



## Laconia Links

March 24, 2017- Edition #280



It's maple season in New Hampshire!  
See [pg. 8](#) for info on Prescott Farm's tours.

## Recycling Update

2 Week Total - February 27, 2017 - March 10, 2017					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,033.23		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$154,984.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$41,967.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		24.16			
Monday	21.80	4.80	22.0%	6.54	\$261.00
Tuesday	38.35	10.18	26.5%	11.50	\$198.00
Wednesday	42.12	7.99	19.0%	12.64	\$697.50
Thursday	34.12	6.53	19.1%	10.24	\$556.50
Friday	33.42	6.24	18.7%	10.03	\$568.50
	Total = 169.81	Total = 35.74	Curbside Ave = 21.0%	Total = 50.94	Total = \$2,281.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/16 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 21.5%	Recycling Saves \$\$	

**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@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

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



## Laconia Putnam Fund



Please join us  
April 7th @ 7PM and  
welcome Jon  
Stetson, America's  
Master Mentalist.

Laconia High School  
Auditorium

**FREE ADMISSION**

**First Come, First Seated**

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

### **TWEEN CRAFT POMPOM BUNNIES**



**Friday, March 31 @ 4:15pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall**

Learn to make pompoms and  
turn them into bunnies for  
fun, for Easter decorations,  
or to celebrate spring!  
*Ages 8-12. Sign up required.*

## **Preschool Storytime**

**WEDNESDAYS @ 10 AM FOR BIRTH-5**  
**THURSDAYS @ 9:30 AM FOR BIRTH-3**  
**THURSDAYS @ 10:30 AM FOR AGES 3-5**

**SELIG STORYTIME ROOM**  
**WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER**  
**STORIES, SONGS, AND CRAFTS**



## **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**

***Please see below for  
meetings scheduled  
for the week of  
March 27 - March 31, 2017:***

### **City Council**

March 27, 2017, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

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

***Reminder!***  
**Recycling Made Easy**

**The next recycling  
collection week begins  
April 3, 2017!**

# Laconia Pride

## Laconia School District

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017



Laconia High School Senior Graduation is scheduled for June 9th.

The last day of school for students will be June 16th (half day).

### Preschool and Kindergarten Registration will be open April 3 -May 5, 2017!

Preschool registration can be picked up at the SAU and Kindergarten registration can be picked up at the elementary schools.

Pleasant Street School: 524-2168

Elm Street School: 524-4113

Woodland Heights School: 524-8733

Follow the links below for more information:

[Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten](#)



Huot Career and Technical Center's Building Trades class took first place in the Tiny House Competition!

### The 2017 Skills USA Medal Winners:

- Steve Towers, Plumbing **Gold**
- Bryson Lachapelle, Building **Gold**
- Andrew Fielders, Plumbing **Bronze**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL



TEAM  
SPELLING  
BEE



APRIL 6TH @6:30 - LHS AUDITORIUM

CREATE A TEAM OF:

1 FRESHMAN, 1 SOPHOMORE  
1 JUNIOR, 1 SENIOR

#SPELLEBRITY #BEETHEBEST

ADMISSION COST IS A JAR  
OF PEANUT BUTTER AND  
JELLY FOR **GOT LUNCH!**



LOCAL NEWS, TALK & SPORTS  
**WEMJ**  
107.3 FM



WAYFARER



LHS Social Studies teacher, Rick Crockford, read Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato by Tomie dePaola to HTC Preschoolers on St. Patrick's Day!

[Laconia School Board Members](#)

[Laconia School District Website](#)





## Congregational Church of Laconia

### March 28<sup>th</sup> “Thirsty Tuesday” Conversation at 405 Pub & Grill

Concerned about life in this fast-paced, complex, sometimes frightening, world? Curious about religious faith and its role in your life and other's lives? Looking to equip yourself for living well amidst life's uncertainties?

Congregational Church of Laconia's Interim Pastor, Ed Koonz, and Associate Pastor, Paula Gile invite you to join them for conversation regarding these questions and any relevant topics of choice in an informal, cozy, and safe setting.

If you're interested, come to the **405 Pub & Grill** at 405 Union Avenue on **Tuesday night, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00pm**. There you may sit with others around a table, order beverages and food, and engage in civil conversation about any questions or thoughts that come to mind.

Facilitators, Paula and Ed, are ordained United Church of Christ ministers who are open and affirming of all persons. In their ministry, they seek to follow Jesus' calling to bring peace and healing to individuals and relationships - as well as groups and communities inside and outside the church.



Looking for gently used children's clothing  
toys and furniture at an affordable price?

### LRGH Nursery Guild's Annual Spring Children's Boutique Saturday, April 8

9am - 2:30pm at the Laconia Community Center

Donations/Consignments of gently used  
Spring & Summer children's clothing (NB-size 16)  
toys, books and children's furniture.

**We are unable to accept  
car seats, cribs and stuffed animals.**

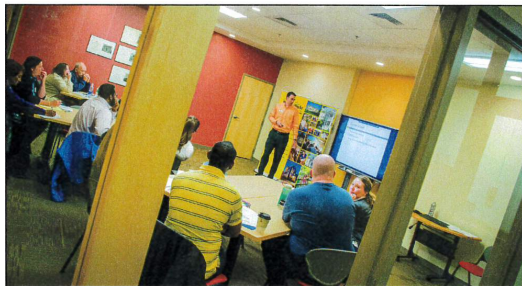
Donations/Consignments accepted at the  
Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue

Wednesday, April 5 • 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday, April 6 • 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's  
services and organizations in the Lakes Region communities.  
LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

For more information contact us at:  
524-3211 x3018  
or [nurseryguild@lrgh.org](mailto:nurseryguild@lrgh.org)



## Home Buyer Seminar

**PREPARE:** The home buying process can be tricky, let a certified counselor lead the way.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Understand credit, create a budget, and get prequalified.

**BUILD YOUR TEAM:** Industry professionals will give you inside scoop into their field of expertise.



Accessible alternatives and interpreters available upon request.

Join us for a live Seminar!

**Peterborough:**

Saturday

April 1, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Laconia:**

Saturday

April 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Nashua**

Saturday

May 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Register Now!**

\$69 Class Fee\*

[www.HOMETeamNH.org](http://www.HOMETeamNH.org)

866-701-9097



## Looking for Money for College or Vocational School in the Fall?

Scholarship Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available NOW for students planning to attend /or continuing post-secondary school (college, vocational school, trade school, and/or some limited graduate school funding) in the fall.

**Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Those interested should check out the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation website at [lrscholarship.org](http://lrscholarship.org) to see if you qualify. When you go to the website, click on the icon or section that reads "For Applicants." If you would like more information you may call them at 527-3533 or email them at

[scholarship@metrocast.net](mailto:scholarship@metrocast.net).

**WHY NOT CHECK US OUT!**



## Tardif Parkhouse Fundraiser



Clean out those drawers and closets of all your unwanted and **UNUSED** art and craft supplies....Stamping, scrapbooking, knitting, quilting, paper crafting, cake decorating, jewelry making, kids craft kits, coloring supplies, painting, ceramics, etc.

**Table Rentals \$10 each.**

If interested please get in touch with Shannon 455-5095  
Limited space so don't wait!!

**Craft/Art SUPPLY Sale**  
**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 9-2**  
**51 Crescent St., Laconia**

## Public Works Department

**PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM**

*Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.





## *Laconia's Historic Churches, March 29th*

Laconia is the home of many architecturally beautiful buildings, including our churches. Brenda Kean, Taylor Community's Director of Resident Life, will present a program on the Historic Churches of Laconia, on Wednesday, March 29 at 2 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building.

The event is free and open to the public.

Kean's lecture focuses on a research project she prepared while director of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society. These churches hold a great and interesting history – some moved around town and others were ravaged by fire. With photographs old and new, Kean presents the history of these beautiful houses of worship.



Registration for Laconia Youth Football and Cheer Association's (LYFCA) 2017 season, will take place at the Laconia Community Center on the first Monday of each month from 6–7pm. You can also register online at [www.nhyfsc.org](http://www.nhyfsc.org)

Mon 4/3/17 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Mon 5/1/17 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Mon 6/5/17 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Mon 7/3/17 6:00pm to 7:00pm

For more information please contact:  
Rod Roy at 520-4075 or at [kroytoy@aol.com](mailto:kroytoy@aol.com)



## **City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump**



The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **Saturday April 1, 2017** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Materials accepted are as follows:

- Clean Wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- Branches of trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/ 3' in length)

NOTE: Leaves are **NOT** accepted.

**REMINDER - Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required**

Questions? Call Ann at DPW, 528-6379, ext. 300



The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 is now complete and available on the City's website.

This report includes statistical information of interest to citizens of Laconia, and shows various trends over a ten-year period including collection rates of taxes, assessed property values, outstanding debt, etc.

### **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

OF THE

**CITY OF LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**





## CELEBRATE LACONIA ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS, INTRODUCES BOARD, AND UNVEILS BRANDING BY LOCAL FIRM

Celebrate Laconia, a group of local citizen volunteers, unveiled plans last week to mark Laconia's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2018, unveiled its branding and introduced the group's Board of Directors. The organization will carry out plans for a parade, a festival, fireworks and other events to take place over more than a year.

The news came March 16 at the Taylor Community, where Celebrate Laconia President Pamela Clark – who helped organize Laconia's 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations -- introduced Board members planning the celebration to honor the traditions, heritage and culture that have made Laconia special.

The anniversary celebrations will begin August 19, 2017 with a recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Laconia Passenger Station's construction.

Clark, President of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, introduced Board members Vice President Samantha Jewett, an Attorney with Haughey, Philpot & Laurent, PA; Treasurer/Finance Director Alexandra MacDonald, Senior Bank Service Representative at Bank of New Hampshire; Secretary Beth San Soucie, Program Manager at Stay Work Play New Hampshire; Parades Director Chester Cilley, who has worked on many City events, including Fourth of July festivities; Publicity Director Jared Guilmett, Architectural Staff Designer at Misiaszek Turpin PLLC; Entertainment Director Becky Guyer, owner of BG Costumes; and Historical Director Brenda Kean, Director of Resident Life at the Taylor Community.

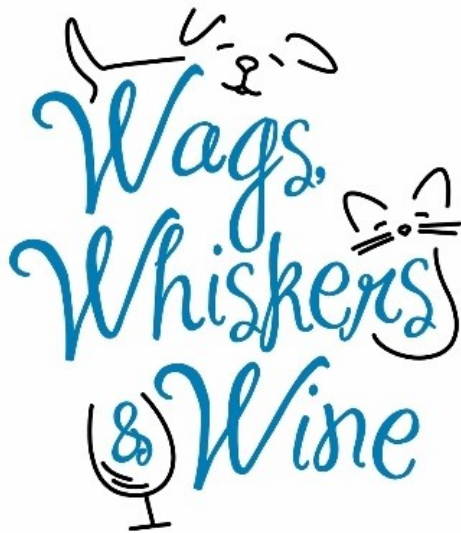


Pictured (above) is the Celebrate Laconia Board of Directors. From left, Jared Guilmett, Becky Guyer, Pam Clark, Beth San Soucie, Samantha Jewett, Alexandra MacDonald, and Chester Cilley. (Not pictured, Brenda Kean.)

Board members also discussed the group's branding and logo, designed by JMG Marketing of Laconia, which depicts in blue on a white background local landmarks, such as the Laconia Public Library, the Belknap Mill, and the Congregational Church of Laconia. The line of iconic structures, flanked by the Weirs Beach sign above the words "Celebrate Laconia," aims to evoke and promote vitality and a sense of civic pride. The group plans to partner with public officials and members of civic and nonprofit organizations to continue this work beyond 2018.

In addition to a parade, a festival, and fireworks, the group is planning many other activities, including publishing a book on Laconia's history and a booklet promoting Citywide celebratory events and hosting a birthday celebration March 24, 2018 – the date of Laconia's incorporation in 1893. There will also be a July celebration that will occur the weekend after Independence Day, on July 7-8, and other activities to be announced.





[Click here for more information and tickets!](#)

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**  
**Margate Resort, Laconia**

*Join us for a night of food, wine & fun to  
 benefit the NH Humane Society*



**NH Humane Society**

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



**Maple Sugar Madness (last tours of the sugaring season)**  
**Saturday, March 25; 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00 or 2:00**  
**\$10 (\$8 Members)/person with pre-registration; \$12/person at the door**

Join us to experience an old-fashioned New England tradition—making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will have hands-on participation in every step of the syrup making process. Our environmental educators will help you to build tree ID skills and learn the parts of a tree and their functions, use measuring tools to find an appropriate tree to tap, use historical and modern tree tapping tools, learn the history of maple sugaring including Native American legends, and discover the math and chemical/physical science in the boiling process.

**PRE-REGISTER & SAVE [HERE!](#)**



**The Big Night for Amphibians**

**Sunday, March 26; 1:00-3:00**

**\$10 (\$8 Members)/person with pre-registration; \$12 at the door**

Every spring, on the first warm rainy night of the year, a mysterious ritual takes place: many species of amphibians (including spotted salamanders and wood frogs) emerge from the forest and migrate *en masse* to vernal pools to lay their eggs. Join us to learn more about this intriguing phenomenon and how you can help salamanders and frogs reach their destination when the Big Night arrives! All ages welcome.

**PRE-REGISTER & SAVE [HERE!](#)**







## UNH Cooperative Extension Internship Opportunity Belknap County 4-H & Agriculture Program Summer 2017

This 10-week summer internship opportunity will provide an undergraduate student the chance to work on two projects in Belknap County relating to education in healthy living and local food promotion. This position is 25 hours per week, split between the two projects:

### **Belknap County 4-H Project in Healthy Living Education:**

Working under the guidance of the Belknap County 4-H Program Coordinator, the successful candidate will recruit volunteers, foster collaborative relationships, organize & execute Special Interest (SPIN) youth programs on any number of healthy living program areas. One example might be 'Healthy Harvest - shopping and cooking from the Farmer's Market'. Potential collaborators might include local farmer's markets, Belknap County Master Gardeners, local health food stores, and/or Lakes Region General Hospital.

### **Belknap County Agriculture, Local Food Guide:**

The Food & Agriculture project will involve work on the 2018 edition of the Lakes Region Local Food Guide. Duties and responsibilities of the Intern will include, 1) travel to local farmers markets, farm stands, pick-your-own farms to take photographs which will be used in the 2018 Lakes Region Local Food Guide; 2) work with staff to develop a series of short, educational articles through interviews and research, that help inform the consumer about how to purchase and support local, healthy food. These articles will be published in the food guide.

### **Who should apply?**

Undergraduate students enrolled in a related degree program, with an interest in education, communications, and/or photography. Special consideration will be given to students of UNH and USNH colleges/universities.

### **Requirements:**

- ☐ Must have a valid driver's license, and reliable transportation. Some travel will be required for which the candidate will receive a travel reimbursement.
- ☐ Ability to work with youth and adults
- ☐ Good oral and written communication skills
- ☐ Present the internship experience to the Belknap County Extension Advisory Council at an evening meeting in Fall 2017 as well as other public relations venues during the course of the internship.

This position will be based in the Belknap County Extension Office in Laconia, and will pay a rate of \$10 per hour. The internship begins approx. June 5, and will end August 13, 2017.

To Apply: Send your resume and cover letter expressing your interest in this internship to Amy Jennings, Belknap County 4-H Program Coordinator, amy.jennings@unh.edu or mail to 64 Court St. Laconia, NH 03246, 603-527-5475.

*The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and New Hampshire counties cooperating.*

## Public Works Department

Found near the recycling bins on Messer Street in Laconia! One *pink giraffe*.....



Waiting to be reunited with its owner!

For more information please call Ann Saltmarsh at Laconia Public Works, 528-6379, Extension 300.

## Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department

The Assessing Department will be starting their "cyclical update" – performing data collection at properties in the northeastern portion of the City. This will include areas within Parade Road and Meredith Center Road, along with South-down and Long Bay. We anticipate starting our visits the first week of April. Representatives from KRT Appraisals will be working with us in this endeavour to get our reviews up to date. Our representatives will be carrying a photo ID.



Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions.

**Walking  
Wednesday**

Looking for a great way to get out of the house, get some exercise, and meet new people? Join us each Wednesday for Walking Wednesdays! It's FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Come walk in your town, maybe downtown, maybe on the WOW trail (when it is clear) past a variety of landmarks and parts of our City, while introducing you to other fitness minded folks who like to walk. Led by Josh Brooks of Granite State Physical Therapy.

Plan to meet at The Downtown Gym by 5:30PM - NO sign up necessary, but feel free to sign up [here](#) if you want.

**FREE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

HOSTED BY THE DOWNTOWN GYM & WELLNESS CENTER, GRANITE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OFFICE OF SCHOOL WELLNESS







Don't forget !  
ServiceLink  
Resource Center  
(1-866-634-9412 or  
528-6945)....it's the first  
number to call for  
senior services.



Don't forget that AARP provides free tax services at the Laconia Senior Center! Help is available on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th. You don't have to be 60 to take advantage of the free help! Call to schedule your appointment at 524-7689.

*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@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

*Have a great weekend!*

Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport .....	524-5003
<i>Airport Manager: Marv Everson</i>	
Assessing .....	527-1268
<i>Assessor - Deb Derrick</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 &amp; Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Conservation .....	527-1264
<i>Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn</i>	
Finance .....	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing .....	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
<i>Planning &amp; Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Tax .....	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ....	524-6881
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 &amp; 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 - Wes Anderson</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	

### **City Council Contact Info:**

Mayor Edward Engler .....	630-4484
Ava Doyle (Ward 1) .....	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2) .....	524-4330
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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[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)