



Laconia Links

March 1, 2013 - Edition #73



Photo Courtesy of Kris Snow

Rotary Park "After the Storm"

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



*The Laconia Sledding Hill and
Memorial/Opechee Ice Rinks
are open!*



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

We are fortunate to have received a good amount of snow lately, and that only helps our sledding hill. We have also had some cold weather that has helped keep our ice rinks open for most of this winter.

Remember... there is always something fun to do outside! We live in a beautiful part of the country with lots of opportunities to have fun in the winter months.



So get outside and enjoy everything
New England has to offer!

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!



Please Note!



*Mother Nature has cooperated, and the
84th Laconia World Championship
Sled Dog Derby is on!!*

Join the excitement on March 1, 2 and 3, 2013!



Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog website at www.lrsdc.org for maps, event details, updates, etc.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Chief Adams congratulates Officer Kathleen Yale at last week's retirement gathering.

Officer Kathleen Yale recently celebrated her retirement from the Laconia Police Department.

Kathleen began her career in 1991 with the Gilford Police Department before joining the Laconia force in 2001. She has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, D.A.R.E. Instructor, School Resource Officer and Mountain Bike Patrol Officer. Officer Yale also served as the Laconia High School S.A.D.D. advisor and was a volunteer for the Youth Services Bureau Court Diversion Program.

Officer Yale has earned such awards as the Belknap County Officer of The Year and NH DARE Officer of the Year. She has also received the NH Congressional Law Enforcement Award and the NH Excellence in Education Award.

Officer Yale plans on spending more time with her husband, 5 sons, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and several foster children.

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!

Planning Board

March 5, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Motorcycle Technical Review Committee

March 6, 2013, 1:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

March 6, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Lakes Business Park Comm.

March 6, 2013, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)

Reminder!



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 7, 2013

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Your Regional Future — Part of a Granite State Future

The Lakes Region Planning Commission staff and Commissioners welcome you to an

OPEN HOUSE

at the Commission's office, 103 Main Street, Humiston Building, Meredith, NH.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide an opportunity for the LRPC Commissioners, local officials, and the public to meet LRPC staff and talk about the Granite State Future Project and LRPC's ongoing planning work that will inform the development of the Lakes Region Plan.

The Open House will feature displays and delectable edibles.

- Economic development
- Broadband
- Housing
- Transportation
- Natural resources & environment
- Natural hazards & climate change

Parking is available in the lot behind the Humiston Building, accessible from High Street.

Directions and contact information: http://www.lakesrpc.org/about_contact.asp

If you need special accommodations, please contact LRPC.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

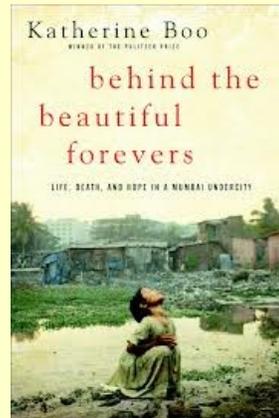


Teens... Join our Anime Club!

Tuesday, March 19th
3:30 Laconia Rotary Hall

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

Winter Book Discussion Series



Tuesday, March 5th
@ 7:00 pm

"Behind the Beautiful
Forever" by
Katherine Boo.
Discussion leader:
Sophia Woodley.

Copies of the book are available to sign out at the Library's main circulation desk. For more information, please call 524-4775, Extension 12. A complete schedule of the Winter Book Discussion Series is on the Library's website.

International
Film Series
Laconia Human
Relations
Committee

DEPARTURES

Monday, March 4, 2013
Time: 6:15 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



This modern-day Japanese film of transformation and beauty won the Oscar as best foreign-language film. It is an intense gripping story of life, death, intimacy, and the spirit of love.

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



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NEWS

From the
City Clerk's Office



For the comfort and safety of all, 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!**



Updates from the Planning Office...



Recently the City Council approved the Weirs TIF district. Please click [here](#) to view a map of the TIF District.

TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. This is a community development tool where the City can approve the (F)inancing of public improvements with the (I)ncremental (T)axes created either by new construction, expansion, or renovation of property within a defined district. The “incremental taxes” are the taxes collected as the property gains value from redevelopment.

The Weirs TIF Advisory Group and the City Council will now work to make decisions on how best to spend the money on projects cited in the Weirs TIF report. The Weirs TIF group has cited potential projects such as burial of utility wires, reconfiguration of the Weirs public boat docks, sidewalks throughout the District, period-specific light poles, installing/repair drainage along Route 3, public Wi-Fi and updated parking meters (i.e. similar to parking meters in Concord). If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact the Planning Department!

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info and updates —click [here](#)!



Lakes Region Wind Quintet in Concert at Taylor Community

The second concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

The concert will feature the melodic sounds of The Lakes Region Wind Quintet. Members are Debbi Gibson, clarinetist; Nancy Goldenhar, bassoonist; Robin Jackman, French horn player; Kenda Corcoran, oboist and Doris Heney, flutist. The Quintet's performance is generously sponsored by Melcher and Prescott Insurance.

Musical selections will range from Handel to Rogers and Hammerstein to John Phillip Sousa – all of which will be instantly recognizable to the audience.

The event is free and open to the public; however, those planning to attend must pre-register as seating is limited and musical performances usually attract a capacity crowd. Please call 524-5600 for reservations.

Taylor Community is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide the highest quality retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents.

Visit www.taylorcommunity.org and check us out Facebook to keep up with all our events.



Cupcake fun for the whole family to enjoy!



Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity is happy to announce its first Cupcakes for a Cause Fundraiser!

This delicious fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 16th from 1:00 -3:00 pm at the historic Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia. Six local businesses will square off to be crowned the Best Cupcakes in the Lakes Region!

Admission is \$10 and guests will vote on the best flavored cupcake! Each baker will submit 15 dozen miniature cupcakes of their most popular flavor as well as present them on an originally made themed display! Votes will be tallied at 3:00 pm, culminating with the winner being announced and crowned the Best Cupcakes in the Region!

Bakeries with a store front will have tickets available to sell starting Friday, March 1st during normal business hours. Additional tickets will be sold at the door on a first come basis. This unique and yummy fundraiser is sure to sell out!

Participating in the inaugural event are the following:

- *The Sweet Life* with the entry of an espresso cupcake with a maple butter cream frosting and bacon topping.
- *Kara's Cafe* with an entry of Lemon Zest and Raspberry Cupcake with Vanilla Bean Butter cream.
- *Sweet Lea Lea* with a S'mores cupcake.
- *Lakes Region Cupcakes* with an Almond Joy cupcake.
- *Lara Gruner-Just a Girl With an Apron* with Tye Dyed Cupcakes Vanilla Bean Flavor
- *Oh La La Creative Cakes* with a Salted Caramel Chocolate Vanilla Popcorn Cupcake.

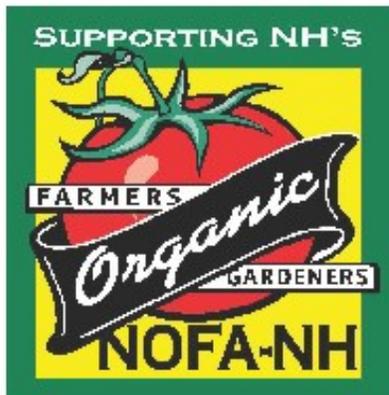
All proceeds from the event will be used on Lakes Region Habitat's next building project in Franklin this spring for the Sobalsi family!

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate substandard housing in the world by working in partnership with people in need to build simple, decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

For information on Lakes Region Habitat please visit the website www.lrhhabitat.org or follow us on Facebook!

Mark Your Calendar!





**11th
Annual**

Northeast Organic Farming Association
of New Hampshire

2013

Winter Conference

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 1 & MARCH 2

*Laconia Middle School
150 McGrath Street, Laconia, NH*

"GROWING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY"

Two Days of Workshops!

**Friday, 8am - 5pm: Tractor Intensives, Vegetable, Grain
& Livestock Production, Marketing & Budgeting**

Plus: 6pm Beginner Farmer Mixer at Prescott Farm

**Saturday, 8am - 5pm: 30 Workshops - All Levels, Cooking Demos,
Book Signings, Green Market Expo, Local/Organic Potluck**

FRIDAY KEYNOTES

Jerry Dewitt
Speaking on
Building
Resiliency into
Our Organic
Systems.



Tom Wessels
Public Lecture on
Self-Organization:
The Key to
Resiliency - 7pm

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



Kristin Kimball
Providing inspiration with
her thoughts on Resiliency
and the future of farming.



Learn More and Register:
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603-224-5022





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Law Enforcement Plans a Dip in Lake Winnepesaukee for Special Olympics



On the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, members of New Hampshire's law enforcement community will be jumping or "dipping" into the State's largest lake all for a good cause.

The 5th Annual Winni Dip is a fundraising event of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics New Hampshire. Each dipper will raise a minimum of \$250 to participate.

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, March 10th, 12 noon, at the Margate Resort in Laconia** and is open to anyone wishing to raise money in support of SONH.

Leading the Cops and Robbers themed 2013 Winni Dip will be New Hampshire's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Michael Delaney. In addition to the Attorney General, several Chiefs of Police from throughout the state and "Team LPD" will "Grin and Brr it" for Special Olympics.

Please come and support Chief Christopher Adams, former Chief Michael Moyer, Sergeant Gary Hubbard, Officer Ben Black and Detective Robert Cameron as they take the plunge for Special Olympics New Hampshire. If you would like to sponsor one of the team members, please contact Chief Adams at cadams@laconiapd.org or call 603-524-5257 Ext. 324.



BUILDING INSPECTOR'S NOTICE HIGH LEVELS OF SNOWFALL

If you own a structure of any kind, you should frequently check the roof for high levels of snow buildup and ice dam formation along the eaves. Low-slope roofs are more susceptible to damage and/or collapse from heavy snow loads than high-slope or steep roofs. Unheated structures are more susceptible to collapse than heated structures. Large amounts of snow on the roof leads to larger ice dams which can weigh hundreds and hundreds of pounds. If you are concerned that too much snow or ice might damage your roof, call a snow removal contractor to remove the snow and ice from the roof. This is a very dangerous job and should be done by a professional.

For further information, please contact the Code Enforcement Department at 527-1293.



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire
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. This has been an exceptional month for snow fall, as we all well know. Just because your home or building has never had problems before does not make you immune to collapse.

So far this month we have received more than 3 feet of snow. Fortunately the first 2 feet was very dry and has mostly evaporated. Any additional snow received may cause many roofs, especially flat roofs, to be overloaded.

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.

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

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. Narrow buildings can be inherently stronger.

Construction:

It seems that most collapses are happening in newer buildings and large span buildings. As we say in the fire service "Beware of the truss". New lightweight construction does not have the same built-in safety factor that older solid lumber construction has. Large open spaces also present problems because of lack of internal support. In general, the roofs were not designed to carry the amount of snow we have received. Codes are designed around averages. February was not an average snow month.

Drifting:

Snow drifts accumulate on roofs in what is known as the "wind shadow" of chimneys, adjacent walls or roof projections.

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 as like sponge and absorbs water. Ice dams do not allow water to run off the roof.

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ROOF COLLAPSE: *Continued from previous page...*

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.
- Location of windbreaks can put the building within the "snow catch zone" and cause snow to accumulate on the roof.
- Overhanging tree branches can add loads to the roof.
- 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.
- Insulation added to attics prevents heat transfer that normally melts snow and reduces the snow load. Additional insulation allows snow to accumulate.
- Uneven drifting of snow.

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.
- 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 pedestrian 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.



The information and recommendations contained in this material have been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. However, Laconia Fire Dept. accepts no legal responsibility for the accuracy, sufficiency or completeness of such information. Additional safety and health procedures may be required under particular circumstances.

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New York Times

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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers, City Manager
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* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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