



Laconia Links

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Thin ice on Paugus Bay



**Executive Councilor
Raymond S. Burton
Office Hours
in Laconia!**

Executive Councilor Raymond Burton will be holding "Office Hours" in Laconia to answer questions and listen to residents' concerns. Please join him on:

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Time: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: City Hall, Room 200B

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

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Fantastic Fungi I Have Loved and Known



On Thursday, March 22nd @ 7pm in Laconia Rotary Hall the Library will host experienced mycologist Rick Van de Poll who will present a colorful photographic tour of the fantastic and infamous

fungi of the Lakes Region. He will discuss how to separate the edible from the poisonous, the common from the rare, and how to prepare mushrooms for winter consumption long after they have retreated underground. The lecture and slide presentation will provide the beginner and the practiced amateur with fun-filled facts about our most mysterious kingdom of organisms on the planet!

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!

Teen Weird Science



Tuesday, March 27 @3:30 pm for teens in grades 6-12 in Laconia Rotary Hall. Come discover your inner mad scientist with wacky experiments guaranteed to knock your socks off! Based on Steve Spangler's book, *Fire Bubbles and Exploding Toothpaste*.

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

Click [here](#) for
Public Works
website

Department of Public Works



SPRING LEAF PICKUP

During the Weeks of
April 23rd
&
May 7th

**CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICKUP AN
ADDITIONAL 10 BAGS DURING THESE 2
WEEKS
(On your normal trash day)**

**All materials MUST be placed in PAPER
COMPOST BAGS.**

**Please note that yard waste will be
collected by a separate truck, NOT the
normal trash collection truck.**



LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 5 and 12, 2012
8 AM to NOON

**FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER
STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD.**

**LACONIA RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY
NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.**

Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

**ACCEPTABLE: APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS,
FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, PAPER
BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES
(limit 6 tires per customer). NOT ACCEPTABLE: AUTO
TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES,
BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR
SOLVENTS.**

**Electronic waste WILL NOT be accepted free of charge at this event. If
you bring in e-waste, there will be a fee for its disposal.**



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia
PD here](#)



On the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, members of New Hampshire's law enforcement community will be jumping or "dipping" into the state's largest lake, all for a good cause. The 4th Annual Winni Dip is a fundraising event of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics New Hampshire. Each dipper will raise a minimum of \$250 to participate.

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, April 1st, 12 noon, at the Margate Resort in Laconia** and is open to anyone wishing to raise money in support of Special Olympics New Hampshire.

Leading the Disco themed 2012 Winni Dip will be New Hampshire's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Michael Delaney. In addition to the Attorney General, several Chiefs of Police from throughout the state and "Team LPD" will "Grin and Brr it" for Special Olympics.

Please come and support Chief Christopher Adams, former Chief Michael Moyer, Sergeant Gary Hubbard, Officer Ben Black and Detective Robert Cameron as they take the plunge for Special Olympics New Hampshire. If you would like to sponsor one of the team members, please contact Chief Adams at cadams@laconiapd.org or 603-524-5257 ext. 224.



The WOW Trail is Open!!

Please click www.wowtrail.com
for more information



It's a sure sign of spring.....the gates on the WOW Trail were opened on March 13th! Although the Trail stays open year round, the gates are closed when there is snow and ice on the trail. Celebrate New Hampshire's long-awaited warmer weather with a walk on the WOW Trail.

The WOW Trail is a 4-season trail that is open to non-motorized uses such as walking, running/jogging, bicycle riding (and cross country skiing during the winter months). Phase 1 was completed in the Spring of 2010, and planning for Phases 2 and 3 are underway.

Phase 1 begins adjacent to the Lake Opechee Inn & Spa in Lakeport and ends downtown at Main Street, adjacent to the Library. A portion of the first phase, located between Bisson Avenue and Lyford Street, is adjacent to Messer Street. In this area, the sidewalk was widened and bike lanes added to the roadway.



Be sure to check page six of the newsletter for info on
the upcoming 2nd Annual BOW WOW Fest!

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.

*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.

Parks & Rec. Commission

March 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Laconia Community Center
[Agenda](#)

Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

March 19, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Technical Rev. Comm. II

March 21, 2012, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

"Office Hours" - Rep. from Senator Ayotte's Office

March 21, 2012, 11am to 1pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commissioners

March 22, 2012, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room
117 Stark Street
[Agenda](#)

Updates from the Planning Office...



Former Lakes Region Facility

The former Lakes Region Facility is approximately 212 acres of land located on an elevational rise in the Southern end of Laconia, allowing for views of both Lake Opechee and Lake Winnisquam, and panoramic views of the nearby mountains. The property has approximately 2200 feet of road frontage on one of Laconia's arterial roadways on one side and abuts Ahearn Park, a 129 acre state-owned park with lake access on the other side.

There are multiple old buildings on the site, some of them dating back to when the facility was known as "Laconia's School for Feeble Minded Children".

The Laconia School was in existence for at nearly 90 years, opening in 1903 and closing in 1991. In 1991 the property was converted to a state prison. The prison was closed in June of 2009 as a cost saving measure for the state, and the property has been mothballed ever since.

At the Public Meeting on this parcel in December 2010, two consulting firms, Vita Nuova and SRA, presented a Reuse Assessment Report based on a pilot process they were developing for EPA. The full Vita Nuova/SRA report is on our website here: <http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/index.php/departments/planning-inside/Brownfields>. The City will be continuing work on the reuse ideas made that night. With funding from the NH Charitable Foundation, we have assembled a team of consultants headed by Roger Hawk of Hawk Planning in Concord, NH and a group of stakeholders who can give valuable input regarding proposed uses on the parcel such as development, real estate, funding, marketing, investment, job creation, and land use.

The City of Laconia's Visioning Session for the former Lakes Region Facility will be held on March 20th at 6pm at Laconia's brand new beautiful Middle School. We are hoping you can attend!

Assessing

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

There are some upcoming deadlines to be aware of....the following exemptions/credits must have an application in by 4/15/2012:

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 6/1/2012.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Laconia Parks & Recreation is very pleased to announce their brand new Face book page!

LIKE us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Laconia-Parks/327458093966991>. You will see photos, upcoming programs and our new brochure.

We also have a couple of videos with the Aerial Silk Dance Class for youth and adults. Check us out!





Laconia Fire Department

Link to Laconia Fire Dept. [here](#)

YOUTH AND FIRESETTING

Juvenile arson and youth-set fires cause over 300 deaths, 2,000 injuries, and cause \$300 million dollars in property damage annually. Arson is a serious crime, although the term “arson” is generally not applied to child fire setting. Arson is considered an intentionally committed crime and the majority of child-set fires, particularly those set by younger children, are started out of curiosity, not malice.

In a recent study, it was found that of all arson arrests 51% were under 18 years of age. Nearly one-third were under the age of 15, and 3% were under the age of 10. These juvenile fire setters are divided into three groups based on age and motivation:

- The first group is made up of children less than 7 years of age and most often are boys. This group has a “fire interest” or a natural curiosity about the physical properties of fire. These younger children, however, have a limited understanding of cause and effect and are at a high risk when engaging in fire “play”.
- The second group of juvenile fire setters has children with ages ranging from 7 to 11 or 12. This group is sometimes motivated by curiosity and experimentation, but also by a fascination associated with heightened emotional arousal. This group often sets fires as a result of underlying psychosocial conflicts and they will continue to set more fires and more frequently, until their issues are addressed and their needs are met.
- The final group is comprised of adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18. Their fire setting behavior is generally associated with social problems, boredom, anger, revenge and attention seeking. These fires are generally planned in advance and the setter will rarely make an attempt to extinguish it. This group of juveniles generally has a history of school failures and behavior problems. They are also easily influenced by their peers.

Juvenile fire setters may have 1 or more of the following characteristics:

- Generally male, possibly hyperactivity, ADD, ADHD
- Curiosity and lack of understanding fire’s danger
- Poor peer relationships, victim of bullying
- Recent change in family life, death, divorce
- Likely known to social services, prior delinquency, dysfunctional family
- Lack of parental involvement, parental alcoholism or drug abuse
- History of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse
- Bedwetting
- Lack of empathy, history of abusing animals
- The target is generally their own residence



When children engage in fire setting or use fire in ways that are harmful or dangerous, problems will occur. Whether through education or a mental health evaluation, seek appropriate help BEFORE the problems occur. Punishment and discipline does not work without the support and guidance of a professional. Fire setting behavior will not stop without intervention. Your local fire department may be the best point of contact if you have a child who is misusing fire; they can refer you to professionals who have experience with juvenile fire setters. ALL fires set by juveniles need to be taken seriously.

Here at the Laconia Fire Department, we pride ourselves on prevention and partnerships with the local community mental health center to respond to the needs of our community.



WOW Trail



Presents

Laconia's 2nd Annual Pooch Parade BOW WOW FEST 2012

Saturday, May 5, 2012

WOW Trail - Elm Street Entrance - Lakeport Square

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Registration - Vendor Visits
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Best Costume Contest
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Parade
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Talent Contest - Awards

This event is free. However, donations to WOW Trail and/or LPD Canine Unit will be gladly accepted. Commemorative t-shirts available at event for minimum \$5 donation to WOW Trail. Please register in advance. Registration forms found at www.wowtrail.org and emailed to info@wowtrail.org or mailed to **Wow Trail, Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, 383 S. Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246**. For additional questions contact Claire Hebert at Melcher & Prescott Insurance, 524-4535, or email chebert@melcher-prescott.com.

Registration Information	
Walker's Name	
Street Address/City/ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Dog's Name/Breed of Dog	
Business Name (if applicable)	

In consideration of my participation in the BOW-WOW Fest, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and administrators, assume any and all risks that might be associated with this event. I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages that I may have against the organizers and any others connected with this event, their representatives or their successor's for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me or my animals and I agree to permit the free use of my name and/or picture in any broadcast, telecast, or other account of the event.

Signature: _____

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contest Registration (Check Here)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Costume Contest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Talent Contest

REMINDER

BOW WOW 2 – SATURDAY, MAY 5TH – LAKE OPECHEE INN PARKING LOT, LAKEPORT	
REGISTRATION BEGINS - 8:00 am	BEST COSTUME CONTEST - 8:45 am
PARADE - 9:15 am	TALENT CONTEST - 10:15 am

Safety Reminders: Dogs must be on a leash and up to date with their rabies vaccine. No Flex Leashes please.
 Dress for the weather. This is a rain or shine event.
 Please bring proper equipment to clean up after your pet. Thank you in advance!

Department of Public Works

City of Laconia COMPOST BIN SALE

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



ORDER FORM – MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE APRIL 2, 2012

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Earth Machine Compost Bin		\$52.00	

Make checks payable to the City of Laconia – return to Ann Saltmarsh, Laconia DPW,
27 Bisson Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246 (Phone #: 528-6379)

Earth Machine Composters are a \$100.00 value!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

(will call when received/2-4 weeks after 4-2-12) Compost bin order forms are also available at the following locations: Dept. of Public Works, Laconia Library, SAU Office, Parks & Rec. Community Ctr., and in City Hall at the City Clerk's Office, the City Manager's Office and the Planning Department.



Happy Spring!



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

*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 of Laconia

City's Website:

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LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



*Smith Track at Opechee Park
(North Main St.) is now open for use!*

The City's athletic fields are still quite wet and
are not yet open; please refrain from using these
fields until they have had a chance to dry out.

Stay tuned for further updates!



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

DATE: **March 21, 2012**

(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B
45 Beacon Street E., Laconia, NH

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