



*A Barred Owl seen recently in Laconia  
(Photo compliments of Dave Pratt)*

## Laconia Links

*April 1, 2016 - Edition #230*

# Laconia Parks & Recreation



## Did you know?

Laconia Parks & Recreation is responsible for over 56,000 square feet of plant beds. Some of these areas are Adopt-a-Spots (see [page eight](#) for more information on this program).

Our goal with the plant beds is to create and maintain a beautiful place outdoors. Our maintenance plan consists of designing, planting, watering, fertilizing, mulching, pruning, deadheading and the dreaded weeding of all of our plant beds. We practice Integrated Pest Management (avoiding the use of pesticides) and continuously monitor for pests (disease and insect) to reduce damage to our plants and to protect pollinators by using less chemicals.

Our beds are mainly perennial plants with some annuals mixed in. Because of this we want our beds to last so we need the soil to be healthy. We are committed to sustainability in our beds and believe that putting life back into the soil is paramount in developing natural growing systems.

**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!*



We also value the role pollinator plants play in our area. Without them, about 85% of plants would be unable to produce seeds or fruit.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor for an Adopt-a-Spot please call the Parks & Recreation office at 524-5046.



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

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



**Friday, April 8 @  
3:45 pm in  
Laconia Rotary Hall**

Snoopy embarks upon his greatest mission as he and his team take to the skies to pursue their arch-nemesis, while Snoopy's

best pal Charlie Brown begins his own epic quest back home to win the love of his life. Rated PG.

Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 yrs. or older. Admission is free.



### **Affordable and Exciting Travel: You can do it too!**

**Thursday, April 7 @  
6:30 pm,  
Laconia Rotary Hall**



Want to travel more but think you can't afford it? Want to learn about different cultures, perhaps help others in the process, or experience a short term, fun job in a new location? Learn about the great varieties of opportunities for travel that might include service learning, house swapping, walking, camping, volunteering and much more. Betsy Gemmecke will share tips and resources from her own travel experiences and those of others. This interactive, fun class will get you ready to be on the road again: by air, car, van, bike or your own two feet!

Betsy is an adventurer at heart. She has travelled inexpensively throughout the U.S. and Europe with her family and loves to share resources to help people explore new worlds. Admission is free.

## **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**

### **Planning Board**

April 5, 2016, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Licensing Board/Special Events Review Committee/ Motorcycle Technical Review Committee**

April 6, 2016, 12 noon  
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](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR  
ONLINE CALENDAR

## Laconia Schools' City-Wide Chess Tournament

Saturday April 2, 2016

MVSB Culinary Arts  
At the Huot Technical Center  
Starting at 9:00 am

Elm Street School	Pleasant Street School
Woodland Heights School	Holy Trinity School
Laconia Middle School	Laconia High School

### In Search of the Future Grandmaster!

Thanks to our sponsors for making this event possible:



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WAYFARER COFFEE ROASTERS  
LACONIA'S FIRST EST. 2015

## WOODLAND HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Congratulations WHS Academic Super Students and Behavior Wildcat Award recipients for the month of March!



## LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL

The Music Department recently participated in the NHMEA Large Group Festival at Bow High School. The Concert Choir performed "Ave Maria" by the Italian composer Giulio Caccini, an a capella selection, "There Is a Treasure" and the Carly Simon hit, "Let the River Run." They received accolades as well as a rating of excellence!

The Band performed three selections as well, a march "All-American Concert March", a ballad, "Air for Band" and a technically challenging selection, "Where the Eagles Soar".

These two groups, along with the Jazz Band and Marching Sachems will be competing at Walt Disney World this coming April vacation. They continue to have strong showings and make Laconia proud of their students.

Thank you to the many businesses, family, friends, alumni and supporters of the Music Department in helping these students grow as musicians and make their financial commitments to be able to perform and receive assessments in these opportunities. Good luck to all ensembles!





## WildQuest Spring Camp

At Prescott Farm

Monday - Friday, April 25-29, 2016; 9:00-3:00

\$47/\$235 (per day/week) or \$37/\$185 for Members  
For children ages 6-12. Extended care is available.

Spring is here—time for mud, new green shoots, and salamanders. There are so many changes happening this time of year—what an exciting time to get outside and explore our gardens and woods!

Depending on the weather, the week will be a mix of:

- Gardening projects
- Cooking projects
- Woods Time!
- Playing "Hungry Forest" (a predator-prey game)
- Epic off-trail hiking adventures
- Ponding & exploring vernal pools

Click [here](#) for Registration Form!



Please bring your mud boots, backpack, water bottle and a change of clothes!

### NEW! Kids' Long Sleeve T-shirt

Moss green with Prescott Farm logo across the chest  
Please see reverse for ordering information...



Member of:  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CAMP DIRECTORS  
ASSOCIATION

Licensed by:  
New Hampshire  
Department of  
Environmental  
Services

You can register by the day or for the full week.

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATIONS, DEPOSIT AND PAPERWORK MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 18 OR A \$25 LAST-MINUTE REGISTRATION FEE WILL APPLY!\* See Policies on pg. 3-4.

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# Assessing

We are in the process of verifying data on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). Our field personnel are in the Gilford Avenue area of the City (including side streets).

Also, we will be in the northeast area of Elm Street, including the Anthony Drive and Leigh Court areas. Post cards are being mailed in advance of our visit.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

[Click](#) for Assessing Department or call 527-1268



# Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday April 4, 2016!



Looking for gently used children's clothing toys and furniture at an affordable price?



## LRGH Nursery Guild's Annual Spring Children's Boutique Saturday, April 9

9am - 2:30pm at the Laconia Community Center

Donations/Consignments of gently used Spring & Summer children's clothing (NB-size 16) toys, books and children's furniture.

**We are unable to accept car seats, cribs and stuffed animals.**

Donations/Consignments accepted at the Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue

Wednesday, April 6 • 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday, April 7 • 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's services and organizations in the Lakes Region communities. LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

For more information contact us at: 524-3211 x3018 or nurseryguild@lrgh.org

# Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 10-16, 2016

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM™

#NLW16  
#LibrariesTransform

Honorary Chair  
Gene Loon Tong



# City Manager Updates

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects proposed for 2016 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

*We hope you find this report helpful and informative!*



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



## City of Laconia Spring Leaf Pickup!

During the weeks of May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City's solid waste contractor (Casella Waste) will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves/yard waste during these 2 weeks – on your normal trash day. Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck **NOT** the normal trash collection truck.

All materials must be placed in paper compostable bags. Please place bagged yard waste at least 3 feet away from your trash.

Laconia residents may also bring leaves/yard waste to the composting area at the Laconia Transfer Station FREE of charge. Hours of operation are: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for:



**What:** DINNER-spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, parmesan cheese, garlic bread, soda or water, and a cookie

**When:** Friday April 8, 2016

**Where:** Laconia High School Cafeteria

**Why:** To help the four students from LHS that made team east (Keith Schultz, Brycen Martin, Kyle Chiasson, and Brenden Mooney) raise money for Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 for adults

\$5 for children under 10 and seniors over 62

Free for children 2 and under

These four young men will also be selling game day tickets at this event for \$10 each (or you can order online). The game is on Saturday June 25, 2016 at the Saint Anselm College (Grappone Stadium) in Manchester NH.

# LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SPELLING BEE APRIL 7th

**To compete:** Create a team of 4, one member from each class.

**1 Freshman, 1 Sophomore, 1 Junior, 1 Senior**

The price of admission is just **A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER OR JELLY.**

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS LACONIA'S GOT LUNCH PROGRAM.**

**T-SHIRTS  
PRIZES**

**GOT LUNCH!**

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Laconia

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## Graton Covered Bridges



Arnold M. Graton Associates are the foremost authority on covered bridges in the country. They have built and restored more covered bridges than any other builder. Join us for a pictorial presentation on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

The company focuses its abilities on historic preservation and restoration of buildings, barns, museums, churches and all other historic structures. This presentation will share some of the incredible work done by Graton Associates.



## Have a ball and Eat at Patrick's to support LRGS!

### April 3-7 All Day Long – open 11:30 am–10 pm

Lakes Region Girls Softball Family & Friends - dine at Patrick's Pub anytime from April 3 to 7th and a portion of your meal expense will be donated to LRGS! Just mention that you are dining to support LRGS to the waitstaff and enjoy!

**During the 5-day period, your supporters can visit Patrick's any time during our normal business hours and simply let their server know they are there to support LRGS. For every person that comes out for lunch or dinner, Patrick's will donate back 25% of their food purchases to LRGS.**

Please note, for those supporters that are already a member of the Pub Club, they will have the choice of getting Pub Club points OR donating their points to your organization. They cannot receive points for both the Pub Club and LRGS

\*\* LRGS is the local youth softball league for girls ages 4-18 from Laconia, Belmont, and Canterbury. Look for our nearly 150 players playing on 14 teams in 4 divisions this season. Also watch for the exciting All-Star season where LRGS will be hosting both the District and State All-Star tournaments at Opechee Park this summer!!



**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!**





**THURS  
APRIL 14  
2016** You're Invited  
to Join Us for

**ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION**

LAKES REGION  
**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**  
*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*

**Thursday, April 14, 2016  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
**Carrie Cariello**  
*Exploring the Colorful World of Autism*  
**Beane Conference Center  
35 Blueberry Lane  
Laconia, NH 03246**

Please join us on April 14 to celebrate this year's accomplishments and to appreciate the Lakes Region community and LRCS' partners, supporters and employees!

**RSVP** by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Online at [www.LRCS16.eventbrite.com](http://www.LRCS16.eventbrite.com) or contact Judy Maguire at 581-1504 / [Judith.maguire@lrscs.org](mailto:Judith.maguire@lrscs.org).

**Annual Celebration Schedule:**

4:30 pm Reception, Music and Book Signing/Sales

5:00 Community & Longevity Awards

5:30 Program: LRCS video stories and Keynote Speaker **Carrie Cariello** Author of *What Color is Monday?* ([www.carriecariello.com](http://www.carriecariello.com))

6:15 Closing

**We hope to see you there!**



**Belknap Mill Volunteer Opportunities - Get Involved with a Winning Program**

On May 4th Laconia's Belknap Mill will start its 20<sup>th</sup> season of "My First Day of Work at the Mill", an interactive school program for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. By the time the program is over in early June more than 1,000 students from all over the state will have experienced their "favorite field trip". To make the progress a success, a large number of volunteers are needed.

Each day, except Thursday, nine individuals act as color-group leaders and/or role players. Color-group leaders help students don costumes, hand out time cards, and take them from one station to another. Role players engage the students at individual stations to learn about different aspects of working at the mill in 1918, when sock production was at a high. After touring the stations, the students work at a simulated assembly-line, break for lunch and gather again for a "wrap up". The energy level and interest by the students is infectious and makes for a very rewarding volunteer experience.

If you can give a morning or two per week during the program's 6 week span, the Belknap Mill has a volunteer spot for you. Not only will you feel the rewards of doing something important, you will also gain a better perspective of what life in Laconia was like almost a hundred years ago. Please contact Jennifer McLean at 524-8813 and sign up for our free training workshop on May 3rd which includes breakfast and lunch.

**For more information please contact** Jennifer McLean, Events & Program Coordinator, 524-8813, [programs@belknapmill.org](mailto:programs@belknapmill.org)



A poster for an antique appraisal event. The background features a framed portrait of a man in a suit, a typewriter, and an American flag. The text is overlaid in a yellow, serif font.

**Antique Appraisal Day**  
**Saturday, April 16, 1-4 p.m.**

**Laconia Antique Center**  
**601 Main Street**  
**Downtown Laconia**

**Appraisals \$5.00 per item**

**Benefit Laconia Historical & Museum Society**  
**Call (603) 524-1278 for more information.**

A photograph of a well-maintained park area. In the foreground, there is a large, vibrant flower bed with yellow, purple, and red flowers. A paved path leads through the park. In the background, there are green trees and a white building with a porch. The text is overlaid in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline.

**Are you interested in the**  
**City of Laconia's Adopt-A-Spot Program?**

Click [here](#)  
for details!

# Laconia Parks & Recreation

Laconia Parks & Recreation  
Spring/Summer  
Program Brochure 2016



Opechee Day Camp 2015 Archery Day

Spring is here and summer isn't far behind...get ready for some serious fun! Just click on the image above to see all of the programs and events the Parks and Rec Department has planned over the next few months.

## Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

**Laconia-Gilford Lions Club**

When: **Saturday, April 23**

Where: Lowe's Parking Lot

1407 Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



### What we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	Dehumidifier	\$10
CPU	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	Computer Monitor	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	TV <25"	\$20
Camcorder	\$5	TV >25"	\$30
VCR	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Audio Visual Equip	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Speaker	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Printer	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Copiers, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Freezer	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
UPS System	\$5		
Humidifier	\$5		
Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories	\$5 (Free if recycling something else)		

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted. Price will be determined at the time of drop off.

### What we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as florescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

**"Don't Throw It Out, Recycle It!"**

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

## LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

# Kindergarten Registration

APRIL 4 - APRIL 22, 2016

If you have a child 5 years of age by September 30, 2016  
it is time to register them for Kindergarten.

Registration Packets will be available **Monday, April 4, 2016** through **Friday, April 22, 2016** between **8:00 AM and 4:00 PM**. A copy of your Child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Records and most recent Physical Examination is required for Registration. Parents are asked to **call their neighborhood school to register and obtain a packet**. Packets can be picked up or mailed. Please call or email the schools with any questions or for further information regarding the registration. After April 22, 2016, please go to the SAU to Register.

Pleasant St. School      524-2168  
Elm St. School          524-4113  
Woodland Hts. School   524-8733

We're excited to help your child learn and grow in our schools!

*"Ensuring success for every student, every day, in every way"*

## Public Works Department

**PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM**

*Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*

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. 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. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

# April

## Is Alcohol Awareness Month

“LIKE” the [Partnership for a Drug Free NH](#) on Facebook ( a.k.a Check the Stats NH) and every day in the month of April, you’ll get a post that details a potential harm that can come from early alcohol use, and another that explains how you can help prevent it.

You can also follow PDFNH on Instagram at [DRUGFREENVH](#) and get the same messages, PLUS a message of encouragement every day that you can share with YOUR child."



Staff Sgt. Rick Frost, Certified Prevention Specialist NH National Guard Counterdrug Task Force working in partnership with the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services and NH's Community Based Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions



## “Conversations That Matter” April 2 at Taylor Community

No one ever wants to think about it, let alone talk about it. The reality is, we never know when something can or will happen to us – an accident, a heart attack, a fall with serious injury, or maybe a stroke that leaves us unable to tell the paramedics and Emergency Room staff what our wishes are in regard to life-sustaining treatment.

That’s why talking with loved ones about what we want, listening to each other’s thoughts and questions, and having conversations that matter is so important at every age.

Having these conversations and completing your Advanced Directives empowers you to receive exactly the treatment you desire.

Let us help. Join us Saturday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building and we’ll provide you with the information and tools on how to start and have those important conversations.

Information will also be provided on Advanced Directives, Physician’s Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment and Do Not Resuscitate orders.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information or questions, please call Hank Offinger at 366-1207, or Mary Ellen McCormack at 366-1442.

The choices are yours and only yours.

The details and exceptions of those choices are yours to make – but you have to talk about it.

## We hope you can join us!

## Spring Programs

at Prescott Farm



### Polliwogs Preschool Program

Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 & 8, 2016; 10:30-12:00  
\$10/adult-child pair (\$8 for Members) + \$3 per additional child  
A fun group for the littlest explorers amongst us! Join Miss Wendy and bring along your favorite grown-up to explore the forests, fields and gardens around Prescott Farm. Spring is a time for renewed energy, and these sessions are designed to keep children active and engaged.

May 4—Signs of Spring

May 11—Salamander Search

May 18—Green Thumb

May 25—Magnificent Trees

June 1—Winging It

June 8—Outside Art

Please see our website for descriptions of each program. Polliwogs will be offered rain or shine! If it is raining, we will have our activities in the barn.

See inside for more information on camp, walks & workshops!



Click [here](#) for more info!

Now enrolling for Fall 2016!

### Fledglings Preschool

For ages 3-5; 2-day, 3-day and 5-day options

At Fledglings, we are excited to offer your 3-5 year old a fully licensed educational program that will promote a developmentally appropriate foundation of skills while immersing them in the natural world and all it has to offer. Your child will enjoy exploring the wonders that nature provides in the surrounding fields and forests. Our hope is for your child to become a life-long learner and make meaningful connections to nature as they continue to increase their understanding of the world around them.

Join us for an Open House: April 14 or May 14  
For more information, please visit our website.

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## OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB

A growing tradition in the Lakes Region

### "BOOKS IN BLOOM" FLOWER SHOW AT GILFORD LIBRARY

Opechee Garden Club is pleased to present a springtime floral delight in the form of a new type of flower show from the club. For the past several years the Opechee Garden Club has presented "Art In Bloom", where a floral interpretation is based on the colors, forms, or the theme of a piece of artwork such as a sculpture, a painting, a drawing, some form of needlework or an antique. This year, Flower Show Chairmen Carmel Lancia and Linda Belcher have chosen to change the focus from artwork to "Books In Bloom". Thinking of a favorite, memorable book, club members will create floral designs based on the story, the illustrations, the book jacket, or the feeling the book brought to the reader that gives inspiration to the floral creation.

The floral designs and the books that inspired them will be on display throughout the Gilford Public Library, 31 Potter Hill Road, in the Village of Gilford, NH, for three days; Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 9 AM - 8 PM, Friday, April 8, 2016, from 9 AM - 6 PM, and on Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 10 AM - 2 PM. Opechee Garden Club is delighted to invite the public to visit this free presentation, and hope that all will enjoy the beauty, the creativity and the springtime fragrance of this Flower Show.

### OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB WELCOMES PHOTOGRAPHER, DIANE BEAMAN

Opechee Garden Club begins its 77th year on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, in Gilford, NH, with a Business Meeting, followed by a presentation by Guest Speaker, Diane Beaman, a Laconia photographer, specializing in flower and garden photography.



Diane's program, "The Art of Flower Photography" will focus on the elements of photographs: composition, lighting, background, focus, value and color, all of which help to capture the beauty you see in a floral landscape, a garden, a single flower, or a floral arrangement. She will discuss and illustrate how to use these elements to improve our photography whether we are using a sophisticated, or a simple camera. In Diane's opinion, "Nothing, however, substitutes for a trained eye, good lighting, or interesting composition at the time of the "click."

Favorite subjects for her photography, besides her family, have been found in her gardens which have been planted with an eye toward what would make a good picture. Diane's knowledge of the fundamentals of photography has impacted the way she creates her gardens. Her program will conclude with a montage of morning glory photos that Diane took, and then added musical accompaniment.

Refreshments will be served. Members and their guests are encouraged to arrive early, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m., to chat and mingle with friends before the Business Meeting begins.

Opechee Garden Club meets at 1:00 p.m., on the first Monday of most months, at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, in Gilford. New members are always welcome! Opechee Garden Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., the New England Region, and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

April Vacation... In a library right here in Laconia...The Force will be with you



Teens! Join us for a Star Wars Film Festival Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>! Films begin at 1:30 pm each day in Rotary Hall. Popcorn and drinks provided. Open to teens grades 6-12. Admission is free.

For more information about this or other teen programs, contact Teen Librarian Diane at 524-4775 ext. 12.

# News

From the  
City Clerk's Office



## *It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2016 Boat and Jet Ski Registration!*

Did you know you can process your boat and/or jet ski registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way. No waiting for your registration to get mailed back to you!



Get it done early and conveniently at the  
City Clerk's Office.  
We are open Monday through Friday from  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Please call  
the City Clerk's  
office at 527-1265.



**\*\*Please make checks payable to City of Laconia\*\* In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$6 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

Altrusa International of Laconia  
presents

# The 26th Annual Taste of the Lakes Region



Sunday April 3, 2016  
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Church Landing  
Meredith, NH

\$30.00 Per Person  
Cash Bar  
No one under 21 admitted

Spend the afternoon sampling specialties from  
these great area restaurants all to benefit  
Altrusa's community projects

Annie's Café & Catering + Camp + Canoe + Contigiani's Catering Service  
Ellucoya Barn & Grille + Faro Italian Grille + Fratello's Italian Grille  
Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Ristorante + Hart's Turkey Farm + Hector's Fine Food & Spirits  
Hermit Woods Winery + Holy Grail Food & Spirits + Homestead  
Hilltop Restaurant at Stelle Hill Resort + Lago + Lakehouse Grille + Lavinia's  
O Steaks & Seafood + Patrick's Pub & Eatery + Woodshed Roasting Co.

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# SOUPATHON

TO BENEFIT

HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE



FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 5-8PM

ST ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH HALL (BEHIND SACRED HEART  
CHURCH) GILFORD AVE LACONIA

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**INDOOR YARD SALE**

**Tardif Park Clubhouse**

**51 Crescent St. Laconia**

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9-2**

**ALL NEW ITEMS - proceeds from table  
rentals and bake sale to benefit Parkhouse  
upgrades!**

Interested in renting a table...space is limited...send an  
email to [tardifparkclubhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:tardifparkclubhouse@yahoo.com)



COOKING  
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# Families

A 6-week Cooking and Nutrition Series  
for Families with Children Ages 5 and up

- Learn basic cooking skills necessary to prepare healthy, low-cost meals.
- Develop healthy eating habits at home, at school, and when eating out.
- Prepare and share meals together!
- Families will receive a bag of groceries to re-create the meal at home.

WHEN

Mondays from 5:00-7:00pm  
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9

WHERE

Laconia Middle School

TO REGISTER CONTACT

Brenda Carey: 527-5475 or [brenda.carey@unh.edu](mailto:brenda.carey@unh.edu)

Income Guidelines Apply

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This is a FREE program!





**NH HUMANE SOCIETY**  
Laconia • New Hampshire

## Pet of the Week: Henrietta



Sometimes the unsteady and rocky lives of your human family means you come to New Hampshire Humane Society where over 1,000 creatures were adopted in 2015. That figure surely gives folks in the community some confidence knowing we will re-home a beloved family pet.

Enter the regal and haughty Henrietta, a gorgeous black and white short haired cat, yes, aged ten, but still exhibiting youthful good looks. We adopted her to a wonderful family over three years ago, sadly their circumstances changed and Henrietta was returned to us.

She resides comfortable and secure in the lobby watching with calm self-confidence over her new terrain. She is a personable cat...not quite a lap cat, but happy to be close to humans. We picture her assisting with the morning crossword puzzle over coffee, or watching the evening news at the end of the day with her new family, perhaps from the coziness of the best seat in the house.

Henrietta, Henri to her friends, is nonplused by dogs, would prefer a home with less, not more cats, and children really are for her personal amusement.

Come and visit her and see for yourself how cool, calm and collected looks from the feline point of view!

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

524-3252

[facebook.com/nhhumane](https://facebook.com/nhhumane)



### *Wherever Flames May Rage: The History of the Concord Fire Department*

Fire Historian and Author Gerald P. Bourgeois has authored the first-ever book detailing the history of the Concord Fire Department, entitled "Wherever Flames May Rage." He will share his historical research in a presentation on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

The book follows the development in the state's capitol from 1807, when the first hand-engine company was incorporated, through the steam engine era, beginning in 1862. It then continues to the motorized era beginning in 1913 and through today's operation.

Bourgeois was an educator for 40 years, retiring as an administrator at the New Hampshire Department of Education. He was also a firefighter/officer in a Westerly, R.I. fire company; a fire commissioner in Attleboro, Mass. and a call dispatcher in Plymouth. In 1971, he was accepted to membership in Boston's Box 52 Association. He compiled fire publications in the 1990's called "Red Pages of Firefighting," which detailed facts about departments in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. In 1995 The Leather Helmet Society of N.H. awarded Bourgeois its Outstanding Achievement Award for this publication. Today is he a Taylor Community resident.

LACONIA ROTARY CLUB'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

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**Drawing: June 19, 2016 - 4:00pm**  
Laconia Rotary Club booth, Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, NH  
For more information and results visit us at [www.laconiarotary.org](http://www.laconiarotary.org)

**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 20, 2016**  
**Time: 5:30-7:30\***

\*First time attendees need to arrive by 5:30p.m. to receive a READY! Notebook, bag, and orientation.  
All returning parents need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Register by calling Kaitlyn at the Laconia School  
District at 524-5710 or online at  
[www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia](http://www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia)

Register early as enrollment is on a "first come, first served"  
basis!

Returning parents-please re-register each season.



**WOW Trail**

Presents

Laconia's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pooch Parade

2016 BOW WOW FEST

For the NH Humane Society

Saturday, May 7, 2016

WOW Trail - Elm Street Entrance - Lakeport Square

8:45 - 10:00 a.m.  
10:05 a.m.  
10:15  
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.

Registration - Vendors - Surprise K-9 Guests  
Pet Blessing  
Parade/Costume Judging  
Prizes Awarded  
Wrap Up

Pre-registration for dog walkers only (deadline: April 29): \$10 with free tee-shirt; thereafter, \$10 & \$5 tee-shirt. Add'l tee-shirts, \$10 to benefit the NH Humane Society. All registration monies to benefit the NH Humane Society. Registration forms found at [www.wowtrail.org](http://www.wowtrail.org) (<http://www.nhhumane.org/>). Mail completed forms to: NH Humane Society PO Box 572 Laconia, NH 03247. Checks made out to: 2016 BOW WOW Fest for NH Humane Society. Additional questions/forms contact Molly King Lounsbury, NHHS, 524-3252 or Ann Saltmarsh, Laconia DPW, 528-6379, ext. 300.

**Laconia Housing Authority**  
 is accepting applications for  
**The Tavern Inn Apartments**  
 (The Stafford House)  
**Church Street, Laconia, NH**

The Tavern is centrally located in the Lakes Region within a few blocks of downtown Laconia shops, restaurants, pharmacies, a grocery store, and the Laconia Clinic. The property shares a corner with the local Post Office, Public Library, and Senior Center.

This accessible property features elevators and on-site laundry facilities. Heat, hot water and electricity are included in the rent.

On-site resident amenities – including housekeeping, prepared meals, laundry, and regional services coordination – are available.

Applicants must meet income guidelines and be **62 years of age or over** to qualify for admission.

Applications are available online at  
**www.LaconiaHousing.org**  
 or at 25 Union Avenue in Laconia



LHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap, national origin, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

25 Union Avenue, Laconia NH 03246 | www.LaconiaHousing.org  
 Ph: 603.524.2112 | Fax: 603.524.2290 | TDD: 800.735.2964



**CITY OF LACONIA**  
**HILLIARD ROAD**  
**BRUSH DUMP**



The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **Friday, April 1, 2016** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 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

Questions? Call Ann at 528-6379, Ext. 300



**Friendly Reminder!**

**Dogs are due to be licensed by April 30, 2016!**

Failure to register by April 30th is a violation of RSA 466:13 and subject to a Civil Forfeiture of no less than \$25 in fines and court fees plus any late fees.

Please come into the City Clerk's Office, or use our convenient on-line service (click [here](#)).

Fees are as follows for licensing:

Altered dog (or puppy under 7 mos. old)	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Senior (1st dog for owners over 65)	\$2.00
Replacement tag	\$1.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office at 527-1265





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



*Activities Committee*

The Laconia Senior Center  
Activities Committee meets on  
the first Tuesday of the month.  
Please consider joining us as we  
help design the schedules, fun,  
parties, etc. for our Center.  
New people and new ideas are  
always welcome!

Call the Senior Center at 524-7689 for  
additional information.

*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  
Assessor - Jon Duhamel
- City Clerk..... 527-1265  
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager ..... 527-1270  
City Manager - Scott Myers
- Code Enforcement..... 527-1293  
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Finance ..... 524-3877  
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing ..... 528-6331  
Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young
- Planning & Comm. Dev. .... 527-1264  
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Tax ..... 527-1269  
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen
- Welfare..... 527-1267  
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
- Public Works (Main Office) ..... 528-6379
- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822  
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan
- Water..... 524-0901  
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman

**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
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[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)