



## Laconia Links

November 22, 2013 - Edition #110

Laconia Public Library

# Public Works Department

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



Before...

**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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!*



The Department of Public Works digging crew under the guidance of General Foreman Jon Neal recently replaced a deteriorated retaining wall on Baldwin Street. This was a joint venture with the homeowner participating in the costs.

The new wall is a modular concrete block gravity system with a ledgestone finish. Each interlocking block is massive at 46" long, 41" deep, 18" high, and weighing 2,400 pounds. The segments have a knob and groove design that fit together like Legos. The blocks are laid on a crushed stone leveling pad. A non-woven geotextile fabric is placed between the retained earth and free draining backfill composed of clean crushed stone compacted in place. A perforated underdrain runs along the base of the wall and outlets into a nearby catch basin.

The finished product provides a safe and attractive neighborhood sidewalk and good experience for tackling the next one!



After!

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



### What's New! Audiobooks:

*World War Z* / Max Brooks  
*The Mayan Secrets* / Clive Cussler  
*Dick Francis's Refusal* / Felix Francis  
*W is For Wasted* / Sue Grafton  
*Mistress* / James Patterson  
*How the Light Gets In* / Louise Penny  
*The Sound and the Fury* / Spencer Quinn  
*The Eye of God* / James Rollins

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



### Health Insurance Marketplace Educational Session

Join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm  
with AARP Volunteer Leigh Tilton!

There's a lot to learn about the new Health Insurance Marketplace and it can be difficult to figure out what it means for you and your family. That is why the Laconia Public Library is hosting a free one-hour educational session for residents of the Lakes Region. Come and learn about coverage that's available from the new Health Insurance Marketplace and find out whether you qualify for tax credits. This event is free and open to the public.

For additional information on the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.HealthLawAnswers.org](http://www.HealthLawAnswers.org) and [www.HealthLawFacts.org](http://www.HealthLawFacts.org).

# 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.

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.

*Reminder: City Hall is  
closed Thursday, 11/28  
and Friday, 11/29  
for Thanksgiving.  
We apologize for any  
inconvenience.*

Meeting  
in  
Progress

### City Council (Regular Meeting

November 25, 2013, 7 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

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

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

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## LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way

### Laconia High School



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[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](#)

### WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29
		<p><i>No School— Thanksgiving Break</i></p>		

### FREEDOM FOUND HONORED

LHS Freedom Found was recognized on November 15th at the **STAND UP 2013 New Hampshire** event as a group of students who have made a difference in their school with their work in addressing the issue of bullying.

Their efforts to provide an understanding of bullying and the harm it inflicts upon individuals and society, to recognize bullying and take personal responsibilities for combating bullying, to provide techniques for combating bullying in your school and community, and to identify factors in the school environment which promote intergroup understanding, anti-bullying and student successes were a few of the reasons why they were honored. ***Congratulations to this great group of Laconia High School students! We are so very proud!***

### SUCCESSFUL EMPTY BOWLS EVENING!

We raised \$650 to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The event was a success with over 70 people from the community attending. Tavern 27 generously donated delicious chili and corn chowder.



### PLUMBING AND HEATING STUDENTS SUPPORT COMMUNITY

As the first snow of the winter fell in Laconia, students from the Huot Technical Center's Plumbing and Heating Program gave back to the city by working in partnership with the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department. Students helped winterize the parks by turning off the water supplies to all the public parks, beaches and ball fields in the area.



The Huot Plumbing and Heating program is a 2 year program for students from Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Inter-Lakes, Laconia and Winnisquam. During the 2 year program students will learn a variety of skills and have an opportunity to work on many different hands-on learning projects with an opportunity to earn their OSHA-10 card which is very important in the construction industry.

### LACONIA CITY GOVERNMENT VISITS PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL



City Councilors Bob Hamel and Henry Lipman, along with newly elected Mayor Ed Engler, met with our third grade classrooms at Pleasant Street School. Ms. Ward's and Ms. Leighton's classes have been studying local government and our city representatives shared their insight and knowledge with the PSS students.

### LACONIA PRESCHOOLERS PERFORM

Mrs. Black's Preschool Classroom students have been listening & learning about stories and nursery rhymes. Last week they acted out "The 3 Little Pigs." They had so much fun!



Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

# LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

## Santa's Calling

Tuesday, December 3rd

6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Free for those who have the spirit!

Every year Santa comes to Laconia Parks & Recreation to call the kids of Laconia.

Please call our office to pre-register your children by December 2nd.

This is always a big hit with the kids.

If necessary we will be adding a second night.



## Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00pm ~ Free

Starting at the Community Center, we will leave to sing door to door at the Taylor Community.

This will bring a smile to some, cocoa will be provided but bring your own travel mug. Please call Laconia Parks & Recreation to sign up by December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 5, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday & Friday 6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 ~ 5:00pm

FREE with donations accepted & appreciated.

Come see Santa, Mrs. Claus and all their friends from the North Pole.

Pictures available for \$3.00



# LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

## Hurray for the Holidays

Date: December 11th

6:00 ~ 8:00pm

\$2.00 per person

Let's have some holiday fun at the  
Community Center. Bring the family  
and make ornaments, etc.

Must register & pay by December 7th



## Mother/Child Cookie Decorating

Date: December 13th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Moms and kids make a date and come  
decorate some sugar cookies.

Must register & pay by December 7th

## Snowman Contest

December 1st through March 1st  
Make a snowman with your family and  
take a picture of it. Send the picture in  
to us by March 1 and possibly win a  
prize!



Annual  
Downtown Laconia

# HOLIDAY PARADE

All  
Businesses  
Are Open!

11am  
Saturday,  
November 30,

Shop  
Local!

**Santa Claus**

**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

# DESSERT AUCTION

To Benefit

## HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE

Offering free weekly meals every  
Tuesday to those seeking food  
and/or friendship and support



**Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm – 5pm**

**Beane Conference Center**

Blueberry Lane, Laconia

**Refreshments will be served**

**Auctioneer  
PK Zyla**

**Admission:  
Canned Goods  
or Non-Perishables  
for food pantry**

Hands Across the Table - PO Box 6553 Laconia, NH - 03247-6553



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



**Thanksgiving  
Thursday, Nov. 28th**  
There will be a **ONE DAY DELAY** in  
curbside collection of trash  
on Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Thursday's  
route will be collected on Friday and  
Friday's route will be collected on  
Saturday.

**Any questions, please call Ann  
@ 528-6379, ext. 300**

## City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

*We hope you find this report  
helpful and informative!*

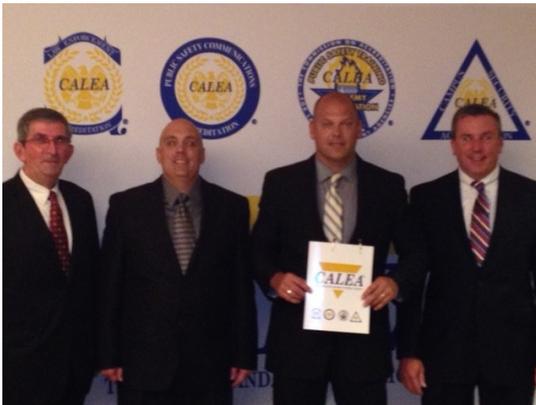


Contact the City Mgr's office at  
527-1270, or  
[info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)



The Laconia Police Department recently received CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Reaccreditation during a ceremony in Winston-Salem, NC. This award represents the culmination of self-evaluation, concluded by a review from independent assessors and CALEA's Commissioners. The department received CALEA Accreditation in 2010 under the leadership of Retired Chief Michael Moyer.

Pictured from left to right: Accreditation Manager, Mike French; Lieutenant Alfred Lessard; Chief Christopher Adams, and Captain William Clary.

## NOT ONE LESS

Date: December 2, 2013 (Monday)

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Laconia Public Library



Realistic,  
compassionate  
story of rural  
China

- . A determined 13 year old 'teacher'
- . Serio-comic, touching adventure

The Laconia International Film Series is open free to everyone. Informal discussion follows the film. Light snacks are provided. Feel free to bring a cushion for comfort in viewing the movie.



For more information, please contact:  
Carol Pierce at [newdynam@aol.com](mailto:newdynam@aol.com) or Len Campbell at [lcampbell@nh-cc.org](mailto:lcampbell@nh-cc.org)

## International Film Series –*Not One Less* – Monday, December 2, 2013

The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library presents *Not One Less*, Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. This is another presentation of the International Film Series shown monthly at the Laconia Public Library.

Set in the People's Republic of China during the 1990s, Wei, a thirteen year-old girl, is called upon to substitute for a village teacher for one month. At 13 with only a primary school education, she is, to say the least, inexperienced to handle a large class of elementary school boys and girls. Two students, in particular, cause her grief. Her persistence and resourcefulness create an amazing adventure.

The film casts only amateur actors whose real-life names and occupations resembled those of characters they play in the film.

The director, Zhang Yimou's, filmed the movie on location in Hebei province involving hidden cameras and natural lighting. He worked closely with government censors during production of the film. Though pressed not to show China as too backward or too poor, it gives a realistic view of rural China today. The film won the Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion Award and several others.

## 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, 527-1270 or [brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us)



## GREENS & GIFTS BOUTIQUE

THE BELKNAP MILL, *Downtown Laconia*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 1 PM - 7 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 9 AM - 3 PM

**FRESH GREENS & MORE for YOUR HOLIDAY HOME!**

DECORATIVE WREATHS . CREATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

HANDCRAFTED GIFTS & ACCESSORIES

SWAGS . BOXWOOD TREES . PATIO POTS

CACTUS . CYCLAMEN . BULBS

**Holiday Bake Shoppe & Raffle!**

[www.opecheegardenclub.com](http://www.opecheegardenclub.com), 524-8813



The Congregational Church of Laconia will host a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th beginning with appetizers at 11:30 am and dinner at noon.

This year marks the 45th annual Hazel Duke Thanksgiving Dinner—named after a Laconia elementary teacher with a vision for a free community meal for anyone wishing to share fellowship and thanks with others. More than 30 volunteers will participate in preparing for the event, aided by contributions from local businesses and organizations. All are welcome to attend! Please call 524-0668 to reserve a place at the table or for more information. The Congregational Church is located at 69 Pleasant Street, Laconia.



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

PRESENTS

## ROOMFUL OF BLUES



"Roomful's music can turn a dull evening at home into a heel-clicking night of fun."  
~ People Magazine

Roomful of Blues, "is in a class by themselves"  
~ DownBeat Magazine.

"The hottest blues band I've ever heard."  
~ Count Basic

**Friday, November 29, 2013**

**at 7:00 pm**

**Laconia High School Auditorium**

**Admission is Free.**

**First Come, First Seated**

# Dancing With the Stars!



## Do you want to Dance to Make a Difference? Now taking applications for 2014 Dancing with the Stars!

Laura Brusseau and Ashley May (White) Halsey are back at it again!!! The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Dancing with the Lakes Region Stars is slated for Saturday night March 8, 2014!

In three events Brusseau and Halsey have raised over \$20,000 to Lakes Region Non Profits! The dynamic duo are in the early stages of planning for this annual sell out event!

Each year four men and four women are selected to be the "stars" and they will dance for their favorite charity! The winner will receive 50% of the show's proceeds donated to his/her charity. The other seven cast members will split the remaining proceeds! Everyone is a winner!!!

If you think you would like to be part of the Dancing with the Lakes Region Stars 2014 cast please email us at [lakesregiondwts@hotmail.com](mailto:lakesregiondwts@hotmail.com) by Monday December 9, 2013. In your email please tell us the following: Name, town you live in, profession/place of employment, what are your "star" qualities and what non-profit you would like to dance for and why.

The cast will be selected by the end of December!



Photo (left) shows the 2012 Lakes Region Dancing with the Stars Winners: Meagan Francis and Kathleen Hill.

The non-profit "Keeping You, Me and Memories Alive" in Plymouth, New Hampshire was given \$3,400 with seven other charities receiving \$485.

Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser and we look forward to seeing you all on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Interlakes Community Auditorium!!!



**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**

Lakes Region

# BETTER TOGETHER

Taking our community from ordinary to EXTRAORDINARY

**You are invited**  
to join us in our journey to  
**EXTRAORDINARY.**

3rd Annual Celebration Dinner  
December 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm  
LRCS, 719 No. Main Street, Laconia

- Share dinner.
- Hear from *Stand Up for Laconia, a Better Together Action Team*, about the positive efforts to address substance use in our community.
- Celebrate our efforts to rekindle our spirit of neighborhood and community.

Dinner is free—  
Donations gratefully accepted.

RSVP to Shannon at 581-1571 or  
shannonr@lracs.org by November 29.

## LACONIA ICE ARENA



## SATURDAY NIGHT MELTDOWN

### HEATIN' UP THE ICE ON SATURDAYS!

**EVERY SATURDAY 6:00 - 7:30PM**  
**\$10 admission**

*½ 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](http://www.laconiaicearena.com)



## *Plymouth State University Brings Holiday Cheer to Taylor Community*

The next concert of the 2013 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features a piano trio from Plymouth State University. The event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

The trio is comprised of Carleen Graff, pianist; Bozena O'Brien, violinist and Gary Hodges, cellist.

Besides classical music selections, the group will bring a great start to the holiday season with some classic Christmas tunes.

Additionally, Trillium, a Women's Professional Vocal Trio from Concord Community Music School, will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at Taylor's Woodside Building.

Both programs are free and open to the public. No reservations are required.



*This holiday season please consider donating a tax deductible contribution to the Meals on Wheels Program in tribute to someone special! Contact the Community Action Program at 603-225-3295.*



**Don't forget ! Service Link Resource Center—1-866-634-9412 or 528-6945....it's the first number to call for senior services.**

*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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers, City Manager  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

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City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager ..... 527-1270  
City Manager - Scott Myers
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Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Finance ..... 524-3877  
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing ..... 528-6331  
Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh
- Planning & Comm. Dev. .... 527-1264  
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