



Laconia Links

April 5, 2013 - Edition #78

Easter Egg Hunt 2013 !!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - March 18 thru March 29					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 800.23 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$120,034.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$83,553.60	
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		23.41	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	22.14	4.00	18.0%	6.64	\$ 396.00
Tuesday	38.34	7.84	20.0%	11.50	\$ 549.00
Wednesday	39.99	5.83	14.6%	12.00	\$ 925.50
Thursday	35.16	5.62	16.0%	10.55	\$ 739.50
Friday	34.81	4.45	12.8%	10.44	\$ 898.50
	Total = 170.44	Route Total = 27.74	Curbside Avg = 16.3%	Total = 51.13	Total = \$3,508.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/12 - present			Prior 2 weeks - 14.8%	Recycling Saves \$\$	

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 8th!**



LACONIA CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON APRIL 24, 2013 AT 7 PM CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 200A

If you have an opinion on which recycling option the Council should choose, please attend this meeting to voice your concerns and provide input.

Please click [here](#) for a complete description of the two options under consideration, and contact information for the City Councilors.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Join the Anime Club!



Teens in grades 6 -12 are invited to join the Anime Club!

Join us on Tuesday, April 9th at 3:30 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall to meet, discuss and view anime.

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

Movies & More for Kids !



Friday, April 12th at 3:45 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall!

When a store window full of colorful novelty kites gets the cubs excited about entering a kite-flying contest, Brother and Sister are surprised when Papa suggests they build their own kite instead of buying one.

Together Papa and the cubs build a big old style kite, "Big Red". Please join us as we find out what happens when "Big Red" catches the wind and takes to the sky!

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

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!*

City Council Budget Hearing

April 8, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
(see page 11 for details)

City Council

April 8, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

TRC I

April 10, 2013, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

April 10, 2013, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way



Laconia High School

Lakes Region Community College is having an Open House on Saturday, April 6th from 9-12PM. There is still time to apply to Lakes Region Community College. Bring a transcript and you could be accepted on the spot! All students are welcome to attend this Open House.

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

For: Seniors & Parents/Guardians
 Wednesday, April 17th
 LHS Library - 6pm
 Presented by NHHEAF
 Questions: Call Guidance @ 524-3350
 Bring: All Financial Aid Award Letters.

PROM "A NIGHT OF DIAMONDS"

at Gunstock Friday, May 3rd 6PM-11PM
 The March will start promptly at 6PM
 Prom goers should be at Gunstock by 5:30PM

[Laconia High School website](#)



2013 Laconia Sachems Co-Captains, from left, Jon Pelky, Efran Nouel, and Steven Kemos stand with some of the items which will be auctioned off Saturday to raise money to buy uniforms and equipment for the team. (Courtesy Photo)

Auction on Saturday benefits LHS Football program

Click [here](#) for more info



Laconia Middle School

A LOOK AHEAD

April 10th~PTO @6:30
 "Get Ready to Swap"-2:30-6pm
 April 12th~Semi-Formal
 April 15th~1st Baseball/
 Softball games Home @4pm
 April 17th~1st Track Meet
 April 22nd-26th~Spring
 Vacation!
 May 1st~6th Grade Recognition
 May 2nd~7th Grade Recognition
 May 3rd~8th Grade Recognition

[Laconia Middle School website](#)



Elm Street School

Dates of events:

- *VISTESS meeting - April 3 @ 6:30
- *Early Release - Thur. April 11 1pm
- *Parent /Teacher Conferences- Apr. 11
- *Chess Club - April 3,10& 17
- *Book Fair - April 8-12 8:45-3pm

VISTESS Spaghetti Dinner
 On Saturday, April 13 we hope you can join us for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held here at Elm Street School.

5pm to 8pm
 \$6.00 pp
 \$20.00 for a family of 4
 To benefit our Playground and 26.4.26 Foundation



Student Government

Our student government held a "Hoop Shoot" fundraiser on **Saturday, March 30th** at Laconia Middle School. Thanks to all of you who came and supported this great event. The proceeds will benefit our local Humane Society.



[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

PSS students 'Read their Heart Out'

The kindergarten class at Pleasant Street Elementary celebrated its reading accomplishments with a Pizza Hut® BOOK IT!® Program Party last week. Kori Smith's kindergartners have been read to by their fourth grade "Book Buddies" since last October for the six month reading program. Each month, Smith sent home a suggested reading list for the students and a monthly calendar to complete. The "book buddies" would get together to read each Wednesday.

Once the monthly calendar was returned, students were able to receive their certificate for a one-topping, personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut as a reward.



"I am proud of my students for their exceptional reading with their book buddy and the BOOK IT! Program," said Smith. "It's great to see students and parents committed to make reading great."

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School

"Woodland Heights Unveils New School Safety Guidebook"

For more than a year, the Woodland Heights Community has been dedicated to improving school climate, and safety for all members of our community. It began as an initiative to establish school-wide behavior expectations as well as establishing systems to celebrate school successes and student achievement. WHS "Project Wildcat", as it is known, was rolled out for formal implementation late in the fall of 2012.



In coordination with our school district effort on this front led, we formed a school-based WHS Safety and Security Leadership Team. The culminating work of this group is our new "WHS Student and Staff Safety Guidebook" which addresses all matters of safety from lunch room supervision to visitor check-in protocols, from school bullying matters to bus riding safety rules, and from student recognition assemblies to intruder response actions.

During "WHS School Safety Month" (April), we will begin our formal implementation of the policies and practices outlined in the Guidebook. Upcoming implementation highlights include: a Laconia Police and Fire Department walk-through of our facility and examination of our school safety plan, implementation of a safety education program for students, conduct of several emergency response action drills, and parent information meetings during our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 11th.

If you have questions, or would like to learn more about our school's safety initiative, please call (524-8733) or email (ddobe@laconiaschools.org) Principal Dennis Dobe, at your convenience.

[Woodland Heights Website](#)

LACONIA health & wellness academy



The Concept

Build a comprehensive approach that spans Pre-school through Adult Education and positively impacts on students, staff, and families. Connect our current Health & Wellness initiatives with potential community partnerships to strengthen and integrate H&W into our educational program.

- Goal 1: Ensure the Success and Sustainability of the Wellness Academy
- Goal 2: Create a Positive School/Community Climate
- Goal 3: Reduce Obesity
- Goal 4: Reduce Substance Abuse
- Goal 5: Increase Access to Health Care
- Goal 6: Improve Health of Staff and Students

[H & W Academy Website](#)

The Mission of the Academy is to enhance the health and wellbeing of students, staff, and our community by supporting policies and practices that promote healthy and safe environments, access to nutritious foods, physical activity, quality health care and the development of skills needed for life long success.



- Huot/LHS Joint Building Committee - 4/12/13 - 4:00 pm - LHS Library
- Budget and Personnel Meeting - 4/16/13 - 6:00 pm - SAU 30
- Laconia School Board Meeting - 4/16/13 - 7:00 pm - SAU Board Room
- Budget Presentation to Laconia City Council - 4/22/13 - Laconia City Hall
- Policy Committee Meeting - 4/30/13 - 8:00 am - SAU Board Room

[School Board Website](#)



Laconia Fire Department

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



Smoke pours from the roof of the Water Street Café during the very early stages of the fire.

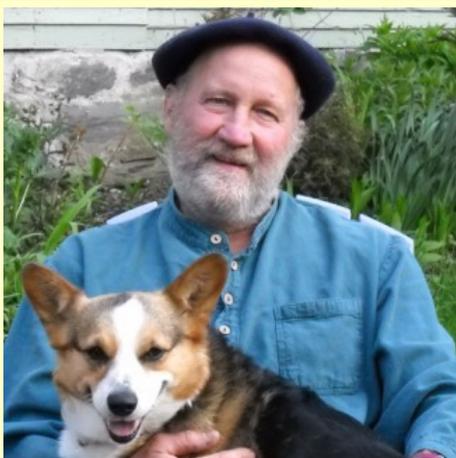
March 27, 2013 at 3:10 a.m. Laconia Central Fire Station was dispatched to fire alarm activation at the Water Street Café. Laconia Police heard the call and turned their roof top camera towards the restaurant where they saw smoke coming from the building.

Lakes Region Mutual Aid advised Lt. Shipp of the police report and Lt. Shipp upgraded the alarm to a structure fire response, which brought the Weirs and Gilford Fire Departments, as well as off-duty firefighters to the scene.

On arrival he reported smoke showing and requested a first alarm, which brought Belmont and Stewarts Ambulance to Central Station to cover and Meredith Fire to the Weirs.

Lt. Shipp and his crew advanced a large capacity hose (300 GPM) through the front door and attacked the fire pushing the fire back into the kitchen area, thereby protecting the dining area. The hose was then brought into the kitchen and finished extinguishing the fire. Gilford stretched a back-up hose to protect the first crew, and then went to the second floor to cut off the fire that was spreading upwards to the roof area. The Weirs arrived on scene and went to the roof to remove the vent cap and expose the fire in the attic. Damage to the kitchen area was substantial.

Deputy Roffo determined the fire started under a large flat stove top. He was then able to review security cameras, which confirmed his investigation. By watching the security camera he could see flames visible at 3:06 a.m. At 3:16 a.m. the camera stopped working as the fire flashed over the ceiling area. The fire is an accidental fire. Early damage estimate is \$100,000. Property saved is estimated at \$320,000. Fire crews were on-scene until 5:30 a.m.



Growing Great Flowers in New Hampshire April 18th, 7:00 pm-Laconia Rotary Hall

Henry Homeyer is a life-long organic gardener whose weekly column appears in twelve newspapers around New England. He has written for The New York Times, the Boston Globe and other newspapers, in addition to weekly blog updates on his website, www.gardening-quy.com.

Homeyer is a UNH Master Gardener, a regular monthly contributor to Vermont Public Radio, and has taught sustainable gardening at Granite State College.

In this presentation, Homeyer will discuss which varieties of flowers grow best in New Hampshire and what each needs to succeed. He will share tips and tricks and explain how one can grow showy lady slipper orchids and Himalayan blue poppies, or just have better luck with roses, peonies and bee balm. Homeyer's presentation will emphasize the importance of gardening without chemicals, and the audience will have the opportunity to ask him questions. This talk is free and open to the public.

Faith, Hope & Love Foundation Annual Dinner

The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation would like to invite you to our Seventh Annual Benefit



April 27th

Join us for a night of celebration as we enjoy the historic mill, dance the night away to tunes from Project DJ AND announce our 2013 Scholarship winners!



It is our mission to bring relief to children and youth suffering from poverty, hunger or homelessness and to bring them hope through faith and love, so that they may accomplish their dreams.



Where

The Belknap Mill,
Laconia NH



Time

6:00pm - 10:00 p.m



\$45 per person, \$85 per couple,
\$325 for a table of 8,
\$15 for youth 6-12 and children under 6 are FREE!

Details

Semi-Formal Attire. Buffet Dinner provided by Contigiani's Catering Service.
Entertainment and dancing. Cash Bar. Raffles galore!

Please RSVP by April 12, 2013 by mailing in the information below with payment.

If you would like to reserve your ticket via email, you can do so by emailing wmackay@faithhopeandlovefoundation.org. Tickets are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

NAME(S) ATTENDING: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
CHECK NUMBER: _____
I CAN'T ATTEND, BUT PLEASE ACCEPT MY \$ _____ DONATION. GOODLUCK!



PLEASE RETURN TOP. O. BOX 64 LACONIA, NH 03247 BY APRIL 12, 2013!
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE FOUNDATION.

-The Belknap Mill is located at 25 Beacon Street East in Laconia. Phone: (603) 524-8813. Directions are available at www.belknapmill.org.

-The Landmark Inn is located at 480 Main Street in Laconia. We have reserved a block of rooms for the night of April 27th. Please reference the Faith, Hope and Love Foundation when you call 603-524-8000 to make your reservation! Our room block will be available until April 13th. Not only are the rates very reasonable, but it is walking distance to the Mill and downtown! Directions are available at www.thelandmarkinn.net.

-Please feel free to contact us with any questions about our event, location or lodging at info@faithhopeandlovefoundation.org
Can't wait to see you there!

Piktochart



LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 4 and 11, 2013

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 nominal fee for its disposal.



SPRING LEAF PICKUP

During the Weeks of
April 15th
&
April 29th

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.

News **From the Laconia Water Department**

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
988 UNION AVENUE
(603) 524-0901**



The water main, roadway, sewer and drain work in the South Main Street area began last week. This is a combined effort involving the Public Works Department, the Water Department and Busby Construction.

On Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Busby Construction and the Water Department started the water main replacement work near the entrance to Dunkin' Donuts.

This work was performed at night in order to limit the inconvenience to local businesses.

This week the project has progressed to include the intersection of Bowman Street and eventually will also include replacement of the water line at the intersection of Pine Street in the weeks to come.

Due to the complexity of the work encompassing these two intersections, the contractor will have to alternate between water and sewer main replacements.

This will have no major impact as far as interruption to water services, with the exception of lower Pine Street which is still scheduled for a one-day service interruption. Specific details will be provided to the customers once they become available.

The Water Department would like to thank its customers that have been inconvenienced as well as the traveling public for its cooperation during this construction.



**Please click [here](#) for the
Water Department
website!**

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year at Opechee Park!



**AARP Driver's Safety Program
Coming to Taylor Community**



*Cars have changed.
So have traffic rules,
driving conditions and
the roads people
travel daily.*

Even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. The AARP Driver Safety Program is scheduled for April 29 and 30 from 1-5 p.m. each day at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia.

Participants will learn current rules of the road; defensive driving techniques; and how to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Attendance is required in both sessions. The cost for AARP members is \$12 and \$14 for non-members, payable the first day of class by cash or check. Members should bring AARP cards with them.

Space is limited to 18 participants. To reserve a place, call 524-5600.

Are you wondering what's happening at the Laconia Senior Center in April? Just click on the image below to read the latest edition of the "Senior Sentinel"!



**Laconia Senior Center
April 2013 Senior Sentinel**

April Showers Bring... MARCH FOR MEALS! - May 16th

We are on our way... learn packets have been given to your Center directors... the venue has been chosen (same as last year) and we are counting on you to work with us, pledge, or become part of an organized team! There are a couple of new twists this year we hope you will enjoy. First of all teams are encouraged to raise funds in a FUN way. Last year pledges accounted for three quarters of ALL the money raised but if you hesitate to ask for money pledges, why not hold a FUNdraiser such as a bake sale, car wash, or a "crazy sweater Friday" at work where staff makes a donation to wear the crazy sweater! There are more ideas on the TIP sheet in your packet as well as a sample email you can use to recruit your team members.

And now you can find us on Facebook! Elder Services, CAP Belknap Merrimack Counties pages are more Friends we have the better. Under the event tab you can find our March for Meals and great pictures from last year!

Click Here!

More surprises! On our "march" day, there will be fabulous music; and nutritious food for sale including fruit smoothies from Spoon Revolution, Concord and hopefully heart healthy burritos from Dos Amigos, Concord. AND they plan to donate 30% of whatever you purchase. Yum! Come one, come all... bring your walking shoes, your fun spirit, and march with us to end senior hunger!

**April Appreciation: Elder Services Honors
"Volunteers: Our Greatest
Natural Resource"**

April is national volunteer month and the BH-Cap Elder Services Department is so grateful to each and every volunteer who has given so selflessly to our centers and programs. Truly, we could not function without you! There are positive health benefits to being a volunteer, also! A UCLA study concluded that seniors who volunteered at least 40 hours each year to a single cause were 40% more likely than non-volunteers to be alive at the end of the study. A UM study concluded that seniors who volunteer are significantly less likely to become frail. Other studies show that regular volunteerism creates a positive outlook, increases the feeling of good health and helps to maintain strong social connections.

Now onto our volunteer week celebration, April 22-28! During this week, we will be holding special volunteer recognition luncheons both in Concord and at your local centers (details to follow). We can never repay your countless acts of kindness, so these celebrations are just small ways that we can honor you and all that you mean to our organization, as well as a chance for you to sit back, relax, enjoy amazing food, great company, wonderful entertainment, and let us have the privilege of serving you!

**Tom Menard
Director
524-7689
17 Church Street
Laconia, NH 03246**

Communities Served:
Belmont Gilford
Glimanton Laconia
Tilton
Sanborn
HOURS:
Mondays - Fridays
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Until Further Notice

Community Dining
Monday - Friday
11:15 a.m. - 12:00pm

Door to door Transportation
On demand rides to the Center or to your appointments

Meals on Wheels
Offered to anyone age 63 or those with special needs

Service Link
Resource Center
1-866-634-9412 or
525-6945
The first number to call for senior services



News

Click [here](#) for Clerk's website

From the City Clerk's Office

The City of Laconia
and MacDonald Veterinary Services
are hosting a Rabies Clinic on April 6, 2013
Laconia Community Center (back entrance)
from 9am – 12pm.

Veterinary Fees

Rabies Vaccination*: \$10.00

*1 year and 3 year rabies vaccinations are being offered. You must provide your pet's previous rabies certificate in order to receive a 3 year vaccination. **Tags will not be accepted as proof of a previous rabies vaccination.**

Due to the volume of clients that have been seen in past years we are unable to offer additional vaccines . It is our hope that we can assist clients in a more efficient manner and decrease your wait times.

Dog Licenses will also be issued to Laconia residents at the clinic. Please see your notice for rates.

All dogs must be leashed and under the control of the owner at all times. All cats must be in a carrier.

Any animals being disruptive will be asked to leave the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday April 13, 2013
5:00pm To 8:00 PM
Elm Street School

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE ELM STREET SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

A Donation Will Be Made To The
26.4.26 Foundation

\$6.00/Person
\$20.00/Family Of Four

Each Dinner Will Include Spaghetti, Salad, Roll,
Beverage, And Dessert.
(Dine In Or Carry Out)

For Inquires Or To Buy Tickets Please Contact Trish Poliquin at
tpoliquin@laconia.k12.nh.us

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!



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

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

DATE: **April 17, 2013**
(Third Wednesday of each month)
TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm
LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B
45 Beacon Street East
Laconia, NH

Updates from the Planning Office...

Planning Dept's website —click [here!](#)



Do you know what zoning district your property is in? This is very important to know as it will affect not only what can get built on your property but also on properties that surround you in your neighborhood.

The City of Laconia has 15 zoning districts ranging from the Rural Residential II Zone with 2 acre lots and 75 foot front setback to the Commercial Zone where lots can be as small as 8,000 s.f. The City also has density requirements. This is how many units can fit onto a certain land area. We measure this in units per acre, ranging from 6 units per acre in most residential zones to 20 units per acre in the Downtown Riverfront Zone. The districts also require that a certain amount of the lot remain greenspace. This allows for better infiltration of storm water and a higher aesthetic value for the neighborhoods.

In order to find what zoning district you are in, you can check the City's Zoning Map online at http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/uploads/zoning_dept/docs/Zoning-11x17.pdf or search your property address on the City's online mapping program: <http://www.caigisonline.com/LaconiaNH/>. Once you know what zone you are in you must refer to the Table of Dimensional Requirements for your setbacks, density and greenspace: http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/uploads/zoning_dept/docs/Article%20VI%20-%20Dimensional%20Standards.pdf

If you have any questions feel free to give us a call at the Planning Department, 527-1264, and we can help you find out what zoning district you are in and what your dimensional requirements are.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Lakes Region
Annual



Saturday, April 20, 2013
6:00-11:00
Gilford Youth Center
(603) 528-0197
bgclakesregion@metrocast.net

2013 Spring Fling!
Cocktails, Dinner, Auctions
and Dancing the night away with the
WICKED SMART HORN BAND!



LRGH Nursery Guild

Annual Spring
Baby/Children's Boutique



April 13, 2013
9:00am-2:00pm

Turn your children's clothes, toys and furniture into cash!

Consignments and Donations of gently used SPRING/SUMMER clothing only (newborn to size 16), children's furniture and toys.

Consignments/Donations will be accepted the following dates/times:

Wednesday, April 10, 6pm-9pm

Thursday, April 11, 9am-6pm

at the Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue, Laconia

No car seats, cribs or stuffed animals will be accepted.

For more information contact LRGH Nursery Guild: 524-3211 ext.3018 or nurseryguild@lrgh.org.

Proceeds from this event help benefit Women's & Children's health services throughout the Lakes Region communities.

LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us

Bali Ha'i is calling....



Laconia High School Music and Theatre
Proudly Presents:

Rodgers and Hammerstein's

SOUTH PACIFIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Book by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II and JOSHUA LOGAN

Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel

"Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener

April 18th and 19th, 7pm

April 20th 2pm

Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 students
and seniors

Presented by special arrangement with R&N Theatricals.
www.rnh.com



Laconia Police Department Active Shooters

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



On April 2nd the Laconia Police Department held a community forum and information session in the Department's Community Room on the topic of Active Shooters.

Captain Matt Canfield and Lt. Rich Simmons went through a Power Point presentation that discussed the myriad of shooter situations that the Laconia Police, and police nationwide, train to deal with. A number of tips and strategies were shared with the group should they find themselves in the middle of an active shooter situation.

The presentation included demonstrations of some of the specialized equipment officers have available while on patrol. The Department is planning to do additional presentations in the coming weeks and will publish notices in advance of the locations and times.



Laconia Fire Department

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



It was a busy winter in Laconia for the Fire Department! We responded to 1,163 emergency calls in the four-month period. An average winter is 1,089 emergency calls, so this represents a 9% jump in call volume. There were 425 simultaneous or back-to-back emergencies.

Response time to high-risk emergencies was 63% within four minutes and 80% within 5 minutes. These are very respectable response times. 71% of all calls were handled by one emergency vehicle (two firefighters); 18% required two vehicles (four or five firefighters); 11% of the calls required three or more vehicles or the entire work group (eight or more firefighters).

There were nine major emergencies: three "all hands working"; four first alarms; one second alarm; one third alarm. For fires requiring suppression efforts we had a 75% control rate with the first alarm assignment. There were 33 fires in buildings, which is well above the average of 25 fires. Preliminary fire loss is \$822,000 and \$920,000 in property saved.

There were 22 high-risk, high-priority emergency medical patients. Seventy-two percent of all emergencies were in the central area of the City; 10% were in Lakeport; 10% were in the Weirs; 3% were in north Laconia; and 2% were in the south end.

The 11:00 a.m. time period was the busiest with 8% of all emergencies. 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. were all tied for the second busiest hour. Twenty-five percent of all emergencies were between 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

City Council Budget Hearings Begin Monday, April 8th at 6:00 pm

CITY OF LACONIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

EXPENDITURE PLAN
PROPOSED

Click [here](#) to view the
Budget document



On April 8th the City Council will begin its detailed review of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. 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 a schedule of budget hearings...all meetings begin at 6 pm in City Hall, Room 200A:

- April 8: Assessing, Planning, Code/Conservation Commission
- April 22: Water, School, Library
- April 29: Public Works, Fire, Police
- May 13: Recreation and Facilities
- May 28: Finance (Fiscal, Welfare, MIS, Tax, Benefits, Insurance, Debt), Administration (Legal, Capital, Records)

Your input is needed!

The City Manager's office (527-1270) is always available to answer questions or provide information.



TAKE THE BITE OUT OF BED BUGS!

LANDLORD SEMINAR

Bed Bugs are back in a big way, and the web is full of misinformation on what to do when they invade your life. NH property owners are finding out the hard way that these pesky critters are expensive and difficult to eradicate. Have no fear, help is here!

The Manchester Bed Bug Action Committee is pleased to offer a series of seminars aimed at helping the NH property owner to deal with bed bugs at all stages of infestation.

- Bed Bug Behavior and Identification
- How to Protect YOUR Property Against Infestation
- Preparation and Monitoring
- Treatment Options
- Tenant Relations and Responsibility
- Bust the Myths and Discover What Really Works
- Q&A

This is a **FREE** seminar and all property owner and property managers are encouraged to attend. Space is limited. Please RSVP by 5/1/2013 to sheri5205340@yahoo.com.

When: May 21st 2013 from 6pm – 8pm
Where: Beane Center - 35 blueberry Lane, Laconia
Contact: Sheri Minor – 603-524-0348

Presented by:



*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of **Laconia Links***

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
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or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers, City Manager
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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 - Katie Walsh	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Welfare.....	527-1267
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Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) *	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) *	366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
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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	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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