



Laconia Links

March 15, 2013 - Edition #75

Jewett Brook at Tardif Park



Laconia Fire Department

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



A SAFETY WARNING FROM THE LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ALL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN:

March is here and with it comes the warmer temperatures. The ice on the lakes will now start to soften quickly. As the snow melts the ice breaks down even quicker. Spring ice is filled with air pockets and void spaces. Remember, it may look safe but one wrong step and you can be in the cold icy water.

PLEASE STAY OFF THE ICE !!

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!



U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Laconia!

DATE: **March 20, 2013**
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200A
45 Beacon Street East
Laconia, NH

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us for questions or additional information.

Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department....

There are some upcoming deadlines to be aware of....the following exemptions/credits must have an application in by 4/15/2013:

- Veterans Credits
- Elderly Exemptions
- Blind Exemptions
- Charitable forms A-9
- Current Use Applications

For properties already receiving or applying for a charitable exemption, the Charitable-Financial Form A-12, is due 6/1/2013.



Save
The Date!

Mark your calendars and
bring the family to
BOW WOW FEST 2013

Be sure to come early for fun events and
the pet blessing – more details to follow!

Woof!

**Saturday, May 4th @ WOW Trail – Elm
Street Entrance – Lakeport Square**

Spring Begins on Wednesday, March 20th!

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!*

Meeting
in
Progress

Zoning Board of Adjustment

March 18, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Parks and Recreation Comm.

March 18, 2013, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Conservation Commission

March 20, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

March 21, 2013, 3:00 pm
Community Room, Laconia PD



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Poison Prevention: Use it Right, Close it Tight, Out of Sight



According to Safe Kids USA each year more than 60,000 children are treated in emergency departments due to accidental medication poisoning. That's about 165 kids – or roughly four school busloads of children – per day. Things that are convenient for grownups, like keeping vitamins by the sink, can be deadly if your child can get to them too. Keeping potentially dangerous substances out of little hands is a sure way to prevent unintentional poisoning. Below are resources to help you keep your kids safe.

Store potentially poisonous household products and medications locked out of your child's sight and reach.

- Read labels to find out what is poisonous. Unsafe household products include toilet cleaners, bleach, oven cleaners and dishwasher products. Other potential hazards include medicines, makeup, plants, toys, pesticides, art supplies and alcohol.
- Never leave poisonous products unattended while in use. Many incidents happen when adults are distracted for a moment on the phone or at the door.
- Do not mix cleaning products.
- Buy child-resistant packages when available.
- Keep products in their original packages to avoid confusion.
- Use child safety locks on cabinets where you have stored poisonous items.

Learn the toll-free nationwide poison control center number (1-800-222-1222) or keep it near every phone.

- If you suspect your child has been poisoned, take the product to the phone and call 1-800-222-1222. If your child has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911.
- Poison control centers offer fast, free, confidential help in English and Spanish. Most poisonings are resolved over the phone. The number works from anywhere in the United States 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Follow the operator's instructions.
- Do not make the child vomit or give him anything unless directed.



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Local Author Lisa Hasler will read excerpts from *Bridget: The Adventures of an English Shepherd Puppy* on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 PM on the upper level of the Library.

Bridget is the story of a puppy's busy first year on a little farm in New Hampshire. The book is chock-full of traveling, hiking, backcountry skiing, training and socializing adventures. Copies of the book will be available for sale.



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

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PRESENTS
Dr. Ronan Tynan
From The Famous "IRISH TENORS"



Reminders!

"A Tenor as Irish as Baseball and God Bless America...
Dr. Tynan's voice is very easy to listen to,
effortlessly singing top notes.
He Has tremendous command of his repertoire...."
New York Times

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
FREE ADMISSION
FIRST COME FIRST SEATED
www.ronantynan.net
<http://www.city.laconia.nh.us>


**Red & Lorraine Gallagher to
bring music to Taylor Community**



Please join us at the Taylor Community on Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. to enjoy a mixture of old and new popular tunes performed by The Gallaghers.

The event will be held at Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia.

The event is free and open to the public. Please pre-register by calling 524-5600 as seating is limited and musical performances usually attract a capacity crowd.

The City Council needs your help...



At their March 11, 2013 meeting the City Council considered several options to increase recycling in the community and reduce costs in the upcoming budget. As a result of that discussion, the following two options will be considered, and possible action taken, at the April 8, 2013 City Council meeting:

OPTION #3 (25% Recycling):

- Weekly collection of trash and mandatory recycling. Trash will not be picked up if there is no recycling container. Trash collection is limited to one 30-40 gal. container; additional containers will require a sticker.
- Value of diverting recyclables out of solid waste stream is \$247,000.
- Cost of recycling contract is \$130,000.
- Net savings to the taxpayer is \$117,000.
- Lost opportunity dollars by not voluntarily recycling at a 30% level is \$39,000 annually.
- Add'l revenue from sticker purchases @\$2/ea. is estimated at \$10,000-\$15,000.
- An additional pickup to provide weekly recycling could be factored in @\$90,000 annually.

OPTION #4 (30+% Recycling):

- Pay-As-You-Throw with current recycling of every-other-week.
- Value of diverting recyclables out of solid waste stream is \$286,000.
- Cost of the recycling contract is \$130,000.
- Net savings to the taxpayer is \$156,000.
- The cost of picking up a reduced amount of curbside trash would be \$567,000.
- 378,000 PAYT bags would need to be sold @\$1.75 each, generating \$661,500 in revenue which would cover the cost to the City of bag purchases and pickup/hauling/disposal of curbside trash.
- \$567,000 would be reduced from the Solid Waste budget.
- An additional pickup to provide weekly recycling could be factored in @\$90,000 annually.

The table below provides a 10 year look at the cumulative savings the City could realize under the two options above. It assumes that the cost of trash removal/disposal increases 2% annually.

	2013 Savings	2014 Savings	2015 Savings	2016 Savings	2017 Savings	2018 Savings	2019 Savings	2020 Savings	2021 Savings	2022 Savings	Ten Year Savings
25 percent recycling rate	11,7000	119,340	121,727	124,161	126,645	129,177	131,761	134,396	137,084	139,826	\$1,281,117
30 percent recycling rate	156,000	159,120	162,302	165,548	168,859	172,237	175,681	179,195	182,779	186,434	\$1,708,155

The City Council is seeking your input on this important issue; please mark your calendar to attend the April 8th meeting, or feel free to contact your Councilor (or Mayor Seymour):

Mayor Michael Seymour - 524-6552
 Ward 1 - Ava Doyle - 393-6533
 Ward 2 - Matthew Lahey - 524-4283
 Ward 3 - Henry Lipman - 528-0191

Ward 4 - Brenda Baer - 524-6349
 Ward 5 - Robert Hamel - 524-6360
 Ward 6 - Armand Bolduc - 524-2514
 Council email: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us



**WOW Trail / Laconia Main Street
Initiative Presentation:
*Capturing the Economic Potential
of Rail Trails***

Please click [here](#) to view the 2012
WOW Trail Community Survey

The WOW Trail and the Laconia Main Street Initiative will be offering a special presentation, *Capturing the Economic Potential of Rail Trails*, on Tuesday March 19th, 2013. The program will be presented by Carl Knoch of the Rails to Trails Conservancy at Pitman's Freight Room, 94 New Salem Street, Laconia at 7 pm.

Planning and construction of several rail trails is currently underway in a number of Lakes Region towns: Bristol, Franklin, Northfield, Tilton, Belmont, Laconia and Wolfeboro. In addition, the 60 mile-long Northern Rail Trail was just named to the Rails to Trails Conservancy's Top 100 Rail Trails in the United States. Rail trails add to the quality of life of local residents and can add to downtown foot traffic, but they are also an attraction for new visitors and a new type of year-round tourism.

In this program Mr. Knoch will explain the types and levels of economic activity related to recreational trail tourism, how it varies with length of trail, and methods of attracting, welcoming and enticing trail users into the community based upon the successful Trail Town Program in Pennsylvania (www.trailtowns.org). Carl Knoch has nearly 30 years of professional experience in marketing and marketing research. In 2009, he was inducted into the Keystone Society for Tourism in recognition of his efforts to promote trails and tourism destinations. He also serves as a volunteer director for the York County Rail Trail Authority. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Business-owners, decision-makers and trail supporters are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Please RSVP to Diane Hanley at info@wowtrail.org or call 524-7821.



Laconia Police Department

Captain Clary and Sergeant Roy recently participated in the Special Olympics New Hampshire's 37th Annual State Winter Games.

All the fun, drama, and thrill of competition happened at Waterville Valley Resort, and brought together more than 360 athletes in the sports of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboarding and Snowshoeing.

Pictured (left) are: Sergeant Scott Roy with three medal winners in the Snowshoeing competition.



[Link to
Laconia
PD here](#)



Laconia Area Community Land Trust

Building Neighborhoods, Changing Lives

Got a Home? Keep Your Home!



The Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) offers a free post-purchase workshop for homeowners, sponsored by the Bank of New Hampshire.

On Saturday, March 23 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM at the Laconia Police Department, Community Room (New Salem Street in Laconia), you're invited to celebrate your investment and learn how to keep it in top condition.

Whether you purchased your home six months or 20 years ago, you will benefit from these topics:

- New home/new budget: the importance of good credit, tax deductions, Schedule A, emergency savings, unforeseen events, reducing expenses
- Energy savings – behavioral economics (looking at habits and where we can save money): Healthy Homes (radon, lead paint, molds, pests, asbestos), phantom energy use, going green (homemade all-natural recipes), recycling, weatherization
- Maintenance and preventive scheduling (a look at all seasons): the cost of lack of maintenance
- Homeowners' insurance (understanding actual vs. replacement insurance): please bring the declaration page of your own policy as we explore applicable discounts
- Safety: radon, fire extinguishers, child safety, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, furnace exhausts, emergency preparedness, evacuation plan, hazardous waste
- Lenders: equity lending, refinancing, scams
- Home maintenance: innovative products, presentations on do-it-yourself home repairs, renovations and maintenance, basic tools, improvements, when to hire professionals
- Record-keeping – home inventory, shredding, storage
- Community engagement and involvement: curb appeal, pride of ownership, conflict resolution, feeling safe and welcome in your neighborhood, meeting your neighbors

Plus, Prizes! Lunch and snacks are also provided, in addition to a free book, "Keeping the American Dream."

Space is limited, so please call to pre-register as soon as possible by calling Debra Drake, Homeownership Director of LACLT at 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@lact.org. Advance registration is required.

Laconia Area Community Land Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a member of NeighborWorks® America, and is supported in part by membership donations and the Lakes Region United Way. Its mission is to assist low and moderate income families achieve economic self-sufficiency through the development of permanently affordable housing opportunities and associated support programs.

For more information about LACLT and its programs, call 524-0747, or visit www.lact.org



*Habitat for Humanity
Cupcakes for a Cause!*



This delicious fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 16th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the historic Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia when 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! Bakeries with a store front will have tickets available to sell 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!

All proceeds from the event will be used on Lakes Region Habitat's next building project in Franklin this spring for the Sobalsi family! Please visit the Lakes Region Habitat website at www.lrhhabitat.org or follow us on Facebook!

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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
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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**

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 & 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 & 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 & 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>	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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