



Laconia Links

May 10, 2013 - Edition #83

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Lakeport Freighthouse Museum

Come visit the Lakeport Freighthouse Museum! See [page five](#) for more details...



Photos of our DPW employees installing the walking trail at Wyatt Park this week. The trail is part of the Wyatt Park South End Community Revitalization Project to promote a healthier and more vibrant community!



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!



Project EXTRA

Planting Seeds & Cultivating Minds

Click [here](#) to read the March-April Project EXTRA Newsletter!



March-April 2013 Newsletter

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

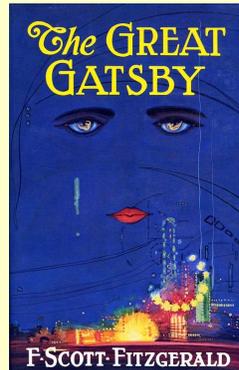
Teddy Bear Picnic!



Join us Friday, May 24th in the Library garden from 4 - 5 pm (Selig Story Time Room if it rains) to hear bear stories. Bring a blanket, your favorite teddy and we'll share a bear snack! Free for families with children.

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

A Sound Track for *The Great Gatsby*: Music of the Jazz Age



The Library has received a grant from the NH Humanities Council to present *A Sound Track for The Great Gatsby: Music of the Jazz Age*. The program will be held at 7 pm on May 14th in Laconia Rotary Hall. For more info, call Deborah Ross at the Library (524-4775).

Professional musician and jazz scholar Paul Combs will examine the lives and music of 1920's artists Fletcher Henderson, Paul Whiteman, Jelly Roll Morton, Joe "King" Oliver and Ma Rainey and the influence this music may have had on The Great Gatsby.

The program is free and open to the public!

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

Budget Meeting

May 13, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
(See pg. 5 for details)

City Council

May 13, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

May 15, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Laconia High School

Chem-Free After Prom Party 2013

62 high school students participated in this after prom party – sponsored in part by Stand Up Laconia through Better Together.

Special thanks and appreciation to Laconia Police Department, LHS Guidance Team, Freedom Found and Parents for their support. Over \$5,000 in donations to support this event

The evening's agenda included

Left the Prom at 11:30pm to go to Fun Spot, Fun Spot was open just for our students. Great fun with the games and lots of high school student laughter. Left Fun Spot at 2:00am to go to Cinema 8, Opening night for Iron Man III, 3D. Donated movie and popcorn. Off to Weirs Beach for Breakfast at 5:00am, Breakfast made by our LHS kitchen staff

Definitely a great event – looking forward to next year!



A 'Night of Diamonds' for Laconia High School juniors

[Laconia High School website](#)



Laconia Middle School

Laconia Middle School Memorial Day Ceremony

May 24, 2013

The students and staff would like to cordially invite you and your family to attend our traditional Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday May 24, 2013

The ceremony will take place at Opeechee Point starting at 8:15 am

We hope you will join us for this special program

A LOOK AHEAD

May 13th-8th Grade Group Photo

May 15th-Student Council All Members @7:15am

PTO @ 8:30pm

May 16th-17th-NECAP Testing 8th Grade

May 17th-Talent Show 6pm

May 22nd-Spring Concert @7pm

May 24th-Great East Festival

May 27th-Memorial Day/ No School

[Laconia Middle School website](#)



Elm Street School



Elm Street School's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association will be held on Friday, May 24. We are excited to be able to raise funds for this important Association! It Takes Heart to be a Hero!!

[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

Student Council spoils PSS Staff during Teacher Appreciation Week!



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School



FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY AT WHS

A flag folding ceremony was presented by Henry J. Sweeney Post #2, American Legion, Manchester NH to the 3rd graders at Woodland Heights Elementary on May 3, 2013. Legionnaires Bill Whitmore, Bill Roy, Jack Meisel, and Jim Connolly conducted the ceremony.

[Woodland Heights Website](#)

Gale to Goss Library Walk

May 18, 2013

Come Walk with US!



A historic walking tour from the Laconia Public Library to the Crown Reading Room celebrating Laconia's public reading spaces

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For more information click [here](#).



Laconia School Board

SAU 30 Upcoming Meetings

Policy Committee Meeting -
Monday, 5/20/13 - 8:00 am—SAU 30
Laconia School Board Meeting -
Tuesday, 5/21/13 - 7:00 pm - SAU 30

[School Board Website](#)



Laconia Police Department

Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)



STOP Underage Drinking

Too Young To Start

By the time they reach eighth grade, nearly 50 percent of adolescents have had at least one drink, and over 20 percent have been "drunk." About 20 percent of eighth graders and nearly 50 percent of twelfth graders have consumed alcohol in the past 30 days. Approximately 30 percent of twelfth graders say they participate in binge drinking (having at least five or more drinks on one occasion in the previous 2 weeks).

Consequences

Underage drinking is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined. Alcohol abuse in youth leads to increased incidents of:

- Drinking and driving/crash fatalities
- Suicide and attempted suicide
- Sexual assault
- High-risk sexual encounters
- Learning impairments
- Brain damage
- Alcohol dependence

Early alcohol abuse may have long-lasting consequences. People who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence at some time in their lives compared to those who have their first drink at age 20 or older.

Prevent & Treat

The immediate and long-term risks of alcohol abuse among the young underscore the need for prevention and treatment action. Discussions of the consequences of alcohol abuse as well as participation in community programs are the best way to start. Treatment for abuse that has already begun should be age appropriate and take into account the increased peer pressure young people experience.



Laconia Police Department

126 New Salem St. • Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 524-5252
Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Working With You To Keep Our Community Safe.



Lakeport Community Association



3rd Annual Autism Center Walk-A-Thon

Sunday, May 19th

To support the
Autism Center
of Central New Hampshire

Start and end at
Lakes Region Community
Services- Laconia

10am—12 pm walk or stroller
along the WOW! Trail.

12-2 pm Family Cookout Lunch

Click here for [more details](#)
and [donation sheet](#)



The Lakeport Freight House Museum, located near the corner of Union St. and Elm St. in the vicinity of the Lakeport Fire Station, will be open to the public on Saturday, May 11th and Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please plan to join us!



City Council Budget Hearings Continue Monday, May 13th, 6 pm



On May 13th the City Council will continue its detailed review of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. During a series of meetings department heads 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:

Please Note!

May 13: Public Works
May 28: Finance (Fiscal, Welfare, MIS, Tax, Benefits, Insurance, Debt),
Administration (Legal, Capital, Records)

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

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



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yearly from six area high schools!*

**OPEN
HOUSE**

**Thursday
May 23, 2013**

**Tours: 9:00am, 11:00am &
2:00—3:00pm**

Open House: 5:00-7:00pm

345 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246
Parking available off of Dewey Street

*"I wish we had this
when I was in high school!"*

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TALKING ABOUT!**

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Childhood
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www.laconiaschools.org/huot

Questions? • Call: 603.528.8693 • E-mail: sdavis@laconia.k12.nh.us



Welcome Home Allyssa!

Best wishes for a quick recovery;
we're glad you're home!

Welcoming Allyssa back to Laconia at Little League Opening Day recently (left) are her family and friends, along with Mayor Michael Seymour and Councilor Bob Hamel.



National Kids to Parks Day

May 18, 2013

National Park Trust Announces 'National Kids to Parks Day' To Take Place Saturday May 18, 2013

Recognizing that young people spend far too much time indoors and far too little time appreciating and preserving America's magnificent national, state and local parks, the National Park Trust is mobilizing kids across the country for a nationwide park play-in. The website, www.kidstoparks.org, is interactive with links to park activities nationwide and provides a toolkit of ideas and activities for children, families and educators.

"National Kids to Parks Day encourages children across America to get out and play. This simple idea of playing in a park can potentially give millions of kids the reason to get active and get outside just as families prepare for summer," said Grace Lee, executive director of National Park Trust. "In one year, participation has tripled with children, families, educators, and elected officials jumping in to support parks and coming together in joyful and active outdoor fun. We want kids to love our parks and be empowered to protect and preserve them!"



National Kids to Parks Day is the signature event of NPT's popular educational program Where's Buddy Bison Been?®. Through its mascot Buddy Bison, NPT encourages children to "Explore outdoors, the parks are yours!". Forty-four schools in 15 states and Washington, D.C. participate in the Buddy Bison educational program, which includes classroom resources, lesson ideas and fully funded park trips.

Families can sign up to participate at www.kidstoparks.org. When they visit a park on May 18th, kids can tweet #kidstoparks or send in photos to buddy@buddybison.org to have their pictures posted online on a national map commemorating the day. Also available online and on Facebook is a listing of park events across the country.

As people spend more time indoors and as successive generations grow up with less of a connection to nature, NPT wants to build a greater awareness and appreciation for the importance of our country's parks. To achieve this, NPT is preserving parks today and creating park stewards for tomorrow (www.parktrust.org).

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

Monday, May 13, 2013 – 6 pm – 7 pm

This reception will be held at the Laconia Public Library on May 13 at 6:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public!

Refreshments will be served - Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information about this event, or if you would like to make a donation and/or become a member - please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email us at hmslpl@metrocast.net or visit us online at www.laconiahistorical.org.

We hope to see you there!

*Laconia Historical & Museum Society
Presents*



Made in Laconia

A glimpse into Laconia's History of Manufacturing and the popular products that were made in our city.

*On View at the Laconia Public Library
May 2013—July 2013*

*Presented by the Laconia Historical & Museum Society
Sponsored by the Laconia Public Library*



LACLCT Offers Free Workshop on Default & Foreclosure Intervention



In the past few years, Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLCT) has helped 137 area residents hold onto their homes, and is now offering the latest in a series of free workshops as the first step for those who may be facing foreclosure or who are in mortgage default.

On Saturday, May 18, from 9:30AM to noon at the Laconia Police Dept. Community Room on New Salem St., LACLCT offers a Default & Foreclosure Intervention Workshop, taught by Debra Drake, a certified housing counselor. Light refreshments are included, and registration begins at 9:30 AM. This workshop is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank. The workshop is free and open to homeowners of all income levels. LACLCT respects and maintains confidentiality and privacy.

- Explore the options available in avoiding foreclosure
- Learn about the timelines and the foreclosure process in NH
- Review necessary forms and receive PowerPoint assistance understanding and completing them
- Schedule an appointment for free one-on-one counseling and advocacy
- Have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A period

Register today by calling Debra Drake, Homeownership Director of LACLCT at 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@lactl.org. Advance registration is required.

May 18, 2013

GALE TO GOSS LIBRARY WALK



The event will end with rides back to the Laconia Public Library from Molly the Trolley!

Save the Date!

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Each youth participant will receive WOW Trail Mix, a free ticket for the Kindle raffle, and a "10 Books for \$10" Reading Log from TD Bank North!

A historic walking tour from the Laconia Public Library to the Goss Reading Room celebrating Laconia's public reading spaces



For questions or if you need additional information, please call the Library at 524-4775.

New Beginnings' Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Your support can make a difference while honoring Mom on Mother's Day!



The tradition of honoring one's Mother with carnations on Mother's Day started in 1906. *New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse* will be holding its annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale. Carnations will be available May 9th, 10th and 11th at various convenient locations: Bank of New Hampshire, Laconia Branch; Sunflower Natural Foods, Laconia; SunDay's Salon and Spa, Laconia; Awakenings Espresso Café, Gilford; multiple Meredith Village Savings Banks (Meredith, Gilford, Laconia, and Center Harbor); Meredith Mobil Gas Station, Meredith; and the New Beginnings office, Laconia.

Carnations are \$1.25 for singles with greenery or \$10.00 for a hand made bouquet. Mother's Day is May 12, 2013; order early so you do not miss out! To place an order, or for more information, please contact New Beginnings at (603) 528-6511.

Honor someone special in your life and support survivors of domestic, sexual and stalking violence at the same time.



CITY OF LACONIA

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions either have current vacancies or terms of current members will be expiring and up for renewal at the end of June 2013:

Planning Board (2 reg. and 2 alt. positions)
Board of Water Comm. (1 reg. position)
Bd. of Assessors (1 reg. & 2 alt. positions)
Zoning Bd. of Adjustment (2 alt. positions)
Library Bd. of Trustees (2 alt. positions)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at brownn@city.laconia.nh.us) for further information or to request an application.

Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, May 24, 2013.

Ever think of joining a Board or Committee in Laconia? Now's your chance!

The Board of Assessor's has immediate openings for:

- 1 full time Board member
- 2 alternate Board members

(Called only when a full time member cannot make the scheduled meeting)

What does being on the Board of Assessor's entail?

- To start, you must be a resident of Laconia
- You will meet one evening a month (during the early spring, we sometimes hold 2 meetings a month)
- You will review property values and make decisions on taxpayer appeals
- You will sign warrants and abatement slips

You do not need experience in the assessing field. You will have the opportunity to meet with our State DRA representative, Chuck Reese, for an informational session. And Jon will walk you through any questions you may have during the meetings.

Applications can be obtained in the City Manager's office or by contacting Nancy Brown at 527-1270 or BrownN@city.laconia.nh.us



Assessing

Low & Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief

Important DATE!

[Click](#) for Assessing Dept.

Now is the time to file for NH State Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief! Form DP-8 must be filed no later than June 30, 2013. The State no longer mails the forms to property taxpayers who have filed in prior years.

You are eligible to file for this tax relief if:

- You own a homestead subject to the state education property tax;
- You have resided in such homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made;
- You have a total adjusted gross household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person, or \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household.

Be sure to attach a copy of your final 2012 property tax bill and your 2012 federal tax return for each claimant and all adult members of the claimant's household for the corresponding period.

DP-8 forms can be obtained online by clicking [here](#) or by calling 603-230-5920. Send completed forms to: NH Dept of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, PO Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299.



New Hampshire

FISH AND GAME

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LEAVE YOUNG ANIMALS ALONE - KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

With the arrival of spring, many species of wildlife are giving birth to their young. Finding young wildlife can be exciting, but in most cases, even if it appears abandoned, its mother is not far off. If you encounter young wildlife – even young animals that appear to need help – the kindest and safest thing to do is to leave them alone and let nature take its course.

Reports have already begun coming in to Fish and Game and local wildlife rehabilitators from people who have picked up young animals, often mistakenly thinking they are orphans. "Picking up fawns, baby raccoons or young animals is an error in judgment," says N.H. Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Supervisor Kent Gustafson. "People think they're doing a good deed, but they are often removing the animal from the care of its parents and potentially exposing themselves to the risk of disease. In particular, your actions may result in the animal having to be euthanized for rabies testing."

Young wild animals (including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians) typically have their best chance of surviving when they are in their own natural environment, says Gustafson. What should you do if you find a young animal? "Give wildlife plenty of space and leave them alone and in the wild, where they belong," he said. If in doubt, report the location of the animal to N.H. Fish and Game by emailing wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov or calling 603-271-2461.

Gustafson explains that seeing a deer fawn alone, for example, does NOT mean that it is orphaned or that it needs your help; it is normal for a doe to leave her fawn alone while she goes off to feed, and in many cases, the doe will not return until nightfall. Leaving the fawn undisturbed, and where it is, gives it the best chance of being reunited with its mother.

"Fawns are not defenseless creatures. Their cryptic coloration, tendency to stay perfectly still and lack of scent are all adaptations that help them survive," Gustafson said. Does are easy for predators to detect because of their size and scent, so they keep a distance from their fawns, except during brief nursing sessions, so that predators don't key in on them. If sympathetic people handle or repeatedly visit a fawn, it only serves to draw the attention of predators and discourage its mother from returning. "This hands-off and keep-your-distance policy also applies to bear cubs and moose calves," Gustafson continued. "It's also worth noting that sows and cows can and do actively protect their young. In any case, if you're lucky enough to see a deer fawn, bear cub, moose calf or other wild animal, count your blessings and leave the area."

Only qualified people with special rehabilitator permits, issued through N.H. Fish and Game, may take in and care for injured or orphaned wildlife. Improper care of injured or orphaned wildlife often leads to their sickness or death. For example, under NO circumstances should anyone feed a fawn. Improper foods such as cow's milk invariably lead to severe diarrhea (scours), which is usually fatal. Unless you have rehabilitator credentials, it is illegal to have in your possession or take New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity.

For a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, go to:
http://www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/wildlife_rehabbers.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildnh.com>.



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

*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
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Tax	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) *	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) *	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i>	
Library	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
Personnel	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoel</i>	
Police (Administration) *	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) *	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	

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Visit the City's website at:
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