



Laconia Links

August 5, 2016 - Edition #248

*The former Guild Mills building on Union Avenue
(Photo compliments of Tom Brown)*



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Thank You Laconia!

On behalf of the men and women of the Laconia Police Department, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the citizens and businesses in this amazing City. Since the tragic killings of officers in Dallas and other communities across the nation, I have been overwhelmed with phone calls, e-mails, cards, and other acts of kindness, in support of the members of the Laconia Police Department. We take great pride in the relationship we have forged within the community, and consider ourselves part of that fabric. Your kind gestures are so very much appreciated during these turbulent times.

Christopher Adams
Chief of Police, Laconia Police Department

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!

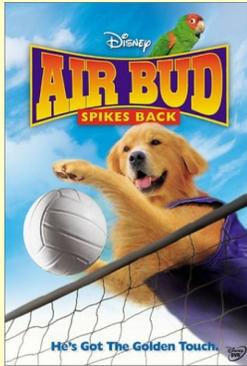


Laconia Parks & Recreation Explore-A-Truck Day



The Explore-A-Truck Day is August 13th from 10 am to noon at the Dept. of Public Works facility on Bisson Avenue. Free!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Movies and More for Kids!

Friday, August 12th at
3:45 pm in Laconia Rotary
Hall: "Air Bud Spikes
Back", rated G. Snacks will
be served and admission is
free. Kids under 10 must
be accompanied by a
responsible caregiver 14
or older.

End Game Touchdown!!

Join us on Wednesday, August 10th
at 1 pm for our Ice Cream Party to
celebrate Summer Reading
2016...make your own ice cream
sundae! Loads of toppings, goodies
and more ~ way too many to list!



Summer Reading Wrap-Up!

There are still two weeks
left! Don't forget to bring
your reading logs to Goss
Reading Room or the
Library and choose
your prize!

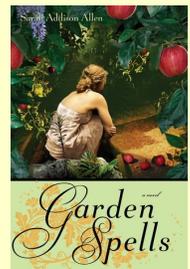
Questions?
Please call 524-5046



Beach Chair Book Club

"Garden Spells" by
Sarah Addison
Allen

2:00 pm ~ Opechee Park



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!*

Weirs TIF Advisory Group

August 11, 2016, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commission

August 11, 2016, 8:00 am
117 Stark Street, Water
Treatment Facility Conf. Room



Meeting in Progress

*Please see below for meetings
scheduled for the week of
August 8 - 12, 2016:*

Government Operations & Ordinances Committee

August 8, 2016, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council

August 8, 2016, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Technical Review Comm. II

August 10, 2016, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

August 10, 2016, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

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

Laconia Middle School

All Incoming 8th Grade Students and Parents:

Parent/Student 1:1 Informational Night is planned at Laconia Middle School on Wednesday, August 24th starting at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room.

LMS Parent Sports Meeting

August 25th 6-8 PM

In the Multipurpose Room

If you are unable to attend, Please contact

Mr. O'Brien at kobren@laconiaschools.org or

524-4632 ext.: 147

Find the 2016/2017 SY Calendar [Here](#)

Laconia School Board Members

Ward at-large

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Ward #3

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Ward #5

Stacie Sirois (Chairperson)

ssirois@laconiaschools.org

Ward #6

Heather Lounsbury

hlounsbury@laconiaschools.org

Laconia High School

All Incoming 9th Grade Students and Parents:

1:1 Parent /Student Night is planned at Laconia High School on Tuesday August 23rd from 6:00-7:00pm.

- ⇒ Learn about the 1:1 program
- ⇒ Complete all necessary paperwork
- ⇒ Learn about digital citizenship
- ⇒ Understand expectations at school and home
- ⇒ Answer questions you may have

ALL incoming 9th grade students and their parents/guardians must attend to receive their device.

LHS Fall Sports info



Public Works Department



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

**Saturday, August 6th
8:30 am to Noon**

DPW Office – 27 Bisson Avenue

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Laconia will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the DPW Office, 27 Bisson Avenue from 8:30 am to Noon.

All participants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. Please remember to not get out of your vehicle! Household products only please – no commercial waste allowed.

Each household is limited to 10 gallons or 25 pounds. Please keep materials in original containers.

The following will not be accepted: Latex paint, alkaline batteries, ammunition/fireworks, asbestos, propane tanks, empty solidified oil-based paints, explosives, smoke detectors, radioactive materials, household trash, tires.

Any questions – please call Ann Saltmarsh at 528-6379, ext. 300.

Contamination of our natural environment is a very real threat through the improper disposal of household hazardous waste – we sincerely thank all residents for their participation in this very important program!

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, August 8, 2016!



Weirs Beach Fireworks Schedule!

Regular Summer Season Shows

Friday, August 5 at 10:00pm

Friday, August 12 at 10:00pm

Friday, August 19 at 10:00pm

Raindates for regular Friday shows are the next day (Saturday)
(sponsored by the Weirs Action Committee)

Labor Day Weekend Show

Sunday, September 4, at 10pm

(sponsored by Half Moon Enterprises)

Help keep this Friday night tradition alive!
Consider making a donation by going to www.WeirsBeachFireworks.com

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.



How do YOU eat local? Photo Contest

August is NH Eat Local month!

Grab your camera or phone and start snapping photos of you, your family and friends, and anything else that shows how YOU enjoy great NH grown products! Visit a farmstand or farmers' market. Attend a farm to table dinner or create your own at home with produce from your garden. Forage for wild blueberries. Purchase NH made products at the store and whip up a great local summer meal! The possibilities are endless!



Enter up to 7 photos, and you may win a gift certificate to one of these great local businesses: Wayfarer Coffee Roasters, Local Provisions, Laconia Village Bakery, BurritoME, Local Eatery, Sunflower Natural Foods or Osborne's Agway. Deadline for submission is August 31.

For entry form and rules visit www.belknapccd.org or www.lrfn.org. Call 527-5880 or e-mail lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net for more information



Sponsored by the Belknap County Conservation District and Lakes Region Food Network

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, 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!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.



Questions? Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us

City of Laconia Notices



Filing period for the November 8, 2016 Election for the **Board of Education in Ward 2 and Ward 3** will be held from **August 2, 2016 through August 12, 2016** at the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk



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 28, 2016

Registration:

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
(pre-register & receive a free gift)
Roger's Ride/Laconia Kiwanis
PO Box 757
Laconia, NH 03247
www.laconiakiwanis.com

Donations:

\$25.00 single rider
-or-
\$30.00 with passenger

Location:

Rotary Park/Belknap Mill
25 Beacon Street Laconia, NH
Ride begins at 10:00 a.m. SHARP
Come early! Coffee, donuts & muffins will be served.

FOR RAFFLE TICKETS PLEASE CALL:

John - 520-4383 OR Betty - 581-2968

-WIN- 2 FREE NIGHTS

Wentworth By The Sea
New Castle, NH



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



Wentworth by the Sea
MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA

www.laconiakiwanis.com

Weirs Community Park



Have you visited Weirs Community Park yet? It's a great addition to the City's parks and recreational areas! Also, please plan to join us at one or more of the events at the Park (shown below). All programs are free of charge and start at 6 pm! Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

August 6th - Rockin' Daddios Concert
September 10th - Squam Lake Science Center kids and adult program



Best wishes to Paul Moynihan and Captain Bob Landry!

On July 28th City employees, friends and family gathered to celebrate the careers of two dedicated long-time members of our staff: Paul Moynihan, former Department of Public Works Director (employed with the City for 38 years), and Captain Bob Landry of the Laconia Fire Department (employed with the City for 27 years). We wish them both well in their retirement and future adventures!



Paul Moynihan



Cpt. Bob Landry





NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Pet of the Week: Killian



Cats are not disposable but all too often at New Hampshire Humane Society, we witness the results of a thrown away companion, lost in the shuffle of human lives upended.

Killian was abandoned with six others, rescued by Animal Control and transported to our shelter in April of this year. Handsomely rugged, stocky and self-assured, don't let his tough guy demeanor fool you. His wizened furry face tells you, if you listen, that life hasn't treated him well. Crunched down ears from outdoor living is proof Killian has experienced much in his four plus years.

He is a love actually, very willing to bask in a sunny spot rather than being outdoors. Cuddling with people who can see what a sweetheart he is really is all he wishes for these days.

Not terribly fond of dogs, perhaps he's had some bad experiences, he deserves to be king, in his own kingdom, spoiled and cosseted forever. For more information, go to www.nhhumane.org or call 524-3252.

The History of the Laconia Fire Department

presented by Fire Chief Ken Erickson

Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Training/Community Room,
Laconia Fire Department, N. Main Street**



**Hosted by the
Laconia Historical and Museum Society
Call 524-1278 for more information.**

NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

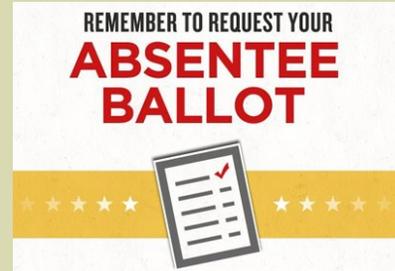
Absentee Ballot Applications

Absentee Ballot Applications are being accepted at the City Clerk's Office. If you qualify for an Absentee Ballot under RSA 657 (here is the link so you can see if you qualify: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-mrg.htm>). You may print the application (here is the link to the form: http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/uploads/clerk_dept/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%202016%20OFFICIAL.pdf) You can mail, e-mail, hand deliver or fax the application to our office; as soon as ballots are available from the Secretary of State we will mail your ballot to you.

If you have any questions regarding an Absentee Ballot please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

Ways to get your application to us:

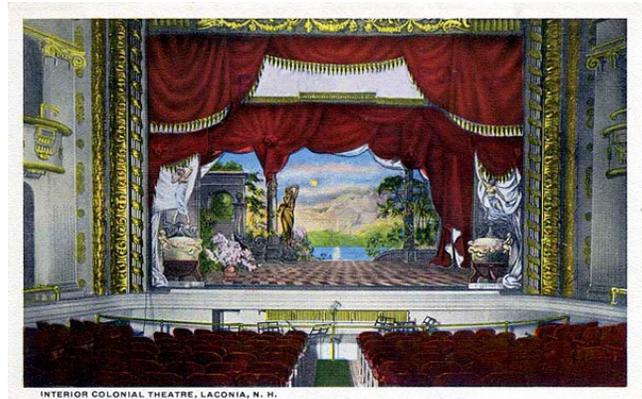
- Mail: City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia NH 03247
- Fax: 524-1766
- Email: cityclerk@city.laconia.nh.us
- Deliver: 45 Beacon Street East, Room 101A



BelknapEDC

belknap economic development council

As the Colonial Theater block restoration project continues moving forward, Belknap EDC is pleased to be able to offer the general public the opportunity to tour the theater. The theater will be open on several Wednesday afternoons for the general public to walk-through the theater and learn more about the project, timeline, and plans. The general public is welcome during the following times and dates in August: Wednesday, August 10, Wednesday, August 17 and Wednesday August 24. Times of the tours are from 12 to 1 pm.



More details can be found at 609mainstreet.org.

Join us at the
Laconia Main
Street Outdoor
Marketplace!



Thursdays
June 16th to September 29th, 2016
3pm 'til 6pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

Laconia Farmers'
Live Free and Eat Local *Market*

Join us Every Saturday
June 18—September 24

8 am to 12 noon

Beacon Street East
Laconia City Hall Parking Lot
Laconia, NH



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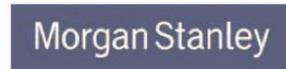
CHURCH LANDING
Meredith, NH

Thursday,
August 11, 2016
5pm – 9pm

Silent Auction with
Dinner & Cocktails
followed by
The Rockin' Daddios
& Live Auction



Tickets are \$70 or save 10% and purchase a table of 8 or 10.
Buy online at www.nhhumane.org or make check payable to
NH Humane Society and mail to PO Box 572 Laconia, NH 03247





Annual Members' Art Show & Sale

Art for All Budgets!
..Special \$10..
Matted Original Art



Local Professional & Amateur Artists

VynnArt Gallery

30 Main St., Meredith
(Above Mill Falls Market Place)

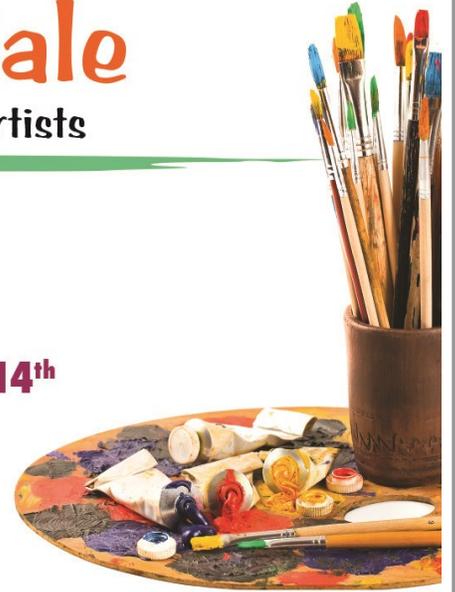
Friday, July 22nd to Sunday, Aug. 14th

Open Everyday

Friday, July 22nd to Saturday, August 14th, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 14th ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



www.lraanh.org

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA



Win a Sea Doo and Support GOT LUNCH! Laconia – Drawing is August 15th



This is year three of Irwin Marine donating a personal watercraft to GOT LUNCH! Laconia to be raffled off and all the proceeds go to feed the children of Laconia. This year win a 2015 Sea Doo Spark 2-UP and trailer!

GOT LUNCH! Laconia is an all-volunteer, community based program that delivers healthy groceries to families throughout the community of Laconia. This year over 570 children are registered to receive food. It costs approximately \$120 per summer to feed one child. With over 230 volunteers and generous donations from local businesses, individuals and grants this is community collaboration at its best working together to care for the children in our community.

Tickets for the Sea Doo Spark 2-Up Raffles are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 –Get your tickets now at these locations: All My Life Jewelers-639 Main St., Irwin Marine-958 Union Ave., Sports and Marine Parafunalia-44 Weirs Rd, Gilford, Tavern 27-2075 Parade Rd. or VISTA Foods-376 S Main St.

The drawing will be held on **August 15th** at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia Church Hall during one of our normal times of food distribution. 100% of proceeds go to GOT LUNCH! Laconia. For more info about the program—to register or to donate—visit our website www.gotlunchlaconia.org



Look What's Happening at the Taylor Community...



ROAD SCHOLAR *Adventures in Lifelong Learning*

The Road Scholar Program by Jane Ramsey

Jane Ramsey will present information about the not-for-profit Road Scholar Program, which provides learning travel adventures for adults at an exceptional value. The presentation is scheduled for Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

Created as Elderhostel 40 years ago, the organization offers more than 5,500 all-inclusive programs annually throughout all the states and provinces in the Americas and most of the countries worldwide.

Jane has attended 21 different programs in the U.S., Canada and Switzerland. She plans to go to a weeklong program on the history of railroading – complete with two railroad trips in Vermont and a trip up the Mount Washington Cog railway – this fall. She will share some of her experiences and answer any questions the audiences may have.

Seniors Aid New Hampshire Lecture

Seniors Aid New Hampshire (SANH) is comprised of residents of New Hampshire's Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Home communities working together to improve the lives of their fellow residents and the greater NH community.



Kristen Schmidt will share the story of SANH and the important work the organization does in a presentation Tuesday, August 9 at 10 a.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

The presentation will be followed by a live teleconference at 11 a.m. in Woodside's Birch Room.

SANH works with key state leaders and policy makers on issues that affect independent living and long-term care residents, allowing them to participate in the process of creating and changing long-term care policies.

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Look What's Happening at the Taylor Community...

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Art Therapy: Coloring Isn't Just for Kids Anymore

What started as a niche hobby has now become an international trend, as adult coloring books find themselves on more and more bestsellers' lists throughout the world.

Join Maureen Bieniarz from Imagine Gallery, Tuesday, August 9 at 1 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building to experience the therapeutic properties of coloring. All supplies are included in the \$15 fee. Reservations are required no later than August 2 by calling 524-5600.

It's not just those with diseases who can benefit from the visual arts. Art Therapy has been found to be helpful when dealing with a variety of conditions including dementia, anxiety and PTSD. Join us and discover the soothing benefits for yourself!



Sip and Dip Paint Party at Taylor Community

Artist Maureen Bieniarz from Imagine Gallery will provide a step-by-step instructional acrylics painting class Thursday, August 11 at 2 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Paint supplies and canvas are included in the \$20 class fee. Reservations are required no later than August 4 by calling 524-5600.

No experience is necessary ... just the ability to have fun!



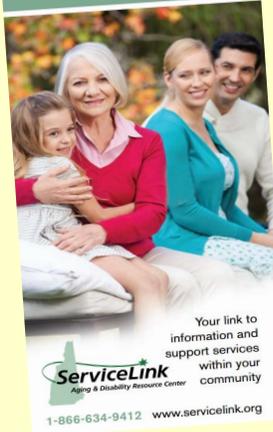
A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!





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

ServiceLink Aging and
Disability Resource Center



Do you have questions
about senior services offered
to residents in our area?

Just click on the image (left)
to access a quick summary
of help you can get from
ServiceLink including
information available and
support services within
the community!

*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

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:

www.city.laconia.nh.us



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City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
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 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	

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Visit the City's website at:
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