



Laconia Links

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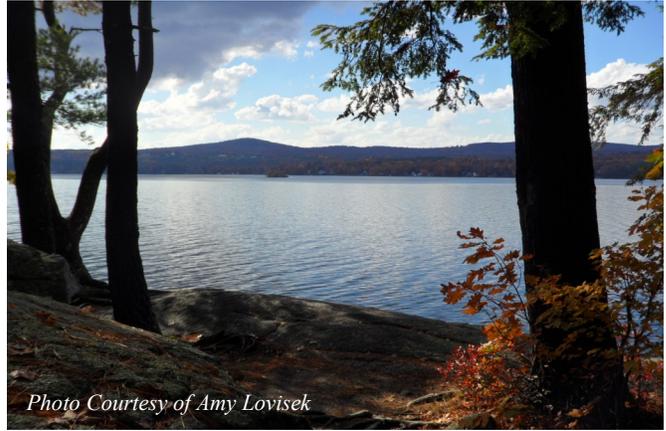


Photo Courtesy of Amy Lovisek

View from Ahern State Park

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

Laconia Police Department



On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the 2012 Special Olympics New Hampshire State Bowling Tournament was held in eight different locations throughout the state (Berlin, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth and Windham) and more than 800 Special Olympics athletes competed in the event. Many of athletes competing in the Bowling Tournament had worked hard to prepare for the competition.

One of the locations for the event was Fun Spot in the Weirs and many members from the surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies were present to help out with the event.

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!



Many of the officers handed out medals to the winning athletes. The following Law Enforcement Agencies were represented at the event; Laconia Police Department: Chief Adams, Captain Clary, Captain Canfield, Sergeant Hubbard, Sergeant Roy, MPO Yale and Officer Callanan. Tilton Police Department: Chief Cormier. Center Harbor Police Department: Chief Chase and Officer Welch.

The event turned out well and the athletes enjoyed the company of the law enforcement officers. They were proud and happy to receive their medal from the guardians of the flame.



LACONIA PUTNAM FUND
presents

Pinocchio



Performance by
David Syrotiak's (National Marionette Theatre)

Friday, November 2
Laconia Middle School
STUDENTS AT 1 PM ~ FAMILY AT 7 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE.
FIRST COME FIRST SEATED.

www.nmtshow.com



*New Beginnings is
Putting on the Ritz for Our*

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Saturday, November 3rd 2012
6:30 PM — 11:00 PM
\$50 PER TICKET

PITMAN'S FREIGHT ROOM
94 NEW SALEM STREET
DOWNTOWN LACONIA, NH

*Dinner, Dancing and
All That Jazz!*

SILENT AUCTION • CASH BAR • 50/50 RAFFLE
1920'S THEMED ATTIRE ENCOURAGED
PRIZES FOR THE MOST FESTIVE GET-UPS
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and stalking violence.

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New Beginnings
Without Violence & Abuse
SunDay's
Sunflower Natural Foods
In Meredith:
Inisfree Bookshop

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.



*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.

Licensing Board
November 7, 2012, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission
November 7, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Movies & More for Kids !

Friday, November 9th
@ 3:45 pm in
Laconia Rotary Hall

"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" rated G will be shown. Admission is free. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 years or older.

Teen Movie



Thursday, November 15th
at 3:00 pm:

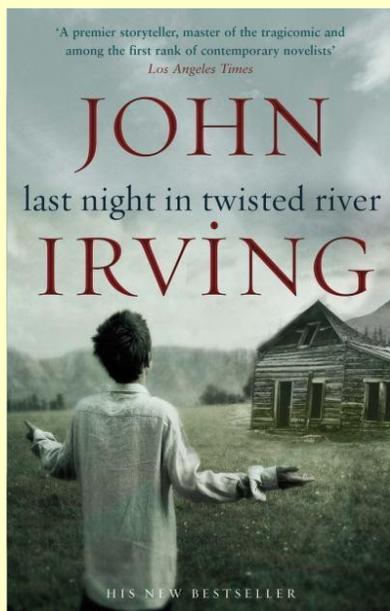
Brave, an animated Disney -Pixar film starring the voices of Kelly Macdonald, Emma Thompson, John Ratzenberger and Craig Ferguson.

In Laconia Rotary Hall for teens in Grades 6 through 12.

This movie is rated PG and is 93 minutes in length. Admission is free!



A Novel Time at the Library



On Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm the third discussion in the fall "Novel Time at the Library" book discussion series will focus on *Last Night in Twisted River*, by John Irving.

The novel explores the relationship of a father and son—fugitives in 20th century North America. In 1954, in the cookhouse of a logging and sawmill settlement in northern New Hampshire, a twelve-year-old boy mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear. Both the twelve-year-old and his father become fugitives, pursued by the constable. Their lone protector is a fiercely libertarian logger, once a river diver, who befriends them. The tale spans five decades and depicts the recent half-century in the United States as a world "where lethal hatreds were generally permitted to run their course."

The discussion will be held in Laconia Rotary Hall, located on the lower level of the Library. The discussion leader will be Jennifer Lee. Copies of the book are available at the Library's main circulation desk.

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

For more information please call 524-4775 Extension 12.

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

Laconia Fire Department



Heating Safety



The heating season has arrived! Please remember to keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn—including furniture, blankets, curtains and paper products.

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The U.S. Fire Administration encourages you to practice the following fire safe steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility....Fire Stops with YOU!

Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.



Spiderman is alive and well in Laconia!

Spotted recently hitching a ride on a Bestway truck was none other than Spiderman (also known as Kyle Buffum).

Thanks to Kyle and Bestway for putting smiles on our faces!



Important Fall and Fire Lecture for Older Adults, Family Members

Each year, one in every three adults age 65 and older falls, according to the Center for Disease Control. Falls can cause moderate to severe injuries and can increase the risk of early death. Fortunately, falls are largely preventable.

Similarly, one of the largest groups at increased risk of fire-related injuries and deaths include seniors as well.

Taylor Community and Lakes Region Community College present "Remembering When – A Fire Safety and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults," Thursday, November 15 at 6:15 p.m. This free lecture is important information for all seniors and the family members who care for them.

Allen Coen, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Fire Technology Program at LRCC will discuss a number of points for each topic and answer general fire and safety questions from the audience.

Please RSVP by calling 524-5600 to ensure available seating. The lecture will be held at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia.

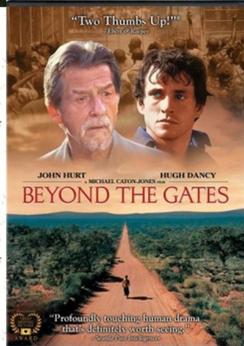


Beyond The Gates

**Date: November 5, 2012
MONDAY**

Time: 6:15pm

Venue: Laconia Public Library



At first, life is relatively calm at Rwanda's Ecole Technique Officielle, a European school compound serving Tutsi and Hutu young people. The UN has a contingent of peace-keepers based there. This is Rwanda just as the Hutu atrocity against the Tutsi breaks out in 1994.



Free and open to the public. Informal discussion to follow the film. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, please contact:

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com

Lovie Ellsworth
Lovinia.Ellsworth@yahoo.com

ReadyNH

stay. leave. connect.

Did you know that there's a website where you can easily find current, usable and practical information on preparing for emergencies?

www.nh.gov/readynh provides information adapted for our New Hampshire climate and geography, as well as links to several other sources of information. The info on the website can help you and your family to stay safe and be prepared for any emergency!

Winter Parking Ban!

It's a sure sign of the season...
Laconia's Winter Parking Ban is in effect.

As of November 1st, parking is prohibited on a public street between 12 midnight and 6:30 am until May 1st.



Lakeport Freighthouse Museum

Lakeport Community Association
~ GRAND OPENING ~
LAKEPORT FREIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

15 Railroad Avenue, Lakeport, NH
Saturday, November 3, 10 am ~ 2 pm
All are welcome to view exhibits of railroad and Lakeport memorabilia.



Reminder!

**CITY OF LACONIA
HILLIARD ROAD BRUSH DUMP
WILL COMMENCE WINTER
HOURS OF OPERATION
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
(Normally at 1:00, weekdays)**

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

**PLEASE CALL ANN
@ 528-6379
TO SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT**

Annual
Downtown Laconia

HOLIDAY PARADE

SAVE
THE
DATE!

1pm

Saturday,

November 24, 2012

Santa Claus

Tree Lighting

Bands

Floats

&

More



Info & Registration Available at:

Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

383 South Main Street 524-5531

Lakesregionchamber.org



All My Life Jewelers

639 Main Street 528-8541

rsbmoose@yahoo.com



Project EXTRA! Lights On Afterschool October 18, 2012

At Elm Street School students made arts & crafts, musical instruments, and had demonstrations of knitting, cooking (chocolate chip cookies for parents) and chess clubs. We had live music playing and a PowerPoint program that was looping continuously with pictures of students engaged in activities and a picture of each PE student. A number of parents attend and the kids were very proud showing them what they had done.



Laconia High School had 13+ Freedom Found students who set-up and monitored the luminaries. They participated in group/team building exercises during the celebration.



Pleasant Street School celebrated with a wonderful party. Students created their luminary bags and worked at stations on fun activities. We watched a video highlighting our school year so far as well as the importance of afterschool programming. Our students enjoyed some yummy treats and a face painting table as well. The event ended with a group photo in front of the school luminary bags.



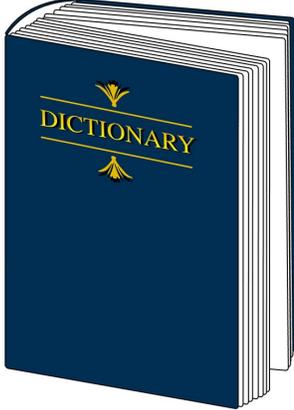
Woodland Heights School celebrated with team building group games, a group celebration out in front of WHS, and the ever popular celebratory snack to cap off this year's brand new way to show support for after school. Our students can be seen striking an enlightening pose in support of Lights On!



Laconia Middle School celebrated by enjoying light bulb cookies made by students while watching a slideshow of students participating in TWIST clubs. Luminaries were lit in front of the school and displayed our awesome Light bulb posters!



Updates from the Planning Office...



Planners are guilty of using a lot of jargon (professional slang). This jargon can be hard to understand to those who don't work in the Planning Office, and sometimes even to those inside the Planning Office. Planners across the country, including here in Laconia, realize that their jargon is confusing and we need to start using simple words that everyone can understand.

If you ever hear a Planner using a phrase or word that doesn't make sense, don't hesitate to ask them to clarify, that's part of their job!

Here is a list of common jargon that Planner's use matched up with the simple words that could be used instead:

Jargon

Abutter
Buffer
Cease and desist
Commercial land use
Conceptual design
Contiguous
Corridor
Dwelling unit
Eating and drinking place
Feasibility study
Impact (when used as a noun)

Improvements

Infrastructure

Negative traffic impacts
Commercial establishment
Parcel
Pedestrian furniture
Residence
Residential land use
Substantially complete
Transportation corridor

Simple word(s)

direct neighbor
area, strip
stop
store, shop, business
rough draft, first design, idea
next to
area, stretch of land
house, apartment
restaurant, bar, coffee shop, bakery
study to show it can be done, workable, possible
noise, odor, traffic, sight, sound

new roads, buildings, sidewalks, street lights,
drainage, plantings, etc...
water, sewer, storm drains, roads, electrical
lines, etc...
traffic congestion, safety issues
store, shop business
lot, piece of land, property
benches
house, apartment
houses, apartments, housing
mostly finished, almost done
road, rail road, bike path

*(*Note that some of the list above was borrowed from
Natalie Macris' book "Planning in Plain English")*

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info and updates —click [here!](#)



City of Laconia
Dept. of Public Works
27 Bisson Avenue
Laconia, NH 03246
603-528-6379

RECYCLING TOTER PROGRAM

The City of Laconia Department of Public Works is offering commercial grade 2-wheeled 64-gal. recycling containers with a hinged lid for sale as part of the City's curbside recycling program. There are 1,000 toters available on a first-come/first-serve basis. The cost for one (1) toter is \$25, with the City supporting \$20 of the program cost. Additional toters are available at \$45 each - while supplies last. Anticipated delivery is early November 2012.

Please contact Ann Saltmarsh, Dept. of Public Works, at the address above, call 528-6379, or e-mail saltmarsh@city.laconia.nh.us to purchase toters. You may also place your order by mailing in this order form. This Recycling Toter Program is for Laconia residents only -- proof of residency may be required.

Name:
Address:
Phone #:

All toters must be picked up at the DPW Office – Payment is due at the time of pickup.

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

Laconia Fire Department



Photo of Laconia's Engine No. 1 proudly flying the American flag on October 20th for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

Daylight Savings Time Ends this Sunday...



IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY!



NOTICE: Fall Leaf Pickup

During the week of Nov. 12th, the City's solid waste contractor (Bestway Disposal) will pickup an additional 10 bags of leaves/yard waste on your normal trash day. Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck **NOT** the normal trash collection truck. **All materials must be placed in paper compostable 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 from Mon.- Fri. 7:30 am-3:30 pm and Sat. from 8 am to Noon. Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379.



*Daylight Savings Time
Ends at
2:00 am, November 4th!*

*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



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 & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing.....	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
<i>Planning & 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. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
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 & 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>	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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www.city.laconia.nh.us