



Laconia Links

February 20, 2015 - Edition #173



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



86th World Championship Sled Dog Derby!



Please join the Laconia Police Department in welcoming our four new hires!
Shown in the photo from left to right are:

Richard Carlson - Originally from Dracut, MA, Richard obtained his Associates Degree in design and a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. He worked as an engineer for several years before starting his Law Enforcement career with Rock Island, IL in 2006. Carlson moved to NH in 2009 after being hired by the Franklin PD where he has worked for the last 6 years. Carlson is married with a son a two dogs.

Erik Benoit - Erik grew up in Laconia and became a full-time dispatcher with the LPD from 2005-2010. Benoit also worked for Sanbornton PD as a Patrolman from 2010-2015.

Judy Walsworth - Judy is married with two daughters and resides in Somersworth, NH. She graduated in August, 2013 summa cum laude from Mt. Washington College with an Associates in Criminal Justice. Walsworth currently serves as the Business Relations Director for a nonprofit, Eastern Gate Ministries International, volunteering with them in Tanzania and Kenya during the summer of 2013.

Shawn Hussey - Shawn is married and graduated from Timberlane Regional H.S. in 2005. Hussey joined the U.S. Army in 2006 as a UH-60 Blackhawk Crew Chief. He served overseas in Korea from 2007-2008, in Iraq from 2009-2010, and in Afghanistan from 2011-2012. He reached the rank of Sergeant and had an honorable discharge in October 2012. Hussey then attended UMASS Lowell from 2012-Dec-2014, obtaining a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice.

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!



Welcome to Laconia PD!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Movies & More for Kids Vacation Special!

Friday, February 27th@
3:00 Laconia Rotary Hall
"How to Train Your Dragon
2" plus double feature

"Dragons: Dawn of the
Dragon Racers".

Snacks will be served and
admission is free. Kids
under 10 must be accom-
panied by a responsible
caregiver 14 or older.



Laconia Historical and
Museum Society
Presents
Larry Leonard
Monday, February 23,
at 7:00 pm
Laconia Public Library

Larry Leonard is a native of Randolph, VT where he studied organ with the legendary Florence Scholl Cushman. He has been a resident of Laconia since 1959 where he plied his profession as a pharmacist for the past 55 years, having retired only two years ago. He was the organist at both the United Baptist Church in Lakeport and the St. Joseph Catholic Church here in Laconia for almost a quarter of a century.

Join us as he shares with us his vast knowledge of the pipe organs in the various City churches of Laconia.



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.



City Council

February 23, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Bd. of Water Commissioners

February 26, 2015, 8:00 am
117 Stark Street, Water Treat-
ment Facility Conf. Room

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

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

| 02/23 | 02/24 | 02/25 | 02/26 | 02/27 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <p>School Vacation Week 2/23—2/27</p> | | | | |

LMS UNIFIED TEAM TEARING UP THE COURT



Laconia is fielding its first-ever middle school Unified basketball team this winter, partnering special education students with regular education students on the hardwood.

Rules are slightly different, with referees overlooking double dribbles, traveling and the three-seconds in the paint violations in favor of encouraging participation, instilling sportsmanship and promoting a sense of camaraderie among players.

For more of this story from the Laconia Citizen, click [here](#).

WHAT IS THE FLU?

Influenza (the flu) is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. There are many different influenza viruses that are constantly changing. They cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States each year. The flu can be very dangerous for children. Each year about 20,000 children younger than 5 years old are hospitalized from flu complications, like pneumonia. How can you protect your child against the flu? To protect against the flu, the first and most important thing you can do is to get a flu vaccine for yourself and your child. Click [here](#) to read more....



SOUND IN FOCUS ~ TESTING THE DECIBEL LEVELS AT PSS

Pleasant Street School was one of 25 schools chosen to participate in a 4 day program through the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Fellowship Program. The *Sound in Focus* program inspires students (and educators) to become mindful listeners, open their ears, and become better communicators. Mike Alberici, from the Christa McAuliffe program, held an exciting assembly for grades 3-5 to show how sound travels in through your ears using a Sound Cannon and then taught 3 days of classes for our 4th and 5th grade students. Click [here](#) to see the video of part of the assembly.

SPIRIT WEEK AT LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



TWIN DAY AND SPORTS DAY

Follow us on **Twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



Laconia Fire Department

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

A Different Kind of Water Rescue



Lt. Chad Vaillancourt and Firefighter Chris Beaudoin recover an American Flag from the Winnepesaukee River in downtown on Wednesday afternoon.

A call to the station was received from the Landmark Inn to report the flag in the water.

It is one of the flags that were posted on Main Street. We do not know how long the flag has been in the water, but the Fire Department will clean it and turn it over to the downtown merchants.

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.



Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, February 23rd!



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Don't miss pages nine and ten of the newsletter to be sure your kids have an awesome February vacation!

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!



Laconia Fire Department

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Dept.'s
Website [here](#)

Roof collapse: How to Reduce the Risk Due to Snow and Ice



The Laconia Fire Department is issuing a warning! Heavy snow loads can affect the structural integrity of homes and buildings and can lead to partial or complete roof collapse. Many roofs have well over two feet of snow accumulated. Fortunately, the snow has been very dry and therefore very light, as compared to the winter of 2008 when we had several feet of wet snow. In 2008 there were 22 roof failures in Laconia. There is more snow predicted and the temperatures may be warmer; therefore, the snow will be heavier. As the winter progresses the temperatures will rise and the dry snow will absorb moisture and get heavier.

Several factors influence snow-load intensity and distribution on roofs.

To save money on heating costs we have well-insulated our homes, and this is why accumulating snow has become such a big problem. Twenty to thirty years ago the snow just melted away along with our heating dollars.

Roof slope

Steep roofs result in less snow. Beware of valleys where snow can collect. The wind is partially responsible, as is the tendency for a sloped roof to shed snow by sliding. Sliding snow, however, can also increase snow loads if snow accumulates onto a lower roof or canopy; watch for snow collecting on porch roofs.

Construction

Older style homes seem to handle snow loads much better than modern built homes. If your home is over 40 years old it probably has solid lumber joists. Less than 40 years old, and the construction may include light-weight components that don't seem to hold up as well. If you're not sure look in the attic. If you have trusses you should think about clearing snow from the roof. The pitch of your roof is also a factor. A steep pitch displaces weight better than a low pitch. Water will drain off a steep pitch better as well. Narrow buildings can also be inherently stronger.

Drifting

Snow drifts accumulate on roofs in what is known as the "wind shadow" of chimneys, adjacent walls, or roof projections. This is a huge problem on low pitch and porch roofs.

Rain-on-snow loads

Additional loads produced by rain on wet snow can be significant, due to ice accumulation and absorption. Wet snow can weigh well over 50 pounds per cubic foot. Snow acts like a sponge and absorbs water. This winter our moisture content in the snow is very low; therefore, it will absorb moisture very quickly. Ice dams do not allow water to run off the roof. If you have an accumulation of icicles at the roof edge you can be subject to poor drainage of melting snow. This water can back up under the ice and get into your home. There is also the risk of icicles falling and injuring a person.

Susceptibility

Buildings may be more susceptible to damage due to the following reasons:

- Poor drainage of the roof.
- Large icicles at the roof's edge and ice dams in roof valleys can cause additional load and water damage when the melting runoff is backed up.
- Wind can push snow against walls and roofs and build to significant depths.

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Susceptibility (continued)

- Additional equipment installed from rafters, such as air conditioners or furnaces, can add “dead load” to the roof. Excess storage in the attic can compound the problem.
- Uneven drifting of snow.

Emergency actions

If you hear or see cracking, glass suddenly breaking for no reason, doors jamming, ceilings cracking/plaster falling, or the building rumbling or moving, evacuate immediately and call 911.

Warning signs

Determining the structural integrity of a building is beyond the scope of this alert. However, a professional contractor/engineer should be consulted if one or more of the following warning signs appear:

- Broken or cracked rafters, trusses, studs, or columns.
- Twisted or deformed rafters or trusses.
- Porch beams/columns bending.
- Sagging ridge/roof lines
- Building leaning or out of plumb.
- Loose fasteners.
- Cracked drywall or plaster on ceilings.
- Leaks from melting snow.
- Look for signs of new wood at places where wood framing joins together. New wood indicates movement.
- Look for light fixtures or sprinkler heads that seem to be pushing down away from the ceiling.
- Doors that will not open, or become tight. Windows that crack.
- Sounds – listen to your home for creaking and groaning.



Removing snow

Removing snow from roofs is preventive maintenance and is a common-sense measure to reduce the risk of building failure. However, extreme caution is urged. Work from ground level and use a snow rake if at all possible. Many building/roofing/landscape contractors are also willing to remove snow from buildings. When clearing a roof, establish safety zones with barriers such as traffic cones so that pedestrians do not get hit by snow coming from the roof. A shovel load of snow falling from a 20 foot high roof will seriously injure a person. A plan to systematically remove the snow should be developed so that the snow from the center area is not moved to the outer edges, until the outer edges have been cleared. Do not overload the roof with multiple workers and snow blowers. It does not take much to hit the maximum roof capacity. Be careful of burying your gas meter or vent pipes with snow. Remove the snow from the entrance ways as soon as possible.



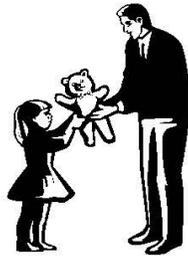
Mother Nature provided tons of new snow for this year's Sled Dog Derby and, despite the extremely cold temperatures, sled dog racers and spectators thoroughly enjoyed last weekend's World Championship event!

*Below are some photographs from the 86th running of the World Championship Sled Dog Derby.
(Photos are courtesy of Jeffrey Pirozzi, Roze Photography.)*



Nurturing Fathers

*A free, 13-week series of classes for men striving
to be the best dads they can be.*



Topics include: Dealing with Feelings, Discipline without Violence, Communication/Problem Solving, Play, Teamwork with Spouse/Partner, and more.

Class meets Thursdays from 5:30-8:00pm, Dinner included
Participants will be required to attend an orientation on March 5, 2015.
Classes will begin on March 19, 2015

Held At:
Family Resource Center of Central NH
719 North Main Street
Laconia, NH

Limited childcare and transportation available upon request

**Registration required: Please contact Tricia Tousignant at 528-0391 or
tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org**



This project is made possible by a partnership between the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire and the Division for Children, Youth and Families.



**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!**



FEBRUARY VACATION EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY, 2/23

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15pm
Sledding Party from 2:00 - 4:00pm (South Street)



TUESDAY, 2/24

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15pm
Arts n Crafts 1:00 - 4:15pm



WEDNESDAY, 2/25

Elementary Open Gym 1:00 - 4:15pm



THURSDAY, 2/26

High School/College Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15pm
Cardboard Sled Racing at 2:00(must register)
Snow building time 2:00 - 4:00 (instruction offered)
Both at the Laconia Sledding Hill

FRIDAY, 2/27

High School/College Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15pm
Ice Skating Party from 2:00 - 4:00pm (Memorial Park)



Elementary Times
Middle School Times
High School Times
All Ages

Call LP&R for more information at 524-5046

2nd Annual CARDBOARD SLED RACING

Make your own cardboard sled and race against others of roughly your own age. There will be points for creativity and speed. Come try your hand and see how fast you can be. Prizes will be awarded.

Thursday, February 26th at 2:00pm at the Laconia Sledding Hill located at the end of South Street off Academy Street. This is a free event, but registration is necessary by Tuesday, February 24th at 4:30pm.

Age groups will be...

10 and under or 11 - 15

Again prizes will be awarded for creativity and speed.

Call to register at 524-5046 or email at parke@city.laconia.nh.us



SNOW BUILDING TIME

Come to the Laconia Sledding Hill and try your hand at building in the snow! An instructor will be there to demonstrate and help. Some will make snowmen and others will make castles!! This event is during the Cardboard Sled Race 2/26 so come do both!

This is for any age and ability. It is free to participate and there will be a bonfire, cookies, and hot cocoa.

The times for this event are from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Come by and see what you can do! No registration needed. Dress appropriately,

PAINTING FOR PIBBLES

TO BENEFIT PIT BULL BREEDS AT THE



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

Saturday March 14, 2015

6-10^{PM}



Historic Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia NH
Cash bar provided by Contigiani's Catering
Speaker Kelly Arbogast of Doggonit NH

***\$30 per person (includes ticket to event, painting lesson and a \$20 tax deductible donation to the NH Humane Society)**

<https://nhhumane.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/PaintingforPibbles/Tickets/tabid/581124/Default.aspx>

Presented by Laura Brusseau & Emily Sprogis

for more information contact them at paintingforpibbles@gmail.com

Living Healthy With Asthma

LRGHealthcare
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Asthma EDUCATION CLASSES

Join us for a **FREE** asthma education class taught by a
CERTIFIED ASTHMA EDUCATOR

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF DATES

FOR KIDS (UNDER 13) AND THEIR PARENTS

Feb. 3, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Feb. 25, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Mar. 12, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Mar. 25, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Apr. 7, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Apr. 15, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Laconia Clinic
Apr. 21, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. LRGH
May 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. LRGH
Jun. 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m., LRGH

FOR ADULTS & TEENS (13 & OLDER)

Apr. 28, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. LRGH
May 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. LRGH
Jun. 30, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. LRGH

Topics of discussion will include:

- Common asthma triggers
- Understanding the difference between control medications and rescue quick relief medications to use during an attack
- When to call your healthcare provider

No referrals needed from your healthcare provider to attend

Call **603-527-7120** to register

Public Works Department



We have been experiencing an increasing problem of cardboard being placed in recycling containers without first being flattened out. This takes up a large amount of wasted space and fills containers prematurely.

PLEASE DO NOT place cardboard boxes in recycling containers unless they have been flattened out. In some cases, it may also be necessary to break them down even further to fit the pieces of cardboard through the sliding doors on the recycling containers.

Cardboard placed for collection at the curb should also be broken down for ease of handling. However, it is acceptable to place flattened pieces of cardboard in a larger intact cardboard box for collection at the curb. Please make a conscious effort to flatten all cardboard placed in our remote recycling drop off containers. The more compacted the load is in the container, the more efficient the haul will be, and the greater the savings will be.

If you have questions, please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE FLATTEN OUT CARDBOARD
BROUGHT TO OUR
RECYCLING CENTERS!!!**

NEWS

From the
City Clerk's Office



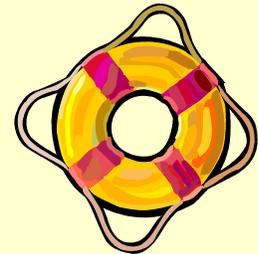
Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.

It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2015 Boat Registration!

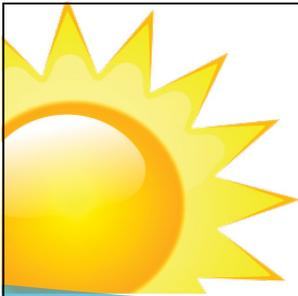


Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Please make checks payable to **City of Laconia**. In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LAKES REGION

SUMMER DAY CAMP

For kids entering grades 1-8

Just \$90-\$130/week if you enroll by April 30

Caring Counselors/ Lots of Field Trips
Arts & Crafts / Sports & Rec/ Fun & Games

**Enroll by
4/30 for
significant
discount!**

After school spots still available!

- * Transportation from local schools
- * Open snow days/vacations
- * Big Gym & Kitchen
- * Computer Lab
- * Homework help, sports & recreation

**Starts at
\$5 per
week.**



LAKESKIDS.ORG 876 North Main St, Laconia 527-0198



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



Senior Companion Program of NH

Are you interested in easing the loneliness and improving the quality of life for some of our area residents? The Senior Companion Program is a federally funded volunteer service provided by seniors age 60 and older who want to contribute their time to the community as a

companion. In exchange for 20 hrs. of service/week, Senior Companions receive a nontaxable stipend, mileage reimbursement, educational programming and more. Questions? Call 603-225-3295.

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



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
- Library 524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough
- Parks & Recreation..... 524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy
- Personnel 524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel
- 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 - Paul Moynihan
- 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

*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
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