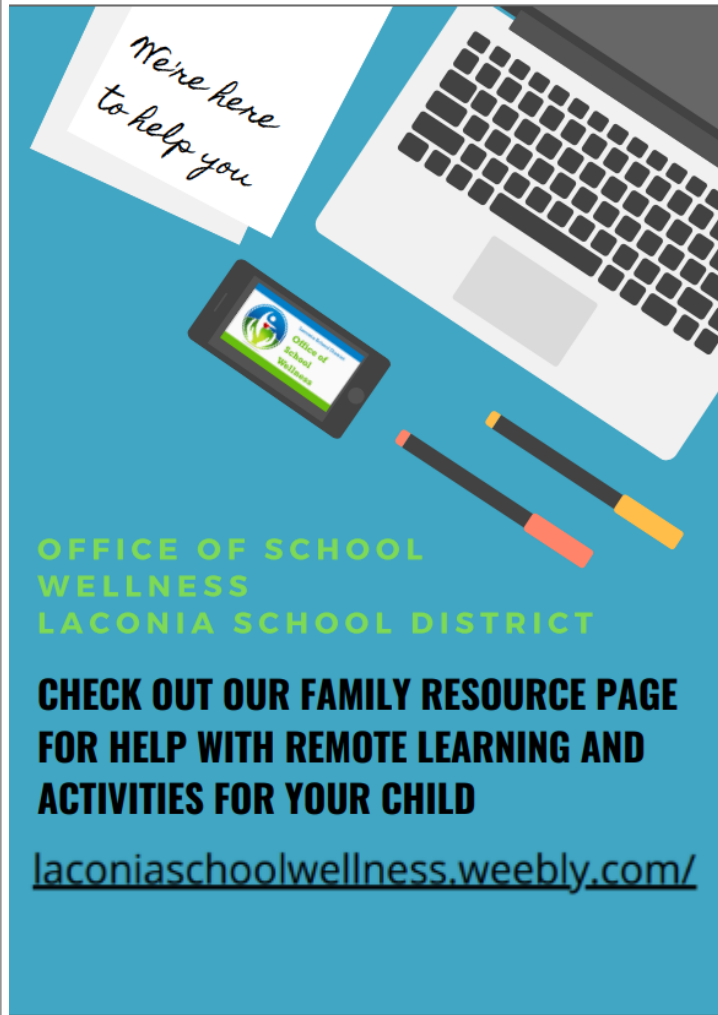
Local trainers and coaches have joined together to offer these workouts daily to students in the area. Please check [The Office of School Wellness Facebook Page](#) for these daily workouts!

Special thanks to everyone who is contributing their time for this .



Laconia School District

**Office of
School
Wellness**



**OFFICE OF SCHOOL WELLNESS
LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CHECK OUT OUR FAMILY RESOURCE PAGE
FOR HELP WITH REMOTE LEARNING AND
ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILD**

laconiaschoolwellness.weebly.com/



2020 CURBSIDE SPRING LEAF PICKUP
Week of May 4 – May 8, 2020 and
Week of May 18 – May 22, 2020

**THE CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICK UP AN
 ADDITIONAL **10 BAGS** DURING THESE
 TWO WEEKS.**
 (Pick Up is on your normal trash day.)

**All materials MUST be placed in
 PAPER COMPOST BAGS.**

Please note that Curbside Leaf Collection
 will be collected by a separate truck, not the
 normal trash collection truck. Questions?
 Call 528-6379



**Changes at Laconia Fire Department
 During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Until further notice, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
 Laconia Fire Department has changed the way we are issuing
 outside burning permits and mechanical permitting.

Effective immediately and until further notice:

Laconia residents will be allowed to email or call to obtain a seasonal fire permit or a brush
 permit. You must be the property owner in order to obtain a permit. Please email
cbarry@laconianh.gov. If you have questions, please call the Central station at 524-6881
 or the Weirs station at 366-2229.

For mechanical permits, contractors can go online to the City's web site at www.laconianh.gov.
 Go to the Fire Department tab, and under Fire Prevention you will find the permitting section.
 You can fill out the form adding a current email address, and fax to 524-0437. You will then be
 contacted for approval and to set up an inspection. You will be billed and an invoice will be sent
 to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the number above and we will be glad to help
 you navigate the permitting process.

News

From the City Clerk's Office

Helpful
Tips

Vehicle Registration

Although City Hall is closed to the public at this time, there are still a lot of options available for conducting your City business on-line. Two of the most common questions people ask relate to vehicle registrations and dog licensing. Please see below for instructions on how to accomplish both on-line, and other useful information:

If you are looking to renew your vehicle registration on-line, click [here](#). This will bring you to the Vehicle Registration page of our website where you can follow instructions to get the process going to renew your registration.

If you have a new registration for a vehicle purchased from a NH dealership and you were issued a 20-day plate on or after February 26, 2020, that temporary plate is valid until April 30, 2020. For vehicles purchased in a private sale, please call the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles Office at (603) 227-4000 to inquire about purchasing a temporary plate.

Please note that we are only making in-person appointments for essential items. Call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for more information. For example, boats, trailers and motorcycles are not considered essential items. These transactions will have to wait to be processed until we are open to the public.

If you do not have the capability to process on-line transactions, please call our office to receive the amount due for your registration and either mail your payment or place your payment in our drop box located next to the door on the right (Belknap Mill) side of our building.



To renew your dog license, click on the image (left). Enter your dog tag number as it is printed on your dog's license (including the dash followed by the last two digits of the year).

Click on "Sample License" on our dog license page to locate where on your dog's printed license you can find the license number.



Please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for assistance if needed!
Our office is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you for your patience!



UPDATE

What: Notification of Change in Schedule of Road Closure/Detour

Where: Endicott St. Bridge carrying US3 over the NH Railroad

NHDOT announced that the closure of the US Route 3/Endicott St. Bridge, which carries US3 over the NH Railroad, originally scheduled to begin Monday, April 6, 2020, will be postponed. Due to delivery issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, critical materials necessary for this project are not available at this time. The Department will be working with the contractor to determine when this project can proceed. Once the schedule is better understood notice will be provided to the community.

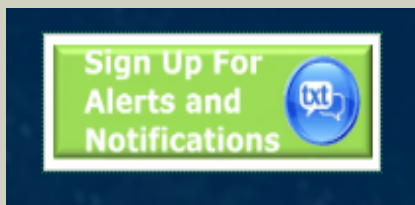
Please visit the project websites:

www.nh.gov/dot/projects/laconia16144

www.laconianh.gov/RoadUpdates

If you have comments or concerns about this project, you may contact:

Michael Donnelly, Contract Administrator
NH Department of Transportation
PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302
603-219-6693 Michael.Donnelly@dot.nh.gov



Please sign up for City of Laconia Notifications and Alerts!

We encourage you to sign up for our Alerts and Notifications email list. Receive up-to-date information on important City news via e-mail as it occurs. Click [here](#) to access our website. Look for the "Sign Up" image as shown above at the top of the page to set up your account. Questions? Please call 527-1270.

Important Notice



On April 20, 21 and 27 the Transfer Station will be closing at 3:00 pm instead of 3:30 pm to allow the City to repair the ramps to and from the scale. Thank you for your cooperation.



Interfaith Wednesdays

The Greater Laconia Ministerial Association, an interfaith Lakes Region faith collaborative, invites all to participate in spending some time each Wednesday during the COVID 19 crisis to be mindful, or prayerful of the essential workers and those in need in our community, state, nation and around the world.

Together, as a community, take a few moments each Wednesday to light a candle, meditate, burn incense or to pray for those on the front line. There are so many to thank and that can use our loving kindness and prayers at this time: our health care workers, grocery store personnel, first responders, teachers, city employees and more. So please join The Greater Laconia Ministerial Association and community each Wednesday in setting aside any distractions to give thanks and remember those who are serving our community during the COVID 19 crisis.

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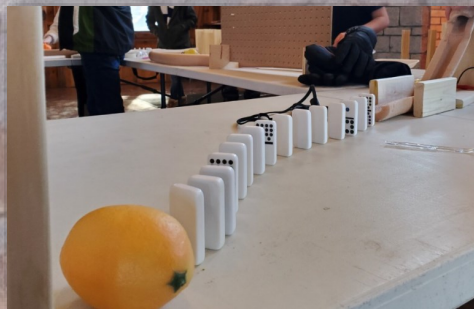
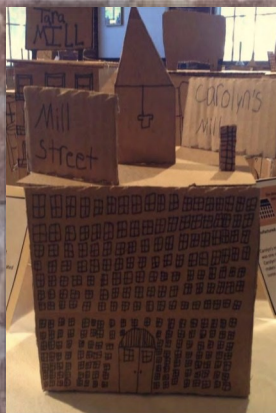
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[Subscribe](#) to our News of the Week and Monthly Newsletter

During this time of school closure, the Belknep Mill is dedicated to supporting families with students by offering a series of fun activities. These activities will be accessible through the Belknep Mill [website](#), [Facebook](#), or by subscribing to the Mill's weekly newsletter that will be sent out each Sunday, featuring activities for the coming week. See the link (left) to subscribe and join the fun!

HISTORY

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A Virtual Staged Play Reading
The Hairy Man, by Bryan Halperin

'The Hairy Man' will be recorded remotely and aired on the Belknep Mill's YouTube channel beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 24th.

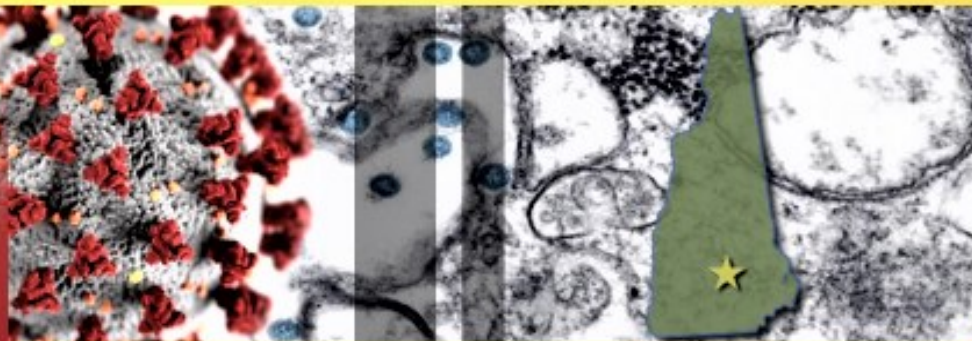
People will be encouraged to watch the video at their leisure that weekend and join Bryan, Johanna and some of the cast for a live 'online' talkback on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 pm.

Those who wish, can make an online donation to the [Belknep Mill](#) to help support ongoing programming and operations during this challenging time.



COVID-19 AVOIDING **SCAMS**

Scammers may take advantage of COVID-19 outbreak fears by selling bogus "treatments" and "prevention" products, establishing fake charities, and sending seemingly legitimate emails with malicious links or attachments.



BEWARE OF FALSE CLAIMS

Do not be tempted by claims and advice on social media or websites that a product or treatment can cure or prevent COVID-19.

Currently, there are no prescription or over-the-counter pills, vaccines, oils, lotions, or other products available to treat or cure COVID-19. Always check with your health care provider before buying such products.

BE CAREFUL WHEN MAKING DONATIONS

Before making donations to support those who are ill or suffering financially because of the COVID-19 outbreak, **DO YOUR HOMEWORK:**

- If the appeal claims to be from a charity, make sure that it is registered with the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit. The list may be found here: www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/
- If the appeal is for an individual, think hard about donating unless you know the person needing help and that person's circumstances;
- Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation;
- Check that you are dealing with a legitimate charity or individual and not an "imposter" with a deceptively similar name;
- Do not assume that social media recommendations for donations are legitimate.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PHONY CDC EMAILS

Be careful about opening emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or from others claiming to have information about COVID-19. Clicking on links or attachments could cause a computer virus to infect your device.

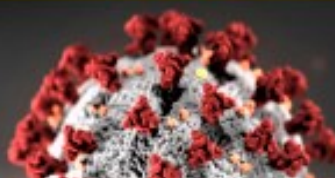
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT SCAMS OR FRAUD

Contact **1-888-468-4454**
or **DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov**

Visit the NH Department of Justice website:
www.doj.nh.gov

STAY INFORMED

Visit **nh.gov/covid19** for up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire.





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



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides "Stop the Spread of Rumors - Know the facts about Coronavirus disease 2019". Click on the CDC image above to read this publication and be better informed!

*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
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or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
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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 - Ashley Ruprecht	
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	

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