



Laconia Links

March 20, 2015 - Edition #177



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Today really is the first day of Spring...we promise!



Over 100 dippers plunged into the icy waters of Lake Winnepesaukee during the 2015 "Winni Dip". Disney themed dippers, including Team Laconia PD dressed as characters from the Toy Story, raised over \$84,000 in support of New Hampshire Special Olympics. Team LPD, Chief Adams, Sergeant Finogle, Officer Marquis, Officer Legere, Detective Carsen, Officer Bassett, Officer Tucker, Officer Schilling, Officer Moynihan, and Deputy Batstone raised over \$4,000.

Pictured from left to right: Chief Adams, Officer Bassett, Sergeant Finogle, and Deputy Batstone, preparing to take the plunge.

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!



Drive by the Fire Station on North Main St. to see the progress underway on the renovation/addition! Shown above is a photo of the foundation going in.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

What's New in our Adult Section!

- Wolf Winter/Cecilia Ekback
- The Nightingale/Kristin Hannah
- Funny Girl/Nick Hornby
- Breaking Creed/Alex Kava
- Motive/Jonathan Kellerman
- No Unfortunate Son/Brad Taylor
- Prudence/David Treuer
- A Spool of Blue Thread/Anne Tyler
- The Jaguar's Children/Joan Vaillant



Snap Circuits

Friday, March 27th at
4:00 pm in the Selig
Storytime Room!

Kids ages 8-12 will create working circuit boards just like the ones found inside televisions, radios and other electronic devices. Your child will get a hands-on education in how electrical circuits work to run the everyday devices they're familiar with!

CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER

Mark your calendar to attend "An Evening with Kevin Flynn and Rebecca Lavoie - March 26th at 6:30 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall as these true crime authors talk about the stories behind their books, writing together as a couple and why "true crime" is becoming the fastest growing genre.

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!*

Minor Site Plan Committee

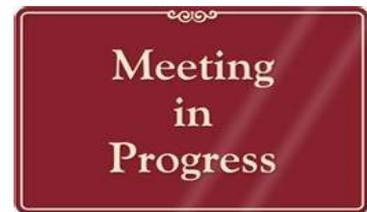
March 25, 2015, 2:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commission

March 26, 2015, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conf. Room, 117 Stark St.

Board of Assessors

March 26, 2015, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B



City Council Govt. Operations & Ordinance Committee

March 23, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council

March 23, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

City Council Finance Comm.

March 23, 2015 (at conclusion of regular Council meeting, above)
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. II

March 25, 2015, 10:00 am
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

03/23	03/24	03/25	03/26	03/27
	<p>Girls on the Run starts 3:30-5pm - ESS</p> <p>Huot Open House 3-6pm</p>		<p>PSS Grade 2 Music Show 6:30 pm</p>	

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL CONTINUES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING

PSS held another Taste Test Tuesday. 175 students had an opportunity to try fresh Mango. 164 students liked the Mango while 11 students did not. The students hope to have Mango on the menu at PSS in the near future.



BUILDING TRADES ACCEPTING PROJECTS

The Huot Technical Center Building Construction program is seeking inquiries and applications for 2015-2016 school year projects. In an attempt to provide hands-on experiences for students, the program is forming project schedules that best address the NH State Competencies for Building Construction.

Projects that will be considered for the 2015-2016 school year include, but are not limited to: custom sheds, wood-frame structures and outbuildings, windows and doors, light concrete, interior finish: drywall, trim, etc., picnic tables, decks, asphalt roofing, and siding.

To apply for a potential project to be completed by the Huot Technical Center's Building Construction program for the 2015-2016 school year, download application [here](#) or email Matt Towle at mtowle@laconiaschools.org for more information.

A TRIP TO INDIA FOR ELM STREET SCHOOL STUDENTS

Elm Street School's Project EXTRA staff member Megan Hoyt and high school student assistant, Elizabeth Davis, lead the *World Explorers* class. Students learned about India and researched what India's flag looks like and what type of art and music originates from India. Students recently made their own Rangoli. Rangoli are floor paintings that are created by using colored sand, marble dust, saw dust, brick dust or other materials. ESS students used foam stickers, paper and chalk. Next, they will be discussing the food from India and how it compares to food from America.



READY!

FOR KINDERGARTEN APRIL 9th SIGN UP UNDERWAY

Register by calling Kaitlyn at 524-5710 or online [here](#). Register early as enrollment is on a "first come, first served" basis. Ready for K! is a joint initiative of the Laconia School District & LRCS Family Resource Center of Central NH, in partnership with Granite United Way.

FREE

class for Laconia parents of children birth to age five, learn games to share with your child

FREE

toys and games

FREE

childcare

Where: Woodland Heights School
When: April 9, 2015
Time: 5:30-7:30*

*First time attendees need to arrive by 5:30pm to receive a READY! notebook, bag, and orientation. All returning guests need to arrive by 6:00 pm.

Register by calling Kaitlyn at the Laconia School District at 524-5710 or online at www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia
Register early as enrollment is on a "first come, first served" basis!
Returning parents please re-register each season.

READY!
for Kindergarten

Follow us on **twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

Laconia Fire Department



Laconia Firefighters conduct a training exercise at Lake Opechee last week. The drill used a new inflatable rescue raft that was purchased in February. The raft was funded from donations to the Life Saving Fund. The raft makes the transition from open water to ice much easier and much safer for the firefighters. Less energy is exerted getting to the victim.

NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

April Registration Renewal Notices were mailed on March 11, 2015.

In order to make sure you receive your motor vehicle renewal in a timely manner, please mail back by Wednesday, April 22, 2015.



Visit our website www.city.laconia.nh.us to pay online. Just click the Online Payments tab.



**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

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



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

Mark your calendars
and bring the family to
BOW WOW FEST 2015!

Be sure to come early for fun
events and the pet blessing –
special canine guests -
details to follow!

**Saturday, May 2nd @ WOW
Trail – Elm Street Entrance –
Lakeport Square**



Kiwi

Woof!

Click [here](#) for
Registration



Registration for 2015 Season

On-line registration is now activated and Laconia Lacrosse Club will have one final paper registration prior to the season starting.

March 22nd 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lacrosse Sign-Ups:

- At Laconia Police Dept. Community Room

**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

You do not have to be from Laconia to play for the Laconia Lacrosse Club!!!



Reminder!

**The next recycling
collection week
begins Monday,
March 23rd**



Snow may still be on the ground, but spring has arrived! Yard waste and leaves will be picked up curbside the weeks of April 27-May 1 and May 11-May 15.

More details will follow, but please take this opportunity to mark your calendars!



NOTICE



City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump

The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **April 1, 2015** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Materials accepted are as follows:

- Clean Wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- Branches of Trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length)

NOTE: Leaves are **NOT** accepted.

REMINDER - Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required

Lakes Region Community College
invites you to

Join us for *A Chef's Table*



Come enjoy a night of fine dining and wine featuring:

- Chef Pat Hall, LRCC Culinary Arts Program Coordinator
- Scott Jones, Executive Chef, [Concord Food Co-op](#)
- Allen Zick, Executive Chef, [Common Man](#) family of restaurants
- Nicole Barreira, Head Chef, [T-BONES and Cactus Jack's](#)

Each dish of this five-course meal will be paired with wine samplers provided by the [Hermit Woods Winery](#).

Tickets are \$75 per person. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets today!
All proceeds to benefit the LRCC Student Scholarship Fund.

Friday
March 27, 2015
From 6pm to 9pm

LRCC Academic Commons
379 Belmont Road
Laconia, NH 03246

[Buy Tickets!](#)

Channel 26!



Did you know that Laconia City Council and Planning Board meetings are now broadcast live on Channel 26? Check our list of meetings each week and tune in to Channel 26 to see live broadcasts of your government at work! Meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 25 as follows: City Council, Tuesdays at 6 pm and Wednesdays at 5 am. Planning Board (beginning in April) on Saturdays at 6 pm. Check future issues of the newsletter for additional information!

And when meetings are not being broadcast, be sure to check out our "Bulletin Board" on Channel 26 for scrolling City related events and information we hope will be helpful to our residents.



Main St. Bridge Project



Phase 4 of the Main Street Bridge Project is underway! Please see the next page of this newsletter for a link to updated information on its progress.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for everyone's patience and courtesy as we work to improve the community.

Downtown businesses will continue to be open for business during this process and we encourage you to visit and support them!





THOUGHTFAUCET

HOW TO IMPACT CHANGE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

MEET THE PANEL



Chase Hagaman
NE Regional Dir.
The Concord
Coalition



Ed Engler
Mayor
City of Lacona



Moderator
Kate Bishop Hamel
Community Matters
Gifford Library Trustee



Rebecca Perkins
Founding Member
603 Initiative



Scott Myers
Manager
City of Lacona

This interactive session will leave you with all the information, contacts, and know-how you need to interact with local government and impact change in your community! Though located in Lacona, our panelists have experience across the state so this discussion will be applicable to all areas of NH.

PLEASE RSVP BY RESERVING YOUR FREE TICKET THROUGH EVENTBRITE

THE COMMONS AT LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 379 BELMONT RD. LACONIA, NH 03246

www.FusionNH.org



TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST
5:00PM

5:00 pm: Networking Social Hour with light appetizers by Fratello's Lacona

6:00 pm: A panel discussion about what's going on in local government, opportunities to interact, and why it's important to have your voice heard!

Main Street Bridge Construction



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

Spring is here, and work on the Main Street Bridge project has resumed!

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).

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

Thank you for your patience!

The Lacona 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

Lacona'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!)



Don't Forget To Bring Your Own Basket!



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Lacona • New Hampshire

WISH LIST

YOU can help the animals of the NH Humane Society by donating items from our wish list.

- Gift Cards
- Paper Towels
- Non-Clumping Litter
- Latex Gloves - Large



Click [here](#) for details and more wishes!

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



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



Could you use some help with a computer issue or are you not sure how to set up your e-mail, etc.? One-on-one help is now available at the Laconia Senior Center! It's free, so call us at 524-7689 to book a time to learn something new or just brush up on your skills.

*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

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 - Hilary Young</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. (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>	

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: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us	

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us