



## Laconia Links

January 22, 2021 - Edition #472



Overhead sunset view looking down Court Street.  
(photo compliments of View From Above)

**On January 14, 2021 Governor Sununu announced that the Phase 1B vaccination plan is adjusted to include any individuals 65 and older.**

When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/14/2021

**PHASE 1A**

- High-risk health workers
- First responders
- Older adults living in residential care settings

**PHASE 1B**

- People ≥ 65 years old
- Medically vulnerable at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions
- Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons, ≤16 years old not eligible for vaccine
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

**DECEMBER - MARCH\***

Click [here](#) for larger image

**PHASE 2**

• People 65 years old

**MARCH - MAY\***

**PHASE 3**

**PHASE 3A**

- Medically vulnerable <60 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions

**PHASE 3B**

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

**MAY and BEYOND\***

Additional details are coming soon.  
Contact 2-1-1 for more information and visit [nh.gov/covid19](http://nh.gov/covid19) for updates.

\*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine updates.

As of January 22, 2021 Phase 1B eligible individuals can schedule COVID-19 vaccinations. If you are Phase 1B eligible, please visit [www.nh.gov/covid19](http://www.nh.gov/covid19) to schedule your vaccination.

Any updates will be posted on the [www.nh.gov/covid19](http://www.nh.gov/covid19) website. You can also call 2-1-1 with questions Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 pm.

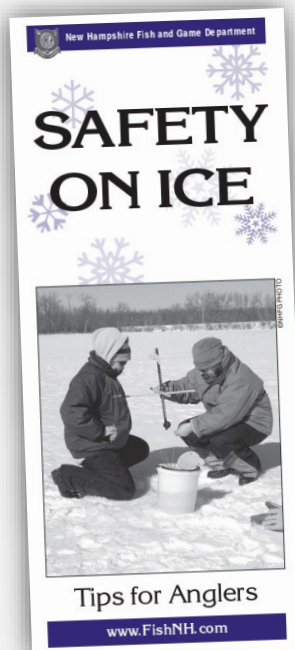
**Welcome to Laconia Links** a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

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!*



**Please click on the image (left) provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for information on how to stay safe on the ice this winter!**

# EVENTS and Programs

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



**Teen & Tween Programs-to-Go! Squishies Through January 31st**

Back by popular demand. Take home everything you need to paint your own Squishie Keychain! Each kit includes 2 squishies, a 6 strip of fabric paint pots, a paintbrush, and a key-chain clip. For teens and tweens ages 9-19.



**Groundhog Day Pop-up Craft!**

**Jan. 25 - Feb. 2, 2021**

Happy Groundhog Day! On February 2nd will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow and go into hiding for another 6 weeks, or will he come out for an early Spring? Call or email the library to pick up this fun craft kit so you can decorate your own groundhog scene!

## 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.

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

## MEETINGS

### Trustees of the Trust Funds

January 25, 2021, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### City Council

January 26, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Historic District Commission

January 26, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Police Commission

January 27, 2021, 3:00 pm

### Water Commission

January 28, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)



In our continued effort to reduce the impact of COVID-19 the Belknap Mill will be closed to the general public on Saturdays beginning Saturday, January 23rd. We look forward to resuming Saturday hours in April.



Our weekday hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm or by appointment by calling us at: 524-8813.

*Thank you for your patience.*

## 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!

First, 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 these reports helpful and informative!*



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



## Family Fun Activities



Be sure to check out the Parks and Recreation [Facebook](#) page for information and videos on our new "Family Fun Activities"!

The photo (left) shows Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Matt Mansur playing our first ever Family Fun Activity, "Bowl of Nouns". Log onto our [Facebook](#) page to play this fun game with your family, and to see when new games are posted! Questions? Call Parks & Rec at 524-5046.

*Prescott Farm*  
Environmental Education Center

Plan ahead for outdoor fun & adventure...

*Programs fill up fast!*

**Saturday, January 30**

Smartphone Snowflake Photography 10–12 pm  
Snowshoe Big Tree Tour 1-3 pm

**Saturday, February 6**

Snowshoe Yoga 10–12 pm  
Winter Survival Day 10–2 pm

**Saturday, February 13**

Snowshoe Yoga 10–12 pm

For more information or to register visit  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)



**CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES**

The following Boards and Commissions have current vacancies:

- Board of Assessors (1 alternate position)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (4 alternate positions)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 alternate positions)
- Conservation Commission (1 alternate position)
- Personnel Advisory Board (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (2 alternate positions)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Planning Board (1 alternate position)
- Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) \*
- Downtown TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) \*

\* Members of the TIF District Advisory Board above must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)

Some terms on the following Boards and Commissions will be expiring as shown below. Current Board and Commission members now holding these positions may request to be reappointed; however, members of the public are also encouraged to apply if they are interested:

- Conservation Commission (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (1 alternate position)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 regular positions, 1 alternate position)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Putnam Fund (1 regular position)
- Trustees of the Trust Fund (1 regular term)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at [Nbrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:Nbrown@laconianh.gov)) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov). A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. **The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2021.**



**PARKS & RECREATION**



***No Overnight Parking at  
Laconia Parks and Recreation  
Facilities***

Laconia Parks and Recreation would like to send out a friendly reminder that overnight parking at City park and park house parking lots is prohibited. Additionally, there is no parking in these parking lots during snow removal activities, except for previously scheduled events.

City park parking lots are intended for park related uses and personal use of these parking lots is prohibited. Violation of these rules may result in the removal of vehicles at the owner's expense.

For inquiries regarding this matter, please contact the Laconia Parks and Recreation office at 524-5046.

***Thank you for your cooperation!***



## Blanket Forts & Books

Join Ms. Trish on Zoom

Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:00am

Let's have some cozy fun on a winter day!  
Build a blanket fort, then meet me on Zoom.  
I'll share the stories\*, you share the snuggles!

To receive the Zoom link, go to:  
<http://www.lrcs.org/family-event-signups/>

\*Children of all ages are welcome,  
but the stories will be best suited to ages 2-5 years.

# Reminder!



Curbside recycling will  
be picked up the week  
of February 1, 2021

## "Glass is Trash"



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT  
(IN THE **GARBAGE**).



LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION  
PRESENTS

# **(PART 1) HOME COMPOSTING: THE BASICS**

CO-HOSTED WITH  
TAMWORTH RECYCLING PROJECT  
&  
COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**JANUARY 29, 2021  
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

This virtual workshop will cover information about the basic science of composting, the benefits of diverting food waste, and system considerations for your home composting site.

Join via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/compostingpartone>

Join via Phone: 1 (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 899 2379 2705

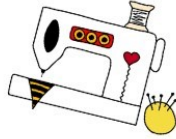
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To RSVP and for more information, please contact Paige Wilson by  
email: [pwilson@lakesrpc.org](mailto:pwilson@lakesrpc.org) or phone: (603) 279-5342



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# Adults Quilting Workshop



**Saturdays Feb 6th- March 13th**

**11:30am -1:30pm**  
**The Belknap Mill's 3rd floor**

## 6 WEEK-FREE WORKSHOP

*Fabric, sewing machines and supplies provided.*

*Max of 12 per class*  
*NH safety guidelines followed*

*Funding from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.*

**LEARN BASIC  
SEWING AND  
QUILTING  
TECHNIQUES**

Presented by:

**The Belknap  
Mill Quilters  
Guild**



2021 Textile Workshop Series

For more info: [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org)

# KIDS ages 8-15 yrs Quilting Workshop

**LEARN BASIC  
SEWING AND  
QUILTING  
TECHNIQUES**

**Saturdays Feb 6th- March 13th**

**9:00am-11:00am**  
**The Belknap Mill's 3rd floor**

## 6 WEEK-FREE WORKSHOP

*Fabric, sewing machines and supplies provided.*

*\*Adult partner required*

*NH safety guidelines followed/12 students per class*

*Funding from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.*



Offered by:

**The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild**



## Are You Being Evicted?

**You have rights. Learn how to protect yourself.**



Beginning Jan. 20, 2021, New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) and the Legal Advice and Referral Center (LARC) will hold free online weekly help sessions for tenants facing eviction.

During these Eviction Clinics, legal aid attorneys and paralegals will explain tenants' rights during an eviction and answer questions. They cannot provide legal advice for specific cases at the clinics.

Sessions, which will be available on Zoom, will be held every Wednesday, from 7-8:30 p.m. There will be an additional session from 2-3:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. You do not need to sign up ahead of time.

The weekly schedule and Zoom link to attend can be found at [nhla.org](http://nhla.org) and [NHLA's Facebook page](#), under events. For more information, visit [nhlegalaid.org](http://nhlegalaid.org) or call 1-800-639-5290.

**New Hampshire Legal Assistance and the Legal Advice and Referral Center are nonprofit legal aid organizations that provide free civil legal services to low-income and older New Hampshire residents.**

Visit [nhlegalaid.org](http://nhlegalaid.org) to learn more about free civil legal aid.



# KINSHIP CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**12PM-1PM VIA ZOOM**

UPCOMING DATES:

DECEMBER 28

FEBRUARY 22

JANUARY 25

MARCH 29



Parenting is tough; parenting a second time can be even harder. This group aims to bring grandparents and other relative caregivers together to celebrate successes, mourn losses, problem solve for the hard times, and give support to one another. We hope you can join us to hear from other kinship caregivers and learn more about resources and opportunities that are available in your community.

This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center of Central NH and the Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center.

For more information, please contact:

Melissa Shadden-Cyr

(603) 460-5285 or [Melissa.Shadden-Cyr@LRCS.org](mailto:Melissa.Shadden-Cyr@LRCS.org)

Or

Patricia Eisner

(603) 286-4255 or [PEisner@GTA-FRC.org](mailto:PEisner@GTA-FRC.org)

To Register, please follow this link: <https://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/>

**ARE YOU RAISING  
A GRANDCHILD,  
NIECE OR NEPHEW,  
OR OTHER  
RELATIVE?**

**ARE YOU  
INTERESTED IN  
LEARNING ABOUT  
RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE IN  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO CONNECT WITH  
OTHER RELATIVE  
CAREGIVERS IN  
YOUR AREA?**

**DO YOU  
NEED  
SUPPORT?**

**YOU ARE NOT  
ALONE**

**We hope you'll  
join us for this  
monthly lunch  
hour group.**

 **LRCS  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER**  
Engage. Empower. Inspire.



# 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 ...

**This house at 398 South Main Street was, in the early 1800s, the Russell Tavern, where Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 32, of the Freemasons held its first meeting in 1819 — when this site was part of the new town of Gilford, which had been set off from Gilmanton only seven years earlier, in 1812. This area became part of the town of Laconia in 1874. (By the 1960s, Mrs. Jessie M. Shaw was the owner.) Directly to the left, past the towering elm trees, Simon Lacey's Tire Service was located for many years. Joseph Taillefer's barber shop was also in that building at one time, as were a number of other businesses. The edge of the Stafford Building is seen at extreme right and the Laconia District Court Building (former Laconia High School) is glimpsed in the distance beyond the small building behind the house. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**By December 1980, all of the old South Main Street buildings in the earlier view had been razed and Indian Head (now Northway) Bank had built a branch on the site. (Adam Drapcho/ Laconia Daily Sun)**

# Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during this icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer

Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks. Questions? Please call 528-6379.

*Thanks and have a safe winter!*



# Bell & BRICK

virtual coffeehouse concert series

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Dwayne Haggins**



ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION



the GREENHOUSE  
recording studio

contact us at [operataions@belknapmill.org](mailto:operataions@belknapmill.org) | 603-524-8813

## LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!



Beginning January 1, 2021, you can register your dogs for the 2021 year.

To renew **online**: [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov), Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

*All dogs are to be  
registered by April  
30<sup>th</sup> each year.*

# Colonial Theatre Updates...

*Before*



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

*After*



Also be sure to check  
the Colonial Theatre's  
Facebook page [here](#)  
for renovation  
updates!

*Before*



*After*





## Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative Host Auditions for 2021 Productions

*Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the new theatre program at the Belknap Mill and the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre, is pleased to announce auditions for its first productions of 2021!*

Produced in collaboration with the Community Players of Concord, NH, video submissions are now open for the April 16 Zoom Play Festival, and the Rotary Park Play Festival set for May 29 and 30. Instructions on how to submit a video audition can be found on Powerhouse's FB page or by email at [powerhouse@belknapmill.org](mailto:powerhouse@belknapmill.org). Auditions do not need to be memorized, but please note these are full productions, not readings, so if cast you should expect to rehearse and perform as if it was a fully staged production. Videos must be submitted by February 1.

Written by NH playwrights in our Fall 2020 playwriting workshop, 6 plays will be part of the pre-recorded Zoom Festival and 8 plays will be performed live outdoors in Rotary Park. Auditioners may choose to be considered for the Zoom Festival, the Park Festival or both. Playwrights include Doris Ballard, Betsey Cox, Joe Elcock, Chuck Fray, Sherry Gardner, Bryan Halperin, Tess Hodges, Nora McBurnett, Doug Schwarz, Doreen Sheppard, Sharleigh Thompson and Brenda Wilbert. Directors include J Alward, Doris Ballard, Becca Beaulieu, Ken Chapman, Lauren Shelby Douglas, Katie Griffiths, Bryan Halperin, Kathleen Hill, Joel Iwaskiewicz, Dorothy Piquado, John Piquado, Jim Rogato, Judi Rogato, and Doreen Sheppard.

"With the pandemic continuing to affect theatre productions around the country, we have decided to give people the opportunity to get back "on stage" in as safe a manner as possible," says Bryan Halperin, producer of Powerhouse. "All rehearsals for the Zoom festival will be online, and most of the Park Play rehearsals will be as well. The Park festival will move outdoors to finish rehearsing and perform in late May, pandemic permitting."

Short plays are a great opportunity for trying one's hand at acting without the same time commitment as a full length production. These festivals are an opportunity for theatre veterans and newcomers alike to have a fun theatrical experience. There are 17 roles available in the Zoom festival and 22 roles in the Park festival ranging in age from college to senior citizen.

Powerhouse's 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live.

# Assessing



The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2020 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend that property 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.



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

## Medicare Coverage and Coronavirus



Please click the image  
(left) to read information  
regarding Medicare  
Coverage and the Corona-  
virus. Details provided  
include Coronavirus

testing and antibody treatment coverage, prescription  
refills, how to access care during a public health  
emergency, and much more!

For local assistance, please contact Lori Raymond,  
Medicare Counselor at the ServiceLink Resource  
Center, 603-707-5871, or via email at  
[lraymond@servicelinkppnh.org](mailto:lraymond@servicelinkppnh.org)

***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

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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	
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Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
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Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
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Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library .....	524-4775
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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	
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Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
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Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
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Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

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