



Cannon on Lakeside Avenue

Laconia Links

September 27, 2013 - Edition #102



Laconia Fire Department

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

Photos of the recent fire on Court Street, taken shortly after firefighters arrived on the scene...



For details of the fire, see related story on [page 12.](#)



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!



Looking for gently used baby/children's clothing toys and furniture at an affordable price?



Come to the LRGH Nursery Guild's Annual Fall Baby/Children's Boutique
Saturday, October 5
9:00am - 2:00pm at the Laconia Community Center

Fall & Winter clothing only!
Car seats, cribs and stuffed animals will NOT be accepted.

We also accept Donations/Consignments of gently used Fall & Winter baby/children's clothing (newborn to size 16), Halloween costumes, toys, books and children's furniture.
Donations/Consignments will be accepted: Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue
* Wednesday, October 2 6:00pm - 9:00pm
* Thursday, October 3 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's services and organizations in the Lakes Region communities.
LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization
For more information contact us at: 524-3211 x3018 or nurseryguild@lrgh.org

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Movies & More for Kids

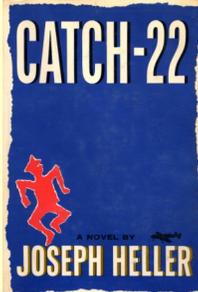


Friday, October 11th, at 3:45 pm join us for *Room on the Broom*. This film is not rated, and is 60 minutes in length.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver 14 years or older, and adults must bring a child. Admission is free and snacks are provided!

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

Fall Book Discussion Series: "Life During War Times: Exploring War Through Literature"



The second discussion in the Laconia Public Library's fall series "Life During War Times: Exploring War Through Literature" will take place on October 1st @7 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall and will focus on the title *Catch-22*, by Joseph Heller.

First published in 1961, Heller's profound and compelling novel is considered a classic in every sense of the word. Set in a World War II American bomber squadron off the coast of Italy, it focuses on John Yossarian who is furious because thousands of people he has never met are trying to kill him. He is also trying to decode the meaning of *Catch-22*, a mysterious regulation that proves that insane people are really the sanest, while the supposedly sensible people are the true madmen. Heller satirizes military bureaucracy with bitter, stinging humor all the while telling the darkly comic story of Yossarian, a bombardier who refuses to die. The discussion leader will be Sophia Woodley. Copies of the book are available to check out at the Library's main circulation desk. For more information please contact the Library at 524-4775 x12.

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.

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

October 1, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

License Board

October 2, 2013, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission

October 2, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200 B
[Agenda](#)

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring the 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](#)



MENTORING TOGETHER PROGRAM

Lakes Region Rotary Club hosted an informational meeting with Laconia Middle School's Mentoring Together Program at the Water Street Café on Tuesday. Rebecca Sims, Mentoring Coordinator, provided information about the creation, purpose and hopes and dreams of the program, which was inspired through the Better Together program. For more information on the Mentoring program please contact Rebecca Sims at rsims@laconiaschools.org

READY! for Kindergarten

Thursday evening from 5:30

-7:30 pm October 17 at Elm Street School in Laconia

READY! is a free program for parents of children ages

birth to five, available three times a year to Laconia families. Get new information about how children learn and grow, plus easy learning activities that are fun to do at home. Call now @ (603) 581-1571 to register or visit

www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia.

Save the date: Winter and Spring classes will be held on January 16 & April 17, 2014.



BREAKING NEWS!!!

Beginning September 30th, students at Woodland Heights Project EXTRA! will take part in After-school Meals...

Read all about it [HERE!](#)

Saturday, September 28 Homecoming Games

- Field Hockey Varsity @ 9:30
- Girls Soccer Junior Varsity @ 12:00
Varsity @ 1:30
- Boys Soccer Varsity @ 3:30
Junior Varsity @ 5:00
- Volleyball Junior Varsity @ 3:00
Varsity @ 4:30

All games will be held on the Jim Fitzgerald Athletic Field with the exception of volleyball which will be held in the LHS gym.

Light Up Your Night-life & Brighten Your Future With Laconia Adult Education

Laconia Adult Education is the Lakes Region's LEARNING CONNECTION! Classes Begin in September. Call: 603-524-5712 for more information or click [here](#) for upcoming classes.



Writing & Mathematics Non-negotiable Curriculums

The Laconia School District has adopted minimum achievement standards, by grade level, in the areas of mathematics and literacy. These non-negotiables represent the fundamental knowledge base that our students need to learn at each grade level, in order to improve their potential for academic achievement and success. For more detailed explanations please see links below:

[Mathematics Non-Negotiables](#)

[Writing Non-Negotiables](#)



Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

**The Family Resource Center of
Central New Hampshire
719 No. Main Street
Laconia, NH
603-524-8811
FRC@LRCS.org**

The Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire would like to encourage everyone to take a look at their fall schedule (click [here](#)). There is something for everyone! Below are some updates on a few of our programs (**IN RED**). Please be in touch if you would like to sign up for these or others!

Active Parenting of Teens*

THIS CLASS IS POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS FALL. PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER AND BE NOTIFIED OF FUTURE DATES.

Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, beginning September 23 (6 Weeks)

Active Parenting of Teens will give parents the guidance and support needed to turn the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Topics include: methods of respectful discipline; skills for clear, honest communication; strategies to prevent risky behavior, how to be an encouraging parent; and issues such as teens on-line, bullying and depression. *Dinner from 5:30-6:00 pm. \$20 materials fee/family. Scholarships available.*

Meets on 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28 & 11/4.

Becoming Resilient in a Busy World*

THIS CLASS IS FOR EVERYONE! SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS (CHILDCARE IS FULL). PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER.

Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm on September 24 (One-Time Workshop)

It is easy to feel stress in our daily lives. Working with practical tools and techniques, we can feel more grounded and ready for whatever comes our way. Join this engaging free two-hour workshop with Stress Management Coach Shanti Douglas to learn more about reducing stress and enhancing peace throughout the day. *Dinner from 5:30-6:00 pm.*

Relatives Raising Relatives—A Support Group*

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER.

Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am, beginning October 1 (On-Going Support Group)

A bi-weekly support group for anyone raising children of relatives or friends. Come connect with others in a confidential and supportive environment. Young children in need of childcare will enjoy each others company in Giggles & Grins Playgroup.

Meets on 10/1, 10/15, 11/5 & 11/19 (First & Third Tuesday of every month)

Thinking about quitting? Freshstart can help! —Learn tools you need to quit and the support to remain tobacco free!

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER.

Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-1:00, beginning October 1 (4 Weeks)

Freshstart is a four-session smoking cessation program developed by the American Cancer Society designed to help you take charge of your efforts to quit using tobacco. Join today and enjoy the benefits of living a tobacco-free lifestyle!

Meets on 10/1, 10/8, 10/15 & 10/22.

**To register call 581-1571 or
E-mail shannonr@lcrs.org**

2013 Community Spelling Bee

Thursday
October 17, 2013
6:30 PM
Laconia High School
(Please note date change.)



Please help
spell success
for our local students!

Proceeds benefit the



Friends of the
Foundation Operating
Fund

- "Bee" involved!
- Enter a spelling team
 - Sponsor a spelling team
 - Become a corporate sponsor
 - Purchase a Program Ad or make a donation
 - Come and cheer for the teams

Free Admission
Door Prizes
50/50 Raffle

For more information, and to help support this event,
please contact the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation
527-3533 or Email: scholarship@metrocast.net

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REAL NEEDS. REAL HOPE.

presents

CHOSEN

A gripping new documentary from Shared Hope opens hearts
and eyes to the tragic dangers of sex trafficking
and educates to recognize the danger signs.

Tuesday, October 15th
6PM

Woodside Building at Taylor Community
227 Ledge Dr., Laconia, NH

Identifying and Responding to America's Trafficked Youth

- An overview of domestic minor sex trafficking
- Effective responses to the issue
- Prevention/Outreach - What can be done in the Lakes Region?
- Q & A

For More Information Contact Martha Kruse 603-528-2152
OR Email info@reallifegiving.org

www.reallifegiving.org



Laconia High School Open House, Homecoming and Alumni Reunion Schedule September 26 - 28, 2013

- **Thursday, September 26**
 - 5:30 - Dedication of Richard A Dearborn Science Center @ LHS
 - 6:00 - 7:30 - Laconia High School Open House
- **Friday, September 27**
 - 3:45 - Alumni who want to participate in parade gather on front lawn of LHS - some cars will be available to ride in
 - 4:00 - Homecoming Parade through Downtown Laconia
 - 5:00 - Meet and Greet reception at Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center in Huot Technical Center
 - 6:45 - Dedication of Jim Fitzgerald Athletic Field
 - 7:00 - Laconia Homecoming Football game
 - 6:00 - 10:00 - Ongoing Alumni Reunion and tours of LHS and Huot Tech Center at Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center in Huot Technical Center- Decade tables set up with videos and memorabilia - share memories, munchies and music!
- **Saturday, September 28**

• Field Hockey	Varsity @ 9:30	
• Girls Soccer	Varsity @ 1:30	Junior Varsity @ 12:00
• Boys Soccer	Varsity @ 3:30	Junior Varsity @ 5:00
• Volleyball	Varsity @ 4:30	Junior Varsity @ 3:00

All games will be held on the Jim Fitzgerald Athletic Field with the exception of volleyball which will be held in the LHS gym.

See related story on [page 11...](#)

Save
the
Date!

FALL INTO FASHION

Hosted by the Faith, Hope & Love Foundation

Step out in style and join us for a fashionable night out!

Appetizers, Dessert, Entertainment
Cash Bar & Raffles

All proceeds will go to FHL's grant and scholarship fund.

Purchase Tickets at:

- All Brite @ 41 Country Club Road, Gilford
 - Broadway North @ 217 Daniel Webster Hwy., Belmont
 - Divine Inspirations @ 413 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith
- Cash or check payments only. Please make checks payable to The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation.

Tickets are available from
October 1st - October 12th
only!

Saturday
October 19 @ 6pm
Pheasant Ridge Golf Club
Gilford, NH

\$35 per person

Limited seating available.
Tickets MUST be purchased
in advance.

Taking photos
at the event?
Tag us!
#fhlfashion



It is the Faith, Hope and Love Foundation's mission to bring relief to children and youth suffering from poverty, hunger and homelessness and to bring them hope, through faith and love, so that they may accomplish their dreams.

Lakes Region Camera Club



2013 PHOTO EXHIBIT

Belknap Mill

23 Beacon Street East

Laconia, New Hampshire

Grand Opening Exhibit

Sunday October 6th 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Meet the Local Photographers and Enjoy Refreshments

FREE ADMISSION

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE DAILY

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm

October 7-November 1

New Members Welcome At All Levels

www.lrcameradub.com



Living Well



Better Choices, Better Health Workshop

Designed to help you or someone you live with, better manage your chronic health condition including arthritis, joint pain, diabetes, high blood pressure, COPD, chronic pain, asthma or others!

Sponsored by I.R.G. Healthcare

Free Six Week Workshop

Wednesday's, Oct. 30 - Dec. 11

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Woodside, Taylor Community Laconia

Registration required. Please call 527-7120



"I learned to set manageable goals for myself and to focus on what I could do or change to improve my condition."

"Better Choices, Better Health workshops put me back in charge. Now I have the energy to do the things that matter."

"I've put life back in my life"

In collaboration with the NH CDSMP Network, a Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

Laconia Little League

Home of the 2010 NH District III Finals & the 2010 NH State Finals!
"How sweet it is!" - Bill Tuttle

"Dear Laconia Little League Friends and Fans –
Laconia Little League will hold its annual membership meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm in the Laconia Room at Colby Field. The annual meeting is when Laconia Little League elects their new Board of Directors and begins preparing for next season. As with all volunteer positions within the Little League organization, every board member must be nominated and approved—no positions are automatically tenured. We do have many fantastic volunteers returning to organize the Laconia Little League system, but we also have some positions that will need to be filled.

If you have a child in Laconia Little League, please consider being part of the volunteer team that makes it all happen.

Visit our website at www.laconiall.org for contact information for any of our board members to learn more about each position.

Laconia Little League is a strong organization that needs the help of at least six adult volunteers to run the level of program our City's youth and the families have come to expect.



Please attend our annual meeting and consider joining the Board to make 2014 the best season yet!"

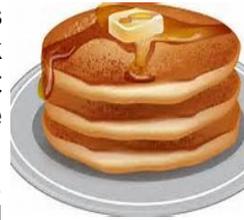


Zonta Club of Lakes Region

Member of Zonta International[®]

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

The Zonta Club of the Lakes Region is holding a "Flapjack Fundraiser" breakfast at Applebee's Restaurant, Route 3, Tilton, NH on Saturday, October 5th from 8 to 10 am. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon & beverages. Proceeds go toward supporting service projects and scholarship programs. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 528-2859. Advanced tickets are recommended, but may be available at the door on October 5th on a space available basis.



The Zonta Club of the Lakes Region has supported New Beginnings and Carey House, and has presented the annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Members have volunteered at a "Hands Across the Table" dinner and have participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk each October.

Belknap Mill Quilter's Guild
Proudly Presents its 36th Annual

Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show

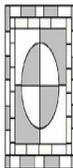
October 5 & 6, 2013

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. * Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lake Opechee Inn Conference Center
62 Doris Ray Court * Laconia, NH 03246

Admission is \$7 per person

Hoffman Special Exhibit, Quilt Appraisal, Vendors,
Penny Sale, Quilt & Sewing Machine Raffles, Guild Table,
Demonstrations, Consignment Boutique, Café & more




Invites you to join us for this new support group!

Relatives Raising Relatives

This bi-weekly support group is for anyone raising children of relatives or friends. Come connect with others in a confidential and supportive environment on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Young children in need of childcare will enjoy each others company in Giggles & Grins Playgroup.

Begins: Tuesday, October 1, 2013
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Time: 9:30-11:00am

Where: Family Resource Center of Central NH
719 North Main Street, Laconia, NH

Upcoming meetings on 10/1, 10/15, 11/5 & 11/19 (First & Third Tuesday of every month)

To register, contact Shannon Robinson-Beland at 581-1571
or shannon@lrccs.org.

In partnership with:



The Lakes Region HOPS into Oktoberfest

Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 5:30PM - 8:00PM
M/S Mount Washington at 211 Lakeside Ave Dockside, Weirs Beach

Join the Lakes Region community dockside and HOP into Oktoberfest with a beer & cider tasting social event.

Enjoy community camaraderie with a German and Bavarian theme including tasty appetizers, treats, some lively Oktoberfest contests, a silent auction and festive sounds of Oom Pah Pa music! Proceeds to benefit future business programs and educational resources offered by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. **Auction items include:** 1 night accommodation at Mill Falls at Lake, Rachel Ray Cook Set donated by Metrocast, \$750 in Cactus Jack Gift Certificates.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door.
Sign up by September 21 and be entered to win 1 of 5 \$25 gift cards to T-Bones and Cactus Jack's!

Dock Sponsor:  Ship Sponsor: 

LAKE REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

603.526.5931 383 South Main Street, Laconia LakesRegionChamber.org



"I Have Been Busy All Day"

Intimate Glimpses into the Life of an
1890's New England Housewife
and Mother

A dramatic presentation based on
the journals of ANNA SAMSON BRADLEY,
written and produced by Judith Buswell

Featuring Tamara McGonagle as Anna

Directed by Faith Rupert

ANNA SAMSON BRADLEY
1862-1900

*"Humanizing history by connecting the
ordinary lives of ordinary people
from the past to today."*

- WHAT:** Performance of "I Have Been Busy All Day"
- WHEN:** Monday, September 30, 2013
7:00pm
- WHERE:** The Woodside Building, Taylor Community

*~ This event is co-sponsored by
The Laconia Historical and Museum Society and
The Thompson Ames Historical Society. ~*

ANNA SAMSON was born in central Vermont and married Daniel Edward Bradley from Jaffrey, NH. The couple who lived in Vermont and Connecticut had four daughters. Their youngest daughter, Edith Bradley Rogers, had ties to the Lakes Region. Edith married James P. Rogers, a co-founder of the nationally recognized Allen-Rogers Corporation of Laconia that produced turned wood products for more than 60 years. This reader's theatre presentation is based on the journals kept by Anna Bradley from 1893-1899 and includes a minimal set, props, music, choreography, and visuals from the late Victorian era and the Bradley, Rogers, and Stamps families.



NOTICE City of Laconia Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of October 28th and November 11th, the City's solid waste contractor (Bestway Disposal/Casella Waste) will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves/yard waste during these 2 weeks (on your normal trash day).

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck NOT the normal trash truck.

ALL materials MUST be placed in PAPER COMPOST BAGS.

PLEASE place bagged yard waste at least 3 feet away from your trash.

Laconia residents may also bring leaves/yard waste to the composting area at the Laconia Transfer Station **FREE of charge**. Hours of operation are: Monday -Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, and Saturdays 8:00 am to Noon. Any questions please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Citizen's Academy

The Laconia Police Department just completed the third week of the Citizen's Academy.

This past week the class went to the Fourth Circuit District Court in Laconia. They had the opportunity to meet Justice James Carroll and learn about what happens in both the District and Family Court divisions.

Pictured at left: Lieutenant Richard Simmons addresses students during a recent class.



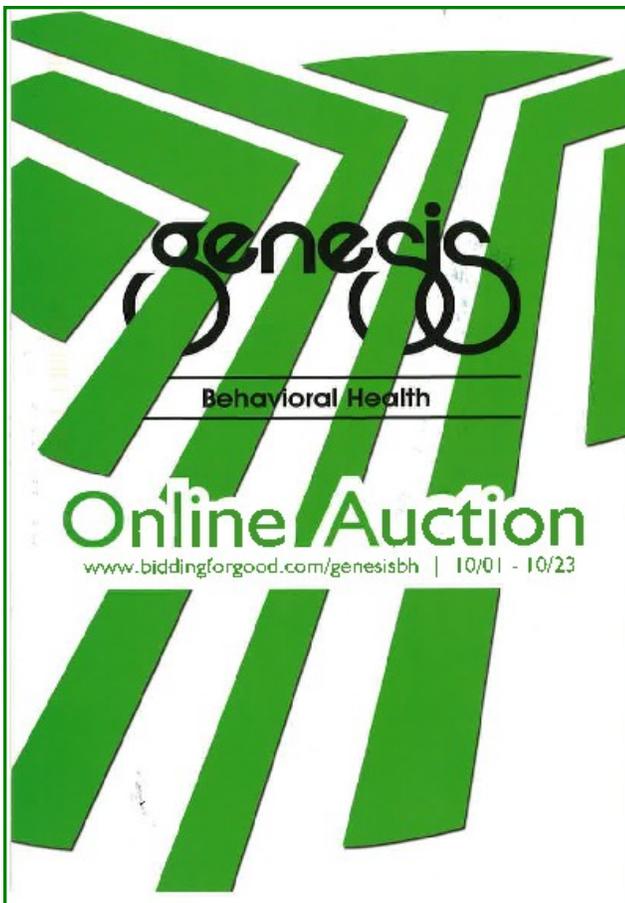
Taylor Community Presents Classical Music Concert

The next concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features the music of Franz Peter Schubert, Bernhard Heiden and Alec Wilder. The event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

The trio is comprised of Allan DiBiase, Michael Dodge and Ron Wold. DiBaise is a collaborative pianist in the Plymouth State University Department of Music Theatre and Dance where he's a frequent recitalist with students and faculty. Dodge is a senior Vocal Performance and Pedagogy major at PSU. He's currently studying voice under the direction of Dr. Kathleen Arcchi and will be singing the role of Valjean in the PSU production of *Les Miserables* (Oct. 24-27). Wold was a professional musician in the Boston area for 20 years before moving to a farm in New Hampshire and more recently, Vermont. The French horn player has performed in dozens of orchestras, chamber ensembles and recording sessions, as well as a soloist.

Please join us as these three gentlemen perform a brilliant program including three Schubert Lieder and the Schubert *Auf dem Strom*. Sheets with both German lyrics and English translations will be available.

The event is free and open to the public; however, those planning to attend must pre-register as seating is limited. Please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org for reservations.



They say the third time's a charm, so please join us in making the 3rd Annual Mental Illness Awareness Auction bigger and better than ever!

Beginning October 1, 2013, [Genesis Behavioral Health](#) will start auctioning off a variety of fun and unique items to bid on to raise money for our organization.

This is our largest fundraiser and we rely on these events to keep funding available for our child and family programs throughout the Lakes Region.

From gift cards, sports tickets and handbags to beauty services, clothing and art...there's definitely something for everyone! Please join the fun to support this important community organization.

**Start your holiday shopping early
or treat yourself to something special!
Check online at
www.biddingforgood.com/genesisbh !**

Public Works Department

Click [here](#) for link to Public Works Dept. website

Public Works Improvement – Major Drain Replacement Project Underway in Lakeport



As part of this year's DPW annual Roadway Improvement Project, **Mechanic St.** (between Clinton St. and Stark St. - 2,300 ft.) is being fully reconstructed.

A key feature of the project is replacement of 500 feet of an aged (circa 1800's) drainage box culvert running along Mechanic St. (between Clinton St. and Manchester St.) with a 36 inch diameter steel reinforced plastic pipe laid in the same corridor as the original box culvert.

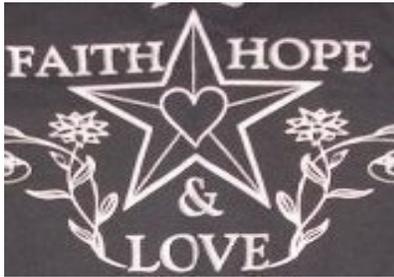
A hydraulic analysis of the watershed above Mechanic St. was a key element in the selection of pipe size. The steel reinforcement feature of the composite steel/plastic pipe was required to assure adequate pipe strength under highway loading conditions.



This drain replacement job began Monday, September 23rd; it is anticipated to require two full work weeks to complete and will be followed by another week of sewer and drain repairs further to the north on Mechanic St.

Once this work is completed, the full length of Mechanic St. from Clinton St. to Stark St. will be ready for reclamation (grinding into gravel), grading and base course paving, all scheduled for the week of October 14th.

Curb work, sidewalk reconstruction and final paving is scheduled to be accomplished during the last half of October, with anticipated project completion by October 31st.



Faith, Hope & Love Foundation's 1st "Fall Into Fashion" Fundraiser

The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation is pleased to announce it's 1st ever (and soon to be annual) "Fall into Fashion" Fundraiser!

On Saturday evening October 19, 2013, the banquet hall at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club in Gilford will be transformed by the fashion show committee and presenting sponsor Divine Inspirations of Meredith, giving the changing of the seasons a funky, fresh and fashionable look! "Fall Into Fashion" is going to be one of the biggest networking events of Fall 2013!

This event will not disappoint! Not only will the attendees get a night on the town, but they will also witness the Foundation at work, raising thousands of dollars for local children and youth suffering from poverty, hunger and homelessness and giving it right back out into the community.

The night starts at 6 pm with delicious appetizers and a cash bar. During this first hour guests will also have time to mingle and network with other NH professionals. At 7 pm the FHL Board of Directors will be presenting \$2,000 to local youth organizations that align with their mission! Following the check presentation, guests will enjoy a fun filled fashion show. After the show, guests can continue socializing and enjoy some sweet treats!

Our models for the event are fabulous, check out this list of local women and men who are donating their time to FHL : Nick Adel, Kelly Arbogast, Ryan Dickson, Christy Dunn, Jeanie Forrester, Karmen Gifford, Ashley Halsey, Beth Hutchins, Lea King, Griffin LaFleur, Kate Luczko, Krista Marrs, Randy Pierce and Mighty Quinn, Eric Proulx, Liz Sheil and Matt Wilhelm.

Do you recognize any of these names? I bet you do! Be sure to come out and support the models and FHL at the fashion show!



*Thanks to our many sponsors for promoting
this very worthwhile event!*

Tickets will go on sale October 1st through October 12th and can be purchased at All Brite Cleaning and Restoration in Gilford, Broadway North in Belmont and Divine Inspirations in Meredith. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be paid for with check or cash only.



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





Laconia Fire Department

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

FIRE AT 161 COURT STREET



On September 22, 2013 at 2:30 am Laconia Central Station responded to a fire alarm activation at Skate Escape at 161 Court Street. On arrival, Lt. Vaillancourt reported heavy smoke pushing from the roof and windows of a large commercial building. He requested a second alarm, which brought all off-duty firefighters, the Weirs Station, Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, Franklin, and Tilton to the fire. At 2:42 am the Lieutenant very quickly upgraded to a third alarm. This brought Belmont and Meredith from cover, Gilford, Sanbornton and Holderness engines, and Meredith tower to the fire. He reported heavy fire in the C and D quadrants and fire breaking through the roof.

The complex measured 287' by 232' and was somewhat shaped like a T. There were several occupants with mezzanines that added additional square footage and fire load. Captain Beattie arrived from home and took command.

At 2:51 am Captain Beattie requested two additional towers to the scene – Concord and Franklin were dispatched. Within minutes fire was pouring from the roof of the brick and steel building. The tar and gravel roof and contents were all ablaze. The roof fire was so intense that there was concern of flying embers starting additional fires downwind on Water Street and Court Street.

An aerial assault was started to knock down the heavy fire and control the problem.

Final extinguishment of the fire took hours as it had a good hold in the eight inches of roof decking. A Laconia and Belmont crew did a great job of cutting off the fire into this wing with a 2 1/2" line. This was a classic metal deck roof fire. They needed to get water under the deck and on top of the deck to stop the fire. Unfortunately getting water under the deck was very difficult as the roof collapsed the streams were ineffective in reaching the ceiling. The building was so deep in places that ground streams had no impact on the fire. A collapse zone was established and all personnel were removed from the zone.

Gilmanton, Bristol, and Center Harbor covered the empty city stations. While covering the City these crews responded to a building fire on Bay Street, which was quickly brought under control.

Damage to the Court Street building is extensive and is estimated at over \$1,500,000.00.

There were more than 50 firefighters on-scene. Some Laconia personnel were on-scene 12 hours. A testament to good command and control and training - there were no injuries.

Firefighters cleared the scene just before 2 pm. The Lakes Region CERT assisted at the scene with traffic control and providing food and water to the fire crews. Laconia Police also conducted extensive traffic control.



**“GATHERING TIME”,
NEXT GENERATION OF FOLK ROCK,
COMING TO THE HISTORIC BELKNAP
MILL IN LACONIA**

Gathering Time, a high energy folk-rock New York trio, travels north, bringing their soaring harmonies and dynamic sets to a dessert and concert event at the Historic Belknop Mill in Laconia on Sunday, October 6.

Stuart Markus, Gerry McKeveny and Hillary Foxsong have been astounding audiences in the New York metropolitan area in venues from house concerts to outdoor

festivals, to churches and synagogues and on prime folk rock radio shows nationwide. An evening with *Gathering Time* ranges from “sweet and sentimental to joyous and energetic, from irreverently funny to heart stopping serious with eclectic sets that include new twists on traditional folk, beloved classics from the ‘60’s and strong originals”, says the Garden City Long Island News.

The immense success of last season’s concert by the *Boxcar Lilies* led the Temple B’nai Israel producing team to continue to review bands to present to Lakes Region audiences. Ken Goodman researched hundreds of potential performers before deciding on *Gathering Time*, and knew that he had found a winner. This third concert in the series has been moved to the Belknop Mill to accommodate the audience that overfilled the previous venue.

Ticket holders are asked to arrive at 6:30 pm for the “overture”, an elaborate dessert buffet offered by area caterers, restaurants, etc. (BYOB). *Gathering Time* music begins at approximately 7:30 pm and in the words of a New York radio disc jockey, “delivers harmonies that can “charm the birds out of the trees”. Tickets are \$25 per person - \$22.50 if prepaid for parties of 4 or more. To purchase tickets visit www.tbinh.org. For more information, go to info@tbinh.org.

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



High School Open Gym
Thursdays & Fridays
2:15 ~ 4:15pm, FREE!
Basketball, basketball,
basketball! This is for those
who don’t want a structured
league, but love to play.

Elementary Open Gym
Wednesdays 3:00 ~ 4:15pm
Early release 1:00 ~ 4:15pm
FREE!

Come have some fun
playing all different types
of games and arts and
crafts. Parents may
drop kids off to play.

**Open
Gym
Times
Begin
October
7th!**

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

SENIOR

CORNER

Please be sure to check out our “**Senior Corner**” on the last page of the newsletter.
Thanks to a suggestion from one of our readers,
we plan to make this a weekly feature!

If you have any news or upcoming non-profit activities to share with our community’s
seniors, please contact us at 527-1270, or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us



*See What's
Happening in
September! Click [here](#)
to read the September
issue of the "Senior
Sentinel"!*



Winnepesaukee Transit System provides a valuable service to our community! For routes and schedules, please click [here](#); for rules, fares and other information, please click [here](#).

The City's Parks and Rec. Department offers a variety of programs to Laconia residents, including a great selection of activities for seniors...everything from line dancing to Bingo! Click [here](#) for the current program brochure.



*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
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