



Laconia Links

November 8, 2013 - Edition #108



Bill Hemmel - Lakes Region Aerial Photo

Aerial Photo of Laconia High School

Laconia Police Dept.



Officer Michael Armstrong and his K9 partner "Titan" graduated the drug certification school on November 8th. The school is eight weeks long and is put on by (NESPAC) New England State Police Administrators Compact.

The new K9 team is now back on the street and certified to search for drugs. They will go back to school in the spring for a fourteen week tracking school. The school is run by the New Hampshire State Police, and the final evaluations are done by a New England State Police Agency other than New Hampshire. To maintain those certifications, Officer Armstrong and Titan will continue to train on a monthly basis with NESPAC.

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!



Please Note!



City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



"Shall We Have a Hospital?" Exhibit

The Library is very pleased to help sponsor the newest exhibit by the Laconia Historical and Museum Society: "Shall We Have a Hospital?". The exhibit takes you on a tour through the history of the Laconia Hospital. The movement dates back to November 21, 1891 with an editorial in the Laconia Democrat Newspaper outlining the need for a local hospital. Later events demonstrated that need and through innovative fundraising, bequests and donations it became a reality. Laconia is proud of their "local" hospital and the road it traveled on its way to greatness. Come view the display and the various artifacts relating to medicine currently on display on the upper level of the Library surrounding the veranda through the end of November.

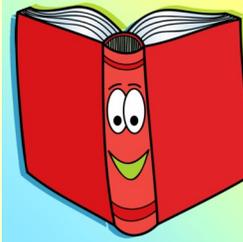
Poetry Reading

with

Barbara Bald & Charlotte Cox



Wednesday, November 13th
6:30 Laconia Rotary Hall



Booktalks For Kids

Thursday, November
14th@ 4:00-5:30 p.m. in
Laconia Rotary Hall for
children in grades 3-7. Read
a book, come and talk about
it, do an activity, have a

snack. This year's theme is "Going Somewhere" (travel). Co-leaders are Bill Tetreault, Laconia Middle School's Librarian, and Gail Drucker, Laconia Public Library Children's Librarian.

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

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!*

City Council

November 12, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

November 12, 2013, 6:30 pm
Belknap Mill, 3rd Floor
[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Comm. I

November 13, 2013, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

November 13, 2013, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

FIND SOMETHING YOU'RE
PASSIONATE
 ABOUT AND KEEP
 TREMENDOUSLY
 INTERESTED IN IT.
 - JULIA CHILDO

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](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA SCHOOLS

11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
Veteran's Day - No School 		PSS Walk to School Wednesday @ Opechee Park @ 8:00 am		NO PROJECT EXTRA!

LHS ELITE BAND STUDENTS



Laconia High School Music Department is proud to announce the names of the following students who have been selected to represent Laconia High School on Monday, November 25th at PSU in the All New England Band Festival. Band students from the New England area were selected to represent their schools and participate in a wonderful uplifting and educational experience. There will be two bands rehearsing all day under guest composers/conductors. LHS students chosen are, Clarinet – Andy Emanuel, Trumpet – Mikayla Minor, French Horn – Sebastian Huot and Trombone – Mitchell Bailey.

This one day festival will conclude with a concert in the Silver Center at PSU at 7pm. The ANEBF Bands will be joined with performances by the PSU Symphonic Band. Tickets can be purchased through the PSU Box Office, 535-ARTS.



Do you have time on your hands? Want to help others? Mentoring may be for you. Mentoring Together is a wonderful opportunity to share your experiences, knowledge, and interests with others, and support your community by volunteering one hour per week. You may select your day to participate Monday - Friday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Laconia Middle School.

Please contact Rebecca Sims for more information at (603) 524-4632 ext. 2202 or rsims@laconiaschools.org



FUN RUN 2013

What a day! Mother Nature set us up for a fun event. We had 110 participants cross an AMAZING finish line custom made by Bill Caruso. Whiskers, WHS mascot, made a guest appearance and passed out jump ropes, hacky sacks and water bottles to runners. Band students from both the High School and our elementary schools inspired our runners thanks to the direction of Mr. Breton. Andy Mercer paced the runners on his bike while some of his Cross Country team members assisted in various ways. Runners were greeted by Jess Ganchi, Mollie Greeley, Kelly Dow, Nick Ford, and Tammy Levesque who helped size them up for their race t-shirt. All the runners were treated to fresh fruit and water provided by Tim Goosens and Tess Seymour. Click [here](#) for video.

ODDS BODKINS TELLS TALL TALES TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Through the support of the Putnam Fund, storyteller Odds Bodkin brought his wonderful stories to elementary school students. Mr. Bodkin performed "Animal Tales" for our K-2 students and "Paul Bunyan Tall Tales" for Grades 3-5. The stories were exciting, musical and engaging for the students at PSS.



NEW DROP OFF PROCESS AT LHS



In an effort to enhance student safety during the morning drop-off, we are asking parents to please pull forward to the marked "stop line" near the far end of the Huot building when dropping students. Stopped vehicles should pull to the left, near sidewalk, and moving traffic to the right. **After 7:23am the drop off area moves to the left side of LHS at the new Main Entrance (Gym/Old Huot Entrance)**

Thank you for your help in improving safety for our students!

[November Momentary Musings from Superintendent Forsten](#)



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**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



**WORK ON SMITH TRACK
CONTINUES!**



Work on the Smith Track is in its final stages, with an anticipated opening hopefully by the end of next week (depending upon the weather).

The installer of the new track surface is Cape and Island Tennis and Track from Pocasset, Massachusetts. The manufacturer of the surface material states that it will stand up to all weather conditions and will satisfy multi-use needs. The new surface should be very comfortable for walkers and runners alike.

Stay tuned for when the track will be open to the public!



LACONIA ICE ARENA



SATURDAY NIGHT MELTDOWN

HEATIN' UP THE ICE ON SATURDAYS!

EVERY SATURDAY 6:00 - 7:30PM

\$10 admission

1/2 PRICE ADMISSION WITH A STUDENT ID (\$5)

Live DJ, Public Skating laser light show,

games & prizes.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

LACONIA ICE ARENA

More info: www.laconiaicearena.com



**Veteran's Day
Monday, Nov. 11th**

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE
COLLECTION ROUTES**

**There will be NO DELAY in curbside
collection of trash on Monday,
November 11th – Veteran's Day**

**Monday collections will be on
their normal schedules. Any questions,
please call Ann @ 528-6379, ext. 300.**

COOKING MATTERS™ for FAMILIES

Learn the basics of nutrition, cooking and healthy eating in hands-on cooking classes.

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGES 6+:

Learn how to make tasty and healthy recipes for your family, and share a meal together in class! Groceries will be provided to each household, each week to re-create the meal cooked in class for the rest of your family!

LOCATION:

Laconia Middle School,
150 McGrath Street, Laconia, NH

CLASS DATES AND TIMES:

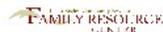
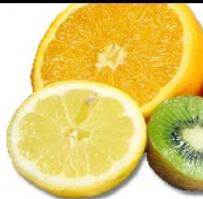
Tuesdays, November 12-December 17 | 5:00pm to 7:00pm

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Shannon Robinson-Beland, Community Support Coordinator
603-581-1571 | ShannonR@lracs.org
*Income restrictions apply

COST:

This is a FREE program! Dinner is included. Limited transportation assistance available upon request.



Veteran's Day Activities Monday, November 11th



Please join us on Monday, November 11th at Veteran's Square as we honor our military heroes.

The ceremony will begin at 11 am.

Please note that there will be no Veteran's Day parade this year. For questions or more information, please contact the VFW at 524-1068.

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us



Click [here](#) to read the Sept./October Project Extra Newsletter!

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2013

Higher Standards for
Afterschool programming!

PROJECT EXTRA





Mayor Seymour to Discuss the State of the City of Laconia at Taylor Community



Michael J. Seymour
Mayor, City of Laconia

Mayor Michael J. Seymour will present a program on the State of the City of Laconia, Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave. Attendees are welcome to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Mayor Seymour has served Laconia – a City of more than 17,000 residents – for the past four years. As Mayor, his duties include serving as Chairman of the Laconia Airport Authority and Chairman of the Lakes Business Park Commission, among several others.

Currently the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Retail Services for Franklin Savings Bank, he has 28 years of experience with the financial services industry. The Mayor is also a Board member of Independence Trust Company and Executive Board Member and Treasurer for the WLNH Children's Auction. He lives in Laconia with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Samantha, a junior at the University of New Hampshire.

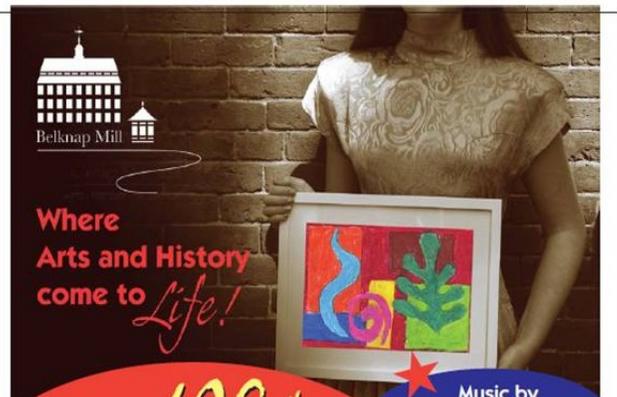
The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by calling 524-5600 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or send an email to rsvp@taylorcommunity.org.



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

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 2013

**PLEASE CALL ANN @ 528-6379, Ext. 300
TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS**



Join us for our **190th Anniversary Celebration**

Music by **Swing A Cat Band!**

Go online to reserve your tickets at www.belknapmill.org

**FRIDAY, NOV. 8
5:30 - 9pm**

Help Support the Mill by Joining our Sponsors: 603-524-8813

News From the City Clerk's Office

Click [here](#) for Clerk's website



2013 Municipal election results are in! Thanks to those of you who exercised your right to vote, and thank you also to the election officials for your hard work on election day.

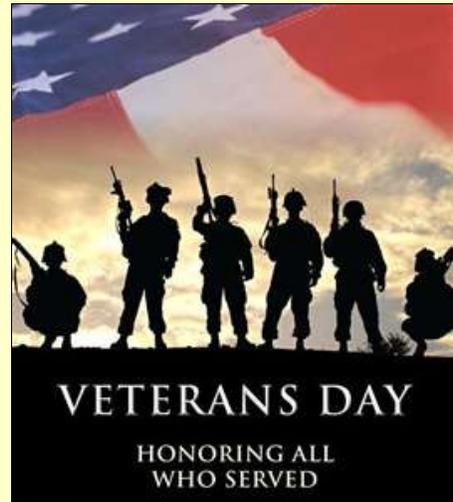
Click [here](#) for a total compilation of the votes tallied by Ward and a cumulative report of the winners.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Work has begun on the Weirs Community Park and a ground-breaking ceremony was held on October 23rd. Completed work to date includes tree clearing and grubbing, installation of footings, retaining wall construction, erosion control, rough grading and drainage features. Upcoming work will include electrical and waterline installation, sewer and water main connections, grading and foundation work.

The photo (above) shows the "overlook" at the Park that rests above the future playground and overlooks the Weirs Beach area. The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased with the progress on the Park and we will keep you updated as it continues!



*Veterans Day is Monday,
November 11th.....*

*Please join us as we
salute and thank all
veterans for their
dedicated and loyal
service to our country.*

Board of Assessors is Seeking Members!

The Board of Assessors has immediate openings for one full time Board member and two alternate Board members (called only when a full time member cannot make the scheduled meeting). Board members must be residents of Laconia. Meetings are one evening a month (during the early spring there are sometimes 2 meetings a month). Board members review property values, make decisions on taxpayer appeals, sign warrants and abatement slips.

No assessing experience is required. New members have the opportunity to meet with the State DRA representative for an informational session. Jon Duhamel, the City Assessor, will walk Board members through any questions they may have during the meetings. Applications can be obtained in the City Manager's office or by contacting Nancy Brown at 527-1270 or brownn@city.laconia.nh.us



Laconia Fire Department

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

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Beattie



Photo credit: Harrison Haas, The Citizen

Chief Ken Erickson is very pleased to announce the promotion of Captain Kirk Beattie to Assistant Fire Chief. He replaces Deborah Pendergast who recently took over as Director of NH Fire Standards and Training. Chief Beattie started his new assignment on Monday November 4, 2013. As Assistant Chief he takes on the responsibility of second-in-charge of the Fire Department overseeing daily operations, including training, professional development, safety and health oversight, and personnel relations. An added duty is City Health Officer. He will be very active with emergency planning with other City departments and on a regional basis.

Chief Beattie has been with the Department for 16 years. His previous assignment was Captain of the Weirs Station where he supervised 12 employees and managed all aspects of that station. As manager of the Weirs Station he was very involved in planning for Motorcycle Week operations. As a Captain he was incident

commander for numerous emergencies, mostly recently the Christmas Island and Skate Escape fires. He has two degrees from Lakes Region Community College; one for Fire Science and the second in Paramedicine. He is currently attending Granite State College and will earn his Bachelor's degree in Public Leadership in the spring of 2014.

Kirk was one of the first EMT-Paramedics for the Department. He is the first line officer to move up to the Chief ranks since the 1980s. This is a great morale boost for the Department to see a member of their Department excel to the command staff. In addition, this will create the need for two promotions and one new firefighter position. Kirk brings an advanced level of operational experience to the table that would take years to replicate. His knowledge of the City from the numerous buildings, hydrant system, and various other departments is well established. Two years ago he completed the Leadership Lakes Region program. He is very active in the community coaching and teaching other firefighters. Several years ago he developed the Swift Water training program for the department.

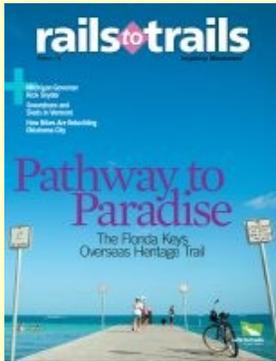
Kirk is a resident of Laconia. He understands City government, knows many of the other supervisors at other City departments, has a great working knowledge of the mutual aid system, and has an intimate knowledge of the hazards and risks we must deal with within the City. Kirk is a proven, qualified leader both in the department and in the City.



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



The Lakeport Freighthouse Museum and the WOW Trail are both featured in the Winter 2014 edition of the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy magazine.

Click [here](#) to read about two of our local gems!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Boy Scouts of America

A National Good Turn for America

Boy Scout Troop 68 will be tenting under the stars and collecting donations of non-perishable food items on Friday night, November 8th at Opechee Park (right on the beach!) Stop by from 6:00-9:30 pm with your donation!

The collection is part of a Boy Scouts of America nation-wide Good Turn project called "Scouting for Food". All donations will be taken to local food banks and distributed to our New Hampshire communities.

For more information about Scouting for Food or the Scout program, contact Tara Shore @ 524-1367.

Thanks for your support!



Annual Downtown Laconia HOLIDAY PARADE

11am
Saturday, November 30,
Santa Claus

All Businesses Are Open! Shop Local!

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

LAKES REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Connecting Business with Opportunity



The Laconia Public Library will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11th for Veterans Day.

Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Village at the Community Center is December 5, 6, 7 and 8th!



Check upcoming newsletters for more details....



What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, and is great for all ages! It's especially popular with the senior population. Come and give it a try at the Community Ctr., Union Ave., Monday 6:45-

9:45 pm; Thursdays 8:45-11:45 am. The cost is \$2/person, equipment is available to use. Questions? Please Call Parks & Rec at 524-5046.

REMINDER!! The Laconia Senior Center offers community dining Monday-Friday from 11:15 am-12pm. Also, Meals on Wheels is available to anyone age 60 or over, or to those with special needs. Please call the Laconia Senior Center, 524-7689, for more information!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

- Assessing 527-1268
Assessor - Jon Duhamel
- City Clerk..... 527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager 527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers
- Code Enforcement..... 527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Finance 524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing 528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh
- Planning & Comm. Dev. 527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Tax 527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen
- Welfare 527-1267
*Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman*
- Fire Dept. (Central Station) 524-6881
- Fire Dept. (Lakeport) 524-7777
- Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) 366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson
- Library 524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough
- Parks & Recreation..... 524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy
- Personnel 524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel
- Police (Administration) 524-5257
- Police (Crime Line) 524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams
- Public Works (Main Office) 528-6379
- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan
- Water..... 524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman

City Council Contact Info:

- Mayor Michael Seymour 524-6552
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) 393-6533
- Matthew Lahey (Ward 2) 524-4283
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) 524-6349
- Robert Hamel (Ward 5) 524-6360
- Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) 524-2514
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