



## Laconia Links

April 18, 2014 - Edition #130



The 2014 Library Easter Egg Hunt



# Laconia Police Department

## Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

**April 26, 2014**



On April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Laconia Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its eighth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Laconia Police Department at 126 New Salem Street. (The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches).

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

**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!*



Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons of prescription drugs over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its seven previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken over 3.4 million pounds of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, both pose safety and health hazards.

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

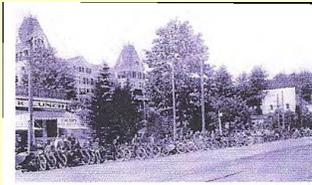


### **The History of Motorcycle Week**

The Laconia Historical & Museum Society will host Charlie St. Clair on Monday, April 21st @ 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall as he presents "The History of Motorcycle Week".

Laconia's Motorcycle Week is the oldest national motorcycle rally in the United States. In 1916, a group of motorcycle dealers decided to organize a motorcycle tour ... Laconia was chosen as the destination and thus, Motorcycle Week was born.

Charlie St. Clair is currently the Executive Director of Laconia Motorcycle Week Rally Association. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



### **Earth Day Celebration**

Come celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22nd @2 pm in the Selig Storytime Room. Take a tree home to plant. One per person. All supplies

provided. Free for children ages 3-12 with an adult.

### **Goss Reading Room Storytime!**



Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29  
3:30 @ Goss Reading Room  
188 Elm St. Lakeport  
For more information, call 524-3808

# 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**

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

April 21, 2014, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Parks & Rec Commission**

April 21, 2014, 7:00 pm  
Community Center

### **Water Commissioners**

April 24, 2014, 8:00 am  
117 Stark Street, Water  
Treatment Facility  
Conference Room

# 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

SPRING VACATION WEEK				
04/21	04/22	04/23	04/24	04/25
Middle School Open Gym @ Community Center 3:15 - 5:15 pm	Celebrate Earth Day at Laconia Public Library <a href="#">info here</a>	Elementary Open Gym @ Community Center 4 - 5:15 pm	High School Open Gym @ Community Center 3:15 - 5:15 pm	High School Open Gym @ Community Center 3:15 - 5:15 pm

## NEW SAMHSA GRANT DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED



The Laconia School District is pleased to announce that **McKenzie Harrington-Bacote** will become the SAMHSA Grant Administrator-Director in April 2014. Ms. Harrington-Bacote has worked at the New Hampshire Department of Education and was one of the key authors of this significant federal grant for our state. Ms. Harrington-Bacote will be responsible for coordinating the administration of the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration) grant in our community. Ms. Harrington-Bacote brings an incredible diligence and passion to the implementation of the tenets of the grant. She has experience and expertise in developing collaborative partnerships with several key organizations in our state including the Endowment for Health, the Institute on Disability at UNH, and the NH Department of Health and Human Services.

We invite you to join us in welcoming SAMHSA Grant Administrator-Director McKenzie Harrington-Bacote to this leadership position in the Laconia School District community.

## HUOT P & H STUDENTS RECEIVE MEDALS!

Recently the Huot Technical Center Plumbing & Heating program sent students to the USA Skills State Competition. Senior **RJ Pauley** finished with a bronze and **Justin Huckins** received a silver medal! Our congratulations to both of these students!



## FEATHER, FUR AND SCALES AT PSS



Squam Lakes Science Center shared their "Feathers, Fur, and Scales" program with the PSS kindergarten classes. Mr. Dave brought an opossum, barred owl, and a BIG boa constrictor. Students learned about their predators, environment, senses, and what they like

to eat. The Big Boa felt like a basketball. It was so exciting! A big thank you goes out to **VIPSS** for supporting this program.

## LHS JAG PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

Laconia High School's Jobs for America's Graduates Program (JAG) students were recognized at the Annual Career Development Conference/Senior Event that was held on April 9th. **Haley Coulter** and **Nick White** received scholarships, **Chelsey Parent** received 3rd place in the interviewing competition, **Kendra Galimberti** received the Outstanding Leadership Award for JAG, and LHS JAG won **FIRST PLACE** Community Service Project for the **SECOND** year in a row after submitting their Sa-chem's Pantry project. Congratulations JAG!



## WHS STUDENT LEADERS PRESENT TO SCHOOL BOARD

Woodland Heights Student Leaders gave a presentation to the Laconia School Board on April 15th. They shared what being on the leadership team meant to them. At left leaders are **Alex**



**Richardson, Pipa Boyle, Michael Frakes, Destiny Medici and Jennifer Arsenault** (front). Teacher leaders in back are **Irene Stinson** and **Jessica Ortolfo**.

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**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 the Laconia Middle School's  
 8th Grade class and Eat at

**Patrick's Pub**

April 27th thru May 1st  
 All Day!

25%  
 Of your food  
 Bill will go to  
 LMS 8th  
 Graduation  
 Dance

**Patrick's**

**PUB & EATERY**

*It's a great way to raise money for the 8th grade class  
 while spending a nice evening out with the family eating  
 delicious food!*

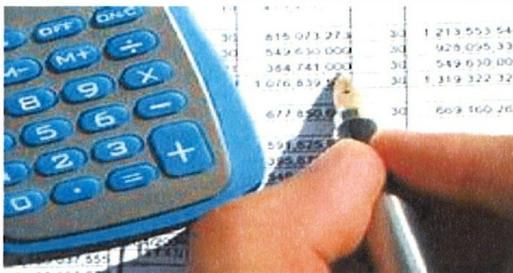
**GREAT FOOD &**

**QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Check out the  
 Gift Certificate fundraiser!



All you have to do is tell your server that you are there to support  
 the Laconia Middle School 8th GRADE GRADUATION DANCE and  
 25% of your bill will go towards their graduation dance!



**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.

**New!**

Click [here](#) to view updated responses to the survey (as of April 16, 2014). If you haven't already done so, please be sure to take the quick survey (*left*) to be sure your comments are included and your voice is heard. Survey responses will be accepted until June 1st.

*Thank you for being involved  
 in our community!*



Café Déjà Vu Pub Mania Team



Presents

# Legends of the Lakes Region 1st Annual Music Jam

John Argonopolis Scott Groleau Bob Huff with Norm Legassie Bob Woodberry Bret Loring  
 Mike Mayas Shawn Chase Jim Tyrrell Roger Blatn Chris Groleau Steve Hinchey Lou Gray  
 Paul King Rob Court Steve Ainsworth Jim Bogato Dennis Allard  
 Peter Brunette And Many More Dick Legassie Jeff Fortin Wally Bussell

**Saturday, April 26th at 8:00pm**

At The VFW 143 Court Street, Laconia, NH

**Door Prizes, Raffles & 50/50**

**Tickets: \$15.00**

Available at: Café Déjà Vu, Dr. Buckle & Mr. Hyde,  
Studio 23, Greenlaws Music & Patrick's Pub & Eatery  
For Info Call (603)998-1418

Get 10% discount with ticket April 26th & 27th at Café Déjà vu  
and April 26th at Patrick's Pub.

Fundraiser to benefit:



## Laconia Area Community Land Trust

*Building Neighborhoods, Changing Lives*

658 Union Avenue  
Laconia, NH 03246  
Phone: (603) 524-0747  
Fax: (603) 527-2514

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**Free First-Time  
Homebuyer Seminar  
Offered by LACLT and  
Franklin Savings Bank**

The Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) has educated nearly 300 first-time home buyers to date. On April 26, a new group of would-be homeowners will learn everything they need to know about buying a home in a full-day seminar offered by LACLT, a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, and sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank. So far, 296 (known) first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLT's program, representing more than \$44 million in local home purchases. The seminar, to be held at the Community Room at the Laconia Police Department at 126 New Salem St., takes place on Saturday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Topics include:



- Credit and Budgeting
- Working with a Realtor®
- Qualifying for a Mortgage
- The Home Inspection Process
- 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 524-0747 or by emailing [ddrake@lact.org](mailto:ddrake@lact.org). LACLT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at [www.lact.org](http://www.lact.org).

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



## Easter Egg Hunt

**2014  
Leavitt  
Park**





UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Cooperative Extension

Nutrition Connections

COOKING MATTERS™ for  
**TEENS**

Learn the basics of  
**COOKING AND HEALTHY EATING**  
in **FREE** Hands-On Cooking Classes.

Practice preparing dinners, lunches, snacks, and breakfast. All meals are healthy, low cost,

*Have fun cooking healthy meals!*

**WHEN**  
Start Date: April 29th 6 Weeks  
2:30 pm

**WHERE**  
Laconia High School  
Huot Center-Food & Nutrition  
Science Class Room

**TO REGISTER CONTACT**  
Laconia High School Guidance  
Office: Jen O'Reilly  
524-3350  
Income Guidelines Apply

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.  
University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.H. counties cooperating.

**DONATE YOUR BICYCLE FOR A WORTHY CAUSE**

**LACONIA AREA BICYCLE EXCHANGE.**  
**LOCATED AT 229 MESSER STREET.**

**DROPOFF OR PICKUP PLEASE CALL JOHN ROGERS 603-630-7571**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Request Mission Statement, or Press Release. Next meeting at Better Together Thurs April 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm. Volunteer Opportunities. Also looking for tools and accessories.



***Why Does Vermont Grow Crops While New Hampshire Grows Rocks?***

Dr. Bryon Middlekauff of Plymouth State University will explore more than 1 billion years of history of the development of Vermont and New Hampshire landscapes and the reasons why the agricultural foundation of each state is so different.

The program is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 11 a.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Doctor Middlekauff is Professor of Geography, Environmental Planning and Environmental Science and Policy. He'll examine the geologic factors which influenced the evolution of the neighboring states' topography, rock types, soil and geologic history through a heavily illustrated presentation.

This program is part of collaboration between Meredith Village Savings Bank, Taylor Community and Plymouth State University, designed to bring educational and entertaining programs to Taylor residents and the greater Lakes Region area.

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP and ensure seating, please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or email [rsvp@taylorcommunity.org](mailto:rsvp@taylorcommunity.org).

# BLOOD DRIVE



## American Red Cross

Appointments are recommended. Please schedule online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Tuesday, April 22nd  
2:00 pm—7:00 pm

Taylor Community  
Woodside Building  
227 Ledges Drive, Laconia, NH

Sponsored By: Unitarian Church of Laconia

Each presenting donor will receive a coupon for a free six-inch sub from SUBWAY®

All presenting donors are eligible. Incentives are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) / 1-800-RED CROSS

## *Assessing* Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms will not be available this year until May 1, with a filing deadline of June 30. This form applies to the low/moderate income homeowner's property tax credit. Once they are made available by the DRA, the forms can be printed online or will be made available in our office.

Questions? Please call 527-1268.

Main Street Bridge  
Construction



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

The Main St. Bridge Construction Website is updated periodically with information on construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image (left) contains a link to a webpage relating to the project. 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). Please remember to support our downtown merchants during this project!

*Thank you for your patience!*



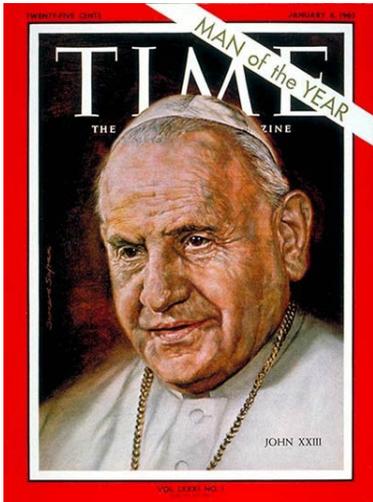
As we work on improving our roads, you may have noticed significant activity on Union Avenue. Work at that location during this construction season includes water main, natural gas, sewer, road and sidewalk upgrades.

The project will be in two phases, currently anticipated to be as follows: Phase 1-Messer St. to approx. Walker St., roadway and utilities: April 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 23<sup>rd</sup> (sidewalk and curb work continuing until June 13<sup>th</sup>); Phase 2-Walker St. to Gilford Ave.: July 7<sup>th</sup> thru October 10<sup>th</sup>. During the construction day, traffic will be northbound only; southbound traffic will be detoured (see [Phase 1](#) and [Phase 2](#) detour plans). On weekends and evenings Union Avenue will be open to two-way traffic.

Please continue to visit the many businesses on Union Avenue and, as always, if you have questions or concerns please call DPW at 528-6379. Thank you for your cooperation!



*Pope John XXIII, Still the Most Popular Pope Ever: Now That He's a Saint*



Pope John XXIII, best known for convoking the Second Vatican Council, will be canonized Sunday, April 27, alongside Pope John Paul II. Papal Historian and Author Anura Guruge will present a 90-minute illustrated, interactive program to mark this occasion.

The program – which will provide an illuminating and memorial portrait of this pope's life – is scheduled for 3 p.m., Sunday, April 13 at Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Mr. Guruge has been working on a new book, "Pope John XXIII: 101 Facts & Trivia." His presentation will draw on the material gathered for the book with a heavy emphasis on the trivia and the pope's incomparable sayings, such as the one related to the actual number of people working at the Vatican.

The author guarantees he'll share new insights, analysis, pictures and observations. The event is free and open to the public but RSVPs are requested to ensure seating. Please call 524-5600 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email [rsvp@taylorcommunity.org](mailto:rsvp@taylorcommunity.org).



**The Laconia Fire Department  
Wants to Remind You The  
Weather Is Changing . . . .**



**PLEASE STAY OFF THE ICE!**



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

*Writers' Group*



Interest in our Writers' Group is growing! We have several folks who like to write short stories and poems, etc. If you want to join us, please call Tom at 524-7689.

Don't forget! Join us on the WOW trail (conditions permitting) each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and enjoy the Spring weather!



*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!*

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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 - 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 Baumoel
- 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

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- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) ..... 528-0191
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[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)