



## Laconia Links

July 6, 2012 - Edition #39

Bond Beach in Laconia

## Updates from the Planning Office...

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



### Free or Discounted Energy Audits Now Available for Small Businesses!

The first ever Laconia Energy Forum, held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, attracted more than 20 participants and four guest speakers. Presentations ranged from solar hot water systems for homes, to energy audits and retrofits for small businesses, to weatherization and energy programs for low income households, to training and education on becoming an energy technician.

**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*



With each guest speaker having a different niche in the energy world, and an audience consisting of homeowners, developers, small business owners, large business owners, energy specialists, concerned citizens and others, there were a lot of great ideas heard and many good discussions had.

The forum also included an hour-long interactive session where everyone brainstormed and then prioritized what Laconia's energy future should be; the top goals will be posted in a future edition of Laconia Links.

If you are a small business owner interested in having a free or discounted (\$100) energy audit done of your business, please contact Seth Creighton in the Planning Department quickly! Funding for this program will soon be coming to an end.

Please contact Seth Creighton:  
[creightons@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:creightons@city.laconia.nh.us) ; 527-1264.



## SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to attend a public information meeting to get the latest information about the assessment at the Henry's Dry Cleaners Site.

This meeting will explain the current site conditions and answer your questions. EPA will present information and will be available to answer questions along with representatives from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services and NH Department of Health.

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 18, 2012  
7 PM**

**LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**  
150 McGrath St.  
Laconia, NH 03246

The meeting space is fully accessible. If you have any questions, special needs or require translation, please contact:

**JANIS TSANG**  
On-Scene Coordinator  
1 (888) 372-7341, ext. 81231 or  
(617) 918-1231  
tsang.janis@epa.gov



## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

A community meeting to provide an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) update on their recent testing in the Pleasant St. and Beacon St. West areas of the downtown will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath Street.

The update is expected to be general in nature with specific information provided separately to private property owners where the sampling occurred.

An EPA Fact Sheet was posted to the City's website when the testing occurred earlier this year; please click [here](#) to read this document in its entirety.

Questions or comments should be directed to the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

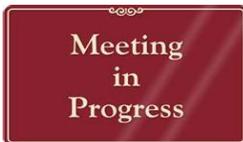
# Upcoming Meetings...

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!*

### City Council

July 9, 2012, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### Planning Board

July 10, 2012, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### TRC I Meeting

July 11, 2012, 9:30 am  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### License Board

July 11, 2012, 12:00 noon  
City Hall, Room 200B

### Heritage Commission

July 11, 2012, 5:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

# PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE OUT AND DUE 7/13/12!



Tax bills were mailed on Monday, June 11, 2012. They are due on July 13, 2012. Payments will be accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 to 4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. Please call the tax office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

## City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

*We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!*

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



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

# Mark Your Calendar!



### Summer Reading Special Event Wednesdays!

Wednesday, July 11 @ 1:00  
Lindsay & her Puppet Pals will entertain all with stories!

-and-

Wednesday, July 18 @ 1:00,  
it's Peter Boie, Magician for Non-believers!

These free special events are held at the Laconia Community Center, 306 Union Ave.

*Please call the Library  
at 524-4775  
for more info*

## Movies & More for Kids!

Friday, July 13th @ 3:45 p.m.: Tooth Fairy 2 in Laconia's Rotary Hall. This movie is rated PG and is 90 minutes in length. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver 14 years or older and adults must bring a child.



*Admission is free!  
Snacks are provided!*



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)

## YOUR GUN...YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!



With guns in over half of all U.S. households, gun safety has become a very big responsibility. Whether or not you own a gun, it's vitally important to know the basic rules of safe handling and storage. It is also the responsibility of every parent to teach children about gun safety.

It is the responsibility of the owner to properly secure all firearms safely in a place inaccessible to children or anyone untrained in their use.

- ◆ Seek training on the proper use of firearms
- ◆ Become familiar with local, state and federal laws
- ◆ Guns should always be stored in the following manner:
  - Store guns unloaded, uncocked and separate from ammunition.
  - Store guns in a locked storage box with a trigger lock or other locking device.
  - If guns must be temporarily secured in an automobile, secretly lock them securely in the trunk.
  - Do not store guns in conspicuous or easily accessible places, such as under mattresses or in bedroom drawers



### Handling Guns

Proper handling is a key to being safe around guns. Always treat every gun as if it were loaded. Keep the barrel pointed in a safe direction and keep your finger off the trigger. If accepting a gun or handing one to another person always make sure that it is unloaded and the safety is on. Load a gun only when you intend to fire. Be sure of your target when you fire a gun, remember that a bullet may travel beyond sight unless it is stopped by a sufficient backstop. Never use a firearm under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### Children and Guns

Children don't always understand the difference between a real gun and a toy gun. Be sure they understand that a real gun can hurt you or even kill you. These injuries are real and long lasting. Teach children if they find a gun to stop what they are doing, not to touch it, to get away from it immediately and to call an **Adult** or **911**.



**YOUR GUN, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

**HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE!!!**



*City Mgr. Scott Myers with representatives of New Hampshire Motor Speedway*

## **New Hampshire Reps Make Picks to Win July NASCAR Race, Chance to Win \$20,000 for Education Program**



The Legislative Office Building in Concord, N.H., was the host site of “The Race to Benefit Education,” an announcement made by New Hampshire Motor Speedway officials recently. The NASCAR themed draft paired 26 drivers with 13 city representatives across the Granite State, awarding \$20,000 in education grants to the city that chooses the winning driver of the upcoming 20th anniversary NASCAR Sprint Cup Series LENOX Industrial Tools 301 on July 15.

Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of NHMS, announced “The Race to Benefit Education”. Gappens stated, “It was a concept made up by Bruton Smith, chairman of Speedway Motorsports Inc. We thought it would be a great way to get towns to pay attention to the race, cheer for a driver and then receive some much-needed funding for their programs.”

The cities represented throughout New Hampshire are those with a mayor, including Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Dover, Franklin, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Rochester and Somersworth.



Gappens picked cities at random from a ping pong ball spinner, with the first pick going to Lebanon City Councilor Sue Prentiss, who picked defending Sprint Cup Series champion Tony Stewart and Juan Pablo Montoya. Somersworth, Laconia, Berlin, Nashua, Concord, Portsmouth, Dover, Claremont, Franklin, Manchester, Keene and Rochester followed, with each city getting a choice of two drivers paired by their place in the Sprint Cup standings (i.e. 1st-26th, 2nd-25th, 3rd-24th, etc.). Representatives made their picks by placing their city’s name on a large board that contained the 13 driver pairings.

City Manager Scott Myers represented the City of Laconia at the drawing. City Manager Myers selected potential winning drivers Jimmie Johnson and A.J. Allmendinger.

If either Johnson (#48) or Allmendinger (#22) wins the race on July 15th, the City of Laconia will receive \$20,000 in education grants. Should one of the aforementioned 26 drivers not win the July 15th race, a blind draw will be held to determine which city will receive the education grant.





## Invasives Eradication along the Moulton Street Section of the Wow Trail

On the evenings of June 11th and 12th from 5 - 8 pm each night, more than 25 local Boy Scouts could be seen along the Moulton Street section of Laconia's Wow Trail pulling invasive plants by hand.

The project is financially supported by the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Belknap County Conservation Commission is supporting this effort by providing invasive plant identification materials and lending leverage tools which enable complete removal of invasive plant roots systems. The targeted plants include Bittersweet and Japanese Knotweed, among others. Look for additional updates as native planting efforts will follow later this summer!



## Laconia Historical & Museum Society Recognizes Revolutionary War Soldier

On Sunday, June 17, 2012 (the anniversary of the Battle at Bunker Hill) Laconia Historical and Museum Society recognized Samuel Jewett who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Battle of Bunker Hill occurred during the Siege of Boston early in the American Revolutionary War. While working on a transcription project for the Day Book of Jeremiah Smith Jewett which was released in print in August, 2011, Ms. Polidoro discovered that there was a Laconia resident who fought in that Battle: Samuel Jewett, grandfather to Jeremiah Smith Jewett.

Exec.Dir. Brenda Polidoro with daughter Stephanie placing the Revolutionary War Veteran Grave Marker at the gravesite of Samuel Jewett at Union Cemetery in Laconia. *Photo by John Polidoro*

The musket used by Samuel Jewett in this battle was donated by the Jewett Family to the National War Museum in Washington, D.C. where it is currently on display.

# Assessing

[Click](#) for  
Assessing Dept.



## Property Assessment Cards

This is the time of year owners should be checking their Assessment Cards to make sure their property is correctly described.

If discrepancies are found, please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 and set up a time for an inspection to adjust any incorrect information.



## New Report Posted to the City's Website!

The *Development Activity in the Lakes Region: 2012 Annual Report* is a document that summarizes and assesses development trends based on commercial, industrial and residential permit activity. This annual report is a planning tool that can inform land use regulations and Master Plans.

The data can be utilized in various planning applications, from Hazard Mitigation Plans to Smart Growth Assessments. Examining these development trends enables state and local decision-makers to better understand and anticipate needs for services, housing, and employment. This 2012 report represents the 14th consecutive year this document has been compiled and distributed by the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Please click [here](#) to view the document in its entirety.

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



# KELLY MILLER CIRCUS LACONIA Memorial Park

Fri - Sun  
7/6 - 7/8



**SHOW TIMES**  
FRI - 4:30 & 7:30  
SAT - 2, 5 & 7:30  
SUN - 2 & 5

Sponsored By  
The Main Street  
Initiative of  
Laconia

## TICKETS

Before Circus Day	On Circus Day
Adult \$10	Adult \$15
Child \$6	Child \$7

Advance Tickets Available At:

- The Downtown Deli \* All My Life Jewelers \* The Studio \* Black's Gift Shop
- Burrito Me - Laconia & Plymouth \* Evergrain - Wolfeboro \* Galleria Salon
- Alton Cigo - Alton Bay \* Innisfree Bookshop - Meredith \* Patrick's Pub - Gilford
- Weirs Beach Cigo \* Annie's Book Store \* Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

*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 of Laconia  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)