



# Laconia Links

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Main Street: Getting Ready for Memorial Day!

## Laconia Police Dept.



Left, Chief Adams escorts Deborah Croteau to the memorial wreath during the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony held in Concord on May 17th.

Mrs. Croteau is the great granddaughter of Laconia Police Officer Charles Dolloff who died in the line of duty on July 18, 1889. Officer Charles Dolloff was added to the memorial several years ago after extensive research by Robin Moyer. Officer Dolloff suffered an aneurism shortly after breaking up a fight at the fairgrounds.

[Link to LPD here](#)

**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!*



*Remembering those who paid for our freedom.*



### Please Note:



City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013

*We apologize for any inconvenience!*

A complete list of 2013 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

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

*The Laconia Public Library  
will be closed  
Memorial Day, May 27th.*

*We apologize for any  
inconvenience this may cause  
to our patrons.*

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

## Country Estates of New Hampshire



Join us on Thursday, June 13 at 7 PM in Laconia Public Library's Rotary Hall for *Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire* with Cristina Ashjian, an art historian and an independent scholar.

In the early 20th century, the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture launched a program to boost the rural economy and promote tourism through the sale of abandoned farms to summer residents. Using historic images and texts, Ashjian discusses well-known estates now open to the public such as The Fells on Lake Sunapee, The Rocks in Bethlehem, and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish.

This lecture is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Laconia Public Library.

## 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

### **City Council Budget Mtg.**

May 28, 2013, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
(see page 5 for details)

### **City Council**

May 28, 2013, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### **MSP**

May 29, 2013, 2:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

## LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights Website](#)

# Richard Dearborn Science Center



This fall, the final phase of the Laconia High School – Huot Career and Technical Center Master Plan Building Project will be complete.

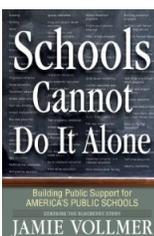
Boosted by an amazing donation from LHS Alum Richard Dearborn and EPTAM Plastics, the company he created, six state of the art Science Labs will come on line for students at Laconia High School.

The Biotechnology Lab will be the anchor of this Science Center and will be accessed by students throughout the region. The career possibilities for young people coming out of the career path of Biotech are amazing.

Nationally, students entering the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) represents the most critical need our country has for improving the economy and the quality of life in the United States and throughout the world.

Locally, with the significant renovations and new spaces, LHS-Huot is prepared to expose our young people to every facet of STEM. This is the opportunity they need to impact the economic health of our region.

Science Labs are essential to engage young people as they inquire how and why systems work. The new Science Center will provide a safe and high tech learning environment that colleges and businesses expect our students to be operating in as they prepare to enter the workforce.



### PSS PARENT BOOK GROUP

Parents from Pleasant Street School joined Principal D'Haene in a book group using Jamie Vollmer's *School's Cannot Do It Alone*. The group met four times over the course of the year to read and discuss the important messages from this book. Vollmer's book outlines his journey to understanding the public education system and his realization that "we need to change the "system" of education in order to get the graduates we need." His book provides "teachers, administrators, board members and their allies a practical program to secure the understanding, trust, permission and support they need to change the system and increase student success." PSS Book Club members and staff are looking forward to creating action steps so they can begin putting Vollmer's ideas into practice.

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



# OPECHEE DAY CAMP

## CAMP INFORMATION

Open WEDNESDAY, June 19th through August 16th, 2013

Weekly enrollment Located at Opechee Bathhouse

Residents ~ \$90.00 per week

Nonresidents ~ \$125.00 per week

Field trips extra.

Camp hours are 7:30 ~5:15pm Mondays thru Fridays

State Assistance will no longer be accepted. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Free breakfast and lunch provided daily by CAP.



Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website

## CAMP FIELD TRIPS

<b>Polar Caves</b>	<b>June 27</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Hike Lockes Hill</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Krazy Kids</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Skate Escape</b>	<b>July 25</b>	<b>\$?</b>
<b>Water Country</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Fisher Cats Game</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>

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



**Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257**

# City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

*We hope you find this report helpful and informative!*

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or [info@city.laconia.nh.u](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.u)



## Memorial Day Observance in Laconia



Memorial Day will be observed in Laconia on Monday, May 27. A parade will begin at approximately 9:30 am. Those participating in the parade should gather at Garfield Street at 8:30 am. The parade will proceed along Main St. where marchers will stop briefly at the bridge (near the Landmark Inn) for a memorial service for those veterans who served on the water during World War II (veterans of the Merchant Marines and the Navy).

Following the service at the bridge, the parade will continue down Main Street to Veteran's Park where a service will be conducted in remembrance of all veterans. This service will include a gun salute.

If you wish to march in the parade, please meet at Garfield Street at 8:30am.



## City Council Budget Hearings Continue Monday, May 28th, 6 pm



On May 28th 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... meetings begin at 6 pm in City Hall, Room 200A:

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.

# Updates from the Planning Office...



## IN 6 WORDS!

The Laconia Planning Department wants your six words about living working and playing in Laconia!

Whether it's Weirs Beach or Downtown you love let us know... but only in 6 words!!

### For example:

this   is   an   awesome   small   city  
1            2            3            4            5            6

Some "In 6 Words" that have already been submitted include:

I like eating at the Weirs.  
I really like watching the fireworks.  
There is not enough to do.  
Weirs Beach Drive-in for nite-time fun.  
I would like Starbucks and Chipotle.

Veterans' Square is my "Downtown Heart".  
Everything here is worn down.  
I like going go-karting during summer.  
We need culture and community Downtown.  
Lone night walks along the boardwalk.

**Bikeweek encourages my dad's midlife crisis!**

Link to the Planning Dept's website click [here!](#)

Submit your **6 Words** to [villagevisioning@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:villagevisioning@city.laconia.nh.us) or call the Hotline at 603-527-1297

Contact the Planning Dept. at 527-1264

*Special thanks go out to Laconia's Public Works team, Brownie Troup 13140 and the Main Street Initiative group for helping downtown Laconia look beautiful, just in time for Memorial Day!*



Pictured above are Brownies from Troop 13140 with leaders Kathy Higgins (back left) and Dawn Johnson (back right). The Brownies are working on a merit badge and helping to plant some of the new Supertunias downtown. Public Works employees have been busy hanging more than 80 new flags and placing 120 planters in preparation for "Public Planting Day" on Saturday morning (May 25th) to be ready in time for the Memorial Day parade. If you'd like to be involved, meet on Saturday morning at 8:00 am at 600 Main Street for coffee and donuts before we get to work! We hope to see you there!

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



*New Car Top Boat Launch  
at Opechee Park!*



Now is the perfect time to get out on the Lake! The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce our new car top boat launch at Opechee Park. So get out your kayak, canoe, etc. and have fun on the water!

For questions or additional information, please call the Parks & Rec Department at 524-5046.

Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website

# Public Works Department

## South Main St. Project Update



After eight (8) weeks of challenging construction involving significant alignment and elevation adjustments to avoid existing underground drainage, telephone and natural gas systems, **the replacement of sewer and water mains at the intersection of South Main St., Pine St. and Bowman St. (and several hundred ft. above and below the intersection) was completed this week!**

Road and sidewalk upgrade is now underway. Base course asphalt paving of the roadway is scheduled for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Installation of granite curbing and construction and paving (base course) of the sidewalks along the full stretch of roadway between Cottage St. and the intersection of Union Ave. will take place over the next two weeks.



*Thank you for your patience!*



## *Brinkler Trio Brings Classical Music to Taylor Community*



The Brinkler Trio are the featured performers in the next concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

The trio is comprised of Kenneth Piotrowski, pianist; Bozena O'Brien, violinist and Gary Hodges, cellist. Their performance is generously sponsored by Taylor Community resident Betty Whittemore, in memory of her late husband, Bob.

Classical music selections will include Piano Trio in C Major "C E D" and Scotch Suite by Fidelis Zitterbart and Petite Suite Opus 64 by Louis Adolphe Coerne, to name a few.

The event is free and open to the public; however, those planning to attend must pre-register as seating is limited and musical performances usually attract a capacity crowd. Please call 524-5600 or email [rsvp@taylorcommunity.org](mailto:rsvp@taylorcommunity.org) for reservations.

## That Our Flag Was Still There

Like most of us, the Main Street Initiative of Laconia assumed that our American Flags were proudly made by Americans in America. It turns out however, that they were proudly made, but by other good people in lands far across the oceans.

We are on a campaign to replace the faded, tattered, and outsourced flags that fly aloft our Main Street—our city's Memorial Day parade route—with high quality, embroidered, crisp, Made in America, American Flags, and we are asking for your help to do so.

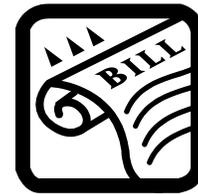
A setting that is befitting and respectful of our symbol of freedom and the sacrifices made by our service men and women to protect those freedoms is also important. A large part of our campaign is to quadruple the floral plantings around downtown, with patriotic red, white, and blue supertunias planted in barrels and new hanging baskets.

Please join us by making a statement, in deed and in word, that America is still proud, self-sufficient, and strong by making a contribution to our American Made—American flags campaign.

Please visit [www.laconiamainstreet.org](http://www.laconiamainstreet.org) to make an online contribution.



**Thank You !!!**



## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills will be mailed on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. They are due on July 1, 2013.

Payments are accepted by mail, online and at the counter during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience, there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. A 2.95% convenience fee applies to all credit card transactions. Please call the tax office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.



# ***Laconia Fire Department***

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



**The Laconia Fire Department is proud to announce the names of our newest firefighters**

Trevor Greene was hired on May 4, 2013. He was hired to replace retiring "Most Senior Firefighter" Bruce Barrett. Trevor is from Sandwich, New Hampshire; he is an EMT-Advanced; has a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science from New England College; is a Level 2 firefighter and worked for the Henniker Fire Department.

After receiving approval from the City Council to apply for, and then receiving the SAFER grant, we have hired four new firefighters. These four firefighters are the first increase in overall Department staffing since 2006. This will bring our daily complement to 9 officers and firefighters on-duty 24 hours a day.

The four firefighters are:

*Ray Bushey III of Raymond, New Hampshire.* Ray has an Associate's degree in Fire Science from Lakes Region Community College; is a certified Level 2 Firefighter and an EMT-Intermediate. He was a student firefighter with the Alton Fire Department and has several certificates in advanced firefighting skills.

*Gregory Aucoin of Henniker, New Hampshire.* Greg is a certified Level 2 Firefighter; EMT-Paramedic; has a Bachelor's degree from Bob Jones University; has eight years' experience with the Henniker Fire Department and has received several certificates in advanced life support training and firefighting.

*Brennan Lorden of Henniker, New Hampshire.* Brennan attended Keene State College working towards a degree in physical education. He is a member of the Henniker Fire Department; an EMT-Intermediate; volunteered for Salisbury Fire; was an intern at Concord Fire; is a certified Level 2 Firefighter; and has several certificates in advanced life support and firefighting skills.

*Nathan Mills of Wallingford, Connecticut.* Nathan currently works for Bridgeport, CT EMS. He has a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science from the University of New Haven and is a licensed EMT-Paramedic. He graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit School; worked for the East Hartford Fire Department and has numerous certificates in advance life support and firefighting skills.

***Please join us in welcoming these five people to our community!***



**Department of Public Works**

**MEMORIAL DAY  
Solid Waste Collection Delay**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON  
CURBIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**



**Memorial Day is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
there will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in curbside  
collection of trash this week**

**Monday collections will be on Tuesday  
Every other day will be moved ahead by one day**

**Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379.**

*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](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 Baumohl
- 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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- Matthew Lahey (Ward 2) ..... 524-4283
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) ..... 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) ..... 524-6349
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