



# Laconia Links

February 1, 2013 - Edition #69



Thin Ice on Paugus Bay



## Laconia Police Department

Link to Laconia PD [here](#)



Attendees of Annual Meeting

The Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council conducted its Annual Meeting on Jan. 11, 2013 in the Community Room of the Laconia Police Dept. Carmen Doucette of Parents of Murdered Children was a guest and spoke at the meeting. The 2012 Annual Report was reviewed and there was a great deal of discussion and planning for the coming year, including participation in the national campaign, "No More", working with the Laconia Police Department POP Project to reduce domestic violence, and assisting all Law Enforcement Agencies in Belknap County in fully integrating the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) into their day to day operations.

**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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

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



**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



**The Benefits of Parks  
and Open Space**

Click [here](#) for the  
Parks & Rec. website



In a report published by the Trust for Public Land, "The Benefits of Parks: Why America Needs More City Parks and Open Space," the following observations about the health, economic, environmental and social benefits of parks and open space emerged:

- Physical activity makes people healthier.
- Physical activity increases with access to parks.
- Contact with the natural world improves physical and psychological health.
- Residential and commercial property values increase.
- Value is added to community and economic development sustainability.
- Benefits of tourism are enhanced.
- Trees are effective in improving air quality and act as natural air conditioners.
- Trees assist with storm water control and erosion.
- Crime and juvenile delinquency are reduced.
- Recreational opportunities for all ages are provided.
- Stable neighborhoods and strong communities are created.



Laconia has an amazing park system...please get out and enjoy everything our parks have to offer!

## 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!*

Meeting  
in  
Progress

**Trustees of the Trust Fund**

February 4, 2013, 10:00 am  
City Hall, Mayor's Office  
[Meeting Notice](#)

**Planning Board**

February 5, 2013, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

**MTRC**

February 6, 2013, 1:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

**Conservation Commission**

February 6, 2013, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B  
[Agenda](#)

International  
Film Series  
Laconia Human  
Relations  
Committee

## TOKYO SONATA

Monday, February 4, 2013  
Time: 6:30 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



※映画はイメージです。 (C) 2008 Fortissimo Films / TOKYO SONATA, 製作委員会

The fraught power and bleak humor of the movie brings a family's tenuous survival of the wounds of unemployment alive. In this movie it is placed in Japan.

- ◆ Free and open to the public ◆ Informal discussion to follow the film
- ◆ Light snack will be provided ◆ Feel free to bring a comfy folding chair or cushion.

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## LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



PLEASE NOTE !!

The ice skating party originally scheduled for Friday, February 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Memorial Park Rink has been cancelled due to the warmer weather and resulting condition of the ice.

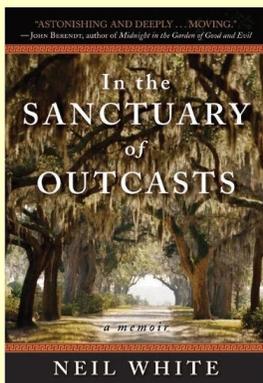
Please check future issues of *Laconia Links* for rescheduling information.



Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

### “Truth Be Told: Exploring Life Through Non-fiction Titles” Winter Book Discussion Series



The winter book discussion series will begin on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall (located on the lower level of the Library).

The first title selected is *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White.

White, a journalist and magazine publisher, wanted the best for those he loved. He generously gave to his church and invested in his community, but his bank account couldn't keep up. He began moving money from one account to another, but the FBI discovered his scheme and he was sentenced to 18 months in a federal prison. However, this was no ordinary prison; the beautiful, isolated colony of Carville, Louisiana was also home to the last people in the continental United States disfigured by leprosy. It is here that White's strange and compelling journey begins.

*In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* is an uplifting memoir that reminds us all what matters most. The discussion leader is Maren Tirabassi. Copies of the book are available to sign out at the Library's main circulation desk. For more information, please call 524-4775 Ext. 12.

Check out the  
Library's  
website—click [here!](#)

# Updates from the Planning Office...

Planning Dept's website —click [here!](#)



Pocket parks are really small areas of green space, often fit into an urban setting. Most people think of parks as large areas to picnic, play Frisbee or a place to walk the dog. A pocket park is a much smaller oasis of green, often with seating, where you can visit for a few minutes while shopping downtown or sit and relax during your lunch hour. Often times the location of the pocket park is an abandoned lot or an irregular piece of land between buildings or in between buildings and the roadway.

The Downtown TIF Advisory Committee is hoping to add some pocket parks in downtown Laconia. The Committee recently received funding to move forward with a pocket park in front of Sawyers Jewelers and the parking garage at the gateway of downtown, to be constructed when the Main Street Bridge is replaced. The TIF Advisory Committee will be looking for additional funding for a pocket park in the large sidewalk area in front of the Downtown Deli, and potentially in the large area across the street from the train station. .



The photographs shown are examples of pocket parks from across the country.

For more information on pocket parks please call the Planning Department at 527-1264 or e-mail us at [planning@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:planning@city.laconia.nh.us)



**Public Service  
of New Hampshire**

Have you noticed Public Service of New Hampshire trucks and employees in your neighborhood recently inspecting the electric poles and wondered why? After contacting PSNH, we now have the answer!

PSNH facilitates and manages a pole inspection program state-wide with a private contractor to determine if poles have deteriorated enough to need replacing; typically this deterioration happens below

the ground, hence the digging you may have noticed. Depending on what they find, they either wrap the pole with special material beneath the ground or note the pole for replacement.

After the inspection process is done and reported back to PSNH, PSNH makes a site visit and marks the poles needing replacement with red and white tape and the work is put into the schedule.





## CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions either have current vacancies or terms of current members will be expiring and up for renewal at the end of March 2013:

- Board of Assessors**
- Planning Board (Ex-Officio Members)**
- Highway Safety Committee**
- Putnam Fund**
- Trustees of the Trust Fund**
- Library Trustees**
- Parks & Recreation Commission**

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or e-mail [brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us)) for further info or to request an application. 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  
Thursday, February 7, 2013.

*We hope you have enjoyed this  
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments  
and suggestions!*

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or by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers, City Manager  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessing .....	527-1268
<i>Assessor - Jon Duhamel</i>	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i>	
City Manager.....	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance .....	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing .....	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Tax.....	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) * ....	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Lakeport) * .....	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) * .....	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i>	
Library .....	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks &amp; Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
Personnel .....	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoe</i>	
Police (Administration) * .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) * .....	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	

\* For emergencies, remember  
to always dial 911



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