



Laconia Links

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Leavitt Park Carnival is Coming! ([Pg. 8](#))



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Chief Adams and Prosecutor Sawyer took questions from residents of the Taylor Home at a recent "Coffee with a Cop" event.

More than two dozen residents enjoyed coffee while discussing topics such as crime prevention, the heroin epidemic, scams, laws/ordinances, and the criminal justice system.

The next "Coffee with a Cop" is scheduled for September 3rd, 10:00-11:00 am, at the Water Street Café.

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!



Assessing Verification of Data

Our field personnel are now in the Gillette/ Cedar St area verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). Postcards are being mailed in advance of our visit. Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

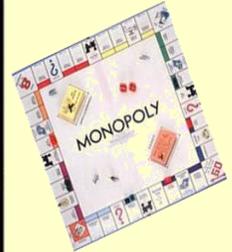
COMING ATTRACTIONS

Fall Adult Book Discussion

Hollywood often comes calling after a novel becomes a best seller. This series will feature books that are in the process of becoming films. Come join us and read the books before the movies come out!

The discussions start September 1st—stay tuned for details in next week's newsletter!

KEEP CALM AND PLAY BOARD GAMES



Laconia Public Library
NEW!
Game Night for grown-ups
Wednesday, August 19 & 26
6:00 upper level reference room
Double the fun and bring a friend!



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.

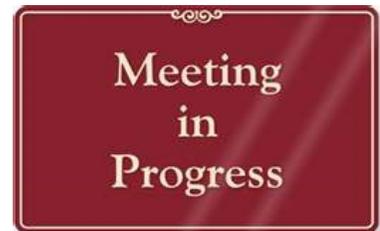
You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

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!*



Zoning Board of Adjustment

August 17, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. II

August 19, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Police Commission

August 20, 2015, 2:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Board of Assessors

August 20, 2015, 5:30 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

August 10 was proclaimed to be Girls' Laconia Lacrosse Appreciation Day



On June 10, 2015 LHS Girls' LAX defeated Derryfield HS by a score of 12 to 10 making them the Division III State Champs for the first time ever in Laconia history. On Monday at the Laconia City Council meeting Mayor Engler proclaimed August 10th as Girls' Laconia Lacrosse Appreciation Day.

Congratulations to Maggie Randall, Alexis Johnson, Hailey Martel, Gabby Smith, Teegan Stevens, Emily Avery, Natalie Compton, Becki Kneuer, Maya Minor, Abby Crowell, Helen Tautkus, Becca Howe, Mackenzie Howe, Rachel Lowe, Kayla Phelps, Lyndsey Paronto, Cheyanne Zapalla, Bella Smith and their coaches, Kerri Howe, Bob Howe, Dylan Martel and Tony Pederzani.



Laconia High School Class of 2019



75 of Laconia's incoming Freshman attended Freshman Orientation on August 6, 2015. Staff and students spent time getting to know each other through team building activities and a cookout. Laconia is preparing for about 130 incoming 9th graders to enter their building on August 31, 2015. Find the first day of school schedule at LHS [Here](#).

Our very own Laconia High School English teacher, Ron Kaiser, recently published an article in New Hampshire Magazine, July 2015: *A Northern NH Vocabulary Lesson* When did "barn door" become a verb?

Read the full article [Here](#) .

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



Continuing Care Retirement Communities—Everything You Need to Know



An informative presentation about continuing care retirement communities by Judith L. Bomster, Elder Law Attorney, Butenhof & Bomster, PC, is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building

Atty. Bomster will clearly present the facts about Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), the advantage for you and your estate and information to help you determine if this is the right choice for you. The presentation will end with a Q & A session. The event is free and open to the public. Please call 366-1400 to reserve your space.

Judith L. Bomster is a partner at Butenhof & Bomster, PC, and practices in the areas of Trusts and Estate Planning; Special Needs Trusts; Trust Administration and Elder Law. She's an active member of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Ethics Committee; the New Hampshire Bar Association's Elder Law, Estate Planning and Probate section, and the New Hampshire Estate Planning Council. Her experience in managing business transactions enhances her ability to identify clients' short- and long-term goals and anticipate the benefits and consequences of various estate planning designs.

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.

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

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



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

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 29th we will be presenting final design plans to the public, starting at 2:30PM 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 Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

15th Annual Thomas F. Mullen Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit the Laconia D.A.R.E. Program and the Laconia Police Relief Association



WHEN: Friday, September 11th, 2015

WHERE: Pheasant Ridge Country Club
Gilford, New Hampshire

TIME: Scramble
Starts at 8:30 a.m.

\$100.00 per person includes:

- * 18 holes of golf with cart
- * Golf gift bag
- * Dinner after the match
- * Monte Carlo hole
- * Mulligan tickets available for purchase



- 1st, 2nd place teams win pro shop gift certificates
- Men and women's longest drive competition
- Hole in one wins a new car (lease) from The Irwin Zone
- Hole in one wins a boat and/or cash from Paugus Bay Marina

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Make checks payable to: [Laconia Police Relief Association](#)

Mail or drop off at: Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem St., Laconia, NH 03246

Attention: **Capt. Bill Clary**

Team Member #1 _____ Tel. # _____

Please contact Capt. Bill Clary at 524-5257, Ext. 326 with any questions.



Part of Laconia's Vision statement is TELLING A POSITIVE STORY

"Our Community will recognize, advocate for, and build on our assets and image. We value the people, arts and culture, recreational opportunities, majestic mountains, pristine waters, historic neighborhoods, and destination events."

And in our research for the Economic Development Master Plan chapter we have come across some very positive data!!
Check this out!



Photo caption: Part of our March 2015 Community Open House was asking folks to ReImagine Laconia's Positive Story. Headlines folks submitted included: * Laconia named #1 City in New Hampshire!! * Waiting list for downtown business space! Music Venues are sold out!! * Sam Adams Brewery opens at former State School property!! * Colonial Theatre restored to its majestic beauty!! * Laconia advances new industrial innovations to bring young folks to the area!

Laconia has over 2,700 young adults (age 20-34), which is 17% of the City's population, and 30% of the young adults who live in Belknap County. And less than 1 in 5 young adults age 18-35 are in poverty.

Young adults have a slightly higher rate of education than the population as a whole. 88% have a high school diploma or higher, while 25% have a college degree or higher.

More Laconia residents under age 25 have completed a bachelor's degree than the same age cohort for all of Belknap County (8% versus 6%)

Laconia is a community that offers opportunities to live and work close to home; 42% of Laconia's workforce is employed in Laconia, and 72% work in Belknap County.

Two thirds of jobs in Laconia offer a "living wage" of \$40,000 or more. (Living wage defined as the income needed to be able to afford typical rent of approximately \$1,000 per month.)

Laconia gained nearly 200 jobs over the past 5 years, mostly in service-providing industries.

Data from the American Community Survey 2009-2013



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.



Laconia Fire Department

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



More progress is being made daily on the renovation/addition project at the Fire Station on North Main Street.

Shown (left) is the new South Bay nearing its final occupancy.



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Weirs Beach Summer Fireworks!

August 14 & 21
September 6, 10:00 pm
Sponsored by Weirs Action Committee

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

Join us at the Laconia Main Street Outdoor Marketplace!



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

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

LEAVITT PARK CARNIVAL

Saturday, August 22nd
3pm to 6pm

Will be inside in case of rain

GAMES - BINGO
DUNKING BOOTH
FOOD - SNACKS
50/50 & MORE

Volunteers wanted!

Help with the carnival or become a member
For more info Call (603) 998-1418

Laconia Farmers' Market

Live Free and Eat Local
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.



Indoor Yard Sale

Yard sale to benefit the
Laconia Senior Center!
17 Church St., August 18
9 am to 3 pm

Come in and shop in a cool environment! Coffee will be available. Seniors are encouraged to get to know their Senior Center and stay for lunch (\$2 donation).

We hope to see you there!

*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



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	

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