



Daydreaming at Gale Avenue Docks

## Laconia Links

August 16, 2013 - Edition #97



# Laconia Police Department

Link to Laconia PD [here](#)

The Laconia Police Department achieved International Accreditation through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in 2010, and recently underwent the first re-accreditation.

Two assessors from Connecticut and North Carolina spent four days in Laconia reviewing policies and procedures and interviewing employees and community members.

The visit culminated with a public hearing for those interested in providing comments related to the Laconia Police Department. Police Chief Chris Adams extended his thanks to everyone who spoke at the hearing or provided written comments. Many of our community partners attended which is a true testament of the collaboration and partnerships that exist within City departments and the community at large.

Chief Adams also would like to thank the Police Department's accreditation managers, Retired Chief Michael French and Lieutenant Al Lessard.

*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!*



## GOT LUNCH!



## LACONIA

Join us on Monday, August 19th as we gather for our final week of packing healthy lunches for families in Laconia this summer! Meet at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia, Veteran's Square. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time this summer to help our community!

*Interested in Volunteering?*

Contact John at:

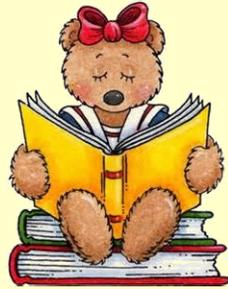
[jwredlabel@metrocast.net](mailto:jwredlabel@metrocast.net)

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



### Goss Reading Room

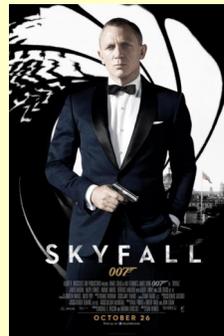
The Goss Reading Room has story time every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. We hope you can join us!



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

## New DVDs at the Library!

Americano  
Beyond Borders  
Blame It on Fidel  
Footnote  
How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer  
Kiss the Girls  
Lemon Tree



The Romantics  
Seeking a Friend for the End of the World  
A Separation  
The Seven Percent Solution  
Skyfall  
The Violin  
Zero Dark Thirty

# 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!*

Meeting in Progress

### Parks & Recreation Comm.

August 19, 2013, 7:00 pm  
Community Center

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

August 19, 2013, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

### Conservation Commission

August 21, 2013, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

### Water Commission

August 22, 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](#)

## Huot Career Tech Center



[Huot Career Tech Center 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 School Website](#)

**DON'T FORGET**  
School Starts Tuesday, August 27th



Back to school refresher course ... for drivers ...



## Message from Superintendent Terri Forsten

On behalf of the School District, we want to welcome our new staff members. This is an exciting time to be an educator. On Thursday, August 15th these new educators will gather at Laconia Middle School for new staff orientation.

We have had over 225 students engaged in our summer learning programs. We have had opportunities for over 150 staff members to participate in a variety of summer professional learning institutes, summer curriculum projects and student summer learning programs. There were a couple of extended summer conferences that engaged us: Responsive Classroom and Connecting Common Core Standards and Understanding by Design. This summer has offered us another opportunity to consider our professional work and develop new ideas with our colleagues. Our focus for the upcoming school year will be on **teaching and learning**. As we consider all that we are doing to support this process in our schools there is no better focus for us.

On Tuesday, August 20th we will welcome back all Laconia School District Staff as we get ready to open our doors to our students for the 2013—2014 school year on Tuesday, August 27th.



Special thanks to Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and Belknap Independent Business Alliance (BIBA) for their generous donations for our new teacher welcome bags.

## 2013 Laconia High School Athletics

**Start dates, times and location**

Boys Soccer - 8/19 - 3:00 Opechee

Girls Soccer - 8/19 - 3:00 Robbie Mills

Field Hockey - 8/19 - 8AM Opechee

Cross Country - 8/19 - 4PM Opechee

Golf - 8/19 - 9AM Laconia Country Club

## Huot Career Tech Center Update



The finishing touches are being added to our amazing new facility and renovations are wrapping up in the Automotive, Building Construction and Plumbing & Heating labs. We are proud to offer a truly cutting-edge CTE center

for the entire Lakes Region. Huot staff have been working in their classrooms to make sure that everything is ready for the start of school.



# Laconia Area Community Land Trust

*Building Neighborhoods, Changing Lives*

658 Union Avenue  
Laconia, NH 03246  
Phone: (603) 524-0747  
Fax: (603) 527-2514

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## **Need help budgeting? Debt Triage to the Rescue!**

Are you in debt crisis? Haunted by the possibility of home foreclosure or eviction? No money at the end of the month for the "rest" of the bills? Do you need to cut, trim or rework your budget? Don't have a budget?

On Thursday, August 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. a Debt Triage Workshop will be offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT). The workshop takes place at Taylor Community, 435 Union Avenue, Laconia – Woodside Building, Birch Room. Light refreshments will be available.

The Debt Triage Workshop is free and generously sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

The class will cover budgeting, cutting waste, changing behaviors, prioritizing debt, credit repair, improving and understanding credit reporting and more. Designed for those on a tight budget, the class will also focus on financial preparation to achieve specific goals such as reducing debt, reestablishing credit or preparing to own a home. Learn to eliminate waste, prioritize expenses, understand your spending habits, stretch your dollars and get on the path to healthy spending habits. Learn tips and strategies for saving. All class participants are eligible for individual budget/credit counseling.

Register today by calling Debra Drake, Homeownership Director of LACLT at 524-0747 or by emailing [ddrake@lact.org](mailto:ddrake@lact.org). Advance registration is required.

Have you been dreaming of buying a home? Would-be homeowners can learn everything they need to know about home purchase in a full-day seminar offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT), a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

## **Looking to Purchase Your First Home?**

The seminar is sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.

So far, 279 first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLT's program, representing \$42 million in local home purchases.

This month's seminar takes place Saturday, August 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lakes Region Community Services Conference Room, 719 North Main Street, Laconia. Topics include:

- Credit and Budgeting
- Qualifying for a Mortgage
- Working with a Realtor®
- The Home Inspection Process
- The Closing Process



The First-time Homebuyer Seminar is free and open to the public; advance registration is required, and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Register by calling Debra Drake, LACLT's Homeownership Director at (603) 524-0747 or by emailing [ddrake@lact.org](mailto:ddrake@lact.org). LACLT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at [www.lact.org](http://www.lact.org).

# Laconia Historical & Museum Society

## *The Life of a Beekeeper*

PRESENTED BY ERNIE BOLDUC



Join us to see what all the “buzz” is about as our Society President, Ernie Bolduc, shares his first-hand experience as a beekeeper as well as his historic research about bees and honey.

This lecture will be held at the Laconia Public Library on August 19 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public – Refreshments will be served - Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information about this lecture program, or if you would like to make a donation and/or become a member - please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email us at [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) or visit us online at [www.laconiahistorical.org](http://www.laconiahistorical.org).



## Free Family Skating

Monday, September 9, 2013  
6:00-7:00 pm  
Tilton School Ice Arena  
30 School Street  
Tilton, NH

Helmets recommended for skaters 6 and under.

Rental skates are not available; you need to bring your own.

[www.MagicBlades.org](http://www.MagicBlades.org)  
603-744-9872



## *Laconia Putnam Fund*

# Save the Date!

Coming Soon to Laconia High School:



Friday, September 13, 2013

Check future issues of *Laconia Links* for details, or click [here](#) to access the City's website for updated information as it is posted.

**FREE ADMISSION!  
NO TICKETS REQUIRED/  
FIRST COME—FIRST SEATED**



# Laconia Police Department

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## 13th Annual Thomas F. Mullen Golf Tournament



The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas F. Mullen Golf Tournament honors the memory of a kind, civic-minded man who was proud to call Laconia his home. Not only did Tom work at Laconia Savings Bank for many years, his involvement in organizations such as Dollars for Scholars, The Heart Foundation, the Greater Laconia United Way, and the Lakes Region General Hospital illustrates a commitment to Laconia and its citizens as well as his generous nature. Tom was also a Laconia Police Commissioner for several years and was an active supporter of youth activities in the community he served.

In this spirit, all proceeds from the golf tournament fund the Laconia D.A.R.E. Program and the Laconia Police Relief Association, an organization which donates to many youth activities in the area and provides aid to injured officers in the community. Your support and participation in this annual event benefits these valuable programs. While any donation would be greatly appreciated, we would love to sponsor your business organization as a Gold Sponsor in this upcoming community event. Please come and enjoy a great day of golf with us on September 13, 2013.

- Gold Sponsor: \$2,000.00 Includes 2 foursomes and 10 cart sponsorships
- Silver Sponsor: \$1,000.00 Includes 1 foursome and 5 cart sponsorships
- Hole Sponsor: \$100.00
- Tee Sponsor: \$100.00
- Cart Sponsor: \$100.00



We thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and hope we can partner as we continue to enrich the community of Laconia. Donations can be made payable to: **The Laconia Police Relief Association** and mailed or dropped off at the Laconia Police Dept., 126 New Salem St., Laconia, NH 03246.

Click [here](#) for more details about the Golf Tournament, and a registration form. We hope to see you there!  
Questions? Feel free to call Lt. Al Lessard at 524-5257, Ext. 356.



### Laconia Beach Closings

Laconia Parks & Rec. announces the closing of their in-town beaches. As of, Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> all in-town beaches will be closed due to most lifeguards going back to school. All bath-houses will remain open until Labor Day (weather permitting). Weirs Beach will have lifeguards until Labor Day weekend.

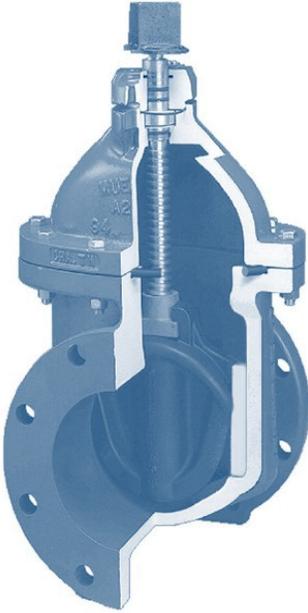


# News

## From the Laconia Water Department

# Valve Program

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!



Every water system has valves — devices that regulate, stop or start the flow of water in the distribution lines. Being able to operate these valves at a moment's notice is extremely important. In an emergency, sections of a distribution system may need to be shut down without delay. However, if a valve is not used over a period of time it can seize up from corrosion and get stuck, making the valve inoperable.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) recommends that all water utilities initiate a Valve Exercise Program that requires all valves to be inspected and operated on a regular basis. According to AWWA, the valve program is a procedure that verifies proper location, operation and material condition of valves, and initiates replacement as necessary. The physical operation of a valve and the documentation of the actions are equally important.

The Water Department has had a valve program for the past 30 years; in each year nearly 1,500 main gate valves are identified, checked to make sure that they are operable and painted blue to make sure that during the winter season they are visible.

This is a process that takes a lot of manpower and resources, but the Department believes that the benefits far outweigh the “negatives”. This process not only identified which valves need repair, but it also gives the crew members a chance to become familiar with the system and valve locations.

The Water Department will be conducting its annual valve program earlier than it has traditionally in the past due to water main replacement work that cannot be performed until later in the construction season.

Starting next week our workmen will begin this work which is mostly performed in the streets of the City. Please be patient and careful when encountering our employees while they perform this important maintenance function.



## Laconia Farmers' Market

Live Free and Eat Local

Beacon St. East, City Hall Parking Lot,  
Every Saturday, 8-12  
Until September 28th

Click [here](#) to read the August edition of the Laconia Farmers' Market Newsletter. Check out tips on produce now in season, “Vegetable Spotlight”, recipes, a list of vendors and more!



Every Thursday  
Until September 26, 2013  
3pm 'til 7 pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia



## *Locals Come Together to Dance for the Children.....*



After participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual New Hampshire Collaborative Movement last summer, Suzanna Derynioski (left) was inspired to continue such a great event. She enlisted the help of Kelsey Piper (right) and through their passion for dance, hard work and dedication they are organizing a similar event to benefit the Faith, Hope and Love Foundation.

Derynioski and Piper are both going into their senior year at Plymouth State University where they are majoring in Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship and Business Administration, respectively, and minoring in dance. Derynioski works as the assistant to the Director of Dance at PSU, as well as a substitute dance teacher at Edgewater Academy of Dance in Gilford, NH and Dancing Feet Studios in Bristol, NH. In September, Piper will start her third year teaching dance to young children at Ninth State Movement Complex in Plymouth, NH. Derynioski and Piper wanted to use their passion and talent for dance to raise money for the foundation's grant and scholarship fund.

F.H.L was established in 2006 to bring relief to children and youth suffering from poverty, hunger, or homelessness, and to bring them hope, through faith and love, so that they may accomplish all of their dreams. The Foundation volunteers for many youth organizations in the Lakes Region, gives out grants and scholarships to local youth and gives out FREE prom dresses to girls in need.

Derynioski and Piper are planning the **2<sup>nd</sup> annual New Hampshire Dance Movement** slated for **Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium, 1 Laker Lane in Meredith at 6 PM. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids age 5-12 and kids 4 and under are free! All proceeds will go to the Faith, Hope, and Love Foundation.

Co-founder and President of F.H.L, Laura Brusseau said " The Faith, Hope, and Love Foundation is blessed to be in this community with all of this amazing support. We are successful because of the support of people like Derynioski and Piper. "

The show will consist of the best professional dancers throughout New Hampshire. Dances will explore the many varieties of contemporary dance. Local dancers in the show are: Abby Bennett, Jessie Byram, Suzanna Derynioski, Jacqui Galea, Becky Gregoire, Bailey Hildrith, Shannon Mahoney, Kaitlyn Marcella, Rene Metzler, Nicole Newman, Corinne Parker, Kelsey Piper, Laura Scribner, Hanna Sullivan, Kira Szalma, Maggie Walker, Hannah Weller, Jess White and Jackie Wright.

A big thank you to our sponsors: Charles and Donna Hildreth, The Cote Corporation, Attractive Landscapes and R.M. Piper Inc.

Interested in sponsoring this event? For more information about NH Dance Movement, sponsorship, or to purchase tickets please contact:

Suzanna Derynioski or Kelsey Piper at [sederynioski@plymouth.edu](mailto:sederynioski@plymouth.edu) or [kjipiper@plymouth.edu](mailto:kjipiper@plymouth.edu).



# **NOTICE**

## **LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED**

**Monday, September 2nd  
in observance of  
Labor Day**

**TRASH COLLECTION WILL  
BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY  
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY**

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

# **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 25, 2013**

**Registration:**

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

**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 and muffins will be served.

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

Raffle tickets  
available at:  
Irwin Automotive Group  
All My Life Jewelers  
Greenlaw's Music  
NAPA Auto Parts  
Wedbush



**www.laconiakiwans.com**

## **LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



As you may have noticed, the Smith Track is under construction! A contractor has just finished stripping the rubber off the track and removing any debris. This is just the beginning process and we are still unsure when the track will be finished, but this is a sight many have been waiting to see and we are happy to be showing it to you. The track is slated to be open to the public no later than this fall!



Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website



**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**



# CLASSIC CAR SHOW

## WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 21 & 28

Where do you go on a WEDNESDAY NIGHT?

**CJ Avery's 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**10 Railroad Ave, Lakeport**

Drive your favorite Antique or Muscle Car to put on display for people to see! Enjoy good food and if you bring your favorite vehicle you will receive a coupon for **10% off your dinner!**

**50/50 Raffle** (proceeds to our Local Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region)



Sponsored by: **CJ AVERY'S Restaurant**

Proceeds from 50/50 will be donated to:

**SANTA FUND OF THE GREATER LAKES REGION**

*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)



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Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
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Fire Dept. (Lakeport) * .....	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) * .....	366-2229
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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	
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Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan	
Water.....	524-0901
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