



# Laconia Links

July 31, 2015 - Edition #196



Endicott Rock Park at Weirs Beach



## Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



### Coffee with a Cop

You are invited to join Chief Adams at **Taylor Community, Woodside Building on August 5th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon** for the Laconia's next **Coffee with a Cop** event!

It is a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 175 cities and towns in 36 states, "Coffee with a Cop" has done wonders for community trust, police legitimacy and partnership building. Community members come to a local "Coffee with a Cop" for a variety of reasons, but no matter why they come to their community's event, they

are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

One of the keys to "Coffee with a Cop's" success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members.

Instead, it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere.

This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is the foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

**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!*



**Please plan to join us!**

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



### **Hero Cakes!**

Tuesday, August 4th @ 1:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall. Bake your most amazingly heroic confection, we'll all try it. Our panel of heroes will decide who wins.

One of our best, most deliciously fun events! (Cake must be hero-related.)

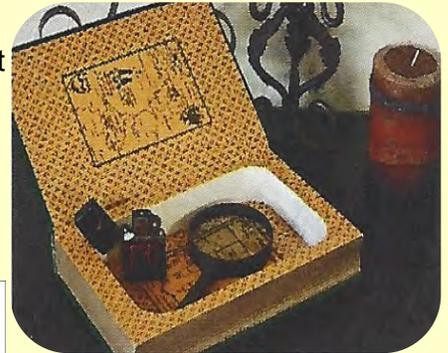


Teens in Grades 6 - 12 will construct their own secret hollow book - we'll supply the materials!



## **Hollow Book Craft**

Monday, August 3rd at 1:00 pm; Part II on Monday, August 10th at 1:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall



# 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.

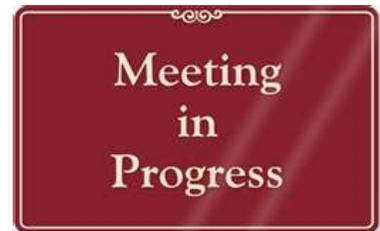
You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

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!*



### **Main St. Bridge Informational Session**

August 5, 2015, 8:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Special Events Review Committee/Licensing Bd.**

August 5, 2015, 12:00 noon  
City Hall, Room 200A

### **Conservation Commission**

August 5, 2015, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

# 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](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR  
ONLINE CALENDAR

## Camp Van Go!

Session II of Camp Van GO! was held July 20-24.

Campers created the Laconia Pride Traveling Mural which will be making its way around Laconia this summer. It can be seen at The Happy Cow, All My Life Jewelers, Burrito Me and Annie's Café. Session II ended with a [video](#) and a kickball game against the Laconia Muskrats baseball team on Friday.

Read more about Camp Van Go and Muskrat Love [Here](#).



## Laconia High School



### Freshmen Orientation & BBQ

All incoming Freshmen....you are invited by the LHS Faculty, Staff, and Administration to get a jump start on your high school career.

Please join us in the LHS Auditorium

Thursday, August 6 from 10:00 – 12:00 pm.

#### Agenda items:

- Schedule
- Academics
- Behavior
- Any and all questions you may have
- BBQ and Games on the turf field

*\*We may even give away some prizes\**

Personal Responsibility • Respect • Integrity • Determination • Empathy

## FREE FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS

For LHS students Wednesday, August 12th at 9:00 am in the nurse's office. A signed physical form is required. [Click here to access form](#)

Follow us on  [Twitter](#) Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



# Laconia Police Department

## LACONIA POLICE WILL BE HOSTING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**103 BLUBERRY LANE  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
FROM 5 PM TILL 7 PM**

“National Night Out” is community police partnership held on the first Tuesday of August each year. It aims to increase awareness about Police programs in communities such as drug prevention and other anti-crime efforts, and is designed to help bring neighbors together.

Please join us with the Laconia Fire Department, State Police, Belknap Regional Special Operations, Belknap Regional Technical Accident Reconstruction, Lakes Region Citizen Emergency Response Team, Stand Up Laconia, Belknap County Sheriff's Department, Lakes Region Community Services Council, New Beginnings, The Child Advocacy Center, and several other community organizations.

Free hotdogs will be given out along with chips, drinks, Hart's Slush, and Funspot token cards (while supplies last). These are available thanks to the generous donations from Circle K, Hart's Slush, and Funspot. This has always been a fun time for all in the past years. Come out and meet some of the people that provide services to our community and have a great time.

*For more information please contact Lt. Richard Simmons of the Laconia Police Department @ 524-5257 ext. 332.*



*We hope you can join us!*

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



**Re-Imagine Laconia wants to see you this summer!!**

**We will be out at Thursday Farmer's Market Downtown, Parking Garage Sunset parties, and National Night Out on August 4th at Blueberry Lane. And we want to hear from YOU!**

**We are focusing on Economics and Land Use and we want to know:**

**What defines Laconia as a unique City?**

**Where do you commute to work?**

**How often do you shop in Laconia?**

**How often do you dine out in Laconia?**

**What types of stores would you like to see in Laconia ?**

Check out our website [www.reimaginelaconia.org](http://www.reimaginelaconia.org) to read more about this exciting project, take our [survey](#), and comment on our [Facebook page!](#)



**A Rockin' 50's  
Fundraiser  
at Pitman's**  
Saturday, August 1 ~ 7pm



**Advance Tickets ONLY \$20!\***  
**NOW! Buy tickets ONLINE at**  
**LaconiaMulticulturalFestival.org**  
**or at Greenlaw's Music in Laconia**  
**\*\$22.00 at the door**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN FUNDRAISER  
WITH SURPRISE GUESTS,  
GAMES & PRIZES!!**

Tickets \$20 - Buy tickets at [LaconiaMulticulturalFestival.org](http://LaconiaMulticulturalFestival.org)!  
Pitman's Freight Room, New Salem St., Laconia  
Proceeds support Laconia Multicultural Festival

# Roger's Ride

In Memory of Roger Ballantyne  
Sponsored by Laconia Kiwanis Club

*Remembering our friends from the past,  
to Benefit the youth of tomorrow.*

**Sunday, August 30, 2015**

<b>Registration:</b> 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. (pre-register & receive a free gift) <b>Roger's Ride/Laconia Kiwanis</b> PO Box 757 Laconia, NH 03247	<b>Donations:</b> \$25.00 single rider <b>-or-</b> \$30.00 with passenger	<b>Location:</b> Rotary Park/Belknap Mill 25 Beacon Street Laconia, NH Ride begins at 10:00 a.m. SHARP Come early! Coffee and muffins will be served.
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**FOR RAFFLE TICKETS PLEASE CALL: -WIN-**  
John - 520-4383 OR Betty - 581-2968    2 FREE NIGHTS Church Landing



Whether you ride or not your donations are appreciated. Join us after the ride at Rotary Park for a Barbecue and raffle drawings.



[www.laconiakiwanis.com](http://www.laconiakiwanis.com)

*Irwin Marine*  
Supports  
**GOT LUNCH! LACONIA**  
A summer healthy lunch program feeding Laconia's children

**2015 CHARITY RAFFLE**  
**WIN THIS**  
**2015 YAMAHA V1**  
**SPORT WAVERUNNER**  
*and trailer!*    Valued at \$10,147

**TICKETS:**  
*\$10 ea. or 3 for \$25*  
You do not have to be present to win

Available at:  
Irwin Marine, Vista Foods, All My Life Jewelers  
Tavern 27, Sports & Marine Parafunalia & Piche's Ski & Sports

Drawing: August 3, 2015 — 8:30 AM at the Congregational Church of Laconia  
18 Veterans Square, Laconia, NH 03246 • [www.gotlunchlaconia.org](http://www.gotlunchlaconia.org)

100% of proceeds go to **GOT LUNCH! LACONIA**  
Community Collaborative started out of the Better Together community initiative by the United Way.

# You are invited!

## RE-IMAGINE LACONIA DESIGN CHARRETTE



**AUGUST 28TH & 29TH, 2015**

This two-day event will focus on land uses, design, and economic development in Weirs Beach, Downtown, Lakeport, & Union Avenue Corridor.

Join us to share your ideas and work together to create maps and designs for Laconia's future!



*Additional details and registration information can be found at [www.ReImagineLaconia.org](http://www.ReImagineLaconia.org)*

This **TWO-DAY** event will feature multiple public input sessions, an informative workshop about local economic development studies, and design sessions where volunteer architects, engineers, landscape architects, and other design professionals will come together to create maps and drawings that visually represent what **YOU** want **YOUR** Laconia to look like!

We will also be drafting "to-do" lists from your input, which will translate into action items for the updated Master Plan.

Two public sessions will be held on Friday, August 28th at the Belknap Mill. You can register for **EITHER** the 3 PM session or the 6 PM session (both will have the same format and material).

On Saturday, August 29th there will be a design session where you can observe the volunteer professionals put ideas on paper. This will be held on the first floor of the Belknap Mill.

On Saturday, August 28th we will be presenting final design plans to the public, starting at 3PM with an interactive workshop with information about local economic development studies, and the creation of a "to-do" list of economic development and land-use action items to go into the updated Master Plan. This session will be held at Grace Capital Church.

To register for one or multiple sessions of this event, please [CLICK HERE!](#)  
You may also call the City of Laconia Planning Department to RSVP  
by phone if you prefer: 603/527-1264



## Laconia Historical & Museum Society

### Civil War Memorial Encampment

August 1 and 2



August 1 and 2—The NHVA will be holding a Civil War Memorial Encampment during this two day event. The event will include four Civil War Union Regiments, multiple Battery Fires, Cavalry Display, Artillery Forge, the 12th NH Serenade

Band and a presentation by Lew and Ginny Gage from Cornish, NH called "Civilians at Gettysburg" and "Harriet Patience Dame". This is a wonderful two-day event. We hope you can join us for some...or all...of the events! For updated program information, please call 527-1278.



**Location: NH Veterans' Association Headquarters**

**Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, NH**

**Festivities will begin by 9:00 am on Saturday, August 1st and continue through 8:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd.**

**The presentation by Lew and Ginny Gage "Civilians at Gettysburg" and "Harriet Patience Dame" will be on Saturday at 1 pm and will run until 2:30 pm. The 12th NH Serenade Band will also perform on Saturday at 3:00 pm.**

**Hope to see you there!**

The Waukegan and Winona  
Watershed Protective Association  
presents

**FREE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## UPLAND INVASIVE PLANTS SEMINAR

*Stop the invasion!*

DOUG CYGAN, NH Dept. of Agriculture Invasive Species Coordinator  
Are invasive plants lurking among native vegetation on your property? Invasive plant species are detrimental to native flora and fauna. Learn which plants are invasive and why you should care. Find out the proper way to eradicate or control invasive plants on your property to stop them from spreading.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 • 6:00-7:30 PM**

The Meredith Community Center  
Route 3, Meredith, NH 03253

For more info call 279-4944 or 279-6008

## Weirs Beach Summer Fireworks!



July 31

August 7, 14 & 21

September 6

at 10:00 pm

*Sponsored by Weirs Action  
Committee*

Rain dates for the regular Friday  
shows are Saturday. An announce-  
ment of the rain date will be posted  
at the Weirs Beach arrow sign.

## Happy Sounds

Join us for  
music, movement, and laughter!

**Wednesdays 9:00-9:45am**

Starting July 22, 2015

At the Family Resource Center

719 North Main St. Laconia, NH

For more info, call Trish T. at 528-0391

or email: [tricia.tousignant@lrsc.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrsc.org)



LRCS  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER  
Providing Professional Support

## sunset Party!

Join us on the top deck of the  
parking garage each Tuesday at  
sunset! Celebrate the long  
summer nights in unique Laconia  
style. Melissa from The Studio  
will bring the bubbles!  
Call 455-8008 for more  
information.



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!





## Is Your Private Well Water Safe to Drink?

What Every Homeowner Needs to Know!

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Meredith Community Circle, 1 Circle Drive,  
Meredith, NH

## Program

Welcome- John Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director

Perspective on Private Wells in New Hampshire - Pierce Rigrod, NH Department of Environmental Services, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

Naturally Occurring Threats to Private Wells - Joseph D. Ayotte, U.S. Geological Survey, Groundwater Investigation Section

Public Health Risks - Laurie Reynolds Rardin, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

Testing Your Private Well Water - Lucio Barinelli, NH Department of Health & Human Services, Water Analysis Laboratory

Interpreting Your Test Results - Pierce Rigrod, Laurie Rardin & Lucio Barinelli

### Questions & Answers

This workshop is **FREE** and open to everyone. Light **REFRESHMENTS** and plenty of convenient parking. For more information call **677-4217**.



## ***Laconia Fire Department***

Drive by the Fire Station on North Main Street to check out the progress being made on the renovation/addition project!

Shown (left) is the first new bi-fold door being installed.

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



Laconia Fire Department  
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# Music <sup>on the</sup> River Concert Series

THURS, JULY 16TH • THURS, AUGUST 13TH • THURS, SEPTEMBER 17TH

6:00PM TO 8:00PM



Rotary Riverside Park & Gazebo  
Historic Belknap Mill  
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH



3rd Floor  
Rose Chertok Gallery

THURS, AUGUST 13TH



6:00PM TO 8:00PM

BLUES, SPIRITUALS AND JAZZ

Soul Revival with Sharon 'Sugar' Jones

THURS, SEPTEMBER 17TH



6:00PM TO 8:00PM

BLUES, POP AND ROCK

Noah Lis FROM THE VOICE SEASON 6

# Public Works Department



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Household hazardous waste requires proper, safe disposal! Gather up your hazardous waste and join your friends and neighbors at the Public Works Garage in Laconia, 27 Bisson Avenue, on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 8:30 am to noon. A "Swap Table" will also be available...your unwanted items might be just what someone else is looking for!

- Residents/taxpayers only. You may be asked to present proof of residency.
- Household products only; no commercial waste.
- Each household is limited to 10 gal. or 50 lbs.
- Please keep materials in original containers; if possible, please place containers in a sturdy cardboard box in your trunk.
- You will be asked to participate in a brief survey which helps us improve our collection effort. You can now print out the survey at [www.lakesrpc.org/hhw/Survey2015web.pdf](http://www.lakesrpc.org/hhw/Survey2015web.pdf) and bring the completed survey with you to save time.
- **Questions?** Please contact Laconia Dept. of Public Works at 528-6379.



Please click [here](#) for more information on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Laconia, and a list of acceptable items.

### Good News!



The Main Street Bridge is back to its regular traffic pattern! Activity at the bridge site will be very limited and traffic flow through the bridge site should be largely uninterrupted with occasional lane closures to accomplish the remaining work such as bridge railings, drainage work, lighting, sidewalk ramps, etc.

Check the Main St. Bridge Construction website for information on Phase 5 of the project. The website is updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detours, 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).

Click [here](#) for Public Works website

Questions about the construction project?

Contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).



## Public Works Department

**PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM**  
*Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*

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.

**Building Community Resilience:**

***Learning to Serve our Built and Social Infrastructures through Ecological Design***

**THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 2015**

***On the shores of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee  
At the Weirs Community Center  
25 Lucerne Avenue, Laconia***

***Doors open for registration at 6:10,  
workshop starts promptly at 6:30.***

Join New Hampshire's own Steve Whitman for this **introductory session** on building community resilience through ecological design.

Steve will share a framework that can be used to guide future land use changes locally. Informed by a holistic design process, communities can then meet residents' needs, support economic development, and protect and restore ecological functions.

Learn to create communities that are more resilient to severe weather consequences and other outside forces while retaining the distinct character of their neighborhoods. Come see the examples that Steve will share from his work in the US and internationally.

This workshop is for professionals, board or committee members and anyone with an interest in learning a new way to think differently about planning for the future of the towns and neighborhoods we love here in the Granite State.

This will be a workshop that engages participants, informs and, we hope, inspires new ideas for all of us!

***There is NO COST to attend this workshop, but we request, for planning purposes, that you please [register](#) by August 12.***

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



**Weirs Community Park**



**SQUAM LAKES  
NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER**  
**NEARER TO NATURE**

Join us on Saturday, August 1st at 6:00 pm when the Squam Lakes Science Center will present a program called "New Hampshire Wildlife".

Bring the kids to see and learn about the many different types of animals in our amazing state!



Call Parks & Rec at 524-5046 for additional information.

*In case of rain, the program will be moved inside to the Weirs Community Center, located directly across from the amphitheater at the Park.*

Join us at the  
Laconia Main  
Street Outdoor  
Marketplace!



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

**Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia**

*Laconia Farmers'*  
**Live Free and Eat Local Market**  
Every Saturday  
8 am to noon  
City Hall Parking Lot





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



August is "National Immunization Awareness Month"! Immunizations are not just for children; as people age they become more at risk for certain diseases and some vaccines may be necessary. Immunization should be a life-long priority...check with your doctor to see if you are up-to-date on your vaccines!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at  
17 Church Street in Laconia.  
Questions? Call 524-7689*

*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 - Hilary Young
- 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. (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 Baumel
- 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 Edward Engler ..... 630-4484
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) ..... 393-6533
- David Bownes (Ward 2)..... 524-4330
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) ..... 528-0191
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