



# Laconia Links

August 28, 2015 - Edition #200

*Fall begins Sept. 23rd...Get out and enjoy the rest of the summer with your family!*



*Milestones....*As a society, we like to celebrate milestones. Today's edition of Laconia Links represents the 200<sup>th</sup> publication of the City's electronic newsletter with the first edition being published on October 7, 2011.

As Laconia's new City Manager in 2011, I can still recall the staff meeting where I rolled out the weekly newsletter idea – truth be told it was more of a directive – and outlined the concept of what I was looking for. Nancy Brown, my Administrative Assistant who was also brand new to the City at that time, was to be the point person in compiling the weekly layout and departments were expected to provide 2-3 brief articles/announcements each month for the publication. The first edition premiered with 5 full pages and went out to about 200 e-mail addresses.

In looking back at the [first edition](#), my how far we've come! The weekly Laconia Links now contain 10-14 pages, on average, covering City, School, non-profits, fundraising events, cultural activities, educational forums and more and is distributed to approximately 3,000 e-mail addresses. A calendar of City meetings linked to their respective agendas is now a regular feature. The monthly Project Updates, Financial & Operational Trends and Economic Development reports are only a mouse click away. The volume of pictures and graphics along with the ease of readability in what we publish now, from when we first started, is

amazing. We had hoped to make Laconia Links a community resource and I believe we have been very successful in making that a reality.

It takes a significant amount of time each week to compile "The Links". Nancy has done an outstanding job in taking the lead and deserves a tremendous amount of credit. Our City staff have also made great contributions in looking to keep you, the public, informed. We appreciate the feedback and kind comments we have received over the years and will continue to listen to you in hopes of keeping Laconia Links relevant in your weekly routine.

With warm regards,  
*Scott Myers*  
City Manager

**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!*



# Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

## What's New...Adult Section! DVDs:

- Saving Sarah Cain
- Lucy
- Still Alice
- Unbroken
- The Imitation Game
- Network
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
- Mel Gibson's Apocolypto
- Ender's Game
- The Matchmaker
- McFarland USA
- Old Fashioned



Let the Laconia Public Library help you have the best school year ever!

Just follow this [link](#) to access all kinds of fun and helpful information!



### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, August 27 @ 9:30 and 10:30.  
Stories, songs, and crafts in the Selig Storytime Room

# 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.

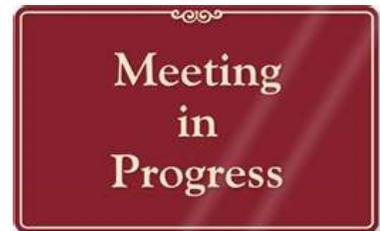
You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

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!*



### Planning Board

September 1, 2015, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

### Main St. Bridge Info Session

September 2, 2015, 8:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200A

### Special Events/Licensing Bd.

September 2, 2015, 12 noon  
City Hall, Room 200A

### Lakes Business Park

September 2, 2015, 4:00 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**

## **Local High School Author**

Ricky Lennon, a former student at Pleasant Street School and a current Junior at Laconia High, visited Pleasant Street School on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to present a book that he wrote, *"Journey to Ernie: An Adventure of Friendship"*. The book is published and available on [Amazon.com](#). Principal, David Levesque said *"His presentation was AWESOME, he was stellar in his performance and confidence was unreal. He credited our staff (in the picture) as well as Tate Aldrich from LHS for his success in writing his first ever book. Mom was so appreciative. He had the staff laughing and crying with his story-telling"*. Congratulations Ricky, Laconia is very proud of you! To read more about Ricky, click [here](#)



## **Laconia High School**

Nine math classrooms received a facelift over the summer including new ceilings, new floors, new walls, new white boards and new bulletin boards. Read more [here](#).



## **Laconia School District Welcomed 27 New Professional Educators**

On Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Laconia School District welcomed 27 new professional educators. The new teacher induction included a scavenger hunt which sent 5 teams out into Laconia to get to know our amazing community.

Our new teachers include:

- WHS/ESS/PSS Band: Krin Monterose
- WHS Grade 2: Chelsea Davis
- WHS Grade 3: Lindsey Smith
- WHS Grade 4: Haley Ryan
- WHS Grade 4: Rebekah Stiles
- WHS Special Educator Grades K-3: Alana Hokans
- WHS Preschool: Caitlin Finch
- PSS Title I Preschool: Kiersten Foster
- PSS/ESS Art: Sara Nicolaisen
- PSS/ESS Music: Samuel Fortier
- ESS Kindergarten: Kelsey Marvin
- ESS Grade 2: Rachel Perelli
- ESS Grade 5: Sabrina Searles
- LMS Grade 6 Math/Physical Science: Heather Landry
- LMS Language Arts/Social Studies (LTS) Sheilagh Daly-Zeras
- LMS Grade 6 Math/Physical Science: Christopher Carey
- LMS Grade 8 Earth Science: Leanne Keller
- LMS Grade 8 Earth Science: Jessica Roberts
- LMS Grade 6-8 Physical Science: Joseph DiTommaso
- LMS Special Educator Grade 6 Math: Jill Puchacz
- LHS Math: Lisa Lopes
- LHS Social Studies: Chris Longo
- LHS Social Studies: Tamara Dubois
- LHS Social Studies: Nathaniel Kaplan
- LHS English: Ashley Connolly
- LHS Guidance: Christina Scholfield
- HTC First Responders: Michael Stevens

**Welcome to the 2015/2016 School Year!**

# 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](http://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 from 10 AM to 3 PM and is "open house" style—come and go as you please!

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

# 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 30, 2015**

**Registration:**

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  
(pre-register & 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.

**FOR RAFFLE TICKETS PLEASE CALL:**

John - 520-4383 OR Betty - 581-2968

**-WIN-**

2 FREE NIGHTS Church Landing



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



[www.laconiakiwanis.com](http://www.laconiakiwanis.com)



**Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10 AM - 4 PM**

Rotary Park & Downtown Laconia

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



Sponsored by  
Laconia Human Relations Committee  
and the Historic Belknap Mill

Join us at the  
Laconia Main  
Street Outdoor  
Marketplace!



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

Municipal Parking Lot, Downtown Laconia

*Laconia Farmers'*  
**Live Free and Eat Local Market**  
Every Saturday  
8 am to noon  
City Hall Parking Lot



## THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

PRESENTS

One of the Original Irish Tenors,



**John McDermott**

Join beloved Canadian tenor, John McDermott,  
as he makes a stop at  
Sacred Heart Church in Laconia,  
Friday, September 11th at 7:00pm.

Admission is FREE.  
First come, first seated no tickets required

Like us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>





Featuring...

*A Variety of Musical Tributes*

Tom Jones \* Neil Diamond

Dean Martin \* Frank Sinatra \* Pat Boone

Buddy Holly \* Johnny Cash \* ELVIS and more!

*Easy Listening with Flashbacks  
of the Fabulous 50's!*

- NEW Outdoor Amphitheater
- Bring Lawn Chairs!
- Free Parking



- Comfortable Sound System
- Performed in Vegas & Broadway!
- If Rain, will be held in Park Hall



49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia, NH  
Behind the Weirs Fire Department • 524-5048

Main Street Bridge Construction



Click here for Main Street Bridge info including construction plans and traffic detour maps.

## Good News!

The Main Street Bridge is back to its regular traffic pattern and the project is very close to completion! Activity at the bridge site will be very limited and traf-

fic flow through the bridge site should be largely uninterrupted with occasional lane closures to accomplish the remaining work. Fall plantings will soon enhance the area.

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).



Laconia Schools are back in session on August 31st!

Please slow down and drive safely!



## 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 Police Department

[Link to  
Laconia  
PD here](#)

## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

- Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a police officer?
- Would you like to find out more about your police department?

### Why not consider attending the Laconia Police Department's *Citizen Police Academy*?

The Laconia Police Department will again be hosting an annual Citizen Police Academy in order to afford its citizens the opportunity to experience our department in a fun and unique way. The class will begin on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and run through Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the Academy is to increase understanding between the public and the department through education and interaction with police officers. Attendees will be exposed to many different facets of law enforcement, including operational information, physical interaction, demonstrations, a patrol ride-along and field trip experiences.

This is a ten week program that will be held at the Laconia Police Department and will meet once a week for three hours. Applications are located at the Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem Street, or may be downloaded and printed from our website at [www.laconiapd.org](http://www.laconiapd.org). Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at Police Headquarters. For more information please contact Lieutenant Rich Simmons at 524-5257 Ext 332. There are still openings available!



**We are excited that we now have **FOUR NEW ONLINE SURVEYS** available!** Choose which category applies to you, and click on the links below!

[I AM A LACONIA RESIDENT](#)

[I WORK AND/OR GO TO SCHOOL IN LACONIA \(non-resident\)](#)

[I OWN A SECOND HOME IN LACONIA](#)

[I AM A VISITOR TO LACONIA](#)

The links above will take you to brief surveys asking you about **improvements** that you want to see **in your neighborhood** and Laconia in general. This survey is an important part of our research for the formation of the **Economic Development** and **Land Use** chapters of the updated Master Plan!

Be sure to take the survey and have your voice be heard!

Also, don't forget to **RSVP** for our upcoming mapping and economic development event, the **Re-Imagine Laconia Design Charrette!**

This **TWO-DAY** event will feature multiple public input sessions, an informative workshop session 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.

Go to [www.reimaginelaconia.org](http://www.reimaginelaconia.org) to find out more information and to **RSVP!**

# Assessing Verification of Data

Our field personnel are now in the northern Gilford Avenue area, going down the side streets (Sanborn/Carver/Morrill, etc.) verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). Post-cards are being mailed in advance of our visit.



Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

# Let it Shine! New Hampshire's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



## Details Coming Soon!

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2015  
DOWNTOWN LACONIA, NH

# Weirs Beach Summer Fireworks!

September 6, 10:00 pm  
Sponsored by Weirs Action  
Committee

# BUSY CORNER FARMSTAND



Tuesday, July 7  
Tuesday, August 11  
Tuesday, September 8  
4:30 - 6pm

Laconia Early Learning Center  
Stafford Street, Laconia

- Fresh, local produce from Red Manse Farm, Loudon
- Food tasting and recipes
- Free gift for children (while supplies last)

PUBLIC  
WELCOME!

Sponsored by the  
Lakes Region Food Network  
and  
Lakes Region Child Care  
Services

# NEW HAMPSHIRE COFFEE FESTIVAL

## Coming Soon!

Saturday, September 19th

Watch for details!



We hope to  
see you there!



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to  
Laconia  
PD here](#)



## Welcome!

Chief Chris Adams and the entire community would like to welcome Laconia Police Department's newest member, Officer Judy Walsworth.

Officer Walsworth recently graduated from the 167th Police Academy and was joined by her family and members of the Department at a recent graduation ceremony in Concord.

*(Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Maheux; Husband, Chris; Officer Walsworth; Chief Adams and daughter, Reagan.)*

## LABOR DAY



**NOTICE**  
**LACONIA TRANSFER  
STATION WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.



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!





The "Front Porch Award" was created to recognize citizens who show pride in their community by improving the appearance of their property and, on a larger scale, the entire City. At the City Council meeting on August 24, 2015 four local property owners were recognized for their work in substantially improving their properties and were presented with a "Front Porch Award" as a token of the Council's and the community's appreciation (see below):

## Front Porch Award Winners

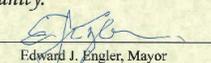
**Front Porch Award**

**Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKE

**"Front Porch" Award**

This certificate is awarded to:  
**South Down Shores Condominium Association**  
Property Located on Lake Winnepesaukee, Laconia, New Hampshire

In recognition of your efforts to enhance and improve the appearance of your property and our community.

Thank You!   
Edward J. Engler, Mayor

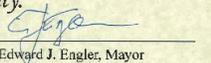
**Front Porch Award**

**Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKE

**"Front Porch" Award**

This certificate is awarded to:  
**Joshua Youssef**  
Property Located at 42 Gilford Avenue, Laconia, New Hampshire

In recognition of your efforts to enhance and improve the appearance of your property and our community.

Thank You!   
Edward J. Engler, Mayor

**Front Porch Award**

**Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKE

**"Front Porch" Award**

This certificate is awarded to:  
**Bull Fish Investments LLC**  
Property Located at 101 Messer Street, Laconia, New Hampshire

In recognition of your efforts to enhance and improve the appearance of your property and our community.

Thank You!   
Edward J. Engler, Mayor

**Front Porch Award**

**Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKE

**"Front Porch" Award**

This certificate is awarded to:  
**Daniel Ingram and Carlie Brigham**  
Property Located at 968 Main Street, Laconia, New Hampshire

In recognition of your efforts to enhance and improve the appearance of your property and our community.

Thank You!   
Edward J. Engler, Mayor

Anyone can make a nomination for the Front Porch award to recognize improvements to a property such as general appearance, landscaping, clean-up, painting, window replacements, etc.

Just click [here](#) to access the Nomination Form. Questions? Call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email [brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us)



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



Are you a Senior looking for healthy foods? You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). CSFP provides free nutritious foods for low income Seniors 60 years of age and older.

For more information, call  
CSFP at Belknap-  
Merrimack CAP at 800-578  
-2050 or 603-225-2050.



*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](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)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessing .....	527-1268
<i>Assessor - Jon Duhamel</i>	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i>	
City Manager .....	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance .....	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing .....	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Tax .....	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) .....	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i>	
Library .....	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks &amp; Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
Personnel .....	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i>	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	

### **City Council Contact Info:**

Mayor Edward Engler .....	630-4484
Ava Doyle (Ward 1) .....	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3) .....	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4) .....	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5) .....	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) .....	524-2514
E-mail: <a href="mailto:citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us">citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us</a>	

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)