

Laconia Links

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Downtown Laconia in the Fall



Laconia Fire Department

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



Laconia Professional Firefighters Team-Up to Support WOW Trail

In full bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatus weighing over 60 pounds, Laconia Firefighters participated in the 2012 WOW Fest. Lt. Chad Vaillancourt, Deputy Chief Deb Pendergast, Firefighters Chris Beaudoin, Rick Newlett, Andy Francis and Dennis Comeau were among those who made the trip, accompanied by Firefighter Deb Black and Chief Erickson acting as the support team providing replacement air cylinders along the way. Over the course of the walk the crew used up 19 air cylinders.

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!



The WOW Trail is a multi-use trail connecting Lakeport and downtown Laconia. Currently a 1.3 mile trail, the WOW Trail Committee is beginning the engineering design and fundraising for Phase 2 which will double the length and continue the trail from downtown Laconia to the Belmont town line.

A recent user count estimates that over 40,000 trips will be taken this year on the existing section of the trail. An Economic Impact study estimated that a completed WOW Trail would have over 150,000 users per year with approximately 38,000 visitors from outside the area, generating almost \$2 million in new visitor spending and creating 31 new jobs.

For more information about the WOW Trail go to www.wowtrail.org or email info@wowtrail.org.



25th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

This award is presented annually by the Laconia City Council to a resident of the City based on his/her work with the youth of the community.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012. Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Please call 527-1270 if you have any questions.

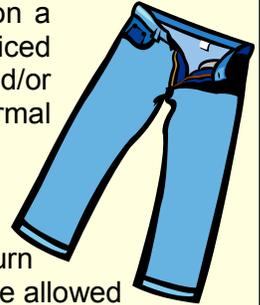
Click [here](#) for a list of previous years' winners.



“Casual Friday For a Cause” In City Hall...

If you have been in City Hall on a Friday, you may have noticed employees wearing jeans and/or dressed more casually than normal and wondered why...

Each week City Hall employees are encouraged to donate food or household items. In return for their donation, employees are allowed to dress casually on Fridays. Donated items are then distributed to various agencies in the community such as Belknap County Youth Services or the Community Action Program.



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.

*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.

Meetings are open to the public....you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Capital Improvements Committee

October 1, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Planning Board

October 2, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

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October 3, 2012, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Meeting
in
Progress

Conservation Commission

October 3, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Licensing Board

October 3, 2012, 12 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Lakes Business Park Commission

October 3, 2012, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Highway Safety Commission

October 3, 2012, 12:00 noon
Laconia PD, Community Room

[Meeting Notice](#)

Water Commission

October 4, 2012, 8:00 am
117 Stark Street, Water
Treatment Facility Conf. Room



Laconia Police Dept.

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



A growing concern in communities like Laconia is the presence of Synthetic Drugs, also known as Designer Drugs.

These substances are chemically engineered substances that produce effects similar to known illegal substances. Two of these drugs are known as K2 and Bath Salts.

K2, also known as Spice, is a synthetic cannabinoid that is engineered and designed to produce an effect similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. These chemicals are sprayed on plant material and sold in local retail stores, or on the internet as "herbal incense." In July 2012, certain classes of chemicals found in K2/Spice were made illegal nationwide, including New Hampshire. On August 18, 2012 a new law broadened the definition of synthetic cannabinoids. This change in State Law is estimated to cover 70% of the types of synthetic cannabinoids currently available. The new law does not target the product, but instead targets the chemicals found in these products.

Bath Salts are a problem which has recently gained national attention as a result of criminal cases out of the State of Florida and other states where Bath Salts are being used. Bath Salts are chemically engineered, similar to K2 or Spice. However, the effects Bath Salts produce are similar to ecstasy, the khat plant, and methamphetamines. As a result, Bath Salts have become an increasingly popular alternative to cocaine, ecstasy, LSD and methamphetamines among teens and young adults. Certain chemicals found in Bath Salts are currently illegal as a result of legislature from November 2011.



As a community we must continue to work together to keep these dangerous substances out of the hands of our children and friends. Since drug manufacturers have an ever evolving capability to manufacture new drugs, we need to try and stay one step ahead of the problem and stop these products from ever reaching store shelves.



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Thursdays, October 18, 25 & Nov. 1 ~ 1:00 - 1:45pm
Ages 3 - 6: \$20 per child (\$50 maximum per family)

Watch your girls transform into princesses!

They will learn to wave, curtsy, walk and how to speak like a princess. They will learn to be kind to others, do arts and crafts and receive a princess diploma.

Must register and pay by Oct. 12th!

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

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



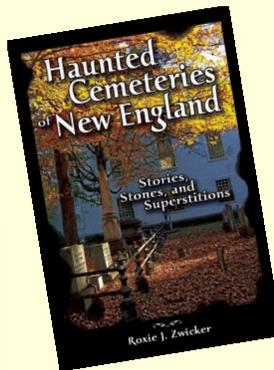
Goss Reading Room Programs

The Goss Reading Room has storytime every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.



The chess program is held every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30...open to all ages and all skill levels. *Come join us!*

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



On Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall, the Library will host *Stories, Stones and Superstitions of New England* with bestselling local author and television personality, Roxie J. Zwicker.

Roxie Zwicker is known for her collection of New England folklore and stories. She was born in Boston, MA and grew up in New England. After attending Greenfield Community College for Media Production, she found herself exploring the hidden secrets and forgotten history of New England. In 2002, she started her own business called New England Curiosities, giving tours in NH and Maine featuring many stories from her repertoire. She has been featured on the History Channel and the Travel Channel and has hosted talks on New England legends and lore from NY to Maine. Additionally, she has been featured in hundreds of publications nationwide including *Better Homes & Gardens*.



Public Works Department

Questions?
Please call Ann
at 528-6379

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTION ROUTES:

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.



**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



EXPLORE A TRUCK DAY!



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

Date: October 13th
10:00 ~ 12:00pm
FREE!!!!

Laconia Public Works
@ Bisson Avenue

Check out different types of vehicles.
You can get inside and get a close up
view of it all. A hot dog lunch will be
available for a fee.



Laconia Police Dept.

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

Reminder!

***National Take Back Initiative
Is This Weekend!***

September 29, 2012

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is coordinating a fifth nationwide one-day collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's homes. This national initiative will again provide an opportunity for the public to surrender pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances in our homes are a potential source of supply for the increasing abuse of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

The Laconia Police Department is joining this effort by participating and encouraging our citizens to take advantage of this day. We are asking the citizens of Laconia to please bring their unneeded medication to the Laconia Police Department on September 29, 2012 between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for disposal.

The Laconia Police will also pick up your medications at your residence if needed. No questions will be asked upon drop off or pickup by the Laconia Police Department.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Capt. Matthew Canfield prior to September 29, 2012 or ask for the Watch Supervisor on duty on September 29, 2012.

International Film
Series-Laconia Human
Relations Committee

Australia

Date: October 1, 2012
MONDAY

Time: 5:45pm

Venue: Laconia Public Library

Set just before WWII, the interface of British, Australian cattle-baron, and Aboriginal cultures is told through the story of Mullah, a young mixed-race boy whose life is in constant risk of deportation to a "Christian" camp. Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackson and Brandon Walters embark on a transforming journey across wild desert terrain when their world is torn apart by powerful enemies.



Free and open to the public.
Informal discussion to
follow the film. Light
snacks will be provided.
Feel free to bring a comfy

For more information, please contact:

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Department of Public Works

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

**Columbus Day
Monday, October 8th**

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection
of trash on Monday Oct. 8th – Columbus Day

Monday collections will be
on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379.

Laconia High School Sachems Alumni Reunion

Calling all Laconia High School Alumni.....

When: Friday, September 28, 2012
3:45 - Gather on LHS front lawn for Parade:
Participation welcome ~ cars will be available
for participants who prefer to ride
Football Game: Gates open at 6:00 p.m.
Tours of LHS ~ current & future renovations
Walk down memory lane social - café

Where: Laconia High School
345 Union Avenue

After the homecoming game come join LHS alumni and share
memories, munchies, and music. A \$10 admission fee will be
charged with all proceeds to be donated to Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation for scholarships for Laconia students.

For more information please call 524-5710 or
email at jbrough@laconiaschools.org

*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!



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