



Laconia Links

May 29, 2015 - Edition #187



Laconia Fire and Rescue Boat at the Weirs



Laconia Fire Department

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



Many people are not aware of the dry conditions we have been experiencing lately. Until the recent storm, our area had not seen any substantial rain since April, when it snowed! We are about 6" below normal for rainfall. May is on the verge of breaking the record set in 1899 for the driest May on record.

We encourage you to be careful with any open flames, cigarettes, or fireworks. In dry conditions it takes just a small spark to start a fire, and the dryness will allow for a fire to spread very quickly.

From an historical perspective, the conditions we are currently experiencing are very similar to the conditions in 1903 when on May 27 Lakeport was destroyed by a serious fire. In that blaze, almost every building from the Lakeport Dam to what is today the Elm Street School was destroyed in one windy afternoon.

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!



FREE HIV SCREENING
AT
LACONIA FAMILY PLANNING
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
9:00 AM-12:00 NOON
121 BELMONT RD., LACONIA
524-5453
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
Getting tested is the only way to know your HIV status

 **Testing Day:** 

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



Monday, June 15
7:00 pm
Laconia Public
Library

"Bow Junction"






Thursday, June 18th
6:00 Library garden
Folk and Bluegrass Music

FREE
ADMISSION

Laconia's Downtown Revitalization

**Presented by
Warren D. Huse**

This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Laconia Historical and Museum Society at 527-1278

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 Work-Shop

June 1, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Planning Board

June 2, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Special Events Review Committee/Licensing

June 3, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

June 3, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Lakes Business Park Comm.

June 4, 2015, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

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](#)

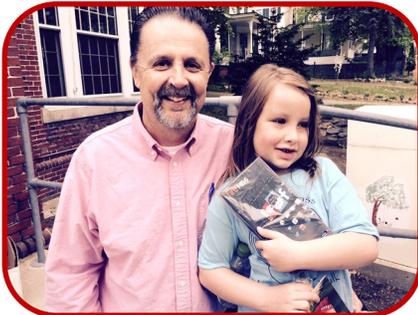


[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5
VIPSS Meeting - 6:30 @ PSS	PSS 5th Grade Field Trip Laconia School Board Mtg. - 7pm	LHS Senior Trip 5th Grade Miles French Track Meet - Smith Track WHS Band Concert - 6pm	LHS Awards - 6pm	LHS Class Day PSS 4th Gr. Field Trip Laconia Academy Graduation - 7pm - LHS

Click [here](#) for online calendar



LIBRARY WALK TO LAKEPORT A SUCCESS

The Gale to Goss Community Library Walk on Saturday May 16th brought out community members of all ages.

Pictured left is Mayor Ed Engler with Woodland

Heights student, Georgia, holding her winning Kindle Fire.

Special thanks to all who attended: Molly the Trolley, Coca-Cola of Belmont, Laconia Middle School's B3 Girls Club for their time and donations, Altrusa of the Lakes Region, Laconia Public Library and Project EXTRA for their love and dedication to this community event.

LMS STUDENTS RUN AND JUMP to 2ND PLACE



Laconia Middle School's boys and girls placed 2nd overall in the Track and Field State Championship Meet on Tuesday, May 19th. Way to go Laconia Middle School athletes!

LMS MUSIC PROGRAM EARNS THE GOLD



Congratulations to Laconia Middle School Band and Chorus for bringing home the gold from the Great East Music Festival! Great East Music Festivals is the premier educational

music festival series in New England. Great East Festivals are incredible music events established by music educators for music educators. The Great East Music Festival experience provides a formative evaluation of performances as well as a comprehensive clinic which supports educational goals and objectives. The standards for this musical and educational experience are of the highest caliber.

Laconia High School's Senior Class of 2015
will be graduating on
Saturday, June 6th at 10AM
at Laconia High School
In case of rain
the venue will be at LMS at 10AM

Follow us on **twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

Laconia Police Dept.



Officers from around the state gathered at the Law Enforcement Memorial in Concord to honor those officers who have died in the line of duty, including Laconia Police Officer Charles Dolloff.

Pictured above from left to right: Chief Chris Adams, Officer Dolloff's great granddaughter, Deb Croteau, and Officer Eric Adams.

Laconia City Council Budget Workshop Schedule

June 1, 2015, 7 pm:

Department of Public Works,
Police, and Parks & Recreation/Facilities

June 8, 2015, 6 pm:

Assessing and Library

June 15, 2015, 7 pm:

Fire, Planning/Codes/Conservation
Commission/Heritage Commission,
Administration and Finance

June 22, 2015, 6 pm:

Follow-up/general discussion

July 13, 2015, 7 pm:

Budget Adoption

Meetings are open to the public -
be involved in how the City spends
its tax dollars! Questions?
Call the City Manager's
Office at 527-1270



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!





A Walk Back in Time—The Secrets of Cellar Holes



Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives – stone walls, old foundations, a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard.

On Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Adair Mulligan will explore the rich story behind such abandoned places and see how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues left behind on the landscape.

This program is free and open to the public and made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Please call 524-5600, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to reserve seating.

Mulligan has a runaway curiosity about the natural and cultural history of Northern New England. She is author of "The Gunstock Parish, A History of Gilford, New Hampshire," as well as contributing to a number of publications. She writes the quarterly Lyme Historian newsletter and is co-leading a project to survey the town's many cellar holes.

With a master's degree in Environmental Biology from Smith College, Mulligan is also Executive Director of the Hanover Conservancy.

PetSafe
protect. teach. love.

BARK FOR YOUR PARK

"Help me win a \$100,000 dog park so I can have more space to be me."

"Bark" everyday on facebook/petsafebrand and again on petsafe.net/barkforyourpark

Happy Tails Dog Park

of the Lakes Region New Hampshire

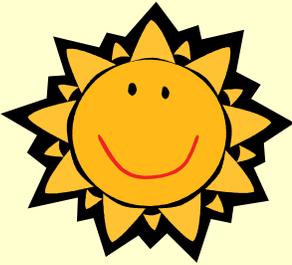
Vote twice a day until June 10th to help make Happy Trails Dog Park a reality! Vote once on the [PetSafe main site](#) and once on their [Facebook](#) page. Just go to the main page and select your city (Laconia, NH) and cast your vote! Prizes awarded will be \$25,000 to \$100,000 towards building a dog park.

NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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

Resident Beach Stickers Available June 22nd!



The summer season is upon us and it's time to hit the beach! If you would like to go to Bond Beach or park in the Weirs Beach parking during the summer you will need a resident beach sticker. Stickers are available beginning June 22 at the City Clerk and Tax Collector Offices. Stickers are assigned to a vehicle and you will need to provide your vehicle registration, with a maximum of two stickers per household, and a fee of \$15.00 will apply (\$25.00 for two stickers if they are purchased **at the same time**).



Beaches will be open from June 27 through September 7, 2015. For beach rules please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 524-5046 or visit them on the web at <http://www.cityoflaconianh.org/parks.htm>.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



PET OF THE WEEK EVE

She's got that Joan Rivers "can we talk" look – rather than one eyebrow raised, it's a one ear up one ear down jauntiness that will catch your eye.

Eve travelled to NH Humane Society from Texas. She is a little shy and is working on her reticence – there are staff and volunteers she loves but still needs some confidence building. Eve hasn't lived with cats, although she's barely larger than most felines – she is a lap dog waiting to bond.

Ideal home, older folks, young professionals, those that work from home, anyone with love to give. In true Diva fashion, she will defer judgment on her canine friends. Eve is about two years old and truly ready for her forever New Hampshire home. The shelter is open late on Thursdays and offers viewing of adoptable creatures on Sundays.

Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org



You Tube

You can now watch rebroadcasts of our City Council and Planning Board meetings on You Tube at a time that fits your schedule!

Just log onto You Tube (www.youtube.com) and type "City of Laconia NH" in the search bar, then click on the image of the City seal.

We will be adding more meetings soon, so stay tuned! Questions? Call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

Celebrate Wyatt Park!

Grand Re-Opening Ceremony
Saturday, May 30

Ceremony Begins at 10AM at Wyatt Park

With the National Anthem performed by the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard

News From the Tax Department...

Follow this [link](#) to our Tax Department for more info...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

Tax bills were mailed on May 27th. They are due on July 1st. Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Main Street Bridge Construction



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

Spring is here, and work on the Main Street Bridge project has resumed!

The Main Street Bridge Construction website is being updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image above contains a link to a webpage relating to the construction project. Once 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).

Click [here](#) for our Public Works Dept. website

Thank you for your patience!

City Manager Updates

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects proposed for 2015 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

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



Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, June 1, 2015!



Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

Your assistance is greatly appreci-

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

IRWIN

AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

Adopt - a - dog - Day



Come in to Irwin Toyota Ford and meet your New Best Friend!

Saturday, June 6th 10am - 2pm

Irwin Toyota Ford

59 Bisson Ave Laconia, NH

Contact: Betty Ballantyne 603-581-2968



If you can't adopt, donations to the NH Humane Society are welcome.



International Film Series sponsored by: Laconia Human Relations Comm. & Laconia Public Library

DUMA

Monday, June 1

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



■ South African Story of a Boy and his Cheetah

- ◆ Free and open to the public
- ◆ Informal discussion to follow the film
- ◆ Light snack will be provided
- ◆ Feel free to bring a cushion for a chair

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell
lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com



Thursdays
June 4th to September 24th, 2015
3pm 'til 6pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

Vegetables ~ Bread ~ Local Meat ~ Eggs
Cheese ~ Flowers ~ Maple Products ~ Herbs
Embroidery ~ Soaps ~ Jewelry ~ Tie Dye
Coffee ~ Fruits ~ Plants ~ Knife Sharpening
Fermented Vegetables ~ Dog Cookies
Crafts ~ Treats ~ Prepared Foods

DOWN TOWN Laconia

Laconia Farmers' Market
Live Free and Eat Local

Join us Every Saturday
Beginning June 20th!

8 am to 12 noon

Beacon Street East
Laconia City Hall Parking Lot
Laconia, NH





Songs from the Sailing Days At Taylor Community



Sea Chanteys are fun songs, but in the days of the tall-mast sailing ships, they were the work songs by which the sailors labored in unison to hoist the sails, haul up the anchor and pump the bilge. These tunes will come to life Monday, June 8 at 2 p.m. in the Taylor Home Atrium, courtesy of the Sea Chantey Singers. The event is free and open to the public. Please call 524-5600 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to ensure seating.

It was grueling work – icy cold in the Atlantic gales and sweaty in the tropic calms – but the chanteys (from the French verb “to sing”) told tales of high adventure. These tales include harpooned whales that dragged them on a “Nantucket sleigh ride;” pirates they fought on the high seas; and women they wooed in ports around the globe. It is the special joy of the Chantey Singers to bring alive the folklore of the great days of sail, including politics, economics, science and fun – all in one rousing package!



City of Laconia “Front Porch” Award

The Mayor and City Council have initiated a program to encourage residential and commercial property owners to help improve the City’s appearance, one property at a time!

The “Front Porch” Award recognizes citizens who show pride in their neighborhood and community by improving the appearance of their property.

Do you have a neighbor or a property in mind that should be considered for this award? Just fill out the Nomination Form ([click here](#)) or call 527-1270 to have a form sent to you, and return to the City Manager’s office, City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Photos of the property are helpful, but not required. Property improvements can be (but are not limited to): General Property Appearance, Landscape Appearance, General Clean-up of a Property, Improvements to Property Appearance such as Painting, Window Replacement, etc.

Questions? Please call the City Manager’s Office at 527-1270 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us

Thank you for your help!





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



*Are you a Senior
looking for
healthy foods?*

You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP offers free nutritious foods to low-income seniors 60 yrs. of age and older. For more information, call CSFP at Belknap-Merrimack CAP at 1-800-578-2050 or 603-225-2050. Enjoy some free fresh fruits and vegetables this summer!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.*

*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 - Hilary Young</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. (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 Baumel</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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David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4)	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6)	524-2514
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www.city.laconia.nh.us