



# Laconia Links

March 7, 2014 - Edition #124

Waiting for Spring at Tardif Park, ....

## Recycling Update

### 2 Week Total - February 17—February 28, 2014

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 991.55 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$148,732.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$27,501.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		24.27	N/A		N/A
Monday	21.85	5.62	25.7%	6.55	\$139.50
Tuesday	33.73	9.06	26.9%	10.12	\$159.00
Wednesday	39.24	7.69	19.6%	11.77	\$612.00
Thursday	31.20	6.74	21.6%	9.36	\$393.00
Friday	34.12	7.50	21.9%	10.24	\$411.00
	Total = 160.14	Route Total = 36.61	Curbside Avg= 22.86 %	Total = 48.04	Total = \$1,714.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 Weeks=24.98%	<b>Recycling Saves \$\$</b>	

**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!*



**Reminder!**  **The next recycling collection week begins Monday, March 10th!**

### Notice to Ward 5 Voters

For the upcoming Special State Election on March 11, 2014 we will be relocating your polling location within Woodland Heights Elementary School temporarily to the Music Room. The entrance to the Music Room is located on the front of the building. This will allow for less disruption to the school day for the students by allowing them access to the gymnasium/cafeteria. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

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

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

### **Movies and More for Kids!**



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

Friday, March 14th  
@3:45 pm: *Planes*.  
This film is rated PG and is  
91 minutes in length.

Children under 10 years  
old must be  
accompanied by an adult  
or caregiver 14 years  
or older and adults  
must bring a child.

Admission is free. Snacks  
are provided.

## **Introduction to** **Fly Tying Class**



Would you like to try your hand at fly tying? The Laconia Adult Education's fly tying class will be held in Laconia Public Library's Rotary Hall on Monday, March 17 at 6:30 pm. This class is part of an 8 week course being taught by Mike Cox. Come observe students make their own flies, or give it a try yourself! Mike will have extra materials on hand for those not registered for the course. Free and open to the public. For more info please call Deann at 524-4775 Ext. 11.

# Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting  
in  
Progress

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!*

### **City Council**

March 10, 2014, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### **Zoning Task Force**

March 11, 2014, 11:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Technical Review Comm. 1**

March 12, 2014, 10:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200B

### **Highway Safety Comm.**

March 12, 2014, 12:00 noon  
LPD Community Room

### **Water Commission**

March 13, 2014, 8:00 am  
Water Treatment Facility  
Conference Room, 117  
Stark Street



# 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

03/10	03/11	03/12	03/13	03/14
Opening Night at Arts Alive - Belknap Mill - 5:00 pm	WHS-PTO Library 6:00 pm	VIPSS Meeting @ PSS @ 6:30 pm LMS PTO @ 6:30 pm Library	WHS Jump Rope for Heart Family Fun Night @ ESS - 5:30 pm	



## NEWS FROM LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- \* 3rd Quarter Progress Reports go home March 7th.
- \* All items left in the Lost and Found after 3/14/14 will be donated to charity.

\* The Impact Club is pleased to announce this week's student recipients of the Wall of Kindness Recognition are: Ellie Kelley and Justin Padua.

## LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE WINTER CARNIVAL

Laconia High School students celebrated winter carnival with many fun activities including Ugly Sweater Day, Red and White Day, Tie Dye Day, Sports Day and Mismatch Day. The week culminated with the Semi Formal Dance at the Belknap Mill. Jeanine Parsons and Edis Dizdarevic were crowned King and Queen.



## LHS CONFERENCES

Click [here](#) to sign up for March 20th Parent Conferences for LHS Students

**HUOT TECHNICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE**  
FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS  
THURSDAY MARCH 13th from 5pm-7pm

EXPLORE CAREERS IN THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS...

- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Building Construction
- Business Management
- Careers in Education
- Childcare Arts
- Health Science
- Law Enforcement
- Manufacturing
- Engineering Technology
- Healthcare
- Printing and Imaging
- Pre-Engineering
- Resort and Recreation Management

Serving students from Belmont, Franklin, Gifford, Inter-Lakes, Laconia, Winnisquam Regional High School and Home-Schooled Students  
28 Geneva Street - Laconia, NH - (603) 528-8899 - [www.huottech.org](http://www.huottech.org)

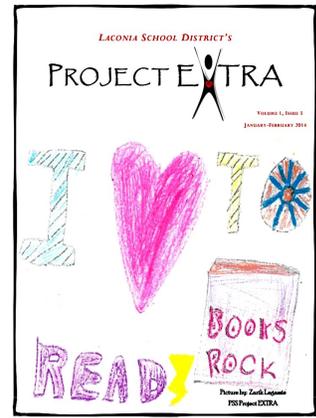


## FUN ON THE PLEASANT STREET LIBRARY WEBSITE

Please check out the fun things to do on the PSS Media Center website [here](#). There are many cool websites to check out as well as information on library procedures, and reading and computer lab tips. In March students will be focusing on research skills and responsible use of technology! They will learn to tell a trusted adult if something does not seem right on the computer and how to properly cite sources of information.

## REACHING NEW PEAKS

Did you know PEAKS provides personalized academic instruction during the afterschool hours in a student's own school, at no cost to parents of referred students? Services are available to non-referred students for a fee, with a sliding scale for qualified families. There are currently 139 students involved in PEAKS at our Laconia elementary schools! If you have any questions about our program, please contact Beth Vachon at 524-5710 or [bvachon@laconiaschools.org](mailto:bvachon@laconiaschools.org).



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PE FOR 2014?

We are off to a great start for the new year! Currently, we are planning our summer programs with a more inclusive model, framed with U.b.D (Understanding by Design) while aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Please click [here](#) to read the newsletter that will give you all the up-to-date information on programs that are offered through Project EXTRA!



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# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

## How to Report a Crime

The longer you wait to call the police, the greater the chances are that the suspect will get away.

When the 911 Emergency Dispatcher or the Laconia Police Dispatcher answers, say, "I'm calling in reference to a possible..." and name the type of crime you suspect. You need not go into detail at this point.

Give your name and location. If you do not know the block number, give the closest cross street or intersection.

Stand by to answer further questions, if necessary. The dispatcher is trained to get the necessary information in order to dispatch a car and to advise the officer about the barest facts in the incident. By giving the operator a lengthy account by phone, you'll be delaying the officer's arrival. Be brief!

As the victim or witness to a crime, you can also help by giving police an accurate and complete description of the suspect and his/her vehicle. Be prepared to give such description to the dispatcher, if asked, and or to the investigating officer:

- Sex, race and approximate age
- Height (compared to some other person or object near the suspect)
- Weight (also compared to some other person)
- Color of hair and eyes
- Any visible scars
- Description of the person's clothing
- Any peculiarities of speech, walk, manner of dress, hair style
- Vehicle description: make, model and color, distinguishing characteristics (dents, missing parts, etc.), and direction of travel

As a general rule, any time you need a police officer to respond to a scene, call 911 or 524-5252.

Remember: Anything unusual should be reported to police. Don't attempt to investigate strange actions of suspects by yourself, call 911 or 524-5252.

Source: Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD (Safety Guide)

### When Money STILL Gets in the Way: Talking About Finances with Individuals You Support

**Date:** [Thursday, March 20, 2014](#)

**Time:** [9:00am - 12:00pm](#)  
(Snacks provided)

**Location:** [Family Resource Center of Central NH](#)  
719 North Main Street  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.lrcs.org](http://www.lrcs.org)

**Cost:** [Free \(\\$20 for CEU credits\\*\)](#)

\*This program has been approved for 3 Category I Continuing Education Hours for licensure. NASW Authorization Number 3036.



#### Specific topics include:

- Dealing with a financial crisis
- Basic budgeting & financial stability
- Understanding taxes & tax benefits
- Building & repairing credit
- Managing money through the holiday shopping period
- Local, state, & federal resources to assist clients in solving money problems

**About the Presenter:** Cary Gladstone holds an M.S. in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University. He is Director of Asset Building at Granite United Way and chairs the program committee for the CA\$H (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Coalition of NH. He has nearly 20 years of experience working with low-income clients and the agencies who serve them in workforce development, welfare-to-work, financial education and community-based income tax return preparation.

To register, please call Erin at 581-1577 or email [erink@lrcs.org](mailto:erink@lrcs.org)

This workshop is designed to give social service providers increased skills to help their clients with money management.





Fighting Spirit, the new Junior A hockey team, is coming to Laconia for the 2014/15 season. They are the 2013/14 regular season champions for the Northern States Hockey League and will be representing the league in Las Vegas next month at the National Championships.

They are hosting their playoffs this weekend at the Laconia Ice Arena to introduce their program to the community. They will be playing Friday evening at 6:30, Saturday at 1:15 and Sunday if necessary at 3:00.

Admission is \$2 for Laconia School District students when you show your student ID at the door. Come see some first class hockey!!!



**LACONIA**  
**ICE ARENA**

Laconia Ice Arena  
468 Province Rd  
Laconia NH 03246  
(603) 528-0789  
fax (603) 581-0003  
Manager: Will Fay  
Email: [info@laconiaicearena.com](mailto:info@laconiaicearena.com)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK FUNDRAISER

MARCH 22, 2014 AT BEANE'S CONFERENCE CENTER

35 BLUEBERRY LANE, LACONIA NH

[WWW.BEANECENTER.COM](http://WWW.BEANECENTER.COM)

[www.htdphn.org](http://www.htdphn.org)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

7:30 PM SHOWTIME \*\*\* \$12.00 ADMISSION

SONGS - DANCE - ORIGINAL SKITS  
RAFFLES - VENDORS

\*\*\*FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL\*\*\*

Music provided by D J Manny Pimental



Wouldn't it be great if there were a public place in the Lakes Region that you and your canine friend could enjoy without worrying about leash laws? Help us make this dream a reality!



## Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

APRIL 9TH, 2014  
7PM

THE WOODSIDE BUILDING AT TAYLOR COMMUNITY  
227 LEDGE DRIVE, LACONIA NH



### Identifying and Responding to America's Trafficked Youth

- An overview of domestic minor sex trafficking
- Domestic minor sex trafficking in the context of federal law
- The relationship between vulnerability and domestic minor sex trafficking
- Understanding Pimp Control
- Effective responses to the issue
- Opportunity to learn ways to prevent & combat this issue locally

For more information contact:  
Chief Adams, LPD  
Email: [cadams@laconiapd.org](mailto:cadams@laconiapd.org)

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## Stand Up Laconia Craft Fair

Saturday, March 22, 2014 9-3p.m.

Laconia High School  
345 Union Avenue, Laconia NH

**Spring**

1st Annual Craft Fair—Vendors wanted for this amazing event. All proceeds benefit "Stand Up Laconia" which benefits drug awareness and prevention. Laconia High School/Huot Technical Center Business Students are leading this event and want to make a change in Laconia!

First ten  
vendors  
get \$10 off

Sponsored by  
Stand Up Laconia  
Business Club/Huot  
Technical Center

Contact Info:  
Jasmine Farrar  
[jfarrar@laconiaschools.org](mailto:jfarrar@laconiaschools.org)  
603-528-6683 X5008

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



*What did you do on your  
February vacation?*

Take a look at some of Laconia's younger generation enjoying fun in the snow!!



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!  
**Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257**



# Crafters Wanted

DATE: 4/26/2014

TIME: 9:00AM-2:00PM

LOCATION: LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES  
719 NORTH MAIN ST.  
LACONIA NH 03246



## DO YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR CRAFTS?

Looking for crafters  
to join us in selling their handmade  
jewelry, holiday decorations,  
home decor, clothing, etc.  
6' X 7' space \$25.00 each  
6' X 9' space \$30.00 each  
6' X 10' space \$35.00 each



CONTACT LAURA TO RESERVE A SPACE  
M-F BETWEEN 8AM-4PM AT 581-1593, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE  
OR EMAIL AT LAURAH@LRCS.ORG  
DEADLINE IS: APRIL 11, 2014

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SERVICES  
Engage. Inspire. Empower.

### TO RESERVE A SPACE:

CONTACT LAURA H AT LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES  
M-F BETWEEN 8AM AND 4PM, 581-1593 PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE  
OR EMAIL LAURAH@LRCS.ORG DEADLINE IS APRIL 11, 2014

COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR

# News

## From the City Clerk's Office

The Special Election for District 1 Executive Councilor will be held on March 11, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 – Belknap County Nursing Home
- Ward 2 – Sacred Heart Parish Hall
- Ward 3 – Laconia Middle School  
(multipurpose room)
- Ward 4 – Memorial Park Club House
- Ward 5 – Woodland Heights Elementary  
School (music room)
- Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse

For a sample ballot, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265.

# 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, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, 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!

*We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!*



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

# ARTS ALIVE 2014

Belknap Mill, Laconia NH  
March 10 - 30 2014



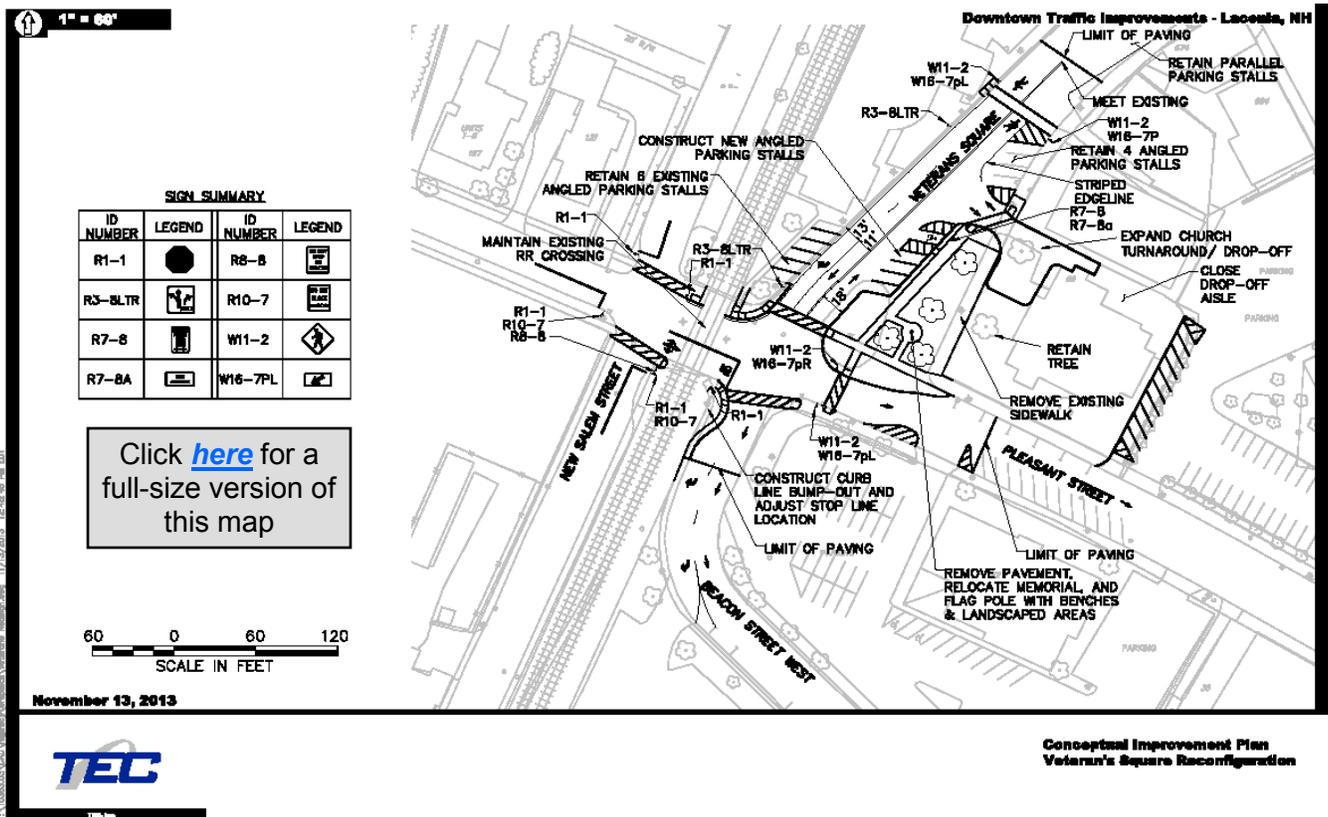
Lakes Region K-12 Schools Art Exhibit  
Laconia School District Reception - Monday, March 10  
5:00 - 7:00 PM



# News from the Planning & Zoning Office

The City is still exploring recommendations for upgrades to the Downtown mobility network. We speak of “mobility” to make sure to include not just automobiles, but bikes and pedestrians as well. The recommendations come from the 2007 Master Plan, 2011 work that the Planning Board has done on Downtown parking in relation to the Village Visioning Project and the 2012 Downtown Mobility Community Conversation Report. One of the recommendations was to reconstruct the intersection of Pleasant Street, Beacon Street West and Veteran’s Square to better align traffic, reduce confusing turning movements and increase safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

In November of 2013 the City asked the consultant who worked on the Downtown two-way traffic proposal to draft a concept plan for fixing this intersection. The plan was then circulated to abutting property owners and the DOT Railroad to make sure the concept did not have any unforeseen negative impacts. The City is now seeking public input for the plan. Please tell us what you think! Does this concept address the concerns formally voiced about confusing turning movements? Is pedestrian safety addressed in this concept? Please email the Planning Department with your thoughts! [SaundersS@City.laconia.nh.us](mailto:SaundersS@City.laconia.nh.us)

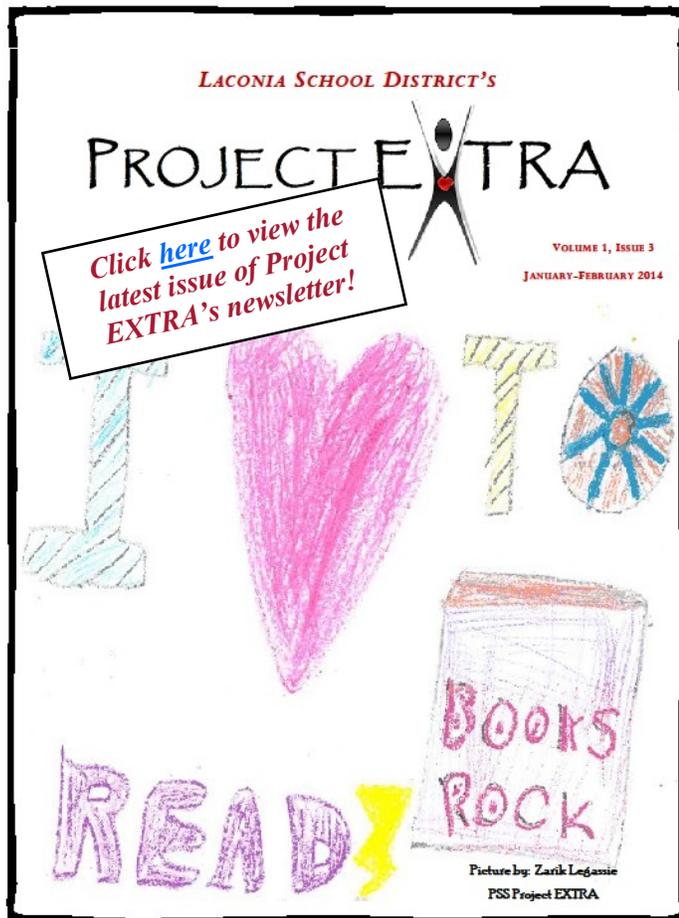


## Public Works Department

## 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. Please 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. If you have questions, please call Matt Mooney at the Public Works Department, 528-6379, Extension 303.

*Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*



Resiliency— which means the ability to bounce back from stressful situations — is proven to strengthen families!

## Transforming Stress... Simple Steps, Not Always Easy



March 4, 11, 18, and 25 (Tuesdays)

6:00-8:00pm (optional dinner at 5:30)

Family Resource Center of Central NH  
719 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246

Limited child care and transportation available upon request.

To register or for more information,  
contact Erika at 528-0391 or [erikal@lrccs.org](mailto:erikal@lrccs.org)

*Stress is common in all of our lives.*

While we can't get away from it, we can manage it differently. In this 4-week series, Mindfulness & Stress Management Coach Shanti Douglas ([slimbsholistichealth.com](http://slimbsholistichealth.com)) will provide a variety of tools we can use to change our lives, one step at a time. We'll learn how to reduce the physiological impact of stress and slow the busy mind. We'll retrain the brain and use the power of our mind to promote healthy change. As we'll be building on each consecutive session, consistent attendance is important.



## Laconia Area Community Land Trust *Building Neighborhoods, Changing Lives*

658 Union Avenue  
Laconia, NH 03246  
Phone: (603) 524-0747  
Fax: (603) 527-2514

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### Free First-time Homebuyer Seminar Offered by LACLCT and Northway Bank

On March 22, would-be homeowners can learn everything they need to know about buying a home in a full-day seminar offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLCT), a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, and sponsored by Northway Bank. So far, 287 first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLCT's program, representing nearly \$43 million in local home purchases.

The seminar, to be held at the Community Room at the Laconia Police Department at 126 New Salem St., takes place on Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Topics include: Credit and Budgeting, Qualifying for a Mortgage, Working with a Realtor®, The Home Inspection Process and The Closing Process.

The First-time Homebuyer Seminar is free and open to the public; advance registration is required, and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Register by calling Debra Drake, LACLCT's Homeownership Director at 524-0747 or email [ddrake@lact.org](mailto:ddrake@lact.org). LACLCT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at [www.lact.org](http://www.lact.org).



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



Don't forget that  
Daylight Savings Time  
begins this weekend at  
2:00 am on Sunday,  
March 9th! Set your clocks  
**AHEAD** one hour!

**FREE** tax preparation at  
Laconia Senior Center  
offered by A.A.R.P. every  
Thursday in March. Call  
524-7689 for an  
appointment!

*free*  
**tax**  
Preparation

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

*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](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 Baumel</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>	

### **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: <a href="mailto:citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us">citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us</a>	

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