



Laconia Links

April 12, 2013 - Edition #79

Belknap Ridge from Parade Road

Public Works Department



Work continued this week (April 8 thru 12) on the sewer main replacement on South Main St. at the intersection of Bowman St. and Pine St. with the installation of two new sewer manholes. New sewer pipe (12 inch diameter PVC pipe replacing 1890s era 10 inch diameter vitrified clay pipe) was installed from Bowman St. across Main St. and then northerly, 50 ft. toward Pine St.

A sewer by-pass pumping set-up was installed Thursday and Friday in preparation for handling existing sewer flow from Pine St. next week when the sewer replacement work continues.



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!



Sewer replacement work next week (April 15 thru 19) will include crossing through a major concrete (drainage) box culvert in two (2) locations.

Work has been challenging involving crossing of many existing utilities (water and drain pipe, electric conduit and gas piping) as well as handling of ground water. We appreciate the patience of the traveling public (vehicular) cooperating with the traffic control personnel as they pass through the project area!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

LEGO® Club



Friday, April 19th @
3:30 in Laconia Rotary
Hall. Kids ages 5 -12
are invited to come to
the LEGO Club! We'll
supply the LEGOs ...
you supply the
imagination!



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

Green Earth Friendly Projects



Come in and have fun with
green earth-friendly projects
on Tuesday, April 23rd @
3:30-4:30 p.m. in Laconia
Rotary Hall for teens in
grades 6-12.

Earth Day Special for Kids & Families

Monday, April 22nd @
2:00 p.m. in the Selig
Story time Room for
families and children.
Hear planting stories
and enjoy Earth Day
activities!



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!*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

April 15, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Parks & Recreation Comm.

April 15, 2013, 7:00 pm
Community Center

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Laconia High School

Seniors/Parents—College Financial Aid Packages

LEARN WHAT TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID YOUR CHILD IS BEING OFFERED BY THEIR COLLEGES (BRING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTERS) ON: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH - 6:00-7:30P.M. - LHS LIBRARY**
PRESENTED BY NHHEAF AT THE CENTER FOR COLLEGE PLANNING WWW.NHHEAF.ORG

Eight LHS sophomores Mitchell Bailey, Brent Clarke, Lily Chanthasak, Erin Cashman, Sean Cashman, Anne Dionne, Alana Persson and Michaela Sorrell participated in the Laconia Rotary Youth Leadership Program. This event is held annually and offers local sophomores from several Lakes Region high schools an opportunity to learn about and experience leadership and service. The program included a dinner and team building games, presentations by local speakers and a day of service at The Prescott Farm Educational Center in Laconia. Joining sophomores from around the Lakes Region, the LHS students worked together with new friends on the Prescott Farm trails and learned how to make positive change happen in their community.

[Laconia High School website](#)



Laconia Middle School

Check out the [Integrated Arts site at LMS!](#)

This site will give you glimpse into what we are doing in Integrated Arts. In the "Pictures" section I will try to organize pictures by grade and create separate "Albums" for each event. Check out the journal entry section titled "[Current Happenings](#)" and the "Calendar" section for updates. There is also a section titled "Files" where you can find all sorts of important information- the IA Syllabus, rubrics used for grading, and the IA curriculum map. Check it out! Thank you for visiting & come back soon!

Ms. Eynon
[Laconia Middle School website](#)



A Look Ahead

April 15th~
1st Baseball/Softball games Home @4pm
April 17th~
1st Track Meet
April 22nd-26th~
Spring Vacation
May 1st-3rd~
6th,7th &8th Grade Recognition
May 5th~
8th Grade Fundraiser @Patrick's Pub



Elm Street School

ESS is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Playground Fundraiser this Saturday, from 5:00-8:00 PM. The cost will be \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of 4.

Also, like the other schools are probably doing, we will be hosting one of the refreshment stations for the 26.4.26 Memorial Run on Sunday.

Finally, on Wednesday, April 17th, we will be hosting a Family Fun Activity Night in conjunction with Tammy Levesque from the Health and Wellness Academy, from 5:30-7:00 PM.



[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

On Monday March 25th the Pleasant Street School Chorus held their annual concert of the year. The chorus is made up of third, fourth and fifth grade students and they hold their rehearsals during their recess time. Boy- these students are really dedicated! The chorus is directed by PSS/ESS music teacher, Ms. Catie Dwinall who splits her year teaching between Pleasant and Elm Street Schools. The PSS Chorus sang a variety of songs, including Hakuna Matata By Elton John/ Arranged by Roger Emerson and Just One Small Voice Words and Music By Don Besig and Nancy Price. The show ended with a rousing rendition of The Muppets: Choral Highlights from the Movie Arranged by Mac Huff. The concert was a great success!



Woodland Heights School

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)

3rd Grade "Egg Drop" Designs Tested Friday, April 5th

Mrs. Stormann's 3rd grade class read the story [Queen of the Falls](#) by Chris Van Allsburg. This is based on the true story of Annie Edson Taylor who went over Niagara Falls on her 63rd birthday in 1901. Students were asked to design a container for an egg drop over the library railing. Students were very creative and the final result was 12 "eggcellent" and 3 "perished" eggs. Pictured is Autumn Hopler dropping her egg over the railing in the library.



Huot Technical Center

Leading the Way to Career Success!

We are proud to serve over 400 students yearly from six area high schools: Belmont, Franklin, Gifford, Inter-Lakes, Laconia, and Winnisquam!

The Huot Technical Center, a regional program for students at Laconia, Gifford, Belmont, Inter-Lakes, Franklin and Winnisquam Regional High Schools, provides career and technical education programs that offer:

- new and different learning experiences which combine theory with hands-on learning.
- an opportunity to experience a variety of career choices.
- instruction using up-to-date equipment and technology.
- the opportunity to develop positive work habits such as self-discipline, responsibility, self-esteem and teamwork.
- connections to post-secondary schools for advanced placement in career and technical studies.
- opportunities for students to participate in field sites and internships.

College credit options are currently available in the programs of Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Health Science & Technology, Automotive Technology, and Business Education.

Click [here](#) for Huot Spring Newsletter.

[Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



Laconia School Board

SAU 30 Upcoming Meetings

Budget and Personnel Meeting - 4/16/13 - 6:00 pm - SAU 30
Laconia School Board Meeting - 4/16/13 - 7:00 pm - SAU 30
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 Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

April is Alcohol Awareness Month



Facts:

- Alcohol is a drug – a depressant that slows brain activity.
- Alcohol abuse, misuse, and addiction affects the entire family.
- Addiction is a chronic, progressive disease.
- Millions of Americans and their families are in healthy recovery from this disease.
- Alcohol and other drug addiction is **preventable** and **highly treatable**.

Warning Signs of Alcohol Abuse:

If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you may have a problem with alcohol:

Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
 Does drinking ever make you late for work?
 Does your drinking worry your family?
 Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
 Do you ever forget what you did while drinking?
 Do you get headaches or have a hangover after drinking?
Source: SAMSHA

What can you do?

RECOGNIZE the warning signs

KNOW where to go for help

SEEK TREATMENT if you or someone you know needs help



Help is Available. For confidential help contact:

The NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services 1-800-804-0909 or 603-271-6110 or talk with your doctor or health care provider.



**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...

*The Planning Department announces the unveiling
of the Laconia Storytelling Hotline!*



Do you spend your leisure time in the Downtown Parks or on the Weirs Beach Boardwalk? Do you love the Historic Building reuse? Do you enjoy walking and shopping in Downtown and Weirs Beach? Why or why not?

We are looking for your stories about what you love about your City. Tell us about living and working in either Downtown, Weirs Beach or Lakeport.



We will use your stories to draft a Village Overlay District that addresses architecture, building placement, streetscape, pedestrian ways, vehicular movements, parking and public space enhancement.



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

Call our hotline today and let us know your story!

Story Hotline 527-1297

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
poliquin@laconia.k12.nh.us

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

SAVE THE DATE!

LACONIA AIRPORT

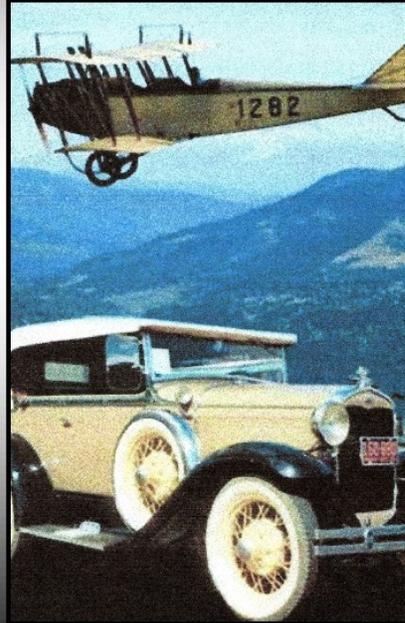
SAT., JUNE 8, 2013

2nd Annual

10 am—2 pm

Open House

WINGS, WATER & WHEELS



WE WANT YOU!

AIRCRAFT
SHOW CARS
MOTORCYCLES
BOATS
IF IT'S ANTIQUE, UNUSUAL,
OR MIND-BLOWINGLY
COOL, WE INVITE YOU TO
BRING IT ON OVER AND PUT
IT ON DISPLAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION &
TO RESERVE YOUR FREE
SPACE:

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LACONIA MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT
65 AVIATION DRIVE
GILFORD, NH 03249
603-524-5003

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Webb's Beach



Ogden Rd. Day Camp (Pine Hill Camp) Fall 2012

Laconia Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Program Brochure 2013



April Day 2012



2012 Parks New Footbridge

The new Spring/Summer brochure is ready!
Click on the image above to plan
your summer fun.



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



*Stronger Communities, Greater Giving:
A Vision for Philanthropy in NH*



NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is the largest provider of grants to nonprofit organizations, and the largest source of unrestricted student aid in northern New England. Foundation President Richard Ober will speak about the challenges and opportunities facing our great state and the Foundation's vision to create stronger New Hampshire communities.

This free event will be held Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

Founded in 1962, the Foundation is the steward of \$500 million in charitable funds donated by hundreds of families and individuals. Last year, it awarded more than 3,000 grants to nonprofits and made almost 2,000 scholarship and loan awards to students.

Mr. Ober has 25 years of experience in nonprofit management, civic affairs and communications and has served on numerous nonprofit and public boards. A widely published author and journalist, he lectures throughout New England and beyond. His community-focused work has been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency, the State of New Hampshire, and Plymouth State University among others. Business New Hampshire Magazine named him one of the state's Most Influential People in 2010 and 2012.

The event is free and open to the public; however, those planning to attend must pre-register. Please call 524-5600 or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org for reservations.



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.



Free First-Time Homebuyer Seminar Offered by Laconia Area Community Land Trust and Bank of NH



Have you been dreaming of buying a home? Would-be homeowners can learn everything they need to know about buying a home in a full-day seminar offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT), a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. The seminar is sponsored by the Bank of NH. So far, 274 first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLT's program, representing more than \$41 million in local home purchases.

This month's seminar takes place Saturday, April 20th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Birch Room. Topics include: Credit and Budgeting, Qualifying for a Mortgage, Working with a Realtor, the Home Inspection Process and the Closing Process. The First-time Homebuyer Seminar is free and open to the public; advance registration is required, and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Register by calling Debra Drake, LACLT's Homeownership Director at (603) 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@lact.org. LACLT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at www.lact.org.

A Japanese Wife, Culture and Domestic Violence

Join the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council for a presentation by author and community member

Kazuko Okubo.



When: April 25th 6:30-8:00

Where: Laconia library, Rotary Auditorium

Light refreshments & snacks will be served.



Coming August 3rd
2013 ~ 12th Annual



Mark your calendars for this year's Laconia Multicultural Festival on Aug. 3rd! As always, this promises to be a fun and unique event with music and dance groups, artist workshops, ethnic food tables, craft booths, demonstrations and more!

Watch for additional information as we get closer to August 3rd, and check for updates posted on the event's [website](#).



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

Mark Your Calendar!

If you have an opinion on which recycling option the Council should choose, please attend this very important special 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. We hope to see you there!





Prescription Take Back Program Scheduled for April 20



The arrival of spring means spring cleaning for many people. Most think of their closets, basements and garages. But how about cleaning out your medicine cabinet? Unused and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the wrong hands can be dangerous.

The Laconia Police Department will hold a community-wide Prescription Take Back Program Saturday, April 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia.

The program allows everyone to be anonymous – there are no questions asked. This program is also helpful for those who have loved ones who have passed away who aren't sure what to do with a cabinet full of medications.

Master Patrol Officer Ben Black explained letting the police department properly dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications helps keep prescribed drugs from getting into the wrong hands. It's dangerous and illegal for someone to take medication prescribed for another individual. Additionally, putting these types of items in the trash or flushing them down the toilet is bad for the environment.

For those who can't attend the event April 20, the LPD also has a secured container in its lobby where anyone can drop off unused or expired medications anonymously. For more information about the program, call 524-5252.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Lakes Region
Annual

2013

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

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

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

RIVER CREW ART PRESENTS

Dinner & Dance

Fundraiser

Raffles!



Silent Auction!

Featuring...

"Annie" & the Orphans

Rock 'n Roll with Anatole!

Since 1964

Tickets:
\$20/per
person

Saturday, May 18, 2013 5 -10 pm
At the VFW Hall in Laconia

Proceeds to benefit River Crew Art, a program empowering the homeless population using art and photography, and educating the community about the issues of homelessness.

Tickets available at the door. For advance tickets, call Elaine Morrison or Dick Smith at 527-1974, or email richard9445@sbcglobal.net

We hope you have enjoyed this
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We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!

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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
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
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack	
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	
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	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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www.city.laconia.nh.us