

Laconia Links

March 6, 2015 - Edition #175



Photo of Barred Owl (also known as a Hoot Owl) taken recently on Pleasant Street



The Laconia Parks and Recreation & Weirs Community Park are co-sponsoring an...

Easter Egg Hunt

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
at 10:00 a.m. at the Weirs Community Park
Ages 2-11 • Free Admission

For More Info...
Call 603.524-5046

Laconia's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the NEW Weirs Community Park! Come check out all of the park features including covered pavilion with adjoining picnic area, a naturalistic playground and an outdoor amphitheater. Enjoy 27 acres of walking trails! Meet inside the Park Hall, egg hunt will be outdoors. Be sure to dress accordingly! (All Children Must Be Supervised).

Special Appearance By The *Easter Bunny!

(*Bring a camera or phone to take your photos with the Bunny!)

Face Painting

Clown Fun

Coloring

Candy

Balloons

Prizes

WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK
LUCERNE AVENUE, NEXT TO THE WEIRS FIRE DEPARTMENT | LACONIA, NH 03246 | 603-524-5046
www.cityoflaconia.nh.org | parks@cityoflaconia.nh.us



Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 8th! Set your clocks AHEAD one hour!

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!



FREE Workshop

**Soak Up The Rain – NH:
Do-It-Yourself Landscaping To
Promote Healthy Water**

**Monday, March 9
from 6:30-8 PM
Laconia Middle School, Cafeteria**

Members of the Laconia Conservation Commission review do-it-yourself landscaping projects that help prevent soil erosion and polluted snow melt/rain water from entering our surface waters.

RSVP suggested. Contact the Belknap County Conservation District at 603-527-5880 or email lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Movies & More for Kids!

Friday, March 13th
@ 3:45 pm in
Laconia Rotary Hall
"Tinkerbell and the
Neverbeast", rated G.

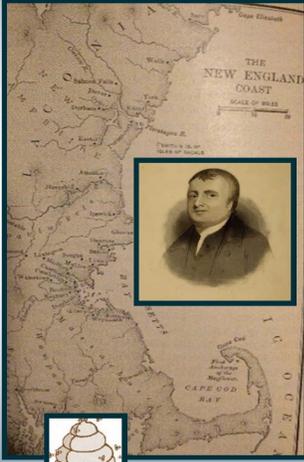
Snacks will be served and admission is free. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older.



Monday, March 16, 2015
7:00 pm
At The Laconia Public Library

LHMS March Lecture Program

**Jeremy Belknap
and Early Laconia**





Pat Tierney presents
Part Two
History Lesson and Discussion Series on
The Laconia Grant of 1629

For more information about this event, please contact Laconia Historical and Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, by email at lhmslpl@metrocast.net or on the web at www.laconiahistorical.org

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.

Downtown TIF Adv. Group

March 12, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commission

March 12, 2015, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room, 117
Stark Street

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

Meeting
in
Progress

City Council

March 9, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Main St. Bridge Info. Session

March 11, 2015, 8:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. I

March 11, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

March 11, 2015, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

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](#)



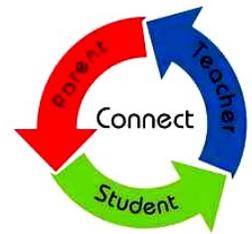
[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

03/09	03/10	03/11	03/12	03/13
Arts Alive Reception 5-6:30 Belknap Mill	LMS Winter Sports Awards Night @ 6pm - Cafe	PSS Grade 1 Music Show 6:30 LMS PTO @ 6:30pm - Library District Choral Concert - LMS Gym 7pm	LHS Parent Conferences	

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCES

Click [here](#) to sign up for March 12th Parent Conferences for Laconia High School students. If you have any questions, please contact Jen O'Reilly at joreilly@laconiaschools.org, or 524-3350 ext. 4000



LMS JAG STUDENTS ATTEND STATE LEADERSHIP EVENT

Laconia Middle School JAG 8th grade representatives

attended the annual Jobs for America's Graduates Leadership award breakfast, honoring Senator Jeanne Shaheen in Concord on March 2.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

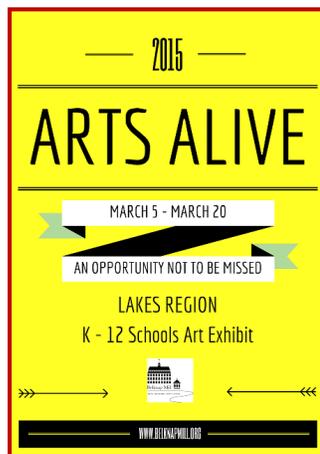
The Laconia School District Strategic Plan was developed over ten years ago. There are six pillars in our current Strategic Plan: *Technology, Curriculum-Instruction-Assessment, Professional Development, Facilities, Community Based Education and Public Relations*. While we continue to find this valuable and guiding in our work, we believe it is time for us to engage in reviewing our current plan and developing a revised plan for our school community. Work is underway to form the basis for our newly drafted strategic plan: *Community Based Education, Community Relations, College-Career-Life Ready, 21st Century Learning Environments and Curriculum-Instruction-Assessment*. These components differ from those in our current strategic plan and were developed based upon the work completed during a meeting in October with leaders in our community who have connections to our schools and to the incredibly important work we are doing. Our plan is to gain develop goals that will guide our district over the next five to ten years.

~~~~PROJECT EXTRA FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER~~~~

~~~~CLICK [HERE](#)~~~~

ARTS ALIVE RECEPTION

The Annual Arts Alive! Program is held annually at the historic Belknap Mill. The annual program showcases art work from students in the Lakes Region area from Kindergarten to 12th grades. Monday, March 9th will be a reception for Laconia Schools from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. We hope you and your family can join us for this wonderful event. Light refreshments will be served.



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Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

HUOT TECH CENTER 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR



- Saturday, March 14, 2015
- 9:00am until - 3:00pm
- Laconia High School
345 Union Avenue, Laconia

All Proceeds
Benefit
Graduating
Seniors
from the
Huot Technical
Center



Contact Info: Jannine Farrar
jfarrar@laconiaschools.org
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Over
50 Vendors
&
Many Great
Raffle Prizes

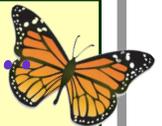
Come and have a good
time and help a student!

Reminder!



The next
recycling
collection
week begins
Monday,
March 9th

Hang in there...



The first official
day of spring is
Friday, March 20th!



**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

YOU ARE INVITED!

RE-IMAGINE LACONIA COMMUNITY OPENHOUSE

OPECHEE CONFERENCE CENTER, LAKEPORT



How would YOU Re-imagine Laconia?

— Community —
Heart & Soul

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.REIMAGINELACONIA.ORG

MARCH 18, 2015 5:00– 8:00 PM

COME EARLY TO
GIVE US YOUR INPUT REGARDING:

VALUES
NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND USE
THE ECONOMY

FORMAL PRESENTATION FROM
6:00–7:00

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

On **Wednesday, March 18th, 2015 from 5-8PM** Re-Imagine Laconia will be hosting a Community Open House at the Opechee Conference Center, in Lakeport. There will be food, fun, and interactive stations designed to give many opportunities to share your ideas about taking action for Laconia's future.

Re-Imagine Laconia will be unveiling **Draft Values Statements** for comments from the community, as well as asking for additional input as we move forward with drafting a **Vision Statement** for the updated Master Plan. We are also working on Master Plan Chapters for **Land Use**, **Natural Resources**, and **Economic Development**. Come to this event and make sure your voices and ideas are heard!

Here are just a few of the fun things that you'll find at the Community Open House:

Prizes and gift certificates to local businesses
Kids' Station with crafts!
Teen & Young Adult Corner
Interactive stations to share your ideas for taking action for the future of our community
And more!

We will also be premiering the latest video following the Master Plan process so far and where it's headed. This video features many Laconia community members - maybe you're in it too?

Come check it out at our Community Open House, where we'll be "March"-ing forward with action items and plans for Laconia's future!

Be sure not to miss this event! **You can RSVP through our website at reimaginelaconia.org or on our EventBrite Page [here](#).**

We can't wait to see you there!

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, 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!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



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

A green poster for an elementary school age dance. It features a large black outline of a shamrock on a green background with smaller shamrocks and stars. Text is placed within and around the shamrock.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH
6:00 - 8:00PM
\$5.00 PER CHILD

AT THE LACONIA COMMUNITY CENTER

COME HAVE A NIGHT OF FUN WITH KIDS YOUR AGE AND ENJOY SOME MUSIC, DANCING AND GAMES!

**Sponsored By:
Laconia Parks & Recreation**



Liven up Your Saint Patrick's Day With The Sands of Time



Join the fun as Taylor Community welcomes The Sands of Time on Tuesday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m.

With Trisha leading the way and Jim on guitar, this duo has harmonized together for several years. With musical selections ranging from the 1920's to 1960's with some Irish and Scottish tunes thrown in for good measure, you're sure to enjoy this variety show.

This event is free and open to the public and will be held at Taylor's Woodside Building.

Please call 524-5600 to RSVP and ensure seating.

We hope you can join us!

2015 Softball Registration

Signups for Lakes Region Girls Softball are back and open to residents of Belmont, Canterbury, and Laconia. More registration dates will be announced soon! All players need proof of residency; new players need to provide a copy of their birth certificate.

Registration Dates: Thursday, March 5 from 6-7:30 PM at Laconia Community Center
 Saturday, March 7 from 9-11 AM at Laconia Community Center
 Thursday, March 12 from 6-7:30 PM at Funspot Birthday Area



Eligible Ages: Girls 5-18 years old as of December 31st, 2014
Player Registration Fees: \$35 – Instructional and 8U Divisions
 (Family discount available) \$50 – 10U and 12U Divisions
 \$65 – 14U, 16U, 18U Divisions



Winter Warm-Up Clinics:

Is your player ready to play? Not sure if she wants to play? LRGS offers FREE Winter Warm Ups Clinics to all girls that may be interested in playing softball! You can also register your players at these Winter Warm-Up Clinics:

Warm-Up Location: Laconia Middle School
Warm-Up Dates: March 1 & 8
Warm-Up Times: 2-3 PM – 1st year players (all ages)
 3-4:30pm – 7-10 year olds (includes new and returning players)
 4:30-6pm – 11 year olds + (includes new and returning players)



*Please bring a glove, water, and dry sneakers (no cleats or boots please). For more information on these clinics or to register/volunteer for the 2015 season, please visit our website at www.lakesregiongirlssoftball.com or email us at lakesregiongirlssoftball@gmail.com.



2015 Registration Dates for Laconia Little League

Register to play baseball for Laconia Little League's 64th Season!

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|-------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| When: | Thursday, March 5 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Laconia Community Center |
| | Saturday, March 7 | 9 – 11 AM | Laconia Community Center |
| | Thursday, March 12 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Funspot – Birthday Area |

Who: Boys and Girls who **live or go to school** in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton & Meredith

How can I pay? Checks payable to Laconia Little League or cash. The fee is \$50 for one player. Family discounts are available.

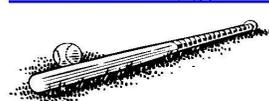
What if I am registering a new player? Please bring a copy of the player's birth certificate and either three proofs of address or school enrollment in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton or Meredith

What age must my child be? Ages 4-12 before January 1, 2015

Mark your calendars with these dates and times!

Current Players - Visit our website: www.laconiall.org to register online for a speedier in person registration!

If you have any questions, please email Laconia Little League at LaconiaNHLL@gmail.com



Join us for
**A Presentation about Marine Life
 With A 65 Foot Inflatable Whale**

A 1-hour program that provides an introduction to Gulf of Maine marine life. Walk through a 65' inflatable Whale, with models of ribs, vertebrae, jawbones and a heart inside.

Presented by Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH
 2:00PM**

**Leavitt Park Club House
 334 Elm Street • Lakeport, NH**

Limited to the first 60 People!
 Admission is non-perishable Items
 for St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

For more info Call (603) 998-1418

Sponsored by: Leavitt Park Community Club



4th ANNUAL H.A.T.T.

SOUP-A-THON

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT !!!

WHEN: Sunday, March 22, 4:30-6:30pm

WHERE: St Andre Bessette Parish Hall,
 31 Gilford Ave, Laconia, NH

WHAT: AYCE Six Soups! Two Salads!

*African * South American * Israeli * Mexican
 French-Canadian * Asian * German * American
 !! Hundreds of Multi-National Homemade Cookies!!*



COST: Adult \$9.00
 Child 12 or under \$3.00
 Family of 4 or more \$25.00
 Children under 3 FREE



Laconia Youth Lacrosse

Registration for 2015 Season

Online registration is now activated and Laconia Lacrosse Club will have representatives at several upcoming community events where you can meet us and ask questions about lacrosse, the game, equipment, the season, etc.

March 14th 9:00 am – Noon Lacrosse Sign-Ups:

- At Piche's – Belmont Outlet Location

Piche's Lacrosse Sale – Belmont Outlet Location

- Piche's will be running a sale on lacrosse equipment at their Belmont location the same day as the March 14th sign-ups

Next BOD meeting is 3/22 at 6:30 at the Laconia Police Station

Season begins the week of March 23rd

We are looking for help in the following areas:

- **Coaching:** any age level, any gender. No experience necessary.
- **Volunteers:** team parents, help handling clothing orders, fundraising, concession sales at games
- **Sponsors:** to keep the cost as affordable as possible for our players, sponsors help us with that goal.

If you have any interest in supporting LLC in any of these areas contact Rod Roy at kroytoy@aol.com or 520-4075

**Main Street Bridge
 Construction**



Click here for Main Street Bridge info including construction plans and traffic detour maps.

With spring on the way, the re-start of work on the Main Street Bridge is scheduled to begin shortly. The Main Street Bridge Construction website is being updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information.

The image above contains a link to a webpage relating to the construction project. Once on that page you will find the most current information by clicking on "Today's Update" (in red).

Should you have any questions about the construction project or the website please contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

Thank you for your
 patience!

Click [here](#) for our Public Works Dept. website

The Lakes Region Wavemakers will be celebrating their 33rd Winter Season this year! Since the fall of 1981, the Wavemakers, a not for profit swim team, has provided interested youth of the Lakes Region the opportunity to swim in a competitive developmental program. The Wavemakers is a member of New England Swimming, (a division of USA Swimming), the New Hampshire Swimming Association (NHSA), and during the summer session, the Granite State Swimming Association (GSSA).



Four Week Swim Clinic

Monday, April 13th - Thursday May 14th
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evenings

The clinic will break during vacation week

LOCATION: The Laconia Athletic and Swim Club,
Laconia, NH

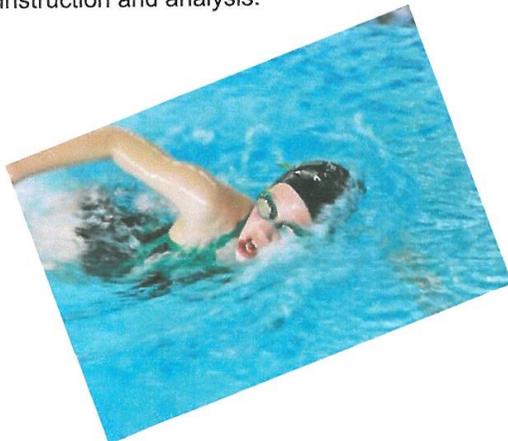
Are you thinking about joining the swim team?

Then the Lakes Region Wavemakers Wave Swim Clinic is for you! The coaching staff of the Wavemakers will be hosting our 7th annual Wave Swim clinic, **April 13 thru May14, skipping vacation week.** The clinic is for swimmers who are looking to get a taste of what the swim team experience is like as well as experienced swimmers looking to get a jump on their summer training.

The clinic is open to swimmers with some swimming experience. *They should be able to swim the length of the pool independently, be comfortable putting their face in the water and taking direction from our coaching staff.*

The main focus of the clinic is to focus on fine tuning swimming stroke technique while maintaining their fitness level for the experienced athlete and to introduce new swimmers to the sport of competitive swimming while learning how the team practices and prepares for racing.

Over the four weeks the swimmers will receive evaluations on their strokes and technique, while learning the practice drills used to re-enforce proper technique. They will build their endurance level which is essential for improving their swimming ability and receive information regarding injury prevention, nutrition, personal goal setting and small group instruction and analysis.



Swim Groups*

Group A: Swimmers ages 10 & under (beginner/intermediate)
Group B: Swimmers ages 11 & older (intermediate/advanced)

*Subject to change based on enrollment

Schedule

Group A: 6:30 - 7:30** Group B: 7:30 - 8:30

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

The weeks of April 13, April 20, May 4, and May 11

**NEW SWIMMERS: 1st Monday- all new swimmers

5:30 - 6:30

FEE: 100.00

Swimmers should have:

A one piece bathing suit, swim goggles, swim cap (girls) and a full water bottle.

Visit our website: www.lakesregionwavemakers.com
or call 783-3394.

Attendance at all practices is not mandatory.

Lakes Region Wavemakers Summer Season

Regular practices begin Monday, May 18th
and runs through the 1st weekend in August.

More details will follow.

Practice Schedule:

Practices are typically Monday – Thursday evenings,
The Summer Season offers a variety of swim meet
competitions in June and July. Practice and meets are
flexible, as you choose what works best for you!

For more information: Check our website at
www.lakesregionwavemakers.com or call 783-3394.



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



**Breakfast at the
Senior Center!**

New! Breakfast is
being served at the
Senior Center on
Fridays, 8:30-9:00
am. A variety of
food will be offered.

Please sign up! Still just a \$2.00 donation. Please
help us make this a success!

*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**

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City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager 527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers
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- Finance 524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing 528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young
- Planning & Comm. Dev. 527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
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Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen
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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
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- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan
- Water..... 524-0901
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www.city.laconia.nh.us