



*The new River's Edge housing complex on Union Avenue
(photo compliments of Tom Brown)*

Laconia Links

August 19, 2016 - Edition #250

Weirs Community Park



Have you visited Weirs Community Park yet?

Located at 49 Lucerne Avenue (behind the Weirs Fire Station) it's a great addition to the City's parks and recreational areas!

Click the image (left) for the Park brochure

Please plan to join us for the following free programs!



**August 27, 6 pm - Stan Jr.
(Elvis impersonator)**

**Sept. 10th, 6 pm -
Squam Lakes
Science Center**



Please bring a lawn chair or blanket!

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@city.laconia.nh.us

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!



NEW HAMPSHIRE Pumpkin Festival

October 22, 2016

**LACONIA, NH
USA**



Stay up to date on the NH Pumpkin Festival! Click the image above.....

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Board Game Night For Grown-ups



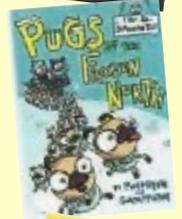
**Wednesday, August 24th at
6:00 pm**



GREAT STONE FACE Children's Book Award 2016-2017



The Great Stone Face Book Award is sponsored by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire (CHILIS) and is given each year to an author whose book receives the most votes from fourth through sixth graders throughout the state. Each year a committee chooses 20 recently published titles, which children then use as a guide for voting. The vote takes place every April during National Library Week, and the winner is announced in May. The purpose of the award is to promote reading enjoyment, to increase awareness of contemporary writing, and to allow children to honor their favorite author. The winner for 2016 is "El Deafo" by Cece Bell with 786 votes. The Library now has all of next year's titles; stop in and we'll be happy to provide you with a list!



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 week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Click on a specific meeting for more information.

Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.

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

Water Commission
August 25, 2016, 8:00 am
117 Stark Street
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room



**Meeting
in
Progress**

**Please see below for meetings
scheduled for the week of
August 22—26, 2016:**

**Weirs Tax Increment
Financing District Advisory
Group**

August 22, 2016, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council

August 22, 2016, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

**Downtown Tax Increment
Financing District Advisory
Group**

August 23, 2016, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion! Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present - especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program. The following applies to all school zones:

- ◆ Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- ◆ Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- ◆ Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

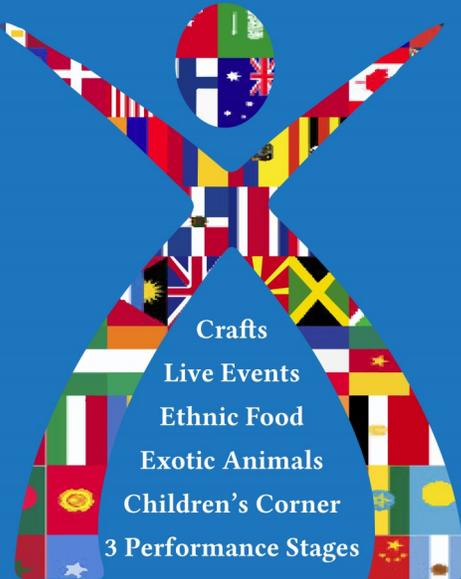
- ◆ Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- ◆ In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- ◆ Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- ◆ Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- ◆ Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- ◆ Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- ◆ Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- ◆ Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- ◆ If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- ◆ The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- ◆ Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Laconia Multicultural Festival
Saturday, September 10



Crafts
Live Events
Ethnic Food
Exotic Animals
Children's Corner
3 Performance Stages

Rotary Park Downtown Laconia, NH

Sponsored by:
Laconia Human Relations Committee
and the Historic Belknap Mill



www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org



**LEAVITT PARK
CARNIVAL**

Saturday, August 27th

3pm to 6pm

Will be inside in case of rain

**GAMES - BINGO
DUNKING BOOTH
FOOD - SNACKS
50/50 & MORE**

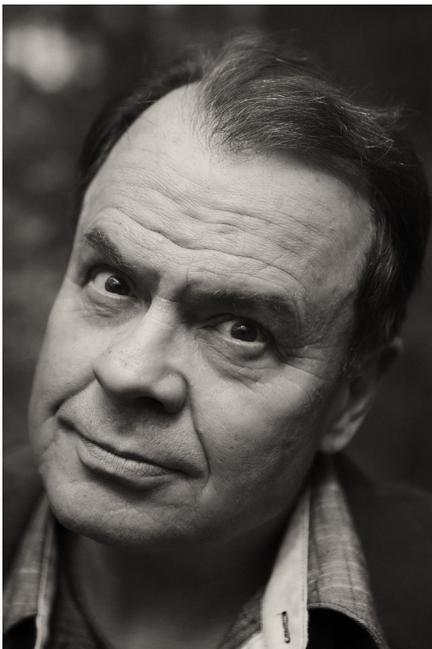
Volunteers wanted!

Help with the carnival or become a member

For more info Call (603) 998-1418



***Bucky Lewis to Entertain at
Taylor Community August 29***



Bucky Lewis is well-known throughout New England as an entertainer "from up north" who has one of the funniest and wittiest shows people have ever seen.

He brings his unique one-man comedy and musical show to Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Monday, August 29 at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

Lewis was born in Laconia to a musical family that once performed for Ronald Reagan.

He currently resides in Antrim, N.H. on the "Funny Farm" with his wife, Tyra, and a Brittany Spaniel named Molly.



Weirs Beach Fireworks Schedule!

Regular Summer Season Shows
Friday, August 19 at 10:00pm

Raindates for regular Friday shows are
the next day (Saturday)
(sponsored by the Weirs Action
Committee)

Labor Day Weekend Show
Sunday, September 4, at 10pm
(sponsored by Half Moon Enterprises)

Help keep this Friday night tradition alive!
Consider making a donation by going to
www.WeirsBeachFireworks.com



2nd Annual Belknap House Golf Tournament

August 22, 7:30 AM
Lochmere Country Club
Tilton, New Hampshire

Take a shot for the homeless! Sign up for the 2nd Annual Belknap House Golf Tournament! Includes cart, 18 hole scramble, team and hole awards, and lunch. NEW THIS YEAR - Leaderboard Closest to the Pin Air Cannon! Closest-to-the-pin is won by the golfer whose tee shot from the cannon comes to rest closest to the hole.



7:30AM Registration begins.
9:00AM Shotgun Start - Scramble
\$125.00 per person & \$475.00 per foursome.
Raffle items also needed.

For registration forms please go to
www.belknaphouse.org

You may contact Colleen Garrity @ 603-387-6598
for more information.



Reminder!
The next recycling
collection week
begins Monday,
August 22, 2016!



Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Celtic, Folk & World Music at the Belknap Mill

The Belknap Mill welcomes the Celtic, Folk & World Music duo **Four Shillings Short** on Wednesday, August 24th at 7 pm. The husband and wife duo of Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, Medieval & Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas on over 30 instruments including the Hammered & Mountain dulcimer, mandolin, banjo and Renaissance woodwinds.

With a remarkable collection of songs and sounds **Four Shillings Short** creates an amazing show with captivating storytelling while delivering folk music at its best. Touring in the United States and Ireland since 1997, they are independent folk-artists who perform over 150 concerts a year and have released 12 recordings. Living as full-time troubadours they travel from town to town performing at music festivals, theatres, performing arts centers, libraries and schools.



“This is a wonderful show for all ages and we are excited to present the extraordinary musical talents of **Four Shillings Short** at the Belknap Mill” said Events and Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

The concert will be held in the Rose Chertok Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Mill. Suggested donation is \$10-15. Children are free.

Laconia Farmers'
Live Free and Eat Local Market



Join us Every Saturday
 June 18—September 24

8 am to 12 noon

Beacon Street East
 Laconia City Hall Parking Lot
 Laconia, NH



Join us at the
 Laconia Main
 Street Outdoor
 Marketplace!



Thursdays
June 16th to September 29th, 2016
3pm 'til 6pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia



A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!





~ Please join us in supporting ~

BELKNAP HOUSE



MOULTON FARM

18 Quarry Road Meredith, NH

Farm to Table Dinner

Friday, September 9, 2016

5:30 pm Farm Tour 6:00 pm Dinner

\$50/person

Belknap House will generously receive \$25 per plate

Limited Seating - Reservations are Required :

Email us at belknaphouse@gmail.com or call 978 973 8693

Assessing

The Assessing Department is in the process of updating property cards. We are currently in the Highland Street area.

If your property hasn't been visited in the past 5 years, you will be receiving a post card in the mail explaining our procedures. If you have any questions, or prefer a specific time for us to visit, please don't hesitate to call us at 527-1268 or come in and see us at City Hall.



Thank you for your cooperation!

CITY OF LACONIA PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

City Takes Steps to Improve Water Quality at Weirs Beach - Public Presentation on September 1, 2016 **Weirs Community Center, 6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Starting this fall, the City plans to make several changes in Endicott Rock Park and along Lakeside Avenue to manage stormwater and improve water quality. With funding assistance from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services, the City will modify a portion of the existing parking lot and existing grass swales to treat stormwater and reduce the amount of sediment, nutrients and pathogens entering the lake. Water quality in Lake Winnepesaukee is critical to supporting recreational activities and the regional economy.

Come learn more about these proposed changes and share any ideas how we collectively, as residents and business owners, can positively change water quality for the future. For more information contact Kevin Dunleavy, City of Laconia Director of Recreation and Facilities at 603-524-5046 or parks@city.laconia.nh.us

Lakeside Avenue Improvement Project Update Meeting **September 1, 2016** **Weirs Community Center, 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Please join us from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on September 1st at the Weirs Community Center, immediately following the Water Quality Public Presentation (*see information, left*) to learn about the Lakeside Avenue construction and improvements slated to begin this fall. The engineering team will present an overview of the underground utility plan, drainage improvements, crosswalk improvements and other details. Progress plans will be available for viewing and comment.

City staff will be available to answer questions and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Luke Powell, Assistant Public Works Director, at 603-528-6379 or powellL@city.laconia.nh.us



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

Fire Protection for Older Adults



Knowing what to do in the event of
a fire is essential for everyone, but
especially for older adults.

The National Fire Protection Association has
several important tips and guidelines to increase
fire safety for senior citizens. Just click [here](#) to
read all about it and keep you and your loved
ones 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@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:

www.city.laconia.nh.us



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

- Assessing 527-1268
Assessor - Deb Derrick
- City Clerk..... 527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager 527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers
- Code Enforcement..... 527-1293
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin
- Finance 524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing 528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert
- Planning & Comm. Dev. 527-1264
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin
- Tax 527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen
- Welfare..... 527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman
- Fire Dept. (Central Station) 524-6881
- Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) 366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson
- Library 524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough
- Parks & Recreation..... 524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy
- Personnel 524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoe
- Police (Administration) 524-5257
- Police (Crime Line) 524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams
- Public Works (Main Office) 528-6379
- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson
- Water..... 524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman

City Council Contact Info:

- Mayor Edward Engler 630-4484
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) 393-6533
- David Bownes (Ward 2)..... 524-4330
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) 524-6349
- Robert Hamel (Ward 5) 524-6360
- Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) 524-2514
- E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us