



Laconia Links

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Be Safe on the Ice!
(See related story on page [nine](#))



NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

Click [here](#) for Clerk's website

It's that time of year again to license your family's furry friend!

Dog licenses are available in the City Clerk's Office. Fees are \$6.50 for spayed/neutered/puppies (under 7 months old); \$9.00 for an unaltered dog; and \$2.00 for the first dog for a resident 65+.

Please be sure to bring your dog's current Rabies Vaccination Certificate so we can update our records. If we do not have current rabies information, we will not be able to license your dog until the information is provided.

Per RSA 466:1, all dogs residing in the City of Laconia must be registered with the City Clerk prior to May 1st of each year. When registering your dog, you will receive a tag with the license number issued imprinted, as well as a paper license. The tag issued must be worn on the dog's collar at all times.

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!

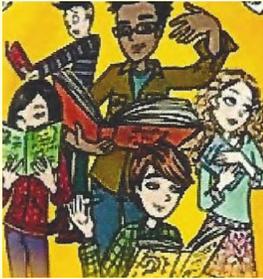


You can also now register your dog on-line! Just click the icon (left) to access this service. Please note that all dog licenses completed by mail will incur a \$1.00 fee.

For the comfort and safety of all of our customers, we ask that you leave your dog at home when you come into City Hall to conduct business. Although we enjoy seeing your four legged family members, we would like to encourage you to be conscious of others.

As always, certified service animals are welcome in City Hall!

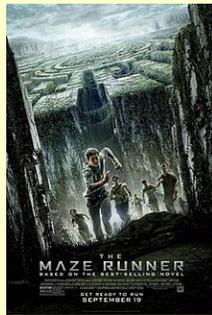
Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Teen Scene

Teen Movie

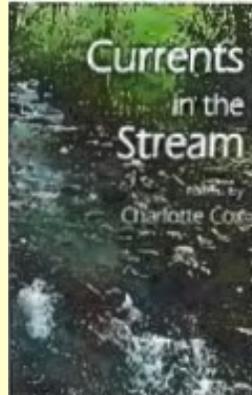
Tuesday, January 13th@
3:00 Laconia Rotary Hall:
"Maze Runner" PG 13



Thomas is deposited in a community of boys after his memory is erased, soon learning they're all trapped in a maze that will require him to join forces with fellow "runners" for a shot at escape.

Admission is free for teens in grades 6-12.

Poetry Reading and Book Signing with Lakes Region Author, Charlotte Cox



Lakes Region poet Charlotte Cox will read from her newly published first book, *Currents in the Stream*, on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 pm.

Currents in the Stream has already gathered high praise from New England's poetry luminaries.

Cox's writing has won prizes in the Poetry Society of New Hampshire's National and Member Contests and in the River Run Seacoast Poetry Contest. Her poems have been published in the *Poets' Guide to New Hampshire*, *The Poets Touchstone*, *Piscataqua Poems: A Seacoast Anthology*, and *The Widow's Handbook* (Kent State University Press, 2014).

Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting
in
Progress

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!*



City Council

January 12, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Comm. I

January 14, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

January 14, 2015, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Zoning Task Force

January 15, 2015, 11:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Board of Assessors

January 15, 2015, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

01/12	01/13	01/14	01/15	01/16
		PSS Walk to School Wednesday 8:10 @ Opechee Park LMS PTO Meeting @ 6:30 @ LMS Library	Ready for K 5:30-7:30 @ PSS	

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO LACONIA SENIOR CENTER



As neighbors in the same building in downtown Laconia, the Laconia Alternative Education program and the Laconia Senior Center have different missions, but exhibit mutual respect for one another.

As an example of that respect, six students recently volunteered their artistic talents to create holiday designs for the Senior Center windows and then spent part of several days painting the designs on the glass panes.

They also enjoyed hot chocolate and Goody Good donuts together on December 23rd made possible by donations from the staff at the Laconia Superintendent's office to celebrate the season.

LHS BEST IN STATE

Laconia High School Music Department is proud to announce the names of the following students who have been selected to represent Laconia High School on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Timberlane Regional Performing Arts High School in Plaistow, NH. The NHMEA/NHBDA Chamber Festival represents the best high school music students in our state. They will spend the day rehearsing with guest conductors and perform at 7:00 pm for the public. Mitchell Bailey will be performing in the Trombone Ensemble, Andy Emanuel in the Saxophone Ensemble, Marissa McDermott in the Flute Ensemble and Michael O'Brien in the Male Vocal Ensemble.



LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL COOKS TO AID EMERGENCY FUND

Thank you to everyone who participated in the First Annual Laconia High School Faculty Friendly Crock Off!! They proudly raised \$250 for the Student Emergency Fund. The event appeared to be a big hit and will hopefully grow with participants (competitors and tasters) in the future!! Congratulations to first place winner Jamie McKone for her delicious mozzarella stuffed meatballs (How DID she get the cheese inside those meatballs!!??!?) and second place winner Mary Gibbs for her classic pulled pork and coleslaw dish.



"PRESENTS FOR PLEASANT"



PSS hosted its second annual "Presents for Pleasant Street" on December 12th. Gifts and wrapping paper were donated by the faculty, staff and families from PSS. Over 80 students showed up to shop for presents for their families. With the

help of the National Honor Society from LHS, close to 500 gifts were wrapped for the students to give to their families at Christmas. A huge "thank you" goes out the Laconia community for supporting all the needs of our students.



Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Click [here](#) for details of the 2015 Winter Programs offered by the Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center!



Please click [here](#) for tournament rules



Will be hosting **CRIBBAGE** Tournaments



at Patrick's Pub & Eatery

Wednesday Nights* **TO BENEFIT**

Register 6:30-7:00

Play starts at 7:15



Have some fun and support a great cause!

\$10.00 Weekly cash prizes

*Weekly Tournaments until June

For more info call (603) 998-1418



Join us for an evening of celebrating the anniversary of Kiwanis International and hear how the Laconia Kiwanis Club supports children in the Lakes Region community.

Wednesday
January 21, 2015

6-8 pm
Belknap Mill

Tickets: \$10.00

Tickets may be purchased on line at: laconiaKiwanis.com
or by calling:

John Walker
520-4383

Meredith Horton
366-6017

Hors d'oeuvres
by Contigiani's

CASH BAR

Raffles



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!





Monday, January 12, 2015

7:00 pm



Laconia Historical & Museum Society

bringing the history of Laconia, Lakeport and the Weirs into the 21st century



The History and Culture of the Penacook Native American

Robert "Kunnaway" Turner, known as "Youngbear" is a Penacook Native American. He is a member of New Hampshire Intertribal Native American Council, Laconia Indian Historical Association and The Metis Nation of United States and Canada. A storyteller, Metis flute maker and player, cultural teacher, and native of Laconia—Kunnaway will present "The History and Culture of the Penacook Native American". This lecture will be held at the Laconia Public Library. For more information about this lecture, please call Laconia Historical and Museum Society at 527-1278, email to lhmslpl@metrocast.net or on the web at www.laconiahistorical.org.

This event is free and open to the public.



Taylor Community 2015 Music Series Kicks Off January 11th!

Taylor Community President/CEO Bob Selig is pleased to announce monthly musical concerts are coming once again to the local area. The 2015 Taylor Community Music Series, Sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, kicks off Sunday, January 11 at 3 p.m. at Taylor's Woodside Building in Laconia.

"Our music series has been a great success over the past two years," said Selig. "These concerts offered a variety of the highest caliber of musicians from throughout New Hampshire and beyond. Many perform nationally as well as internationally. Each performance attracted crowds of up to 180 residents of Taylor Community and the Lakes Region."

"We're delighted Bank of New Hampshire has chosen to partner with us again this year, allowing us to invite renowned musicians from around the state to bring the love of music to the community each month," he said.

"Bank of New Hampshire is pleased to be the lead sponsor of Taylor Community's Music Series for the third year," said Mark Primeau, BNH's President/CEO. "We look forward to the performances for 2015 and hope the local community enjoys all the talented musicians scheduled."



This year's concerts begin with a performance by two accomplished New England musicians – Pianist Paul Dykstra and Violinist Zoia Bologovsky – playing Prokofieff and Grieg sonatas and Gershwin preludes. Dykstra has been performing and teaching in Western Canada and New England for the past 34 years. He's a member of the College of Examiners of the Royal Conservatory of Music and its counterpart in the U.S. – the Music Development Program – traveling and assessing young artists in Canada and the U.S. Bologovsky is a graduate of the Julliard School and has toured throughout Europe and the U.S.

as first violinist with the Arden String Quartet. She is currently Concertmaster of North Shore Philharmonic, MetroWest Symphony and the Portsmouth Symphony.



Selig added the music series wouldn't be a reality without Taylor Community resident Bill Bell. "We're grateful to Bill for introducing Taylor to his musical contacts throughout the state. He really took the lead and made it possible to bring a variety of talented musicians to our community." Bell was previously principal cello of the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra, while continuing a lifetime of playing chamber music.

"The Lakes Region is a music lover's community," said Bell. "We already have the first six concerts lined up for 2015 and I think people will be very pleased with the results."

"These types of events are one of the reasons so many people choose to move here," said Taylor Marketing Director Paul Charlton. "We enjoy being able to offer a variety of entertainment at no cost to the general public."

We hope you can join us!

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 is the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

Next, be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. Also, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll 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, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [in-fo@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

Assessing

[Click for Assessing Department](#)

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2014 value.

Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.



All abatements will be answered this year by our deadline of July 1, 2015.

You're Invited!



Health Insurance ENROLLMENT FAIR

Have questions about the Affordable Care Act? Want to know if you qualify for health insurance through the Marketplace? Certified Marketplace Assistants and Navigators from Belknap County will be available for free enrollment assistance in a health plan that is right for you.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Woodland Heights Elementary School
225 Winter Street, Laconia, NH 03246

For More Info Contact:
ServiceLink Resource Center
(603) 528-6945



Covering New Hampshire is the official, free resource for Granite Staters to learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the new, affordable health insurance plans that are available to them.



2014 Newsletter

As the year comes to a close and we enter this, the most festive of holiday times, We wish to extend season's greetings, and update you about FHL, in a poem that rhymes



FHL Volunteers and Board Members 2014

Megan Wallace, and

In August, FHL volunteers and board members participated in the Plymouth Wide Yard Sale, Earning funds for FHL as we gave out drinks to the athletes who ran.

In September, FHL Board Members participated in the Plymouth Wide Yard Sale, Raising money for our student scholarships, selling donated items on a grand-scale.

In August two young women worked hard for the Dance to Make a Difference show, Thank you Kelsey Piper and Suzanna Derymoski, for all the good will you did show.

FHL's co-founder Laura Brusseau won awards for which we are happy and do cheer. Winning the Civic Leader of the Year and the Lakes Region Public Service Member of the Year.

FHL's co-founder Jessica Dutille, was also bestowed an honor that fills us with glee. As she was selected to be a member of the Plymouth Area Leadership Academy.



Community Dancers at Dance to Make a Difference

Please click [here](#) to read the latest Faith, Hope & Love Foundation newsletter!

Please Join Us For:

Laconia Elementary Schools
ESS ~ PSS ~ WHS

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Who: ESS, PSS, WHS

Where: Pleasant Street School

When: Tues. Jan. 13, 2015

Time: 5:45—6:45pm

Snow Date: Wed, Jan. 14, 2015

Refreshments will be provided!

Each family who attends will leave with a game at the conclusion of the evening!

Save the Date:
February 19, 2015
Family Write Night @ ESS

Sponsored by Laconia Title One Department



Reminder!

The next recycling
collection week begins
Monday, January 12th!

Christmas Tree Disposal

If you still need to dispose of your Christmas tree we have the information you need!

Laconia residents can dispose of their trees at the Hilliard Rd. Brush Dump on Jan. 14, 21 and 28 from 8am-4pm; at the Transfer Station Mon.-Fri. from 7:30am to 3:30pm & Sat. from 8am to noon; or at the Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St. in the designated area only.

Please call Ann, Department of Public Works with any questions, at 528-6379, Ext.300



New Hampshire

FISH AND GAME

Connecting you to life outdoors



NH Fish & Game "Let's Go Fishing" ICE FISHING CLASS

Saturday, January 31st ~ 9:00am - 3:30pm
Free! Beginning at the Laconia Community Center then moving to the outdoor classroom for the real world setting. Anyone welcome above the age of 8.

~ Minimum class size is 8; maximum class size is 20 ~. Registration deadline is January 24th. Contact the Parks & Rec. Department at 524-5046 and register early so you are not left out!!



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire
Dept.'s
Website [here](#)

STAY OFF ALL PONDS AND LAKES!

The Laconia Fire Department is very concerned about your safety. This winter the temperatures have fluctuated back and forth. It seems that the real cold has settled in; however, the lakes and ponds are not yet safe. Adults need to warn their children to stay away from the lakes and ponds. It will take a good two weeks of below 32 degrees to freeze the lakes.



We issue these safety tips so that you can enjoy the use of the lakes with reasonable degree of safety! We suggest the following safety tips when going ice-skating:

- Never skate alone
- Always tell someone where you will be skating and when you will be home.
- Ponds need at least 7 days of below freezing temperature to be considered even remotely safe.
- Have a rope or rescue ladder readily available
- Never skate near open water
- Never attempt to rescue an animal that may be in trouble on the ice

- Have a means of calling for help
- Wear a flotation device and a helmet (similar to a bike helmet)

For snowmobilers we issue this advice – stay off the bigger lakes and ponds. Do not skim – it is against the law and can be a deadly act.

Should you break through the ice, try not to panic. Turn towards the direction you came from – this ice was safe. Get to the edge and attempt to pull yourself out of the water. Kick hard to push yourself onto the ice. Try to spread your weight out as much as possible. Slide up onto the ice and then roll or crawl away from the opening. Do not stand near the unsafe ice as your weight in one spot will probably cause you to break through again.

If you cannot get out, hold on to the ice shelf and scream for help. Draw your arms and legs in close to your body as this will help hold in your body heat. Attempting to swim will actually cause you to lose body heat even faster. Try to save your energy.

If you see someone in trouble, or suspect that someone is in trouble, call 911 immediately. If you call for help be specific as to where you are on the pond or lake - many bodies of water are very big and difficult to access. If there is an animal in trouble on a body of water call the Fire Department and we will attempt to rescue the animal. Do not attempt to rescue an animal yourself. We have the proper equipment to do the job safely.

Remember, anytime you suspect that you need our help do not hesitate to call 911. It is extremely important that we be notified as soon as possible of any emergency so that we can effectively deal with it.

Time is probably the most critical element in emergency response. Stay safe and enjoy the winter!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

New Hampshire DARE Officer of the Year



Officer Michelle Cardinal was chosen from hundreds of officers throughout the state as the 2014 DARE Officer of the Year. The ceremony took place at the NH Fire Academy during the graduation of the new DARE instructors. To the left and right of Michelle are her parents Paul and Roberta Cardinal.

Michelle teaches the DARE program to the fifth grade classes at Elm St. School, Woodland Heights, Pleasant St. School and Holy Trinity. She has been teaching DARE to fifth graders for the past five years. In addition to elementary schools, Michelle also teaches Middle School aged kids in the DARE "Keepin' it Real" class. Michelle is incredibly dedicated to this program, and is very highly thought of by the students and faculty at all of the schools.

Both Michelle and her mother volunteer many hours of their own time for this program. Michelle's mother, Roberta, has helped out with each of the DARE graduations.

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!



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



Are you, or someone you know, one of the many grandparent households in New Hampshire raising grandchildren? There are more than 2.5 million grandparents in the US taking on this responsibility; you are not alone and there is help available. Click [here](#) and take a look at "GrandFacts—State fact sheet for grandparents and other relatives raising children". This publication lists numerous links to resources and other information that can be helpful.

*Laconia Senior Center is located at 17
Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

*We hope you have enjoyed this
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*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 - Jon Duhamel	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
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	
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Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy	
Personnel	524-3877
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Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
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