



Laconia Links

December 23, 2016 - Edition #267

*Panoramic view of Lake Winnisquam
from the WOW Trail on Court St.*

Photo courtesy of W. Stephen Loughlin



Laconia Police Department

*Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)*



Chief Adams is pleased to introduce two of Laconia Police Department's newest officers, Kira Goodheart and Matthew Wolak. Both officers graduated from the 171st Police Academy in Concord.

Please join Chief Adams in congratulating both of them! (Pictured from left to right: Chief Adams, Officer Goodheart, Officer Wolak, Captain Canfield, and Commissioner Tarr).

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!*



New 2017 City Hall Holiday Calendar!

For your convenience, our 2017 City Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#). And please mark your calendars with the dates of City Council meetings in 2017! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings. The meetings are also televised and available for viewing for Laconia Metrocast subscribers on Channel 26.

Please click [here](#) for our
2017 City Council
Meeting Calendar.

2017

Laconia Public Library **Upcoming Events.....**



Holiday Hours:

- December 24, 2016 closing at 12:00pm
- December 26, 2016 closed
- January 2, 2017 closed



Movies & More for Kids Vacation Special!



Friday, December 30

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3:45 Laconia Rotary Hall



**Wed., December 28
@ 6:00 pm**

Game Night for Grown-ups Every Wednesday in the Selig Storytime Room. Double the fun and bring a friend!

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.



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

**Meeting
in
Progress**

***Please see below for
meetings scheduled
for the week of
December 26-30, 2016:***

City Hall Closed
December 26, 2016

City Council
December 27, 2016, 7 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan Committee
December 28, 2016, 2 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Manager's Office

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

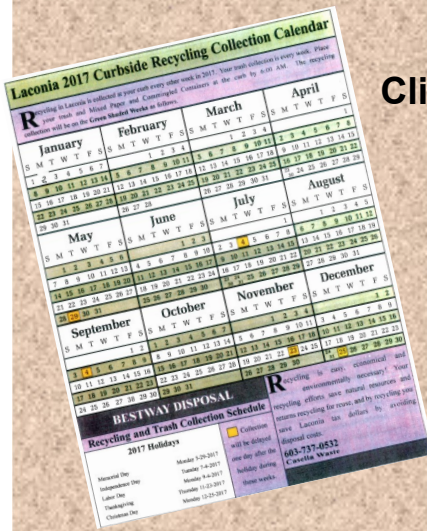
Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community.

In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



Click on the image above to read all about what's happening in Laconia schools!



Click the image (left) for the 2017 Curbside Recycling Calendar!



Members of a flock of Canada Geese enjoying the sunshine recently on the icy river in back of City Hall.

Please note: City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 26th and January 2nd.



Laconia Pride

Laconia School District

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016

Congratulations to Laconia High School's National Honor Society Inductees:



Ben Beliveau	Drew Muzzey
Chloe Bertucchi	Amber Patten
Nemanja Boskovic	Noah Shastany
Nina Caruso	John Turpin
Delia Cormier	
Dakota Cross	
Victoria Dean	
Alexyah Dethvongsa	
Daniel Engelson	
Rebecca Howe	
Sophia Joyal	
Isabella Lovering	
Devon Mello	
Bailey Moore	

These students demonstrate academic excellence,
leadership, service, character,
and Laconia PRIDE!

2016/2017 School Board Members

Ward at-large

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Ward #3

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Chris Guilmett
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Ward #5

Stacie Sirois (Chairperson)
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Ward #6

Heather Lounsbury
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Mrs. Black's 2nd Grade Class at Woodland Heights School had their annual bake sale to benefit the Humane Society on Tuesday, December 20th. Students were responsible, polite and showed incredible math skills and appropriate social skills while interacting with their customers! They raised \$170 to donate to the NH Humane Society and also had enough beautifully wrapped baked goods left over to donate to the Carey House.

The Hampstead Players performed "A Christmas Carol" at Elm Street School on Tuesday, December 20th. It was a great experience for all!



Holiday Vacation is

December 26, 2016 - January 2, 2017.

Best Wishes for a Wonderful

Holiday Season

and a New Year

Filled with Peace & Happiness

Read the most recent newsletter
from Project EXTRA [here](#).

Click [here](#) for our online calendar



PUBLIC WORKS

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE LACONIA TRANSFER STATION CLOSED

Saturday December 24th
& Saturday December 31st

The Laconia Transfer Station will be **closed** on Saturday December 24th and Saturday December 31st.

The Transfer Station will be open for business on Monday December 26th and Monday January 2nd from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm for your disposal needs.

We apologize for any inconvenience!
If you have questions, please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.



We are excited to announce that work is underway to create a new City of Laconia website! When it is complete, the goal is to have a more up-to-date and user friendly site for residents and visitors. We will update you on our progress as we go along.

We would love to have community involvement in developing the site. If you have favorite photos that capture what is special about Laconia and wish to share them with us, you may just see them on the website! Please submit your photos as soon as possible (but no later than January 5th) to brownn@city.laconia.nh.us.

(Images should be at least 2200 pixels (or 1 MB), JPEG, TIFF, PSD or PNG, with a resolution of 72 dpi or higher and a color mode of RGB or CMYK.)

Thank you for your help!

News

From the City Clerk's Office

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's office at 527-1265.



With the New Year upon us it's time to get your 2017 Transfer Station Decal! Stop by the City Clerk or Tax Collector's Office with your valid registration and a decal will be issued for a \$20 fee.

Don't forget that Dump Coupons are preferred for payment and can be purchased for \$5 each.

If you have any questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 or the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.



Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins December 26th!

Recycling Made Easy



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

***Pet of the Week:
PIG PEN***



Handsome, loyal, debonair, a canine widower, Pig Pen arrived in October at New Hampshire Humane Society because his owner died. We provide care and comfort to over 1,000 animals each year, lately many because their owners have passed away or can no longer provide for their pets due to age and infirmity.

Pig Pen is the polar opposite of his Charlie Brown name, dapper, clean, neat as a pin, with a clear pristine will to find a new forever home. His birthday is January 1st; shall Pig Pen not ring in the New Year still waiting in a kennel at the shelter for a new set of humans to fall in love with him. Experienced dog owners in a cat free home would be preferred, with adults who can give him a chance to thrive and provide him a warm, safe environment to flourish and blossom into the devoted dog he was before and can be again.

Merry Christmas Pig Pen, you ARE a good dog!

5 Surprising Things Your Shelter needs Today...

When most people decide to donate to their local animal shelter, they immediately think of cat and dog food, cat litter, and cute toys for the animals to play with. And while all of that is appreciated and welcomed, there are a number of items you may not think of that the shelter desperately needs. Check out these 5 items you may not normally think of to donate to the NH Humane Society today:

- 1) STAMPS - it's not as much fun to buy as a furry mouse cat toy, but we at the NH Humane Society take our donor appreciation very seriously, and that means a lot of thank you letters and donor acknowledgements going out the door, to the tune of \$.42 apiece. A roll of stamps costs us \$49.00 - and is easy to grab the next time you are at the Post Office.
- 2) Toilet paper - yes, people work here too, and we all need toilet paper. The NH Humane Society has 20 full and part-time staff, and 110 volunteers who come in seven days a week to care for our hundreds of animals.
- 3) Gift Cards - to Lowe's, Walmart, Agway... The shelter needs lots of supplies that don't get donated, and having gift cards to some of our local partner stores where we buy much-needed supplies always come in handy.
- 4) Laundry Detergent - in addition to our seemingly endless need for gently used blankets and linens for our furry friends to cuddle up on, we are always in need of laundry detergent. We have an industrial washer and drier and a cadre of volunteers who come in to do the daily loads of laundry.
- 5) Money - cold hard cash goes a long way in helping defray our daily, monthly and annual operating costs. Medical care, salaries and utilities cost a LOT here at the shelter! Consider making a donation online to help us continue our mission of helping those most vulnerable members of society, or even giving a donation as a gift - you can sponsor a cage or kennel in a friend or family member's name, or become a monthly supporter through our Guardian program: [Donate Now](#).

News From the City Clerk's Office



BOAT AND JET SKI REGISTRATIONS

Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient!

Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way. No waiting for your registration to get mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office.

We are open Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

****Please make checks payable to City of Laconia****

****In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

*Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.*

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/28/16!

Tax bills will be mailed on Monday, November 28, 2016. They are due on December 28, 2016.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30.

For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions.

Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.



**PUBLIC
WORKS**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Since both Christmas Day 2016 and New Year's Day 2017 fall on a **Sunday**, there will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash during these two weeks. Trash will be picked up on the **normal schedule** during the weeks of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379, Ext. 300.

Mark your calendars!



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!



BELKNAP HOUSE

2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL

"OPEN OUR DOORS"

\$25,000 GOAL



- where families stay together



Belknap House will create safe shelter for homeless families in Belknap County, NH during cold weather months. With your support, the shelter will open in January 2017.

Your monthly-giving donations or your check will help open our doors in late January. Funds are needed for daily operations, building costs, family-strength programming, staffing - all that it takes to provide shelter and a hand up to homeless children and parents. To donate, please go to:

www.belknaphouse.org

Check our appeal progress Saturdays @ [facebook.com/belknaphouse/](https://www.facebook.com/belknaphouse/)

December 10, 2016: \$ 7200.00

December 17, 2016: \$ 7871.00

December 24, 2016: \$ _____

December 31, 2016: \$ _____

January 7, 2017: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Join us for an exciting new support group!

Better Breathers Club

FREE MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE WITH

- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Asthma
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
- Lung cancer
- Any other chronic lung disease

The club brings people together to learn how to manage their condition and improve their quality of life.

Join us to hear from guest speakers and an opportunity to talk to others with similar conditions.

TWO LOCATIONS:

LAKES REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL

1st Thursday of the month

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

(Begins on Feb. 2)

FRANKLIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

3rd Monday of the month

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

(Begins on Feb. 13)

For more information or to register please call 527-7120



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2017 - IN WITH A RING AT THE BELKNAP MILL

The Belknap Mill invites you to ring in 2017 at its gala celebration on Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by the Belknap Mill Society, the night will feature dinner, dancing, caricatures by "Frates Creates", photo booth, souvenirs, fireworks and ringing in 2017 with the famous Belknap Mill bell. The evening will conclude with a champagne toast at midnight.

Dinner by "Christine the Caterer" will include an antipasto & cheese station, Caesar salad station with grilled shrimp, chicken and beef, pasta station, dessert station and coffee. A cash bar will be provided by Contigiani's Catering and DJ Jonathan of Crown Entertainment will provide music to dance the night away. Dinner will be available from 8-10 p.m. and the party continues with dessert and coffee. Fireworks proudly sponsored by Weld Fab, will begin at 11:15p.m. Welcome in 2017 with a champagne toast at midnight and a few lucky people will have the opportunity to carry on the Mill's New Year's Eve tradition by ringing the bell.

Tickets are \$75pp/\$140 pair for BMS members and \$80pp/\$150 pair for non-members. If you have plans earlier in the evening please join us for dessert, dancing, fireworks & a champagne toast after 9:30 p.m. for only \$25 pp/\$40 per couple.



The Belknap Mill is the oldest unaltered brick textile mill in the country and its Society is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and a center for award winning cultural and educational programs. Your donations and membership support the mission and enhance programming for the Lakes Region Community.

For more information call Jennifer McLean, Event & Program Coordinator at the Belknap Mill at 524-8813.



Disposal of Christmas Trees **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

In an effort to more efficiently and effectively utilize DPW personnel and equipment time, **Christmas Trees are longer picked up curbside by Laconia DPW** in the weeks immediately following the holidays. Laconia residents can transport and drop off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. ***Laconia Transfer Station, 385 Meredith Center Road.*** Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to Noon. Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area only. Please pull on the scales first!
2. ***Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St (on Memorial Park Drive).*** Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area ONLY.

Please call Ann, Department of Public Works with any questions, 528-6379, Ext.300.



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

*News from the NH
Humane Society!*

Christmas with Fur-Ever Friends



The NH Humane Society hosted its first Christmas tree decorating event on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Despite snowy weather and some slick roads, Christmas with Fur-Ever Friends was a success! At least a dozen children came to participate in holiday crafts, including wildlife friendly popcorn and cranberry strings and pinecones covered in peanut butter and bird seed for the outdoor tree, which was graciously donated by Miracle Farms in Moultonborough.



Merry makers arrived at the shelter in time for a tree blessing and decorating and a cheerful bonfire, as well as to partake in food and drinks. Visitors were also welcome to tour the shelter facility, and meet the many cats and dogs waiting for their forever homes this holiday season. Two cats were adopted during the event, and many dogs

spent time with potential new families in our visiting rooms.

"The NH Humane Society is part of the Lakes Region community and we like to open our doors to welcome visitors, especially during this time of holiday cheer. This community gives us so much – donated items, financial support, and volunteer hours – and we like to give back," says Marylee Gorham, Executive Director of the Humane Society. "This event was a huge undertaking but came off seamlessly, even with a little winter storm in the mix, thanks in large part to our volunteers and fund-



Pleasant Street Elementary School First Graders' Community Service Project Benefits the NH Humane Society

The NH Humane Society is pleased to be the recipient of a community service project conducted by the first graders at Pleasant Street Elementary School. Mrs. Best's and Mrs. Friend's classes learned about wants and needs in their social studies classes, and focused their attention on the animals living at the New Hampshire Humane Society this holiday season.

Using the NHHS "Wish List," the students decided to hold a collection drive to collect canned cat and dog food, toys, and paper towels, as well as monetary donations to address all of the other needs of the shelter; this resulted in the collection of 121 items and \$160 raised. The students decided to donate \$100 of the monies collected directly to the shelter and use the remaining \$60, and their math skills, to purchase cat litter for the shelter.

Prevent T2 Diabetes Program

YOU CAN PREVENT OR DELAY TYPE 2 DIABETES. JOIN US!

LAKES REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL

Learn more at the FREE Info session:

January 26, 9-10am

**Program starts on:
Thursday, Feb. 2, 9-10am**

FRANKLIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Learn more at the FREE Info session:

January 25, 3-4pm

**Program starts on:
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3-4pm**

Program Cost: \$25.00 (gift card awarded to those who finish program)



Have you ever been told by a health care professional that you:

- Have pre-diabetes?
- Have borderline diabetes?
- Have high blood sugar or glucose?
- Had gestational diabetes?
- Are at risk for getting diabetes?

You may be at high risk for type 2 diabetes, but there is something you can do about it!

This program helps you learn how to change your lifestyle to prevent type 2 diabetes. Groups meet for 16 weekly sessions and then monthly follow-up sessions for one year with a trained lifestyle coach.

**YOU CAN MAKE A
CHANGE
FOR LIFE**



**Call today!
527-7120**

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ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.

*Holiday
Wishes*

*Happy Holidays
from the
Laconia
Senior Center!*

Whatever your holiday traditions,
old or new, relax, enjoy, spend time
not money, and have a wonderful,
safe and happy holiday season!

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

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*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:

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City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Asst. Planning & Zoning Dir. - Brandee Loughlin	
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. (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 Baumohl	
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 - Wes Anderson	
Water.....	524-0901
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