



Laconia Links

April 4, 2014 - Edition #128

Empty docks on Paugus Bay

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - March 17—March 28, 2014

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,091.12 tons	Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$163,668.00	Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$30,846.00
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Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		26.65	N/A		N/A
Monday	20.30	5.46	26.9%	6.09	\$94.50
Tuesday	36.09	10.15	28.1%	10.83	\$102.00
Wednesday	34.86	7.67	22.0%	10.46	\$418.50
Thursday	33.14	7.26	21.9%	9.94	\$402.00
Friday	34.50	7.40	21.4%	10.35	\$442.50
	Total = 158.89	Route Total = 37.94	Curbside Avg= 23.9%	Total = 47.67	Total = \$1,459.50

*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present	Prior 2 Weeks=22.21%	Recycling Saves \$\$
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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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, April 7th!



The 4th Annual Autism Center Walkathon will be held on Sunday, May 18th from 10 am to 1 pm on the WOW Trail.

Click [here](#) for more information. Register

online by visiting the [Eventbrite registration page](#), or visit the [Autism Center](#) page to link to Eventbrite.



Save the Date!

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



Preschool Storytime Easter Egg Hunt!

Wednesday, April 9th @
10:00 am

-and-

Thursday, April 10th @
9:30 & 10:30 am
Selig Storytime Room

We will hunt for eggs outside if the weather permits... or inside the Children's Room!

Check out the new Audiobooks available at the Library:

The Counterfeit Agent/Alex Berenson; *The Cell*/Robin Cook; *The Storm*/Clive Cussler; *Blackberry Pie Murder*/Joanne Fluke; *Live By Night*/Dennis Lehane; *Come Home*/Lisa Scottoline; and *Malice*/Robert Tannenbaum



Movies and More for Kids!



Friday, April 4th
@3:45 pm: *Frozen*.
This film is rated PG and is 102 minutes in length. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver 14 years or older and adults must bring a child.

Admission is free and snacks are provided!



Free Family History and Genealogy Seminars will be offered at the Library beginning Monday, April 7th! See [page 13](#) for additional information and details.....

Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting
in
Progress

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council. Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website.

Click on a specific meeting for more information. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.

*Become involved
in your City and
make a difference!*

Technical Review Comm.I

April 9, 2014, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

April 9, 2014, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Board of Water

Commissioners

April 10, 2014, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room, 117
Stark Street

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

04/07	04/08	04/09	04/10	04/11
<p>ESS Book Fair begins through 4/11</p> <p>VIPSS Meeting @ PSS @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Blood Drive @ LHS 8:45 am - 2:15 pm</p> <p>WHS PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 pm</p>		<p>Elementary Schools Early Release @ 1:00 pm for Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	

ESS STUDENTS TOP PERFORMERS

Elm Street 5th Grade Students participated in the district-wide band concert at Laconia High School on March 18th. All of their practicing showed as they gave a stellar performance.



BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT LHS



The Huot Health Occupations Students Association is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive at LHS in the gym on Tuesday, April 8th from 8:45 AM to 2:15 PM. If you would like to donate blood used to serve patients in our area hospitals, you will need a valid picture ID with your date of birth. If you are under the age of 17, you will also need a permission form signed by your parent or guardian. You can sign up in the Health Science Room H230 in the Huot Tech Center.

CITY WIDE CHESS CHAMPIONS

On Saturday, March 29th over 100 people attended the City Wide Chess Tournament in Laconia. The winners were Lejla Alic in the high school division, Noah Mousseau in the middle school division and Dylan Dickey in the elementary division. The trophies will be presented at the April 15th Laconia School Board meeting. Congratulations to all participants!



GREAT KIDS LUNCH WITH SENIORS



Laconia Alternative School students treated members of the Laconia Senior Center to lunch this month. The students have developed a close relationship with the seniors. The Center is across the hall from the school and students have been very involved with activities at the Center this year helping to put together holiday bags and judging the Halloween costume contest. This is a great example of intergenerational collaboration with our students and seniors.

ZEN IS REACHED AT WHS



Guidance Counselor Mollie Greeley is teaching a yoga class to Kindergarten students at Woodland Heights during guidance class. They are working on the 3 C's of Yoga....Calm, Concentrate, and (self) Control. Students are becoming more aware of their bodies and are gaining greater management of themselves. Yoga mats were donated by HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) and Santa Fund of the Great Lakes Region.

DID YOU KNOW AT PSS.....

- * PSS Students helped create the largest anti-bullying sign in the world called Bully X (click [here](#) to see video)?
- * PSS was just awarded a \$25,000 grant from Clif Books for reading and writing for 2014-15?
- * Camron Cooper raised \$350 for St. Baldricks?
- * Student Leadership is about to begin at PSS?
- * PSS Art Teacher Ms. Gray set up close to 600 pieces of art for "ARTS ALIVE" at the Belknap Mill?



THE MUSIC MAN COMES TO TOWN

Under the direction of Nick Resca the Laconia Middle School Drama Department put on packed performances last week of "The Music Man Jr." Brendan Sica and Allison Locklear had the leading roles supported by a large cast including Zach Castillo, Cassie Sousa, Alison Maczko, Logan Connelly, Karisa Du-Maine, Michael Von George, Devin Howe, Nick Luther, Matthew Hersey, Jillian McDonald, Shawn Zappala, Gabriel Leclare, Becky Olweine, Zoe Glines, Abigail Bailey, Alyxandra Huckaby, Ashley Gagne, Madison Warman, Kylie Marceau, Tim King and Josh Chandler.



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**LACONIA
HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

25 Union Avenue Laconia, NH 03246-3510 - 603.524.2112

As owner and manager of over 300 housing units in Laconia and surrounding towns, Laconia Housing Authority strives to offer its elderly and family residents services that may not be readily available at other apartment locations. As an example of that, on Friday March 14, Laconia Housing Authority Resident Services Coordinator Julie Joslyn hosted an informational meeting on the Safe Medication Disposal Program at two properties in Laconia: Sunrise Towers on Union Avenue and the Stafford House on Church Street.



The Safe Medication Disposal Program is managed by the Laconia Police Department. The intent of the program is to inform citizens of the issues regarding expired or unused prescription medications and to explain the proper and safe methods for their disposal. During this meeting, two detectives from the Police Department were on hand to explain the program to the residents and to answer any questions they might have. Some medications were safely collected for disposal that day, but most importantly the residents learned that there is a medication collection box in the lobby of the Police Department that is accessible 24 hours a day.

Laconia Housing Authority would like to thank the Laconia Police Department not only for their participation in this session, but also for the ongoing positive relationship they have with the Housing Authority and its residents.

For more information about our housing or supportive service programs, call 524-2112 or visit us on-line at www.laconiahousing.org.

Laconia Human Relations Committee and Laconia Public Library sponsor International Film Series

Date: MONDAY, April 7, 2014
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Laconia Public Library

Monsoon Wedding

A Wedding with Secrets
Delightful, Witty Family Drama



Old and New Traditions Mix

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world in which we live. For more information, contact Len Campbell at lcampbell@nh-cc.org or Carol Pierce at newdynam@aol.com

Free and open to the public. Informal discussion to follow the film. Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a comfy chair or cushion.

25th ANNUAL
Discover **WILD**
New Hampshire Day



Free Admission **Saturday, April 19, 2014** Rain or Shine
10 am – 3 pm

An Earth Day Celebration

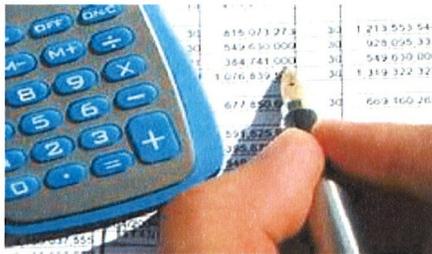
- Over 30 Conservation & Eco-friendly Organizations
- Children's Activities & Crafts
- Archery • Casting • Live Animals
- Dog Demonstrations
- Fish and Game Licenses and Merchandise for Sale
- Hands-on Environmental Exhibits
- Food Concession

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N.H. Fish and Game Department
N.H. Department of Environmental Services
With support from:
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Fish and Game Headquarters • 11 Hazen Drive • Concord, NH • WildNH.com

DIRECTIONS: Take exit 14 off Rte. 1-93; head east on Loudon Road; at top of hill, turn left onto Hazen Drive, follow signs.
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PET DOG AT HOME



CITY OF LACONIA BUDGET SURVEY

All Laconia residents are invited to become involved in how the City spends its tax dollars! Click on the image above for a brief survey and set your priorities to help create a budget that reflects your vision.

Click [here](#) to view updated responses to the survey (as of March 26, 2014)!



City Council Budget Hearings

The City Council is beginning its detailed review of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/2015. During a series of meetings department heads will present information on various revenue and expenditure items within their department's budget. The budget prioritizes and supports municipal services and functions within our community. Your input and comments are appreciated to offer direction on how best to move the City forward. Following is the next upcoming budget review which begins at 6 pm in City Hall, Room 200A:

April 14, 2014 - Water,
Assessing and Parks/
Recreation/Facilities

*Your input is
needed!*

Please be sure to participate in the Budget Survey (left). The City Manager's office (527-1270) is always available to answer questions or provide information. Please click [here](#) to view the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/2015.



Children's Authors Tea

Tuesday, April 8, 2014
5:00 to 7:00 PM

at the

Belknap Mill

25 Beacon St. East

The Mill Plaza, Laconia

You are cordially invited to attend the Children's Authors Tea. This wonderful, free event is organized to promote the importance of early literacy. Come celebrate "Strengthening Families and Communities Month" with us!

Special Guests and New Hampshire Authors:

*Warren Bouton, Jennifer Carson, Kathleen Deady, Terry Farish, Mary Kelley,
Shawn Middleton, Robbie Neylon, & Denise Ortaales*

Evening Events: Book signing and sales by authors, local libraries will offer information about their services, story telling, light snacks, and tea.

This is a free family event. Every child will receive a free book!

Generously Sponsored By:



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For more information please call Child Care Resource and Referral at the Family Resource Center at 581-1558

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FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER

NH Family Literacy Day Saturday, April 12, 2014 Woodland Heights Elementary School 9:00 AM to Noon



Free books for children
through age 9

Free of charge!

All are invited to
join in the fun.

Exhibits

Snacks

Children's Activities

And much, much more!



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www.altrusaiaconia.com

in conjunction with

The Granite State Reading Council

www.granitestatereadingcouncil.org



Looking for gently used baby/
children's clothing, toys and furniture?

Come to the *LRGH Nursery Guild's Annual
Spring/Summer Baby/Children's Boutique*

Saturday, April 12

9:00am - 2:00pm

Laconia Community Center

Donations/Consignments of gently used Spring/Summer baby/children's
clothing (newborn to size 16), Toys and furniture will be accepted at the
Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue

* Wednesday, April 9, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

* Thursday, April 10, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's services and
organizations in the Lakes Region communities.

Spring and Summer clothing only!

Car seats, cribs and stuffed animals will NOT be accepted.

For more information contact: 524-3211 x3018
or nurseryguild@lrgh.org
LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.



*New Horizons Band Concert
April 12th at
Taylor Community*

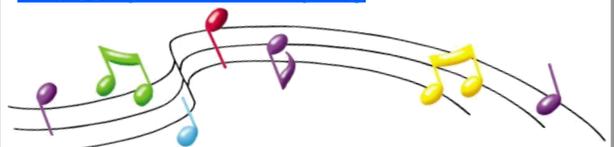


The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region, under the direction of Mary Divers, presents an afternoon concert at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m.

The band will feature fun tunes from various musicals, upbeat marches and many more songs guaranteed to bring smiles and toe-tapping from the audience.

Consisting of musicians from many towns throughout the Lakes Region and Concord, the band is open to all ages. The group includes those interested in learning an instrument to professional players with diverse levels in-between. Divers, who is the conductor and band founder, holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. She welcomes all new musicians to the New Horizons Band, whose belief is "Music is for Life!"

The program is open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted for the band, which is a non-profit entertainment group. To RSVP and ensure seating, please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org.



Spring Leaf Pickup

During the Weeks of
April 14th & April 28th

**CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICKUP
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 Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety



As Spring has finally arrived, the Laconia Police Department would like to remind everyone about the safety precautions and regulations applicable to pedestrians and bicycle operators.

PEDESTRIANS:

CROSSWALKS:

“No Traffic Lights” - The law states that vehicles **MUST** yield to pedestrian(s) **IN** the crosswalk, so if you’re standing on the curb it’s a gray area; hopefully, the drivers will be nice and stop for you. However, this same law prohibits pedestrians from “jumping out” in front of traffic. Be careful, make eye contact with drivers and wait for them to let you cross. *RSA 265:35*

“At Crossing with Traffic Lights” - The law states pedestrian(s) must wait to cross until the “walk” light comes on. Additionally, pedestrians shall not cross once the “Don’t walk” light begins to flash or is steady. *RSA 265:11*

Crossing Roadway – No CROSSWALK:

Laconia has a “No Jay-walking Law”, however, the State law indicates pedestrians crossing a roadway *where no crosswalk is available* **MUST** yield to motor vehicle traffic. *RSA 265:36*

VEHICLE OPERATORS:

At a controlled intersection (with traffic lights), when the WALK light is on, **NO VEHICLE** shall turn and **MUST** yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk. *RSA 265:11*

WALKING IN THE ROADWAY:

Hitchhiking is allowed, however, the hitchhiker **MUST** stay off the travelled portion of the roadway. Hitchhiking is not allowed on highways, by-passes or the interstate. *RSA 265-40*

Pedestrians **MUST** use the sidewalk, if available. If no sidewalk is available, pedestrians **MUST** walk on the left side (facing oncoming traffic). *RSA 265:39*

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Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City’s significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. 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.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety (Continued)

BICYCLIST:

HELMETS:

Helmets are required for riders UNDER 16 years of age. *RSA 265:144-X*



Riding on Bikes:

- No riding double unless the bike is designed to do so. *RSA 265:144 I & II*
- If riding two or more abreast cannot impede motor vehicle traffic. *RSA 265:144 V*
- Bicycle MUST BE in good working condition. *RSA 265:144 VIII & IX*
- Bikes shall keep to the right when travelling on the roadway whenever practicable and safe to do so, or if it is necessary to do otherwise, in accordance with the *Rules of the Road*.
RSA 265:144 XI
- Bicyclist MUST wear at least one article of reflective apparel at night. *RSA 265:144 XII*
- Lights and reflectors are required. *RSA 266:86 & 87*

TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO BICYCLES:

Every person riding a bicycle shall have the same rights and responsibilities as a person driving a car. Bicycles fare best when they act and are treated like a "vehicle" while on the roadway. *RSA 265:143*

RIDING ON SIDEWALKS: There are only a few restrictions about riding on the sidewalk. Laconia City Ordinances restrict bikes from riding on the sidewalks downtown and on the Boardwalk in the Weirs. That being said, bicycles should be operated as a "vehicle" not as a "pedestrian". When riding on a sidewalk, a bicyclist must act as a pedestrian, yielding to motor vehicle traffic. Parents must teach their kids when it is safe to transition from riding on the sidewalk to riding in the roadway.

Main St. Bridge Project



If you are a regular visitor to downtown Laconia, you no doubt are aware of the work underway in connection with the Main St. Bridge project. We are now in the first few days of the Beacon St. East detour (near the parking garage) and traffic appears to be moving quite well with few, if any, inconveniences or delays.

Don't forget that regular updates are provided on the City's website by clicking [here](#). You are also invited to join our construction team at their monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am in City Hall, Room 200A. Information on all four phases of the project are also available for your review on our website.

Although this is a large project, the City's goal is to complete it with as little disruption as possible to businesses and residents. Please be sure to support our local families who own and operate or work at our many downtown area businesses, especially during this construction period and, more importantly, all year long. These businesses will remain open and accessible during construction and signage regarding detours, etc. will be provided when appropriate. Remember...every dollar spent at these local merchants supports our economy.

Stay tuned next week for information about the Union Avenue reconstruction work!



LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 3 and 10, 2014, 8 AM to NOON

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

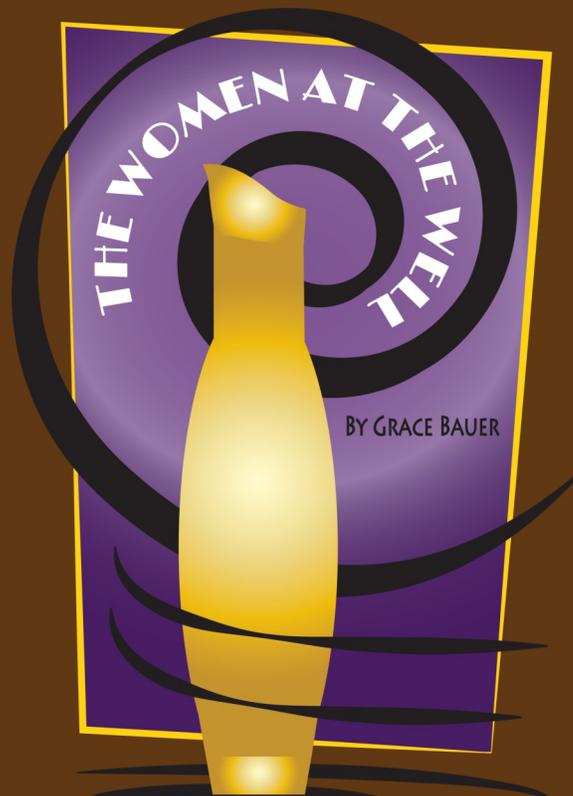
Proof of Residency Will Be Required

LACONIA RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS
ONLY— NO COMMERCIAL
ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.

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 nominal fee for its disposal.

THE BELKNAP MILL SOCIETY PRESENTS



BY GRACE BAUER

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD - SATURDAY APRIL 5TH, 2014, 7PM

TICKETS: BELKNAP MILL • 25 BEACON ST E • LACONIA, NH 03246 • (603) 524-8813

4th Annual 
BOW WOW FEST

Saturday, May 3, 2014
7:30-11:00 am
WOW Trail
Lake Opechee Inn Parking Lot
62 Doris Ray Court
Laconia, NH

Vendors **Awards** **Pet Parade**
Face Painting
K-9 Demonstration
"Wag-It" Games!

Please find registration form on the back of this flyer, or at: www.wowtrail.org.
Questions? Contact Claire Hebert, 524-4535, chebert@melcher-prescott.com

The Laconia Putnam Fund

presents

The Amazing Kreskin

Mentalist

"Even now
I know
what
you are
thinking!"

Saturday, April 12

7:00 pm

Laconia High School Auditorium
Admission is Free*

*Show suitable for ages 10 and over.

Main Street Bridge
Construction



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

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 (left) 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).

Thank you for your patience!

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



Rabies Vaccination Clinic

SATURDAY

April 19, 2014

9:00am—12:00pm

Laconia Community Ctr.

- **DOGS & CATS WELCOME!**
- **\$15.00 per animal (CASH ONLY);** if you have a prior Rabies Certificate, please bring it with you to receive a 3 year vaccination. No other vaccinations will be offered.
- **Cats must be in a carrier; Dogs must be restrained by a leash and under control of the handler at all times. Service will not be provided for animals not restrained.**
- **All Laconia residents who have not registered their dog may do so at this time. Prices are as follows:**

Spayed/Neutered\$6.50
Unaltered.....\$9.00
1st Dog for a
Person 65+.....\$2.00

If you have any questions, please contact:
City Clerk's Office
527-1265

This clinic is being provided by:
Dr. Robert MacDonald DVM and the City of Laconia

Join us for Level I Yoga



Wednesday Evenings 6:00-6:45

April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th & May 7th

\$7 per class BYO mat

For more information contact

Nikii 455-3812

**At the Parks and Rec
Community Center**



A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!

Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257



JOIN US AND CELEBRATE!



ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2014

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM JOIN US!

LRCS, 719 N. MAIN STREET, LACONIA, NH

*Social Hour.
Inspiration.
Appreciation.*



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

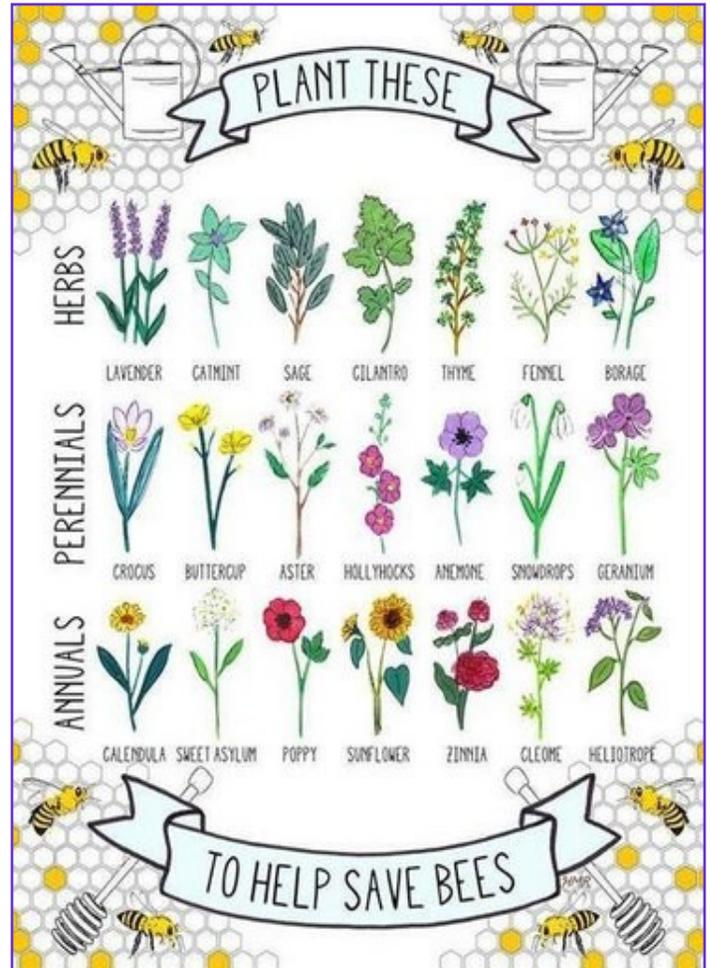
Success at Work

LRCS ANNUAL CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

- 4:30 pm Social Hour & Reception
- 5:30 pm Success at Work Employer & Employee Stories
- 6:00 pm Appreciation of LRCS Community Partners, Employee Longevity & Donor Loyalty



RSVP to Pat Hilson at
603-581-1527 or path@lracs.org
by April 4, 2014.
Seating is limited.
Visit www.lracs.org
for more details.



Please click [here](#) to read the entire Case Study

Lakes Region HEAL CASE STUDY: WYATT PARK REVITALIZATION

Wyatt Park Renovation Highlights

The Wyatt Park Revitalization Project in Laconia, NH was developed as a result of a two-year HEAL NH grant awarded to the City of Laconia in collaboration with Lakes Region HEAL. The grant was awarded in early 2012 to help identify and implement municipal strategies to provide more choices for residents to eat healthy and be physically active in the Wyatt Park-South End Community.



Be sure to stop by with your family to enjoy all of the improvements made at the Park!

A new walking path provides opportunities for safe physical activity for people visiting Wyatt Park.



Reminder!

The Faith Hope and Love Foundation will be holding their Annual Gowns for Girls Event on April 12, 2014 at the Meredith Bay Colony in Meredith, NH from 1- 4 pm. This is a day for all area young women to pick out prom attire for FREE that was donated during the dress drive.

For more info please email co-founder Laura at:
lbrusseau@faithhopeandlovefoundation.org



Appalachian Mountain Teen Project Youth Leadership Council, in partnership with the LRCS Family Resource Center, UNH Cooperative Extension, My Turn, Laconia VITA, P.I.C.K, and more are hosting:

Pregnant or Parenting?

Introduction to Local Resources & Life Skills for Young Parents and their Families

Tuesday May 6th, 13th, & 20th, 2014
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: LRCS Family Resource Center
Of Central New Hampshire
719 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246

Come meet and connect with other local teen parents. Learn about resources in your community that support young parents with food assistance, shopping and cooking, continuing education, employment, banking, budgeting, tax filing and much more, all while building a network of support!

These classes are FREE and come with child care, dinner, transportation to/from each class, as well as door prizes, workbooks and informational pamphlets!

Sessions are limited to 10 participants. Please register in advance by calling the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project at 603-569-5510 to secure a spot!

GRANITE UNITED WAY

Youth Leadership



LACONIA AREA BICYCLE EXCHANGE

The purpose of the Laconia Area Bicycle Exchange (LABE) is to provide a means of inexpensive alternative transportation in the form of reliable and maintained bicycles, to those who would benefit from greater mobility as it relates to work, family and personal living. The focus is for people who have no means to afford an automobile or who have no valid driver's license. A referral program will be used by working with area human service organizations.

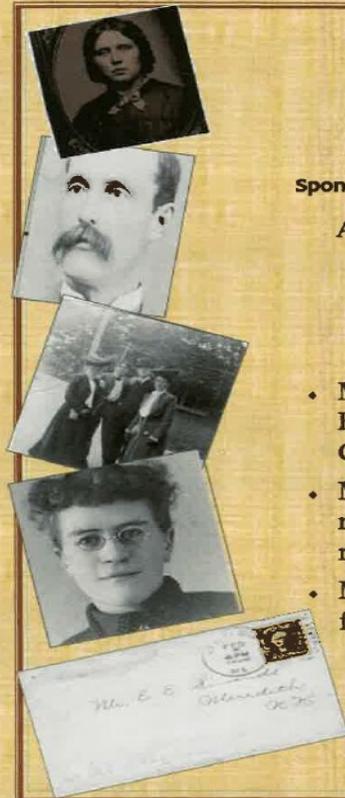
Providing a means of greater mobility for those in our community with special needs helps with stable employment and meeting personal responsibilities such as doctor's appointments, as well as having family and recreational benefits. Another benefit of the program is to recycle bicycles that otherwise are discarded or sent out of the community, and to promote a more bike-friendly community.

The ground work has begun! There have been four productive meetings and a location has been found (next to the Big Banana Store on Messer St.) What's next? To form an organizational structure working with like-minded organizations and volunteers; to seek and promote the donation of bicycles and accessories from individuals, local businesses and City departments; to receive civic support to help make Laconia even more bicycle-friendly; to obtain funding through cash donations and grants and to develop a web page.

The next meeting for the Bicycle Exchange will be at the Better Together Program on Thursday April, 24th at 4pm at the Laconia Middle School Library, 2nd floor.

To become involved or for more information contact John Rogers at 524-5288 or 630-7571, or e-mail prevents@yahoo.com. A short survey to help with planning can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MPWRT7H>.

Thank you!



FREE FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY SEMINARS

Sponsored by the Laconia Historical and Museum Society and the Laconia Public Library

An opportunity to learn from a team of trained genealogists how to gather, organize and interpret information about your family ancestors

**FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM-12NOON
AT THE LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- **Monday, April 7th** *Getting Started* (Finding information from home; How and where to record important information; What forms to use; General guidelines for record keeping)
- **Monday, May 5th** *Interviewing Family Members* (Finding information from public records, including obituaries, church records, vital records, and census records)
- **Monday, June 2nd** *Tips on Internet Resources* (Learn how to use the free website, FamilySearch.org and other internet resources)

Seminars led by Richard and Cindi Cote and Don and Nancy Stephenson

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED. Call the:

- Laconia Library at 524-4775 or
- Laconia Historical and Museum Society at 527-1278



NOTICE

City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump



The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **April 2, 2014**

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

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

**APRIL 9TH, 2014
7PM**

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



Identifying and Responding to America's Trafficked Youth

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

For more information contact:
Chief Adams, LPD
Email: cadams@laconiapd.org

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528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.**



The Laconia Senior Center is gearing up for the annual Meals on Wheels walkathon! This year's event will be held on Saturday May 17th, and we will be walking in Concord and Laconia (pending approval) for

this important cause. Come walk with us, and/or form a team to raise money for this worthwhile cause in a fun and creative way. Call the Belknap Merrimack County Community Action program at 225-3295, or the Senior Center at 524-7689 for more information. Mark your calendar!

*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
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Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
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Tax	527-1269
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Library	524-4775
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<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
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Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
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