



Laconia Links

August 2, 2013 - Edition #95

Weirs Boardwalk and Railroad Station



It's here! The 2013 Laconia Multicultural Festival - Saturday, Aug. 3rd

Don't miss this special day! The Odaiko Japanese Drummers are on the list of performers in Rotary Park. Their spell-binding drumming carries a special place in our Festival as they return once again. Celebrating their 15th anniversary as a group, they are a perfect match for bringing people together as their members reflect the rich cultural diversity of New England. Their language of drumming speaks universally across boundaries of race, class, culture and religion, as well as all ages and gender.

Other exciting performers include Balla Kouyate, one of the greatest balafon players in the world, as well as the Edwin Pabon y Su Orchestra. Pabon performs Latin music with the Salsa Mix Dancers. Wild Women's Studio of Laconia will present Tibetan traditional Crystal Singing Bowls. The Concord Community Music School will present a children's music program inside the Belknap Mill. A local group, Eastern Dragon, will demonstrate karate and self-defense.

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!



Raffle tickets to support the LMF are available at Sunflower Natural Foods on South Main Street as well as the Historic Belknap Mill. Raffle prizes include gift cards from many restaurants as well as 2 tickets to a Meadow Brook concert of your choice! LMF backpacks/totes with the new insignia of the Festival are also available at Sunflower Natural Foods or they can be purchased on the LMF Facebook page and at the Festival.

All festival entertainment is free. For more info visit the new Facebook page, *Laconia Multicultural Festival*, as well as the LMF web site, laconiamulticulturalfestival.org. Bring a comfortable chair or cushion for Rotary Park entertainment. Volunteers are welcome.

The Festival is sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee, Laconia Main Street and the Historic Belknap Mill.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



METEOR MADNESS!

Friday, August 9th @ 4:00
Volpe Conference Room.
Teens stop in and pick up
your kit to help you view the
Perseid meteor showers
over the weekend!

Aug. 8th @ 7pm @
Laconia Rotary Hall.
This fascinating docu-
mentary is about light
pollution and the disap-
pearing night sky. Join
us to see just how
necessary darkness is
needed around the
country. Admission is
free. 84 minutes.



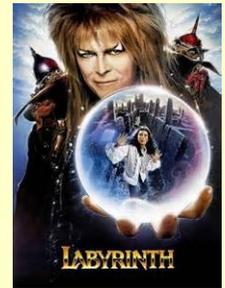
Check out the
Library's Website
[here!](#)

Now Showing



Friday, Aug. 9 @3:45 p.m.: *Cody the Robosapien*. This film is rated PG and is 86 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.

Teen movie: *Labyrinth* on Thurs-
day, Aug. 8 @ 1 pm in Laconia
Rotary Hall for teens in grades 6-
12. This film is rated PG and is
101 minutes in length. Refresh-
ments will be served.



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!*

Planning Board

August 6, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

License Board

August 7, 2013, Noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Special Events/TRC

August 7, 2013, 1:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

August 7, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

August 8, 2013, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way



Laconia High School

[Laconia High School Website](#)



Laconia Middle School

[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



Elm Street School

[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School

[Woodland Heights Website](#)



Welcome David Bartlett as Assistant Principal for Laconia High School

The Laconia School District community is pleased to announce that **David Bartlett** will become Assistant Principal for Laconia High School. Mr. Bartlett has worked in the Gilford School District since 2009 and had been previously employed with the Laconia School District as an Alternative Education Teacher and Special Education Teacher.

David Bartlett's leadership style is anchored in specific core values, setting high standards through role modeling and participation. He believes the most effective schools occur when all stakeholders in the community share a common vision that maintains high standards for all students. He is self-motivated, goal oriented and deeply committed to reaching students, supporting teachers and connecting with parents and the community. We believe he will bring valuable skills to the position, including the abilities to think outside the box, focus on success for all learners, and promote a professional learning community approach to improving student learning.

Mr. Bartlett is married to Shannon Bartlett and has two sons, Tucker and Ryan, and a daughter, Haley.

We invite you to join us in welcoming **Assistant Principal David Bartlett** to this leadership position at Laconia High School and the Laconia School District community.



Incoming LHS Freshmen Students:

As you enter Laconia High School for the first time this fall, we ask that you come to school with the following school supplies:

Required:

- Pens
- Pencils
- At least one three-ring binder, and loose-leaf notebook paper
- Book covers

Recommended:

- Calculator (TI 84 for Honors students is recommended)
- Post-it notes
- USB key
- Highlighter
- Notebook dividers
- Flash cards

And.....remember your summer reading! See the link below.

The summer reading assignments are posted on the link below in large blue letters. Every student at LHS is required to complete a summer reading assignment to be ready for the first week of school.

Here is the link for your [Summer Reading Requirements](#)



[2013 LMS Fall Sports-Starting Dates & Times](#)

REMINDER: Students must have a completed Sports Health Record form with them on the first day of any sport.

The Mission of the Academy is to enhance the health and wellbeing of students, staff and our community by supporting policies and practices that promote healthy and safe environments, access to nutritious foods, physical activity, quality health care and the development of skills needed for life long success.



To view upcoming Health and Wellness Initiatives and what is happening please click [here!](#)

A word from Dennis Dobe, Woodland Heights Principal:
Welcome to another exciting new year at Woodland Heights! Click [here](#) for WHS summer newsletter!



Summer Fun Activity Center!




girl scouts
of the green and
white mountains

Click [here](#) for registration form. Advance registration is required.

Calling all girls entering grades K-6!
Discover new friends, connect, and take action to make the
World a better place.
Join us for a day or the week!

August 19-22, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Leavitt Park
334 Elm St., Laconia, NH

Questions? Contact Debbie King at 603-536-1304 or
dking@girlscoutsgwm.org

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Come See the Sewage Sniffing Dogs in Action!

New Date!

Friday, August 22 - 4 pm
Weirs Beach Boardwalk,
Laconia, NH

The City of Laconia is pleased to
be working with the dogs from
Environmental Canine Services for a
day of Bacteria Source Tracking.
Come see how these dogs are
trained to keep our lakes clean!



What is Canine Detection?

- An innovative method to identify human sources of bacteria in water.
- A cost-efficient and effective bacteria source tracking tool.
- Investigate storm drain systems, stream channels, and shorelines.
- Proven successful in multiple studies including projects in New England.



Environmental Canine Services LLC
Protecting Our Precious Resources With Nature's Gift

For more information, contact: Emily DiFranco
FB Environmental Associates, Portsmouth, NH
emilyd@fbenvironmental.com, (603) 343-6311
Or visit our website for more information
www.fbenvironmental.com/CanineDetection2013.html



LACLT Mailing Neighborhood Surveys

During August, the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) is conducting a mailed survey of randomly chosen households in Laconia as part of a national effort by NeighborWorks America.

For 20 years, LACLT has been providing permanently affordable housing to low and moderate income households in Laconia and throughout the Lakes Region. LACLT is part of a group of similar nonprofit organizations across the country interested in residents' impressions and opinions on issues such as involvement in community activities, public services, safety, and similar topics.

Responses to the survey will be kept confidential. The mailing is a part of a national effort by NeighborWorks in approximately 250 communities across the country. The survey will be repeated in two years in order to measure change, if any, in resident perceptions.

Anyone with questions about the survey or about LACLT, is encouraged call Sal Steven-Hubbard at 524-0747 or email sstevenhubbard@lact.org.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to
Laconia
PD here](#)



Christopher A. Adams
Chief of Police

LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Press Release

"A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency"



126 New Salem Street Laconia, New Hampshire 03246-3402

Release Date: Friday, July 26, 2013 **Release Time:** 1500 Hrs

Authorization for Release: Captain Matthew Canfield

Location of Incident: Laconia Police Department

Synopsis of Event:

When most people think about the City of Laconia, they think of "The City on the Lakes". They think of wonderful days out on the water and times spent relaxing on the beach. The City of Laconia is a wonderful thriving community and is considered by most as a safe place to vacation and raise a family.

But the City of Laconia has a side that few see or want to see, a powerful drug known as "Heroin". When most people think of Heroin, they associate this powerful and addictive drug with large urban cities riddled with crime. Heroin is making an alarming presence in our community and this killer drug doesn't discriminate against age, race or religion.

Heroin is an opiate that can be injected, snorted, or smoked. Heroin is usually brown in color. This drug is one of the most addictive drugs, and it creates both a physical and mental dependence for users.

Heroin is becoming cheaper and more plentiful in this area. In most cases, one can purchase Heroin cheaper than buying a six pack of beer. This is a very scary reality that this community must face.

The Laconia Police Department is working around the clock to try and combat this devastating drug. This year alone the Laconia Police Department has investigated two drug related fatalities. The Laconia Police is currently investigating another fatality that occurred last evening which is believed to be drug related. The Laconia Police reports that the Heroin they are coming in contact with and with what is being reported to them is very potent. More potent than what the police has seen in the past. For a person that is a first time user, it could be their last time. Heroin slows down your body to include your heart which can be fatal.

The Laconia Police Department asks for the community's help in working together to keep our youth drug free and educated on the effects of this and other drugs. The Laconia Police Department asks that if you see something that looks suspicious or if you feel drug activity is occurring in your area, please contact them to help make them aware.

Anyone with information regarding drug activity is encouraged to contact the Laconia Police Department and/or the Greater Laconia Crime Line, 524-1717.

Emergency 911 Communications (603) 524.5252 Administration (603) 524.5257 Fax (603) 527.1288

Sunday, August 11th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Show you "Love the Lake"

This Event Has Been Cancelled!
If you have purchased tickets,
a refund will be sent to you.
Questions?
Please see contact info below.

Enjoy a dinner cruise aboard the
M/S Mount Washington
while dancing to the toe tapping
rock & roll music of
'Annie & the Orphans'!

"Love the Lake"
Dinner Dance Cruise
aboard the M/S Mount
Washington



August 11, 2013

\$60 ticket/\$100 couple

Tickets \$60 each or 2 for \$100
All proceeds go to support LWVA's water quality
protection efforts.

For tickets, go to www.Winnepesaukee.org/Love-the-lake.

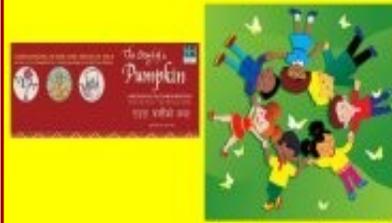
For more information, e-mail ptarpey@winnepesaukee.org
or call 603-581-6632.

**MANDATORY RECYCLING
BEGAN JULY 1ST.**

Reminder!

**RECYCLING PICKUP IS
EVERY OTHER WEEK!**

Multi Cultural Day Storytelling



Saturday, August 3rd

10:00 Laconia Rotary Hall

"The Story of a Pumpkin" by Hari Tiwari
will be read in English & Nepalese
Meet the author and illustrator.

Families are invited to the Laconia Public Library before a formal opening of the Multi Cultural Festival. Gail Drucker, children's librarian, along with Hari Tiwari relate the wonderful folktale, *The Story of Pumpkin*. Hari brings the folk tale from her childhood in Bhutan.

Dal Rai, the book illustrator, will also be present with framed original illustrations to be loaned to the children's room at the Library. The book is published by the NH Humanities Council. The reading is scheduled for 10 am. Refreshments will follow.



The Story of a
Pumpkin

A TRADITIONAL TALE FROM BHUTAN
Told by Hari Tiwari • Chief Illustrator: Dal Rai

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NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANITIES COUNCIL • CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



(Pictured, left): Officer Adam Batstone and a Special Olympic Athlete pump gas at the Circle K in Laconia during "To Serve and Protect Day" held on July 27th. Department members not pictured are Chief Adams, Captain Canfield, Sergeant Hubbard, Sergeant Swett and Commissioner Maheux.

Circle K and Irving have teamed up with Special Olympics state programs throughout New England to raise money for Special Olympics. Circle K stores collect donations from their customers throughout the four week promotion which this year began July 3rd and will end August 3rd.

"To Serve and Protect Day" occurs during the Fueling Dreams promotion where Law Enforcement, Special Olympic athletes, volunteers and Circle K employees pump gas and wash windows for donations. Additionally, Irving Oil gives a generous fuel donation to each Special Olympic program in New England. In 2012, Fueling Dreams raised \$264,161 throughout New England. New Hampshire raised \$116,950 of funds.



Dog Cove Quartet Scheduled for Taylor Community Concert

The Dog Cove Quartet – musicians from the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra – are scheduled as the next concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 4 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

These extraordinarily talented musicians have performed worldwide, and come to Taylor from their homes in Alabama, New York, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. They include Flutist Mary Kay Robinson, Violinist Kathy Langr, Cellist David Goldblatt and Viola Player Rene Reder.

Repertoire for the concert will include selections from Beethoven, Handel, Mozart and Scott Joplin.

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.



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

HHW 2013

Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Click [here](#) for additional
information

Saturday August 3

*Household Hazardous Waste
requires proper, safe disposal*



Annual household hazardous waste collection events are organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, with financial support from participating communities, and the NH Department of Environmental Services.

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For more information please contact:

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(603) 321-3416
ajoseph@my-turn.org

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slide show

Laconia Farmers' Market

Live Free and Eat Local

The Laconia Farmers' Market — in its 40th year of providing the Lakes Region with fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, baked goods and more — has been named #8 on WMUR's list of Top 20 Farmers' Markets in NH! Experience this great outdoor market for yourself, open every Saturday through the last Saturday in September from 8am to Noon in the Laconia City Hall parking lot, Beacon St. East.

The Market is open rain or shine!

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA



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

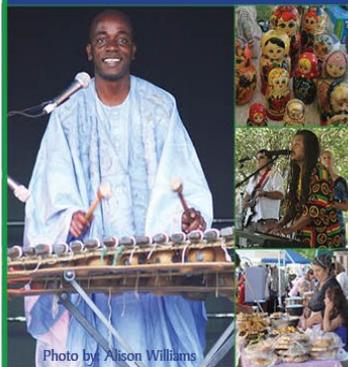
Interested in Volunteering?

Contact John at: jwredlabel@metrocast.net



NEW DATE

Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 10 AM - 4 PM



Rotary Park & Downtown Laconia

Live Entertainment • Ethnic Food
Crafts • Zoo • Children's Corner



Sponsored by Laconia Human Relations Committee,
Historic Belknap Mill & Laconia Main Street



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
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- 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
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- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan
- Water..... 524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman

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- 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

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and suggestions!*

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Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers, City Manager
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