



Laconia Links

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Photo courtesy of Janet Brough

Sunset at end of Gale Avenue

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



Beaches Are Open!



Weirs Beach ~ Opechee Point ~
Opechee Cove ~ Bond Beach ~
Bartlett Beach

Laconia Beaches are Officially Open June 22nd!

It's time to head to the beach! New this year, we will be extending the hours the beaches and bathrooms are open from 9 am to 7 or 8 pm daily (weather permitting). Lifeguards will be at Weirs Beach, Opechee Point and Bond Beach. Please note that Bond Beach is a "resident & taxpayer only" beach and passes must be acquired from the City Clerk's office in order to enter (see below).

Swimming lessons are given at Bond Beach and Opechee Point. During swimming lessons, both Bond Beach and Opechee Point Beach will be closed for public swimming.

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!



NEWS From the
city Clerk's Office

Beach passes are now available!



Laconia taxpayers may get their Beach Passes for Bond Beach and parking in the Endicott Rock Park (Weirs Beach) lot if space is available. Beach passes may be

purchased at the City Clerk's or Tax Collector's Office during regular business hours. The fee is \$15 for one vehicle and \$25 for two, if purchased together. There is a limit of 2 passes per household. If you have a handicap plate/placard or are over the age of 65 one pass per household is free and the second is \$15 (proof of age or handicap privilege required). Please bring in your car registration for the vehicle the sticker is going on.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Join the Anime Club on Tuesday,
June 25th at 3:30 pm in Laconia
Rotary Hall — for teens in
Grades 6—12.

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

*Are you wondering what's happening at
the Laconia Senior Center?
Just click on the image below to read the
latest edition of the "Senior Sentinel"!*

**Laconia Senior Center
June 2013 Senior Sentinel**

The red white and blue colors featured on the flag of the United States of America was first selected in 1777, the year the flag was designed. At the time, the colors had no particular symbolism in relation to the flag. However, the colors red white and blue were also used on the first Great Seal of the nation, which was commissioned on July 4, 1776. For the seal, white represented innocence and purity, red represented valor and blue represented perseverance and justice.

**Tom Menard
Director
524-7689
17 Church Street
Laconia, NH 03245**

Community Services:
Belmont Gifford
Giramonte Laconia
Tibbo
Sanbornton

HOURS:
Mondays - Fridays
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Until Further Notice

Community Dining
Monday - Friday
11:15 a.m. - 12:00pm

Door to door Transportation
On demand rides to the Center or to your appointments.

Meals on Wheels
Offered to anyone age 60 or to those with special needs.

Service Link Resource Center
424-6344 or 622-6245
The first number is call for senior services.

United Way
Laconia Region United Way

Click Here!

Men's Health Week
As you know, June is Men's Health Week. The goal is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. To quote former Governor Bill Richardson "... because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue." Here are some good reasons for men's health awareness:

Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. Men, on average, die almost six years earlier than women. Men suffer hearing loss at 2x the rate of women. Testosterone is linked to elevations of LDL, the bad cholesterol and declines in HDL the good cholesterol. By the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one.

The good news is that with proper preventative medical care and early intervention, these can be statistics of the past and men can be healthier than ever!

In addition to the colorful neckties, the World's Greatest Dad t-shirts, and the Old Spice cologne sets, the best gift to give the men whom you cherish is health awareness so they may enjoy many more healthy Father's Days to come!

It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his Daughter shopping

Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting
in
Progress

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!*

City Council

June 24, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

June 26, 2013, 6:00 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

SUMMER READING LIST

Prior to the start of each English course, every student is expected to complete an advance reading assignment to prepare for writing activities and class discussions during the first week of school. Click [here](#) to see your advance reading assignment. Please note that students who are taking a course during the spring semester must complete the advance reading before the start of the course. Pay close attention to the due dates for the assignments.

In some cases, the required reading is available online free of charge. For other titles, students are responsible for acquiring a copy of the required book, which are readily available at the Laconia Public Library, the Laconia High School Library, and for purchase at local and online bookstores (Amazon.com sells used copies of many titles for 1 cent plus \$3.99 shipping). If you are having trouble acquiring a title, contact Ramsay Eliason at reliason@laconiahs.org



[Laconia High School website](#)



Laconia Middle School

LMS students paint rain barrels & distribute them around downtown



Laconia Middle School students paint four of 13 rain barrels that are now in display in the downtown area. (Courtesy photo)

On Thursday, June 13, brightly colored rain barrels painted by Laconia Middle School students with lake, river, and other water scenes, were put on display at storefronts in downtown Laconia. The barrels will remain on display for several weeks. The public is invited to downtown Laconia to appreciate the artistic work of the students and to pick up

information about how to purchase and decorate their own rain barrels. The program was coordinated by the New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) and funded by the NH State Council on the Arts.

[Laconia Middle School website](#)



Elm Street School



Congratulations to our



May CARE students

Congratulations to our Super Students for May

[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School



Congratulations and good luck to the PSS graduates as they enter Laconia Middle School!

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School

GEOCACHING AT WHS

This week students have been learning about Geocaching with Mrs. Plourde. All you need is a GPS and a free account at geocaching.com - check it out, it's very inexpensive to do and gets the whole family outside. To learn more click the geocaching link above. Look what one of our students traded for in a geocache over the weekend. Way to go!



[Woodland Heights Website](#)

Huot Technical Center

Leading the Way to Career Success!

We are proud to serve over 400 students yearly from six area high schools: Belmont, Franklin, Gifford, Inter-Lakes, Laconia, and Winnisquam!

The Huot Technical Center, a regional program for students at Laconia, Gifford, Belmont, Inter-Lakes, Franklin and Winnisquam Regional High Schools, provides career and technical education programs that offer:

- new and different learning experiences which combine theory with hands-on learning.
- an opportunity to experience a variety of career choices.
- instruction using up-to-date equipment and technology.
- the opportunity to develop positive work habits such as self-discipline, responsibility, self-esteem and teamwork.
- connections to post-secondary schools for advanced placement in career and technical studies.
- opportunities for students to participate in field sites and internships.

College credit options are currently available in the programs of Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Health Science & Technology, Automotive Technology, and Business Education.

Click [here](#) for Huot Summer Newsletter. [Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



SAU 30 Upcoming Meetings/News
Assistant Superintendent Interviews - Week of June 24th
Laconia School Board Meeting - July 16 - 7 pm - SAU 30

[School Board Website](#)



Laconia's 4th of July Celebration

Held on July 4th

**Parade starting at Wyatt Park
and going through downtown to
Opechee Park - starting at 4:30 p.m.**

2 Bands • From 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.
- **Swift River Jazz Band
(featuring local Dave Killkelley)**
- **Bon Jovi Tribute Band called
Living on a Bad Name**

**Vendors and games
available**

**Fireworks at 10:00 pm
Sponsored by the City of Laconia**

**If you are interested in being a
vendor or being in the parade, contact
Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046**



NOTICE

LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
ANN AT 528-6379, Ext. 300**



Laconia Youth Soccer League
SIGNUPS FOR THE FALL 2013 SEASON
you can sign up now on line at

www.lysl4u.com



\$ 30.00 per child or \$ 50.00 per family

NO LATE SIGN UPS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 13TH

ELIGIBLE LACONIA RESIDENTS:
YOUNGEST - 5 YEARS OLD BY AUGUST 1, 2013
OLDEST - ENTERING 9TH GRADE FALL 2013

Any questions please call 520-2888



www.lysl4u.com

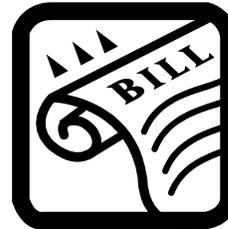
City Manager Updates

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



PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills were 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.*



**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





Inextinguishable Brass Will Help Ring in Independence Day at Taylor Community



A dynamic group of young professional musicians – Inextinguishable Brass – present the next concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave. The program is being sponsored by Taylor Community Residents Paul and Jean Davis.

The group was founded at the University of New Hampshire by Trumpeter Adam Gallant in 2008. Besides Gallant, members include Zach Lange, trumpet; Brian Gardell, horn; Brandon Newbould, trombone; and Ben Stadelmann, tuba.

The first half of the program will include works by Bach, Ludwig Maurer and Paul Dukas. The second half will be a patriotic tribute with music everyone will recognize.

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 for reservations.



LACLT Offers Free Workshop on Default & Foreclosure Intervention



Each month, hundreds of NH homeowners face the threat of foreclosure. In the past few years, Laconia Area Community Land Trust has helped 142 area residents hold onto their homes, and is now offering a free workshop as the 1st step for those who may be facing foreclosure or who are in mortgage default.

On Saturday, June 29, from 9:30AM to noon at the Laconia Police Dept. Community Room on New Salem St., LACLT offers a Default & Foreclosure Intervention Workshop taught by Debra Drake, a certified HUD Housing Counselor. LACLT is a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency.

Light refreshments are included, and registration begins at 9:30 AM. This workshop is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

As a first step in dealing with a foreclosure or default situation, the workshop is free and open to homeowners of all income levels. LACLT respects and maintains confidentiality and privacy. Participants will:

- Explore the options available to them 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 LACLT at 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@laclt.org. Advance registration is required.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

2013 Motorcycle Week



This year's rally brought inclement weather for most of the week. The weather improved for the second weekend which attracted larger crowds to Weirs Beach and beyond. Officers from the Laconia Police Department, New Hampshire State Police and several other police departments patrolled the nine day event.

The Laconia Police Department would like to thank all of the officers, agencies and support staff that helped make the event a success.

Overall, the 2013 Motorcycle Week Rally was safe and orderly. We are pleased to report that there were no traffic fatalities. An Attempted Second Degree Assault with a knife was the most serious criminal event during the week. Although the crowds were larger during the second weekend, attendees were very well behaved and friendly.

The following is a breakdown of arrests in the Weirs and Downtown from Friday, June 7th through Sunday, June 16th. The number of arrests associated with Motorcycle Week continues to decline, due to the efforts of law enforcement and the cooperation of most of the attendees. In 1998, there were 174 Protective Custody arrests in one night, this year there were a total of 51 arrests Citywide in nine days. The culture of "Bike Week" has changed from years past, resulting in more orderly crowds, fewer arrests and a decline in motorcycle fatalities. I expect this trend will continue in 2014.

The men and women of the Laconia Police Department look forward to the 91st Laconia Motorcycle Week Rally in 2014!

Public Works Department

Questions? Call Ann at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300

Recycling Demonstrations Continue!

All residents not currently participating in the City of Laconia Recycling Program are cordially invited to a Recycling Demonstration presented by Ann Saltmarsh, Laconia Dept. of Public Works and James Presher, Exec. Dir. of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative (the COOP).

Residents are encouraged to attend the following neighborhood meeting:
June 24, 7pm, Weirs Community Center.

Mandatory Recycling becomes effective July 1, 2013 – in order to have your trash collected, you must be participating in the Recycling Program. Ann will outline what containers are acceptable for curbside placement of recycling and what materials are accepted for recycling. Come with questions! Jim will present a very interesting slide show of a Single Stream Recycling Facility to demonstrate what happens to the recycling materials after they leave the curb!



Belknap Mill Summer Outdoor Concert Series



The [Belknap Mill Summer Outdoor Concert Series](#) offers free public concerts Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at Laconia's Rotary Park bandstand.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy one or all of the seven scheduled concerts throughout the summer with your friends and family!

For more information, please contact the Belknap Mill at 524-8813, or visit their website at www.belknapmill.org.



Your Help is Needed

Time is flying by...it's less than 2 months until this year's Multicultural Festival on August 3rd! Entertainment has been lined up for what promises to be one of the best events ever.

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation or signed up for an ad in the brochure. However, donations are desperately needed as the organization is only half-way to its budget for the event. If you are interested in having an ad in the brochure, please contact David Stamps at dbstamps@dbstamps.com

To help with fundraising, this year LMF will have a booth at Opechee Park for the July 4th celebration, selling light-up necklaces, raffle tickets and new LMF tote bags!

Don't miss this year's Festival for a unique and fun event with music and dance groups, artist workshops, ethnic food tables, craft booths, demonstrations and more.

Watch for additional info as we get closer to August 3rd, and check for updates posted on the event's [website](#).

Mark Your Calendar!!



GOT LUNCH!

LACONIA



Join us each Monday from June 24th through August 19th as we begin packing healthy lunches for families in Laconia! Meet at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia, Veteran's Square.

Interested in Volunteering?
Contact John at: jwredlabel@metrocast.net

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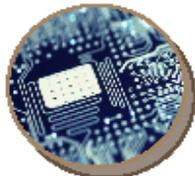
Summer Programs at Laconia Middle School

*Bringing fun into summer learning, exploration
and skill building....*

Full S.T.E.A.M ahead!



Click [here](#) for
complete brochure



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Connecting Veteran's Square and the Outdoor Market Lot



*Buy a brick today, help
beautify the city and leave
your legacy forever!*

4" x 8" Brick: 2 lines, 20 characters per line \$125
8" x 8" Brick: 4 lines, 20 characters per line \$250

Purchase one for yourself, your family, your business
memorialize a loved one, a veteran, a family member or a mentor

For more information

Congregational Church
of Laconia, UCC
www.laconiauooc.org

or stop in at
18 Veteran's Square,
Laconia
Call 603-824-06689



Kelly Miller
CIRCUS **FRI. & SAT.**
7/5-7/6
LACONIA
Memorial Park



The Circus is coming to town!!
Check future issues of
Laconia Links
for additional information!

Public Works Department



New rates at the Transfer Station for loads containing more than 100 lbs. will be in effect as of July 1st. Please click [here](#) to access a complete list of disposal rates and other useful information (*rate information will be updated as of 7/1/13*).

The Transfer Station is located at 385 Meredith Ctr. Rd. (528-5822) and is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am to Noon.

Questions? Call Ann
at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300

Public Works Department



IMPORTANT NOTICE

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Changes to the curbside collection program take effect July 1, 2013:

- All trash **MUST** be bagged in a container (aka trash can). Single family homes/duplexes limit of (2) 30-gallon cans
- Commercial/Multi Family Residential limit of (7) seven 30-gallon cans
- As of July 1, 2013 residents are required to separate recyclables from their trash
- **NO LOOSE BAGS OF TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED**

If you are NOT participating in MANDATORY RECYCLING, your trash will NOT be picked up.

There is no limit on the amount of curbside recycling the City will pick up. City DPW has 18-gallon recycling containers free of charge. City DPW is selling 64-gallon wheeled toters for \$25 (for the 1st one) and \$45 (after the 1st one).

If you exclusively use the Remote Recycling Drop Off Centers, call Ann Saltmarsh (528-6379, ext. 300) for an explanation of procedure.



Questions? Call Ann
at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300



Department of Public Works

**JULY 4th Holiday
Solid Waste Collection Delay**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
ON CURBIDE
COLLECTION ROUTES**



**Independence Day is Thursday July 4th .
There will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in curbside
collection of trash this week as noted below:**

**Thursday collections will be on Friday
Friday collections will be on Saturday
Questions? Please call Ann, 528-6379, Ext. 300.**

*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
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 Baumoe
- 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

City Council Contact Info:

- Mayor Michael Seymour 524-6552
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) 393-6533
- Matthew Lahey (Ward 2) 524-4283
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) 524-6349
- Robert Hamel (Ward 5) 524-6360
- Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) 524-2514
- E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us