



Laconia Links

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LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



After much research and work by volunteers and City employees, the half pipe at the Laconia Skate Park has been repaired and is better than ever!

With money that was donated to the Skate Park in memory of the tragic passing of Ben Emond, the Parks Department was able to purchase a product called Skatelite. This product is said to be a great surface material for a half pipe.

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!*



*Visit this year's Multicultural Festival!
(See page 6 for details)*

The Laconia Skate Park Gets a Facelift!



Argee Whittier putting the finishing touches on the halfpipe.

We had a group of volunteers, including Ben's stepfather, Mark Degara, who helped lay the plywood and then the City employees laid the Skatelite.

Thank you to all who helped and for the patience of the skateboarders. We truly hope you enjoy the Skate Park facelift and keep it in good condition!

Please Note!



The Laconia Public Library
will be closed on
Monday, September 3, 2012
in observance of Labor Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience!



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Laconia Fire Dept. [here](#)

Important Message
from the Laconia
Fire Department

HURRICANE SEASON HAS ARRIVED!



Peak New England Hurricane season is from now until mid-September. The National Hurricane Center has increased the number of predicted storms. The Atlantic Ocean is very warm and the winds aloft are favorable for storm development. We were very fortunate last year to miss the brunt of Tropical Storm Irene. However, it was an eye opener to many for the potential damage we could experience. The last major hurricane to hit our area was the Hurricane of 1938. Ask anyone who was around for that storm and they will tell we can get hit very hard. It is wise to monitor the weather forecast any time of year; especially if you are planning an event or trip.

You can go to www.ready.gov for detailed information that you can use to develop a family emergency plan. Every family should have a family emergency plan as well as a family emergency kit – three days of water and canned food, flashlight and batteries, medications and first aid kit. Go to Laconia Fire Department's web page at www.laconiafire.com for more information and links to other important pages.

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.

*Become involved in
your City
and make a difference!*

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.

Planning Board

September 4, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200 A

[Agenda](#)

TRCI

September 5, 2012, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Licensing Board

September 5, 2012, 12 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Organizational Meeting: CIP

September 5, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commissioners

September 6, 2012, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room



Laconia Police Dept.

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)

School Traffic Safety

Vehicle Safety

Parents and other adults can do much to improve traffic safety around schools by driving cautiously, teaching children safe practices, and limiting vehicle trips. In some cases, parents and other drivers may be the cause of safety concerns. Drivers should obey all traffic laws and apply the following practices:



- Carpooling can reduce the number of vehicles near the school, especially during poor weather.
- Avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. When it is necessary, instruct children on how to safely reach the vehicle.
- Make sure children are careful in opening the vehicle doors and that they exit and enter on the curb side of the vehicle.
- Drivers should not double park or block traffic. Waiting or parking in unauthorized zones is also not allowed.
- Do not block buses or use areas designated for buses only. If an emergency vehicle requires access, the area should be cleared.
- Never leave a running vehicle unattended.
- Do not park within a crosswalk or pass a stopped vehicle which is allowing pedestrians to cross.
- Do not violate the law by using the excuse "I will just be here a minute" when picking up or dropping off children. Violations still present a danger and cause congestion during the time of day when it is most important to provide safety for children and avoid congestion. Learn the traffic patterns at the school and avoid being a disruption.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Pedestrian and bicyclists should obey the same traffic safety practices that normally apply.

- Children should be taught to be defensive. A child should not assume a driver sees them.
- Always look in all directions before entering a street, and never run into a street.
- Avoid crossing streets at mid-block, especially when parked vehicles may obstruct vision. Use stop signs, traffic signals, and crossing guards when available.
- When crossing a street, do not assume a green light or WALK light means it is safe to cross. Look for traffic.
- A child should not follow others or run to others when they call until a safe crossing is available.
- When riding a bicycle, ride with the flow of traffic (not against it) as close to the right edge of the street as practicable, in single file.
- Walk the route to school or other frequently used locations with your child and point out safe practices. This includes locations such as where children may catch a bus. Teach children about traffic laws, and encourage the child to ask questions when they are unsure of what to do.

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Laconia Police Dept.

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Adult Crossing Guards

Adult crossing guards are provided near schools to assist children in safely crossing streets. Guards are used primarily to provide maturity and good judgment in assisting children to cross streets near schools. Guards are not provided to direct vehicle traffic movements. Adult crossing guards are professionals trained to focus their concern toward the welfare of the children.

Children should be taught to obey the directions given to them by adult crossing guards. This includes crossing only when directed, not running or riding bicycles at crossings, and being alert for traffic.

School Bus Safety

Children riding school buses should also obey safe practices. The following should be observed:

- Wait for the bus in a safe place, as far from the edge of the roadway as practicable.
- Enter and leave the bus in an orderly manner, using the handrail.
- Remain seated, facing forward.
- Follow the bus driver's instructions.
- Keep hands, arms and feet inside the bus at all times.
- Never run or throw items inside the bus.
- Help keep the bus clean and in good condition. Report any unsafe or unsanitary conditions. Do not walk into the street near the bus without looking carefully for traffic. This is especially important when the bus may block the view of drivers.

Source: City of Palmdale PD, CA

NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

Please click [here](#) for the City Clerk's Office website

Effective July 1, 2012, the boundary lines for Ward 1 & Ward 3 have changed. The following streets were affected by this change and are now part of **Ward 3**:

Bell Hill Drive	All
Folsom Street	All
Lewis Street	Odd side
North Main Street	898 thru 984
North Main Street	967 thru 1035
Old North Main St	Even side
Pleasant Street	355 thru 421

Polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 – Belknap County Nursing Home
- Ward 2 – Sacred Heart Parish Hall
- Ward 3 – Laconia Middle School (multipurpose room)
- Ward 4 – Memorial Park Club House
- Ward 5 – Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym)
- Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse



Questions? Please call the Clerk's Office at 527-1265



LACONIA CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF UPCOMING
PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**The following Public Hearings have been scheduled
by the Laconia City Council for
the September 10, 2012 Council meeting:**

1. The Council will consider proposed changes to the Sewer Ordinance, specifically Chapter 189 regarding the billing of Sewer-Only accounts.

The Council is expected to vote on the proposed changes at their September 24, 2012 meeting.

Please click [here](#) to view the proposed changes and additional information.

2. As a result of several public meetings and suggestions from the Motorcycle Technical Review Committee regarding Laconia Motorcycle Week, revisions to Chapter 195 and Appendix A have been proposed.

The Council is expected to vote on these proposed changes at their September 24, 2012 meeting.

Please click [here](#) to view the proposed changes and additional information.

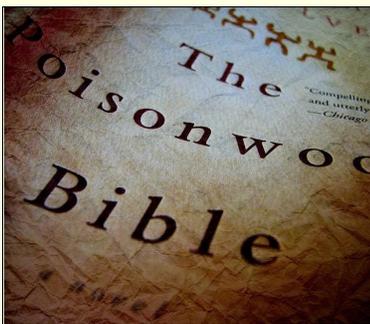
Please plan to attend the Public Hearings and have your voice heard!

**Laconia Public Library
Upcoming Events.....**

Check out the Library's
website—click [here!](#)

A Novel Time at the Library

"A Novel Time at the Library" is the book discussion series starting this month and running through December.



The selection includes three fiction titles and one non-fiction title. The first title selected is *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver which is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it - from garden seeds to Scripture - is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic tale of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in post-colonial Africa.

*Please join us on Tuesday, September 4th @ 7:00 pm for
a discussion of *The Poisonwood Bible* led by Maren Tirabassi.*

11th Annual

Laconia Multicultural Festival

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 - 10am to 4pm

Belknap Mill - Rotary Park

Food - Crafts - Music

Ras Moon and Monsoon,
Reggae

Classical Indian Dance

FREE!

Cinder Conk –Gypsy Dance Music
NH Burundi Drummers and Dancers
Super Special Children’s Activities!



Sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee, The Historic Belknap Mill,
Laconia Main Street, and Frates Creative Arts Center
We suggest chairs for Rotary Park. www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org
Signs provided by Genesis Behavioral Health



Thomas F. Mullen Annual Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Thomas F. Mullen Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 17, 2012!

All proceeds from the tournament will 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 our community.

Please join us at Pheasant Ridge Country Club, Gilford, NH on Sept. 17th beginning at 8:30 am.

For additional details and info, please click [here](#) or contact Lt. Al Lessard, 524-5257, Ext. 356.



We hope to see you there!

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. Recruiting Volunteers for the Volunteer Driver Program

NOW RECRUITING DRIVERS AND RIDERS!

Access to basic and essential services can be challenging for residents who are unable to obtain reliable transportation due to age or disability.

The Community Action Volunteer Driver Program is now recruiting volunteer drivers and riders in the following areas: Sanbornton, Laconia, Belmont, Northfield and Franklin.

If you are someone with even 30 minutes to spare, we can use you. This program provides transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities. These rides are provided by trained and secured volunteers with their personal vehicles. The program offers rides to medical appointments, shopping and other important services that help individuals remain independent.

For information concerning this transportation program on becoming a volunteer or in need of transportation, please consider attending an informational forum on Wednesday, September 5th at 10 am at the Tilton Town Hall located at 257 Main Street in Tilton. For further information concerning this forum or about the program, please contact Susan Jutras, Volunteer Driver Coordinator by phone: 603-224-8043 Toll Free: 800-856-5525, or email sjutras@bm-cap.org.



It doesn't matter what services are out there for people, if they can't access them!

Public Works Department

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTION ROUTES:

Notice! NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ALLOWABLE LIMITS

On May 14, 2012, the Laconia City Council voted to approve a reduction in the number of containers of trash allowed for curbside collection effective October 1, 2012:

1. Single-family dwellings and duplexes will be reduced from 5 containers to 2 containers on a weekly basis.
2. Multi-family dwellings and commercial establishments will be reduced from 10 containers to 7 containers on a weekly basis.

All trash set out for curbside collection must be in a container – bagged trash must be tightly sealed and placed in the container. **NO** loose trash in containers will be collected.

The City of Laconia strongly encourages all Laconia residents and businesses to recycle -- by participation in the curbside collection program for those on collection routes, by utilizing the 4 remote drop-off sites around the city (behind 257 Messer St, behind the Lakeport Fire Station, at the Weirs Community Ctr. parking lot, and across from the Memorial Park Club House) or, by delivering recyclables directly to the Laconia Transfer Station.

Recycling bins are provided free of charge. There is currently no limit on the amount of recycling which is collected curbside.

Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379



Please Note:

City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3rd, 2012 in observance of Labor Day

We apologize for any inconvenience!

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).



NOTICE!

LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED Monday Sept. 3rd 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.

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 of Laconia

City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us