



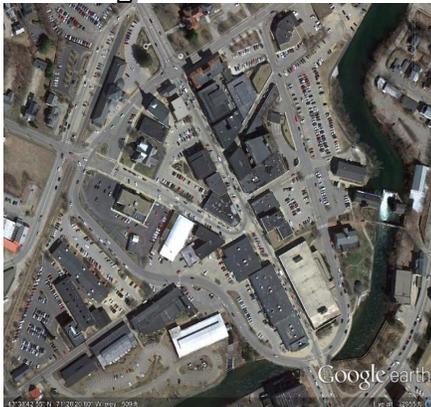
Laconia Links

March 2, 2012 - Edition #21



Snow covered stone wall on Lane Road

Updates from the Planning Office...



The Planning Board is pleased to partner with a new group called *Lakes Region Listens* to bring a Community Conversation to the citizens of Laconia to discuss "What changes, if any, should be made to downtown Laconia to improve overall mobility for everyone?" This facilitated Community Conversation will be held **Monday March 5th** at 5PM at the Belknap Mill. A light supper will be provided.

The mission of Lakes Region Listens is to facilitate informed and meaningful community dialogue on critical issues. They are a subset of the NH Listens program run through the Carsey Institute at UNH. New Hampshire Listens works at the local and state level to facilitate and support civil, public deliberation of complex, polarizing issues.

Click [here](#) for Planning Dept's website!

Welcome to *Laconia Links* a weekly e-mail 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!

They share resources on dialogue design, train facilitators, and work with local and state leaders to create opportunities for informed conversation on social, economic, and policy matters. Public dialogue opportunities augment formal, traditional means of engaging citizens by creating venues and resources for face-to-face and on-line deliberation. NH Listen's vision is to create a network of engaged communities in NH to share experiences and resources with each other.

Lakes Region Listens was formed in May, 2011 and led to the development of a Lakes Region Listens Steering Committee that identifies and selects issues on which to convene public dialogue. Facilitators trained in public engagement techniques offered by NH Listens are now available in the Lakes Region and throughout the state. If you know a topic that Lakes Region Listens should explore to host a potential dialogue, please contact either of the co-chairs, [Carmen Lorentz](#) at BCEDC or [Ed Engler](#) at the Laconia Daily Sun.

And don't forget to join us on Monday! Comments or questions? Please contact the Planning Department at planning@city.laconia.nh.us.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



COUCH TO 5K TRAINING- WITH CATCH FOR KIDS

Click [here](#) to access the Parks & Rec website



(CATCH program at Opechee Day Camp)

Come workout with your kids!!
April 30 - June 28
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
5:15 - 5:45pm
At the Opechee Smith Track

This is a progressive training system where things start slowly and during the 9 week program you will become fit and trained to complete a 5K race in 30 minutes! The cost of this program is \$60 for 9 weeks.

During the training your kids will be working out as well! They will be in the middle of the track (where you can see them) playing all different CATCH games. Please call Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046 to register and pay.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Check out the Library's
Website...Click [here!](#)

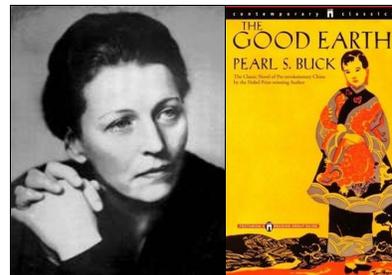
Movies & More For Kids

"Dolphin Tale"
rated PG
Friday, March 9th
3:45p.m.
Laconia Rotary Hall

A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap. Admission is free!



Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older, and adults must bring a child. This film is 113 minutes long.



*The Library's
Winter-Spring
Dynamic Book
Discussion Series
continues on
Tuesday, March 6th
at 7:00 p.m. in
Laconia Rotary Hall.*

"The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck, a Pulitzer Prize winning novel, is a moving and classic story of a farmer in China. The farmer's father gives his son a freed slave as a wife. By diligence and frugality the husband and wife manage to enlarge their property. But then a famine forces them to leave their land and live in the town. This, however, turns out to be a blessing in disguise for the couple. Nobel Prize winning Pearl S. Buck traces the whole cycle of life: its terrors, passions, ambitions and rewards. This brilliant novel, beloved by millions, is a universal tale of the destiny of man. Discussion led by Maren Tirabassi.

Copies of the book are available at the Library's main circulation desk. For more information, please call 524-4775 Ext. 12.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Please welcome Laconia Police Department's newest member, K-9 "Jagger"!

"Jagger" is a 13-month old German Shepherd from Czechoslovakia. The purchase of "Jagger" was made possible by many generous community donations. Thank you!

The City would like to recognize Sergeant Michael Finogle and K-9's "Jago" and "Yogi" for their many years of service to the City of Laconia and State of New Hampshire.

Officer Kevin Shortt and "Jagger" will attend a 14 week training class in March, followed by an 8 week class in the fall. The new K-9 team will be hitting the streets this summer!

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.

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

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

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.

Meeting
in
Progress

Conservation Commission

March 6, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

March 6, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

TRC I

March 7, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Licensing Board

March 7, 2012, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Motorcycle Tech. Review Comm.

March 7, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commissioner's Meeting

March 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
Water Treatment Facility Conf. Rm.
117 Stark Street

[Agenda](#)

News

From the Laconia Water Department

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!



"Goodbye"

We bid farewell to our old "Maintenance Garage"

After 10 months of planning and construction of the new maintenance building located now on 117B Stark Street, it was time for the demolition of the old structure.



After going through the bidding process, Spears Brothers were awarded the job due to their pricing and experience.

Since the department was able to execute the pre-requirements and approvals such as the shoreland permit and the erosion control, the contractor was able to demolish, haul-away, and re-grade the area in just two business days!

The future plan for this site will be to vegetate the area with native plantings as much as possible.

This will reduce run-off near our intakes, and it will greatly improve the appearance of the site which has been a "sore thumb" to look at from the Paugus Bay.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Each year members of the Department establish goals that are beneficial to the community and organization. We strive to reach each goal by implementing various educational and awareness programs, coupled with innovative enforcement techniques. Here is a look at the 2011 Goals and Objectives Final Report. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the Chief's Office at, 524-5257 Ext. 324.

Check next week's issue of Laconia Links for the 2012 Goals and Objectives!



Laconia Police Department 2011 Goals and Objectives - Yearly Review

Increase the Mountain Bike Patrols in the downtown & Weirs areas	The Mountain Bike Patrol offers greater mobility and accessibility (to the public) in these high pedestrian areas, promoting community interaction with high visibility. Significant savings on energy cost also a factor.	Mountain Bike Officers were used throughout the year in several parts of the City and during special events. These patrols have proven to be very effective, not only as an enforcement tool, but as a community outreach program. The Department would like to increase the use of bicycle officers in 2012.
Create a program that specifically deals with elderly issues facing the Department	Create a program dealing with elderly issues based on an educational component as well as a caretaker program for those wishing this service.	Lt. Canfield and Officer Marquis have presented several seminars to Taylor Home residents. The seminars provided general safety tips and info concerning scams, and will continue in 2012 at other locations. The feasibility of the caretaker program is still being studied.
Create an early intervention unit to recognize at risk juveniles	Have an early intervention team comprising but not limited to the School Resource Officer., the LPD Juvenile Det., school officials and JPPOs.	Cpt. Clarke and Det. Cameron have hosted several meetings leading to a dialogue between various stakeholders in the community. A protocol on how to best deal with at risk juveniles will be established. Programs such as a Police Athletic League will also be considered.
Recognize and make Customer Service a priority with all members of the Department	Cont'd education and training of employees on customer svc. issues. This will make the PD's job easier and help members of the community feel safe.	Customer service continues to be a top priority of the Laconia Police Department.
Form a "Drug Unit" within the Detective Division	Have one full-time detective specializing in narcotic investigations working full-time in the enforcement of NH drug laws. There should also be an educational and preventive component involved with this position.	Det. Noyes was reassigned from the AG's Drug Task Force and has been working full-time within the City of Laconia. Det. Noyes works closely with other members of the dept. and surrounding agencies. The newly formed unit has focused on the illicit drug trade and related crimes. There has been a significant increase in the number of drug investigations and arrests since its implementation. Det. Noyes has also been involved with the educational component and has spoken to students and parents about the dangers of drug use and abuse.
Career Development	Improve the investigative skills in patrol by assigning a patrol officer to work in BCI from September to June.	For various reasons, this goal was not attained in 2011. The PD is very supportive of this initiative and if manpower allows, an officer will be reassigned to the Detective Div. in Sept. 2012. This program provides patrol officers an opportunity to experience the role of a detective.
Stolen Property	Implement "Datadrop or Microdot" technology in the City and the PD to better deal and solve property crimes.	After studying the cost effectiveness of this program, it was determined that other alternatives would be better suited. An education/awareness program encouraging homeowners to document high-end property would assist in the recovery of stolen property.

Something The Lord Made



March 5, 2012
Laconia Public
Library
6:30 p.m.

The Laconia Human Relations Committee presents *Something the Lord Made*, the story of the partnership between Alfred Blalock, the world famous "Blue Baby doctor" who pioneered modern heart surgery and an African-American cardiac pioneer, Vivien Thomas. Inside the lab, they worked together on creating the first heart surgery; outside the lab, they are separated by the racism of the time.

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

For more info, please contact:

Carol Pierce: newdynam@aol.com
Lovinia Ellsworth: Lovinia.Ellsworth@yahoo.com

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

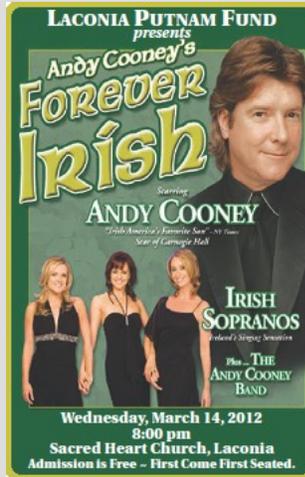
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or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers, City Manager
City of Laconia
City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



LACONIA PUTNAM FUND



March 14th
8:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church
Laconia, NH

Come enjoy a magical,
musical evening that you
and your family will
always remember!

See our schedule online at
www.city.laconia.nh.us
Special Events/Putnam Fund

FREE ADMISSION!
NO TICKETS REQUIRED
FIRST COME—FIRST SEATED

City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Laconia City Council Goals and Objectives](#) has been posted to the City's website! This is a working document, updated quarterly, which helps to direct and focus the City's resources and efforts toward meeting the goals identified to improve the quality of life in Laconia.

*We hope you find
this document
helpful and informative!*

Contact the City Mgr's
office at 527-1270, or
info@city.laconia.nh.us

