



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links

August 7, 2020 - Edition #450



Aerial view of Leavitt Park

(photo compliments of Allen Luther, View From Above)

Recycling ✓ Do's and ✗ Don'ts

The City of Laconia collects recycling from the curbside once every two weeks. The City has a [Recycling Calendar](#) schedule on its website and paper copies are available at Public Works and City Hall. When residents and businesses place their recycling out for collection, they must use containers that are clearly labeled for recycling. Acceptable recycling containers include those that have:

- A City provided recycling "bumper sticker";
- The triangular recycling logo;
- The word "Recycling" painted or stamped on the container; or
- "Laconia Recycles" stamped on the container.



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!*

If you use a recycling container for trash you will find that trash collectors may not empty your cans as they believe it contains recycling, and the recycling collectors will not empty the can as it contains trash. Please only use recycling containers for recycling!



Also, please do not place your recycling in plastic bags. All of the City's recycling products go to a central facility for sorting and the equipment that sorts the City's recycling cannot process flimsy plastic such as plastic bags. Plastic grocery bags can be recycled. Most grocery stores have containers near their entrance for their customers who want to recycle their grocery bags. Questions? Please call DPW at 528-6379.



The Library is now open to the public! Check the Library's [home page](#) for updated information.



Shayla's Tech Help

Google Sheets

**How to use Google Sheets:
A link will be posted to our
Facebook page on
Monday 8/10.**

Thursdays on
Facebook Live

**Preschool
Storytime**

New stories every
week!



Guidelines

FOR VISITING THE LIBRARY

Please wear a face covering.

Please observe social distancing and
remain 6 feet apart.

You are welcome to visit the library one
time per day, for up to 45 minutes.

Please, no food or drink inside.

Please check in at the welcome station.



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're Open!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW HOURS

Monday and Wednesday: 9-5

Tuesday and Thursday: 9-8

Closed Friday

Saturday: 9-1



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 additional information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any public meeting 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

Please note important information included on the agendas below regarding viewing and participating in City meetings electronically.

City Council

August 10, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee

August 11, 2020, 2:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

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



POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES VIA ZOOM

Helping parents promote positive and effective parenting behavior

This training will provide information for families on how to promote children's social and emotional skills, understand their problem behavior and use positive approaches to help children learn appropriate behavior.

Virtual class starting August 11th

Classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday

6pm to 8pm for three weeks

Access to Video either by Phone or Computer

Required

 **Tuesday and Thursday**

 **6:00 – 8:00 pm**

 **ID: 91375258900**
PASSWORD: 046633

Registration is required

For more information, call Julie:

603.666.5982, ext.32
Mobile 603.932.3262

jloaiza@eastersealsnh.org



Easterseals NH
Child Development & Family Resource Centers

555 Auburn Street
Manchester, NH 03103

603.666.5982
easterseals.com/NH



Filing period for the November 3, 2020 Election for the Board of Education in Ward 4 and Ward 5 and One Police Commission position will be held from August 5, 2020 through August 14, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Cheryl M. Hebert
City Clerk



Mark Your Calendar!

4th Annual Riverside Duck Derby Returns

Saturday, October 17th

Club Soda Band 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Ducks Drop 4:15pm

More details to follow...



The Belknap Mill's 4th Annual
RIVERSIDE DUCK DERBY
Saturday, October 17th

Information about obtaining an

ABSENTEE BALLOT



Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

The State Primary date is set for September 8, 2020. Absentee ballots can be requested through the City Clerk's Office, or by clicking [here](#).

Completed applications can be dropped off to the Clerk's Office, faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 pm on the day of the election in order for your vote to count. Visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website to track your ballot. You can verify receipt of your application, the date your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the Clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Please contact the City Clerk at 527-1265 if you have questions regarding the information on tracking your ballot.



We need your help!

17 and 18 year olds can apply!

We are looking for election workers for the State Primary and General Elections.

These are paid positions. If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

2020 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor | Laconia Putnam Fund



The Rebel Collective | Friday, June 19th



Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 3rd



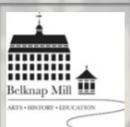
Bob McCarthy Trio | Friday, July 17th



Martin and Kelly | Friday, July 31st



Songwriters in the Round | Friday, August 7th



TBD | Friday, August 14th



Pink Houses | Friday, August 28th



Rockin Daddios | Friday, September 11th

Please see next page for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park.



All Concerts are Free and Open to the Public

New Hampshire State Guidelines will be followed to ensure patron and performer safety.

All concerts are scheduled to begin at **6pm**

Connect with us.

www.belknapmill.org | (603)524-8813 | operations@belknapmill.org

2020 Summer Concert Series

The Belknap Mill is excited to bring you the 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series! We are grateful to the Laconia Putnam Fund, our Founding Sponsor, and to all of you who support the Mill.

We have worked closely with the Laconia Police and Fire Departments and the City of Laconia to find the safest option for hosting this year's 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series. With the recent updates to the State of New Hampshire's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines we are now able to offer the concerts in Riverside Rotary Park. We ask that you follow the simple guidelines below in an effort to ensure that all attendees are able to safely enjoy the concerts.

The Belknap Mill is delighted that we are able to bring our 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series to the Laconia and Lakes Region community! Enjoy!

Arrival

Enter the park from any direction while practicing social distancing. Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Seating

Socially distanced areas (6' apart) will be marked by a chalk outline for family groups to sit inside of. Please choose any area that is not already taken. If all areas are filled when you arrive, please consider sitting, with appropriate distance along the river walkway or sidewalk. Sitting in-between marked areas will not be allowed.

Food/Beverage

Patrons are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy while listening to the concert. Please take all trash with you upon departure. Alcohol is not permitted.

Restrooms

The Belknap Mill will be staffed and restroom facilities will be open and available. No more than two patrons will be allowed into the building to use the facilities at any one time. Restrooms will be disinfected by Belknap Mill staff after each use. When entering the building please wear a cloth mask. Add'l patrons waiting to access the facilities will be asked to wait outside practicing 6' of appropriate social distancing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted within any City of Laconia parks. Smoking is permitted 5 feet from the front of the Belknap Mill building, on the parking lot side.

Donations

We hope that you enjoy the 'Arts in the Park' Summer concert series. Your donations help to support our high quality programming. Thank you!

State of NH Guidelines regarding Performing Arts:

- Capacity is limited to the number of people where social distancing is able to be safely maintained with at least 6 feet of separation between individuals and between groups at all times. Close household contacts (e.g. a parent and child) are allowed closer than 6 feet to each other.
- Where possible, clearly mark physical distancing spaces/guidelines with floor/ground markings, seat markings, or signs
- When outdoors, performer group sizes are limited to 10 people total (excluding other support or media streaming staff), and performers should be seated or positioned more than 6 feet apart.



THE New Hampshire JEWISH FOOD Festival



PLACE ORDERS ONLINE

JULY 27-AUGUST 10

www.tbinh.org

**CURBSIDE PICK UP BY APPOINTMENT
210 COURT STREET, LACONIA**

Masks required at pickup

See website for ordering & pickup details

www.tbinh.org



For the last 23 years, the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival at Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) in Laconia has brought people together from all over New Hampshire and beyond to dine "under the tent".

But this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jewish Food Festival will be a takeout event only. Orders can be placed online at www.tbinh.org, from July 27 to August 10 and picked up curbside by appointment at the Temple, 210 Court St. in Laconia. A drive through system will be used for everyone's safety and masks are required.

The online takeout menu offers some of the most popular items from the Jewish Food Festival! All items are sold frozen and include instructions for heating. This is the opportunity to fill your freezer to capacity with the most mouth watering and delectable foods prepared with love and care. Orders will be filled on a "first come-first served" basis until inventories are depleted.

All questions may be directed to foodfestival@tbinh.org and orders can be placed at www.tbinh.org starting July 27th.



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Songwriter in the Round CONCERT

Arts in the Park series
at The Belknap Mill



August 7th
6-8pm

Featuring Dakota Smart
 Senie Hunt
 Kimayo



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!



Marty

Meet Marty! This big hunk of cat wants a home to rule over!

Marty was originally surrendered due to moving, and then was a returned adoption after being a bit of a naughty boy in his last home. Don't mind a cat with a rough play style? Marty is the one for you.

He's a party animal that will go from 0-100 at times, but that's part of the fun! Marty enjoys lounging around and giving kisses, but also has the desire to destroy enemies that cross his path. Marty would like an adult only home, and wouldn't mind another cat friend that will let him be in charge.

If Marty is the cat for you, email an [application](#) to adoptions@nhhumane.org.

Meet Bentley! He is a sweet medium sized Boston Terrier mix that is about 9 years old.

Bentley is a calm, well mannered guy that would love a walking partner and a couch to cuddle up on. He would be best in an adult only home with another easy going pup.

Bentley seems OK with cats as well.

If you are interested in this guy, be sure to fill out an [application](#) and email it to adoptions@nhhumane.org.

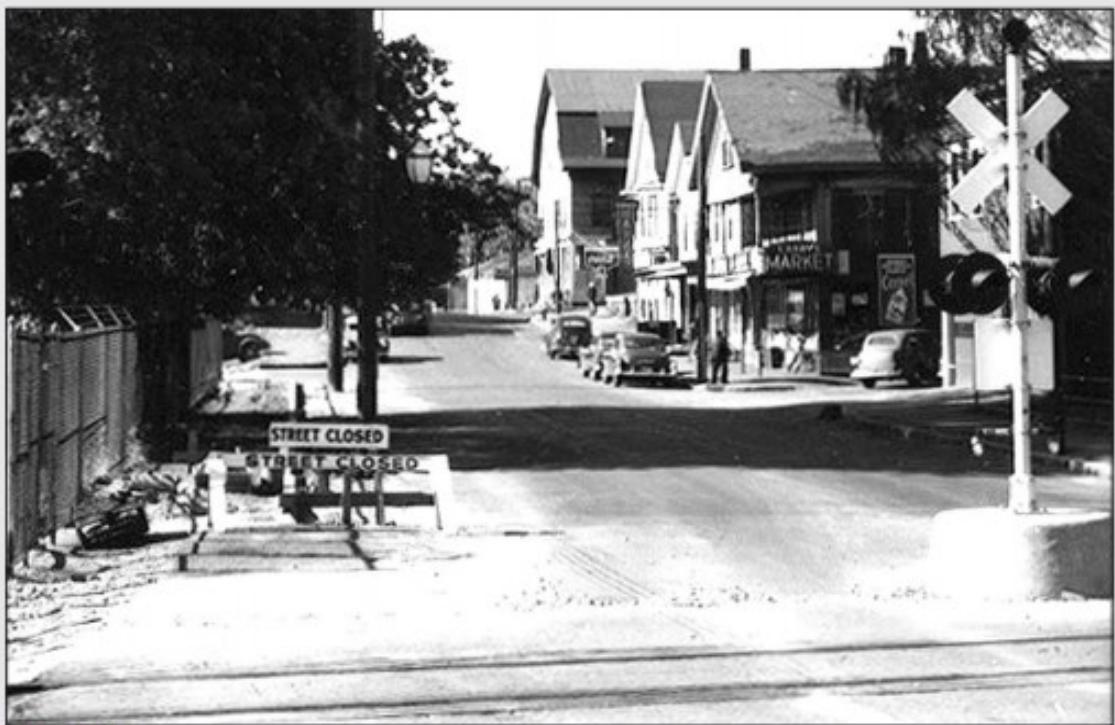
To ensure the safety of our staff, the public, and the animals in our care, visitation is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. In order to schedule an appointment, you must submit an application in advance and can do so via fax or by emailing it to adoptions@nhhumane.org. Our adoption team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Applications can be downloaded at www.nhhumane.org/adopt/application.



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 . . .

Elm Street, Lakeport, in the late 1940s had Larry's Market (opened in late September 1945) in the old wooden block at the corner of Railroad Avenue and several other businesses in adjoining structures. (A grocery store had occupied Larry's space since at least 1900.) The Brawn Block looms, just beyond Park Street, and the old Lake Company office building is glimpsed at the entrance to the Elm Street Bridge. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The old business blocks beyond the Lakeport Landing Marina showroom are currently proposed for demolition, to be replaced by modern commercial and residential space. Elm Street was relocated several feet west (left), in 2003, as part of the construction of the new Elm Street Bridge. The Lakeport Landing showroom, for which construction began during the summer of 2018, opened about a year later, in 2019. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Irwin Marine
Supports
GOT LUNCH! LACONIA
2020
ONLINE AUCTION!

CLICK HERE to place your bid!

<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/66195/auctions/82593>



Donated By:

Irwin Marine



HERON 9XT KAYAK The Heron 9XT Kayak combines comfort and features at an affordable price. Featuring a padded Comfort Flex seat and stern Click Seal hatch with bulkhead, the Heron 9XT is perfect for beginning and recreational paddlers who may want a few extra bells and whistles. With two flush mount rod holders, you can grab a rod and chase the fish whenever you want.

SARANAC 146 CANOE The Saranac 146 canoe packs in a ton of features at a great price. The Saranac 146 features rod holders, storage options and storage trays as well as two contoured seats with comfortable seat backs and a center bench seat (perfect for smaller passengers). From bow to stern the Saranac 146 provides versatility while delivering on fun. A great option for families, anglers or casual canoeists looking for a recreational canoe that performs well on the water.

GAME CHANGER PAD The Game Changer Pad is not only a game changer in our product line, but it is literally a game changer – adding an extra layer of FUN with 2 printed games on each side of the mat. Kids and families will now enjoy a classic Hopscotch game on one side, and a fun water-take of Cornhole on the other. Comes complete with 4 sponge game pieces and waterproof instruction card. These games are printed on a specially designed 2-layer Aqua Lily Pad with FlexCore Technology. When not in use, simply roll the mat into a compact form, and secure it without cinch straps.

AUCTION STARTS: 9am, July 26th

AUCTION ENDS: 5pm, August 9th

100% of proceeds go to

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Irwin Marine
Celebrating 100 Years



\$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO IRWIN MARINE Check out the variety of ways you could use your gift certificate at their website
<https://www.irwinmarine.com/>



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Plans for Laconia Parks & Recreation

Summer of 2020 in Laconia certainly looks very different from past years at all of our City parks. All parks & beaches are open (and have been throughout the Governor's Stay at Home Order.) Please feel free to visit our beaches and parks, and be conscious of appropriate social distancing for everyone's safety. We appreciate your willingness to follow these guidelines for everyone's health, and we hope you will continue to do so. Below are some changes taking place at this time...

Playgrounds and Courts are now open. Please see samples of signs (right) and (below) that are posted at each facility.

The Leavitt, Weirs Community, and Tardif Park Houses are available for rent again! Any group of 50 people or less may rent the facilities being sure to pay attention to the current state guidelines.



The Playground is open for use, but please know the following:

- This playground is **NOT SANITIZED** as chemicals may harm the playground equipment. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please stay home if you are sick
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups



The Basketball Court is open for use, but please know the following:

- This Basketball Court is **NOT SANITIZED**. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please note that under the current advisory, all activities must be **NON-CONTACT**
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups
- Please stay home if you are sick

For any questions, please feel free to contact Laconia Parks & Recreation at 603-524-5046 or email parks@laconianh.gov





The Belknap Mill held a “Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park” to wrap up their month long “Kids in the Park” summer programming. Families were invited to pack a picnic and come to Rotary Riverside Park for lunch. Squares marked in the grass ensured proper distancing.

A special visitor stopped by and led a Teddy Bear parade!



Colonial Theatre Updates...

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



City Manager Updates

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!

Be sure to 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.

Next, 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.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

Questions? Please call the City Mgr.'s Office at 527-1270.



Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt

at the Belknap Mill

Test your knowledge!

Gather a team, grab your phone (with camera/video storage available), and get ready for a fun afternoon of finding locations and completing challenges throughout Laconia.

Saturday, August 8

12:30-Registration
1:00-3:30-Hunt

\$25/ team

FOR MORE INFO CALL
603-524-8813



Press Conference

A press conference will be live streamed on Wednesday, August 12th at 10:00 am. This will be a joint press conference with the City of Laconia and the Laconia School District to update the public regarding the COVID-19 situation. Please use this [link](#) to view the broadcast on LRPA's website.

Call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 with questions.



Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region

We are here to help the elderly and at-risk members of our community to run errands, find daily needs and necessities, go grocery shopping, and any other support we can offer. If you can volunteer your time or need our help, please go to <https://forms.gle/FP6qt8NNL0vGw0P8> 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.

Email: senioratrisk@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/>



Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families Understanding Children's Growth & Development

A 6-week Zoom Series

Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm beginning August 11, 2020



Join Parent Educators,
Trish Tousignant & Amanda Lewis
from the Family Resource Center of Central NH

as we discuss

**"Understanding Children's Growth &
Development"**

in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on
understanding the stages of growth and
development and on establishing nurturing
routines.



This six-week series is open to anyone...

parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.

All are welcome!

To attend, contact Trish for the Zoom link

(603) 528-0391 or tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org





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



Brought to you by the National Council
on Aging, please click the image above
to read about the "22 Senior Scams
You Must Know and Avoid".

Far too many older adults fall prey to scammers who are looking to make a quick buck.
Learn how to protect yourself and stay safe!

*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
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 Baumoel	
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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Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
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Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov