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Spring in Lakeport



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Laconia Fire Dept. [here](#)



We want to remind everyone that the water temperature in the lakes is still fairly cold at 57 degrees. We have noticed quite a few people venturing into the water, especially as the outside temperatures increase. Watch your children for signs of hypothermia – lips turning blue, shaking, chills.

At the current temperatures it only takes a few minutes for serious medical problems to start. We highly recommend life jackets, especially if you are swimming in deep water. Do not swim alone!

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!



A REPRESENTATIVE OF CONGRESSMAN FRANK GUINTA WILL HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS IN LACONIA

AT THE LACONIA CITY HALL ROOM 200 B

TUESDAY, MAY 29th, 2012 FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 PM

U.S. Rep. Frank Guinta announced today that a representative of his office will hold public office hours in Laconia at the Laconia City Hall, Room 200B on Tuesday, May 29th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 200B.

"As part of our efforts to serve the constituents of the First Congressional District, I encourage anyone who has a problem with the federal government, or who would like to share their concerns about issues being addressed in Congress, to attend these public office hours," Guinta said.

Congressman Guinta also encourages any constituent who needs assistance on the federal level to contact his Manchester Office: 603-641-9536.

Updates from the Planning Office...



Do you want to decrease your greenhouse gas emissions? Do you want to reduce your carbon footprint? Do you want to take steps not to become part of America's obesity problem? Then join the statewide challenge to Commute Green this year!

The event started on May 14th and runs until December 31st, and is managed by the Commute Green New Hampshire Group out of Concord, NH. They are a group comprised of businesses, schools, transit agencies, regional planning commissions and other volunteers dedicated to encouraging you to choose transportation options other than driving alone. Every year they offer a statewide challenge competition to encourage and provide resources for folks looking to choose a transportation option to replace the Group's goal of 4,000 single occupancy vehicle trips with carpooling, bicycling, walking, bus/train and telecommuting trips.

In order to participate, you or a group of friends or coworkers must register on the interactive Commute Green website: <http://www.commutegreen.net/challenge.html> . After you log your first green commute, you can download a discount sheet for businesses and restaurants around the state. If you are one of the top achievers in the competition you could win grand prizes, awards and statewide recognition at award ceremonies at the end of the year!

Link to the Planning Dept's website
for info and updates —click [here!](#)

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.

Meeting
in
Progress

*Become involved in
your City
and make a difference!*

Congressman Frank Guinta's Office Hours

May 29, 2012, 4:00-5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

City Council Budget Meeting

May 29, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council Regular Meeting

May 29, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Motorcycle Technical Review Committee (Final Meeting)

May 30, 2012, 1:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

MSP Meeting

May 30, 2012, 2:00 pm
City Hall, Conference Room in
the Basement

[Agenda](#)

LACONIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT'S OPEN HOUSE

FREE ADMISSION



SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 10am - 3pm
 65 Aviation Way • Gilford, NH 03249
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COME SEE WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AIRPORT IS ALL ABOUT!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Please Note!



The Laconia Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

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



Department of Public Works

MEMORIAL DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th
 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.

Work Out Laconia!

"Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way" -Laconia SAU

Date: June 6, 2012
 (Rain Date: June 7, 2012)

Time: 9:00am—9:30am

Location: Opechee Park, Smith Track Oval

Activities: Yoga, Zumba, Kick-Boxing, Hoopla Hooping, & Walking all to energizing music!

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who cares about the health of our Community, Children and Schools. *Come Join the fun!*

THE MUSKRATS ARE COMING!



PRIZES

T-shirts provided to all participants

For More Information: www2.laconiaschools.org

EVENT SUPPORTED BY:

Laconia Schools

Laconia Park & Recreation

Laconia Athletic & Swim Club

All My Life Jewelers





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept Here](#)



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. This year, National Police Week was Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 19. A group of Laconia Police Officers attended the memorial in Concord recently honoring the 44 NH Officers that have died in the line of duty, including Laconia Police Officer Charles Dolloff.

The Laconia Police Department also honored their own on Thursday, May 17, 2012 in the community room of the Police Department:

Officer Michelle Cardinal was named the Laconia Police Officer of the Year by Commissioner Warren Clement. Officer Cardinal started as an intern with the department while attending Plymouth State University. In August 2008, Officer Cardinal started her career at LPD as a newly hired officer. She was soon asked to take over the Laconia Police Department's D.A.R.E. program. Officer Cardinal was able to get the program back on track with newly funded donations. Officer Cardinal has excelled as the new D.A.R.E. officer the last few years.



Police Chief Christopher Adams and the Dolloff Family

Officer Cardinal was also commended with a Life Saving Award for her fast reaction with a gentleman in Laconia who had tried to commit suicide by means of a rope. The man tried to hang himself, but the rope broke and he ran outside not being able to get the rope off his neck. Officer Cardinal found him in the street with the rope still around his neck and unconscious. Officer Cardinal was able to cut the rope from his neck and the man regained consciousness.

Officer Cardinal was not the only Officer recognized by the Laconia Police Commission:

Volunteer of the Year: Carole Veer

Time in Service: Commissioner Douglas Whittum, Officer Daniel Carsen, Officer Kendra Neri, Det. Christopher Noyes, Det. Robert Cameron, Lt. Matthew Canfield, Master Patrol Officer Alan Graton, Admin. Asst. Cheryl Deturk and Cpt. Steven Clarke

Distinguished Unit Action Award: April 8, 2011-Officer Kendra Neri, Det. Scott Roy and Det. Christopher Noyes

Letter of Commendation– April 8, 2011-Officer Derek Gray, Officer Gary Allen

Distinguished Unit Action Award–April 26, 2011-Lt. Matthew Canfield, Sgt. Gary Hubbard, Master Patrol Officer Jeffrey Wholley, Master Patrol Officer Jonathan Howe, Officer Kevin Shortt, Officer Adam Batstone, Det. Jeffrey Stiegler, Det. Kevin Butler

Letter of Commendation–June 10, 2011-Sgt. Gary Hubbard, Officer Benjamin Black, Officer Joseph Marquis, Officer Kevin Shortt, Det. Christopher Noyes

Meritorious Service Award –August 5, 2011-Officer Benjamin Black

Distinguished Unit Action Award – August 24, 2011-Officer Brandy Enis, Det. Scott Roy, Det. Christopher Noyes

Letter of Commendation–Sept. 26, 2011-Master Patrol Officer Jeffrey Wholley

Distinguished Unit Action Award–Dec.18, 2011-Cpt. William Clary, Sgt. Michael Finogle, Officer Benjamin Black, Officer Kendra Neri, Officer Peter Horan, Det. Scott Roy, Dispatcher Kenneth Smith, Sgt. Patrick Curran (NHSP), Trooper Greg Delucca (NHSP), Corporal Adam Hawkins (Belmont PD)

Meritorious Service Award–Dec. 18, 2011-Sgt. Michael Finogle, K-9 Jago, Officer Kendra Neri

The Laconia Police Department is extremely appreciative of the ongoing community support, and it is an honor to serve you.

Source: www.nleomf.org

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Safety at the Playground

Playgrounds in themselves can be dangerous, but if used correctly all should be well!



There is one way children can get hurt that many parents wouldn't even think of....

Leg Fractures from Slides. I know what you're thinking..."That makes sense". However, it's the reason for the fractures that will surprise you!

Here is the scenario... Parents let their children use slides that are not for their age and think they can't ride down them alone. The parents ride with (behind) their children to keep them safe. What happens is the child's foot gets stuck on the inside of the slide and the parent's forward momentum breaks the child's legs.

As a rule, if you can't reach to help your child at the top of the slide from the ground, it's too tall and could be unsafe. Please keep your youngsters on age appropriate playground equipment and just let them play!

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

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Laconia Historical & Museum Society in Search of Eldest Laconia Resident

The Laconia Historical & Museum Society Annual Presentation of the Centennial Cane



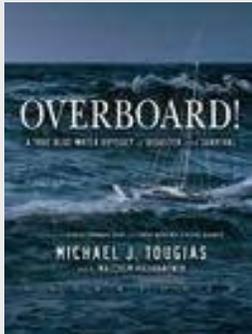
The Laconia Historical & Museum Society's new Director, Brenda M. Polidoro, recently re-discovered a donation made by Ann Dearborn Kaligian in April of 2007. This donation is what is referred to as the Centennial Cane.

The cane was originally presented to Ms. Madeline Whelan by Ann and Robert Dearborn in July of 1993 as part of the City's Centennial Celebration. Ms. Whelan was at the time the Eldest Laconia Resident. Robert Dearborn passed in 1996 and the cane has sat idle ... until now!

It is the intent of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society to carry on the tradition introduced by the Dearborns in 2007. On an annual basis, the Society's Centennial Cane Committee will search to identify the eldest member of our community and present the cane to them during the month of July. Although the Centennial Cane will be part of the presentation ceremony, the cane will actually be kept on display at the Laconia Public Library – where the Laconia Historical and Museum Society's office is located. Annually a recipient will be identified as the eldest in the community, photographed with the cane and presented with a proclamation from the Laconia Historical & Museum Society President.

Those eligible to receive the Centennial Cane must be a resident of the City of Laconia and must be able to verify their date of birth. If you would like to suggest a potential recipient, please call the LHMS office at (603) 527-1278 or email them at lhmslpl@metrocast.net. Deadline for submissions is June 15.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Overboard! A True Bluewater Odyssey of a NH Man's Survival

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

Thursday, June 6th @ 7:00 Laconia Rotary Hall

In May of 2005 Captain Tom Tighe and first mate Loch Reidy of the sailboat Almeisan welcomed three new crew members for a five day voyage from Connecticut to Bermuda. One of the new members was Ron Burd of NH. Four days into their voyage a massive storm struck and Captain Tighe and Reidy were swept from the boat and carried away by huge seas. The three new crew members somehow remained on the vessel as it was torn apart.

Michael J. Tougias, an award winning author, brings this story to life, following the desperate struggles of both the crew on the boat and the Captain and first mate in the sea.

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

Laconia High School Alumni



Plans are underway for the 2nd
Annual LHS Alumni Reunion in
conjunction with the School's
homecoming on September 28th!

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation which awards Laconia High School seniors scholarships to help towards their post-secondary education expenses.

Stay tuned for additional info and details, or click on the Alumni's website at:

<http://lhsalumni.weebly.com/>



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:

Building Code Board of Appeals
Heritage Commission
Board of Assessors
***Planning Board**
Zoning Board of Adjustment
***Water Commission**

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 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 Wednesday, May 30, 2012.



Memorial Day Observances in Laconia

Memorial Day will be observed in Laconia on Monday, May 28. A parade will begin at 10 am. Those participating in the parade should gather at Garfield Street at 9:30 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 the American Legion will conduct a service in remembrance of all veterans. This service will include a gun salute.

Among those marching in the parade will be the Laconia American Legion, VFW members, the Laconia Police, Boy Scouts, the Laconia High School band and the Laconia Fire Department. If you wish to march in the parade, please meet at Garfield Street at 9:30am.

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.us



City of Laconia Job Openings!

Following are current job opportunities with the City of Laconia:

Firefighter/EMT - Paramedic:
[Job Posting](#) / [Job Description](#)



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 of Laconia
City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



Assessing

Important DATE!

Now is the time to file for NH State Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief! Form DP-8 must be filed no later than June 30, 2012. 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 2011 property tax bill and your 2011 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 603-230-5000. Completed forms are sent to: NH Dept of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, PO Box 299, Concord, NH 03302 -0299.

[Click](#) for Assessing Dept.



Please Note:

City Hall will be closed on
Monday, May 28, 2012

We apologize for any inconvenience!

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

Remembering those who paid for our freedom.

