



NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Laconia Links

August 21, 2020 - Edition #452



See details below if you are interested in providing input regarding the future of the Laconia Skate Park

# Laconia Skate Park Revitalization

New Date!! **Tuesday, September 1st at 5:30pm**

**At the Laconia Community Center**

**Masks must be worn!**

**Do you want to see the Skate Park full of life again?  
Come and be a part of the planning process to move  
this park forward!**

**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!*

**Prescott Farm**

Environmental Education Center



**NH Mushroom Company - Wild Mushroom Walk**

Saturday, August 22  
10 – 12 pm

Collect, identify, and learn the distinguishing features of different species.



Online advanced registration is required  
FMI visit: [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)



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



# We're Open!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW HOURS

Monday and Wednesday: 9-5

Tuesday and Thursday: 9-8

Closed Friday

Saturday: 9-1



Revisit all of our Children's Craft videos we have posted over the past several months! Instructions are included. Just click the image above!

## Acrylic Pour Project



Be sure to check out our Monthly Adult Craft instructions [here!](#)

Stay tuned for lots of new activities and information coming in September!



## Shayla's Tech Help

Now on the Library's YouTube Channel | Mondays at noon

Click [here](#) to review all of the "Tech Help Videos" that have previously been provided.

## 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.



# 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 24, 2020, 7:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### Library Board of Trustees

August 27, 2020, 5:30 pm

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



## 6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Laconia Country Club  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
Noon Shotgun



### HELP SUPPORT A FAMILY!



Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**YES sign me up for the following sponsorships (please check choices below).**

Event Exceptional Sponsor- \$2000-includes one golf foursome with Company name and logo displayed as Tournament Sponsor and 1/2 page ad in program

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Goody Bags Items, such as, business promotional items, energy bars, golf accessories, sport bottles, bottle openers, sm. note pads, pens

**[CLICK HERE TO  
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SPONSOR!!](#)**

#### AD IN THE PROGRAM

Full page-\$100  1/2 page-\$65   
1/4 page-\$45  Business Card-\$20

**[CLICK HERE TO  
REGISTER AS A  
PLAYER OR TEAM](#)**



For More Information  
[Contact Colleen Garrity](#)  
[President@belknaphouse.org](mailto:President@belknaphouse.org)  
603-387-6598  
OR Mail form & payment to:  
200 Court St, Laconia NH  
03246



# 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@nhs.org](mailto:adoptions@nhs.org).

### Duncan



Duncan came to NHHS as a surrender through no fault of his own.

Although Duncan is timid, he is very curious and loves to explore his surroundings! He will need time, patience and understanding while acclimating to his new home, due to the fact he has been in a large crate for the last two years of his life.

Duncan is a character, and once he warms up you'll see his quirky personality shine. He will need someone willing to go at his pace, while he adjusts and builds his confidence in a home setting. If you are interested in adoption Duncan, please email an application to [adoptions@nhs.org](mailto:adoptions@nhs.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@nhs.org](mailto:adoptions@nhs.org).**

**Our adoptions team will get back to you as soon as possible.**

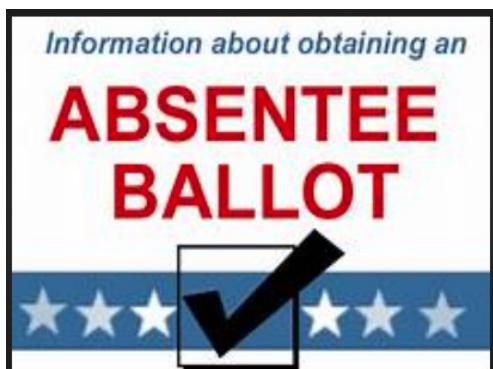
**Applications can be downloaded at [www.nhs.org/adopt/application](http://www.nhs.org/adopt/application).**



The City of Laconia is looking for a  
**CITY HALL GREETER**

- TEMPORARY P/T POSITION
- 12+ HOURS PER WEEK
- \$13.00/HR
- MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE

CONTACT TARA BAKER TO LEARN MORE  
call: 603-527-1268 e-mail: [tbaker@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:tbaker@LACONIANH.GOV)



## 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](mailto: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 5:00 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.

**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.



**We need your help!**



The Belknap Mill is delighted to welcome Pink Houses to the Arts in the Park Concert Series for 2020! Show begins at 6pm on August 28th. Arts in the Park is sponsored by The Laconia Putnam Fund, 104.9 The Hawk, and Lakes FM 101.5.

Pink Houses is a group of professional musicians that have devoted years to writing, recording and performing music. They authentically reproduce the sound of John Cougar Mellencamp's roots in Rock 'n Roll and bring a high energy show, filled with all the familiar hits.

NH Safety Guidelines will be followed. Please see the next page for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park.

*We hope to see you there!*



Vouchers for Veterans is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, created to give back to local Veterans in honor of their service, while providing a boost to local farmers at farmers markets.

During the month of September, Veterans may go to the designated farmers market within the county they live, and with proof of service and residency, receive vouchers for market purchases.

Each week in September the Veteran attends the market, they will receive \$20.00 for the purchase of fresh and prepared food from local farmers and growers. The Veteran must be present to receive vouchers. All vouchers must be used in the month of September 2020.

For Veterans living in Belknap County, the Barnstead Farmer's Market is the designated "Vouchers for Veterans" location.

Barnstead Farmer's Market is located at 96 Maple Street in Center Barnstead and is held Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. They can be reached by phone at 269-2329.



## Support Celebrate Laconia!

Go to [threeriversfundraising.com](http://threeriversfundraising.com) and shop for fall bulbs with our Group Code:

**W8AFSH**



# 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.



# 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.....*

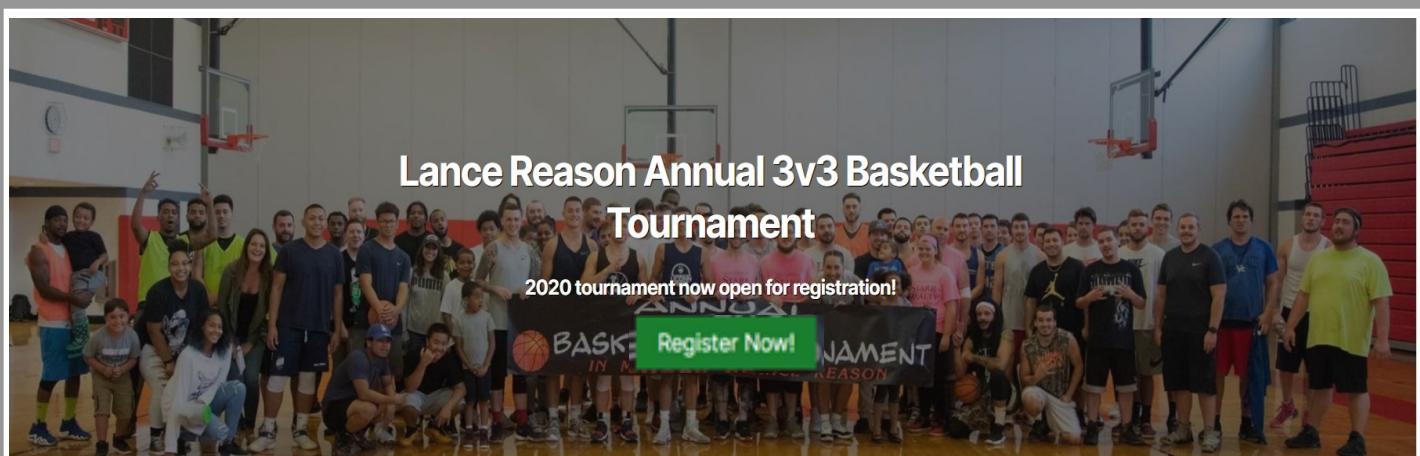
## THEN ...

**Laconia Grange No. 120** was instituted, March 9, 1887, when farming was a major occupation in the Upper Elm Street-Parade Road neighborhood known locally as 'Up In Town,' as well as throughout the rest of the old town of Laconia. Its Grange Hall was built shortly thereafter, at 783 Elm St. (Photo from 'Meredith Parade,' by Carl F. Blaisdell, Meredith Historical Society, 1967)



## ... AND NOW

When the Laconia Grange was dissolved, in 1964, the old Grange Hall was sold to Archie Tardif and Arthur Clairmont. They used it for storage, later selling the building to Richard Carignan of Carignan Brothers, president of the Granite State CB Club, which used it as a clubhouse until that organization disbanded. The Jehovah's Witnesses then purchased the structure, removing the first floor and lowering the second, with dedication ceremonies for their Kingdom Hall in late December 1967. In early 1972, the Witnesses dedicated a new Kingdom Hall on Blueberry Lane and the Elm Street property was once again sold to a succession of private owners until, by 1990, Dr. Charles Fink (1954-2019), chiropractor, was the occupant. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



The Lance Reason Annual 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on September 19, 2020 (rain date of September 26, 2020) at Wyatt Park in Laconia, NH, starting at 10:00 am.

Refreshments will be available for a donation, and there will be a DJ with live entertainment. Please bring a facemask and check out all of the basketball action! Cost per team is \$150, and includes a free lunch and drinks for the players.

All proceeds to benefit the Lance Reason Scholarship Fund.



The Belknap Mill's Theatrical-Artist-in-Residence, Bryan Halperin, will offer a 10-week ONLINE Playwriting Workshop for high school students and adults of all ages. The workshop will provide opportunities for writers of all levels of experience to try their hand at writing a 10 to 15 minute short play. With weekly homework assignments, in-class writing exercises and feedback from peers and the instructor, each writer will learn the basic elements of playwriting and will be guided to completion of their own original play by the end of the workshop.

The workshop will begin in September and run for 10 weeks. Dates and times to be determined based on interested participants. Sign up by emailing Tara Shore at [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org) or by calling 524-8813. Please include weeknight availability for online classes. Playwrights do not need to reside in the Lakes Region to participate. Tuition for the workshop is \$150; some scholarships may be available. Enrollment requires a minimum of 8 participants and the class will have a maximum of 12 participants. There is a 10% discount for Belknap Mill members. All tuition payments will go toward the Belknap Mill's programming.

## 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 our beaches. 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. And finally, take a look at the latest [\*\*Financial and Operational Trend Report\*\*](#) to 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.

*We hope you find this report helpful and informative!  
Questions? Please call the City Mgr.'s Office at 527-1270.*



# Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



## Sunrise Residential Living in Laconia

Getting older can be a challenge, but not when you have a safe, caring and affordable place to live.

Sunrise Residential Living Campus at Laconia Housing in the heart of the Lakes Region can provide just that. When you live at Sunrise Residential Living, all of your friends and family are welcome. The support services we offer and amenities allow residents to live independently. You will have peace of mind knowing your loved ones have a dedicated staff and team working with them. Sunrise Residential Living's unique Choices For Independence program provides the opportunity for two meals a day in a beautiful dining room setting, housekeeping and laundry service, licensed nursing services, medical transport, resident service coordination and much more.

Sunrise Residential Living is within walking distance to restaurants and shops in historic downtown Laconia, so seniors can maintain their activity and independence. For more information please contact 603-737-2228 or online at [laconiahousing.org](http://laconiahousing.org)



### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 between 7 pm and 7:30 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office, for the purpose of making corrections/changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session. No changes will be accepted **after** this session.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Marilyn Brown, Ward 1  
Sam Brickley, Ward 2  
David Stamps, Ward 3  
David Hough, Ward 4  
Christine Callaghan, Ward 5  
Lynda Brock, Ward 6 (Chair)

## Reminder!

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of August 31, 2020**

**Remember:**

**"Glass is Trash"**

"When in doubt,  
**THROW it out!**"

## Mark Your **CALENDAR**

2nd Annual

# SOCK HOP

September 11th

6pm

Rotary Park

50's Trivia |

Costume Contests |

Classic Cars | Winni Wagon

Food Truck

Featuring live music by

**Rockin' DADDIOS**  
& company



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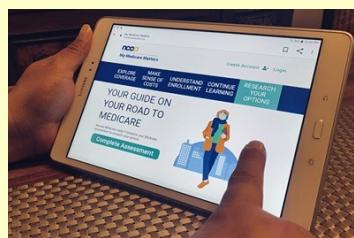
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the Belknap Mill presents  
**Arts in the Park**

Beknap Mill | 603-524-8813 | [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)



**Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15th and ends Dec. 7th!**



ServiceLink Resource Center (1-866-634-9412 or 528-6945) is the first number to call for senior services.

The National Council on Aging has launched a tool to simplify the complicated process of choosing a Medicare Plan - just in time for Open Enrollment. Whether you are new to Medicare or want to review your current Medicare plan to see if it still meets your needs as your health situation may change, this tool will help ensure your plan will provide the coverage you need at the best price.

Just click on the image above to get started!

*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
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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Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

General Council E-mail:  
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Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)