



Laconia Links

June 8, 2012 - Edition #35



89th Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week
Begins This Weekend!

Work Out Laconia!

"Developing the potential for success with every student,
every day, in every way" -Laconia SAU

On June 6th at Opechee Park's Smith Track an estimated 500 Laconia public school students and an additional 100 citizens enjoyed a variety of activities, including yoga, Zumba, kick-boxing, hula-hooping, walking and running. The event was sponsored by several local groups to promote the health of our community, children and schools.



Lt. Al Lessard and Chief Chris Adams

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!*



NOTICE

**City of Laconia
Hilliard Road Brush Dump
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MOTORCYCLE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15th and
SATURDAY, JUNE 16th**





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia
Police Dept
Here](#)

Laconia Police Department Promotions



Chief Adams joins newly promoted officers.
Pictured from left to right; Chief Christopher Adams, Captain Matthew Canfield, Lieutenant Richard Simmons, Detective Sergeant Scott Roy, and Sergeant Alan Graton.

During the Laconia Police Commission Meeting held on May 31st, Chief Christopher Adams announced the promotions of four employees. Family, friends, co-workers and City officials joined Chief Adams in congratulating the officers who were sworn in by former City Clerk, Ann Kaligian.

Matthew Canfield, a 16 year veteran of the department, was promoted to the rank of Captain and will be taking over as the Operations Division Commander.

Richard Simmons, a 16 year veteran of the department, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and will be taking over as the Assistant Operations Division Commander.

Scott Roy, a 13 year veteran of the department, was promoted to Detective Sergeant.

Alan Graton, a 15 year veteran of the department, was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.

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.

Meeting
in
Progress

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

City Council Budget Meeting

June 11, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council Regular Meeting

June 11, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee

June 12, 2012, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Heritage Commission

June 13, 2012, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Board of Assessors

June 14, 2012, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Swimming Lessons!

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



It's Time to Have Some Fun in the Water!

Swimming lessons will be starting shortly! Lessons are held at Bond Beach and Opechee Point. Be sure to register soon!

July 2 through July 27, 2012

Resident Fee: \$25.00 per child or \$45.00 per family

Non-Resident Fee: \$30.00 per child or \$50.00 per family

Monday thru Friday for 4 weeks

Preschool Level is Monday, Wednesday and Friday only

Levels 5 & 6	9:00am
Level 4	9:30am
Level 3	10:00am
Level 2	10:30am
Level 1	11:00am
Preschool	11:30am

Registration is ongoing in the office during regular office hours. This program is a first come first served basis. Send registration form and payment to the office to be accepted in the program.

Tennis Lessons!

Mondays & Wednesdays

Beginner Level, Ages 5 - 7

July 9 - Aug. 1, 2012 9:00 -10:00 am

Fees: \$60.00 per person

Minimum of 16 participants

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



Tennis lessons, instructed by
certified tennis pro's
from Gilford Hills /Sports Club
held at the Memorial Park tennis courts!

Laconia Motorcycle Week

Following Weirs Bike Week 2011, the Motorcycle Technical Review Committee (MTRC) proposed a number of revisions to Chapter 195 and Appendix A. The revisions were based on experiences the MTRC has had at previous Bike Weeks and the fact that the State has adopted new regulations for temporary food establishments. Many of the changes in Appendix A simply mirror the State requirements.

There were two public meetings, the first on July 20, 2011 and the second on October 5, 2011. At these meetings the public was welcome to comment on any issues they saw during Bike Week that needed to be addressed. The draft that came out of those meetings was presented to the City Council on Dec.27, 2011, at which time the Council decided more public comment was needed. It is important to note that only the strike-outs and bold language is what will be changing; the rest of the document is what currently exists.

Click below for a draft of the proposed changes. We welcome any comments you may have! Please e-mail us at Planning@city.laconia.nh.us

[Revised Chapter 195](#)
[Revised Appendix A](#)



Updates from the Planning Office...



How often do you think about energy costs? Every time you flick a switch? Whenever you have to fill up your fuel tank or pay a utility bill? Every day? Do you know that for the last four years City staff has been working on and implementing municipal energy efficiency and cost saving activities? **But we now need your help to learn how we can best save energy in Laconia.** The City, with assistance from Lakes Region Planning Commission, is creating an Energy Chapter to include in the City's Master Plan. The Energy Chapter will address existing conditions, energy policies, recommendations and action steps regarding energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy, at both the municipal, business and residential levels. The City wants to hear your suggestions and include them in the Master Plan.

City residents and businesses, are invited to the *Energy Forum on Tuesday June 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM* at the City Council Chambers. Participants will be asked to work together to help identify Laconia's Energy Future.

RSVP's are encouraged and should be directed to Seth Creighton at the Planning Department by email at creightons@city.laconia.nh.us or by phone at 603-527-1264.

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

Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing
Department....

The Assessing Office received about 160 +/- applications for abatement this year. This is the process taxpayers can use to dispute their final 2011 value.

After the two Board of Assessors meetings in June, all abatements will be answered; owners will receive a letter with their decision and instructions on the next step of the appeal process.



Now is the time to file for NH
State Low and Moderate
Income Homeowners
Property Tax Relief!

Form DP-8 must be filed no later than June 30!

You are eligible to file for this tax relief if:

- You own a homestead subject to the state education property tax;

- You have resided in such homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made;
- You have a total adjusted gross household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person, or \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household.

Be sure to attach a copy of your final 2011 property tax bill and your 2011 federal tax return for each claimant and all adult members of the claimant's household for the corresponding period.

DP-8 forms can be obtained online by clicking [here](#) or by calling 603-230-5000. Completed forms are sent to: NH Dept of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, PO Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299.

For questions or more information,
please call the Assessing Office
at 527-1268.



City of Laconia
Department of Public Works
603-528-7379/603-527-1298



NOTICE OF RATE CHANGES LACONIA TRANSFER STATION

On May 14, 2012, the Laconia City Council voted to approve the following rate increases at the Laconia Transfer Station effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 respectively:

- (1) Loads containing up to 100 pounds: \$5 per load
- (2) Loads containing more than 100 pounds: \$60 per ton effective July 1, 2012 and \$90 per ton effective July 1, 2013, calculated in 20 pound increments.

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 Center 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.

Please call Ann Saltmarsh if you have any questions at 528-6379.

*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



**Thursdays
June 7th to September 27th, 2012
3pm 'til 7pm**

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

**Vegetables ~ Bread ~ Local Meat ~ Eggs
Raw Milk ~ Flowers ~ Wine ~ Wool ~ Candles
Embroidery ~ Crafts ~ Soaps ~ Jewelry
Coffee ~ Treats ~ Seafood ~ Plants ~ Herbs
Live Entertainment**

Sponsored by:



New Hampshire's local bank

Come & enjoy the fun!



Melcher & Prescott

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website! First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report showing financial info. for the current year vs. prior years for several City dept's.

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



Filing period for the following offices:

Board of Education

Ward 1

Ward 6

At - Large

Will be held from

June 6, 2012 – June 15, 2012

At the City Clerk's Office

8:30am-4:30pm

For the September 11, 2012

Primary Election



Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk