



Laconia Links

November 27, 2015 - Edition #213



Laconia Fire Department



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!



Mark your calendar...Christmas Village is coming soon!

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

(Left): Laconia firefighters are seen attacking a two-alarm fire on Beaman Street on November 16th.

The quick response saved the home and garage and prevented the fire from spreading to neighboring homes.

Photo by Dave Gammon of Rowell St.



Tree of Love

An annual symbol of community Christmas and holiday spirit, angels lovingly adorn the tree to honor and remember our living and lost family and friends.



Angels are \$3 each, and may be purchased in the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop.

Holiday Shopping

The LRGH Gift Shop is open every Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in December. Proceeds benefit the community.

Alex & Ani • Holiday Décor • Scarves • Jewelry

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Purl Jam Knitting & Crocheting



Do you love to knit or crochet? Would you like to meet up with others who share that enthusiasm in a laid-back, friendly environment? Bring in your current projects and share ideas and advice with other needle crafters!

All skill levels are welcome to this new and popular program!

Join us every Thursday from 2:00-3:30 in the upper level of the Library.

New DVD's Available at the Library!



*American Gangster
Bears
Cake
Dawn of the Planet
of the Apes
Elephant Walk
Field of Lost Shoes
Mask
Wish you Well
Big Eyes
Mermaids*



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

Planning Board

December 1, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Special Events Review Committee/Licensing

December 2, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

December 2, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

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

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](#)

LHS KEY CLUB



Laconia Key Club members from left: Emily Perry, Joey Lennon, Kylie Bean, Katie Theberge, Gabby Carabona, Morgan Romprey and Key Club President, Dominic Cannoli set up for a night outside on the front lawn of Laconia High School during Homeless Awareness Week on Friday, November 20th. Read full article [here](#).

NOVEMBER NOVELIST DAY

Over 125 families participated in Pleasant Street School's November Novelist Day. Families joined our teachers in writing letters, reading books, creating poetry and more. Each family was given a journal, colored pencils and a PSS pencil to support their learning at home.



STAND UP LACONIA

"Sticker Shock" will be returning to Laconia stores this December. The Stand Up Laconia coalition will partner with Laconia Middle and High School students to go to various area merchants and place stickers on alcoholic beverages with a warning of the laws and penalties of selling/distributing alcohol to minors. Read more about Sticker Shock [here](#).

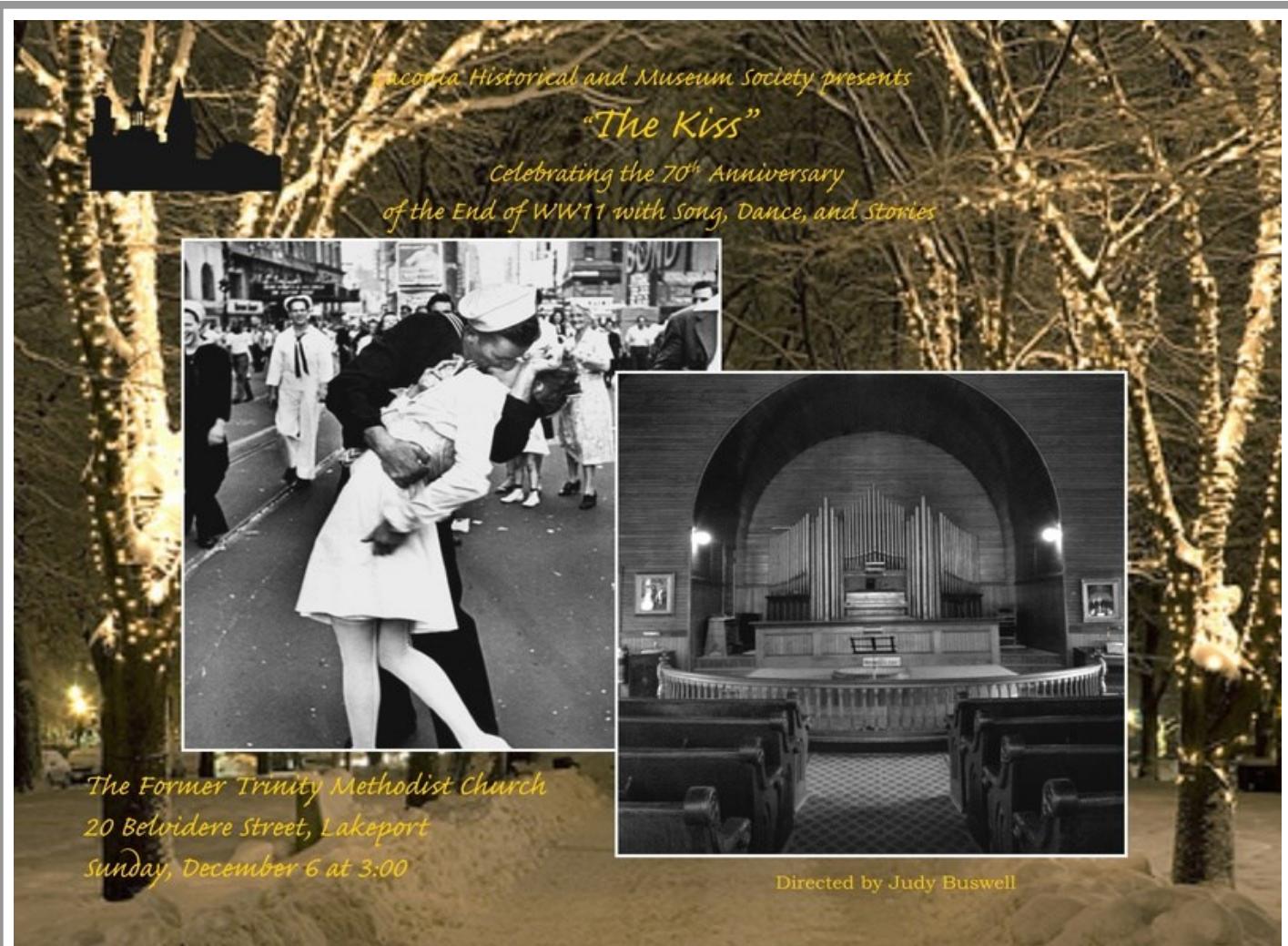


HTC AUCTION

Building Construction at HTC
HTC's student crafted, fall shed is up for auction! The shed is on display at the semi-circle in front of LHS. All silent auction bids are to be submitted to the Huot Office by December 3, 2015. We hope to reveal our shed winner by December 4th. Good Luck!



[HTC Silent Auction Bid Sheet](#)



Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please drive safely this winter!

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 PARKS & RECREATION

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

Santa's Calling

Tuesday, December 8th

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 7th. This is always a big hit with the kids. If necessary we will be adding a second night.



Joy to the World!

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 9th

5:30pm ~ Free

Starting at the Community Center, we will leave to sing door to door at the Taylor Community. This will bring a smile to everyone! Cocoa will be provided but bring your own travel mug. Please call Laconia Parks & Recreation to sign up by December 1st.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 3, 4, 5 & 6

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.



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

Hurray for the Holidays

Date: December 15th

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 8th.



Family Cookie Decorating

Date: December 17th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Families mark your calendar and come decorate some sugar cookies!

Must register & pay by December 10th



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!





Laconia Fire Department

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



Laconia Fire Department issues warning about turkey fryers

Over the past decade there has been a new trend for cooking turkeys - the turkey fryer. The traditional method of cooking a turkey could take hours; a turkey fryer can complete the job in less than an hour. Unfortunately, every year deep fat fryers are responsible for many fires and injuries. As the fryers become more common the fires and deaths will continue to increase. Because of the risks attributed to turkey fryers, Underwriters Laboratories will not certify any fryer with their trusted UL mark and many safety organizations warn against their use. The majority of reported incidents occurred while the oil was being heated, prior to adding the turkey. For this reason, it is very important that consumers monitor the temperature of the oil closely.

If any smoke at all is noticed coming from a heating pot of oil, the burner should be turned off immediately because the oil is overheated. A flash fire can occur very quickly at this point.

Should you choose to fry turkeys follow these safety guidelines:

Turkey fryers are not meant to be used indoors.

Keep the fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.

Do not let children get anywhere near the fryer.

Place the fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.

Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.

Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.

COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.

Check the oil temperature frequently.

If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.

If a fire occurs, immediately call 911.

DO NOT extinguish fire with water.

Follow these guidelines as you prepare to use a turkey fryer:

- Make sure there is at least 2 feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add. If those are not available:
 - Place turkey in pot
 - Fill with water until the turkey is covered by about 1/2 inch of water
 - Remove and dry turkey
 - Mark water level. Dump water, dry the pot, and fill with oil to the marked level.

Remember: you are heating combustible oil to a very high temperature. There could easily be several gallons of oil in the fryer. If this ignites it will create a very serious fire and produce huge amounts of thick black smoke. I dealt with one of these fires about 15 years ago. It wasn't a Thanksgiving turkey, however the resulting fire destroyed the home's kitchen and left major damage to the rest of the home.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Coffee with a Cop

You are invited to join Chief Adams at
Dunkin Donuts, Union Avenue, Laconia, NH
on December 8th at 10:00 am
to kick off Laconia's next Coffee with a Cop event!

It is a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 175 cities and towns in 36 states, "Coffee with a Cop" has done wonders for community trust, police legitimacy and partnership building. Community members come to a local "Coffee with a Cop" for a variety of reasons, but no matter why they come to their community's event, they

are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

One of the keys to "Coffee with a Cop's" success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members. Instead, it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is the foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

Please plan to join us!

Annual
Downtown Laconia

HOLIDAY PARADE

4 pm
SUNDAY,
November 29, 2015

Santa Claus

Bands
Floats
&
more

Tree
Lighting at
SUNSET



LAKES REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DOWNTOWN
Laconia

Shop Local!

[Parade Registration Form](#)

[Parade Participant Guidelines](#)

There is no cost to participate in the Annual Holiday Parade, but pre-registration is required.

Parade Registration Forms are available by clicking the link above, at All My Life Jewelers at 639 Main Street in Laconia, at www.LakesRegionChamber.org or at the Lakes Region Chamber.



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The members of the Department really enjoyed themselves during the event and had a meal along with the kids, their parents and families.

Thanksgiving is a time when everyone shows gratitude and appreciation to others, and our police officers want to give something back to the school. Seeing the police in an unexpected role makes others smile which makes them smile as well! Whether it's keeping the kids safe by patrolling the schools or just by serving them lunch, they will help in any capacity they can.

Following a tradition decades old, Laconia police officers teamed up with the cafeteria staff from Laconia schools to serve Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of elementary students, their parents and families at Woodland Heights school on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 11:00-1:30 pm.



Strong Fathers, Strong Kids



A monthly support group for fathers with children of any age

Come to discuss the challenges and rewards of fatherhood, make social connections with other dads, and engage in opportunities for shared problem-solving. Topics will largely be determined by the needs and interests of those participating in the group, but may include:

- Positive Discipline
- Communication
- Co-Parenting
- Balancing Work & Family
- Child Development
- Dealing with Emotions
- And other issues relevant to Fatherhood

Beginning October 27, 2015

The Family Resource Center
719 North Main St.
Laconia, NH
For more information
contact Tricia T
528-0391
tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

Strong Fathers, Strong Kids will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Join us for dinner beginning at 5:30pm, with group discussion beginning at 6:00pm. Limited on-site childcare may be available but must be reserved in advance by calling Tricia T. at 528-0391 or by emailing tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org.

 **LRCS**
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe
Foundation



7TH ANNUAL BELKNAP MILL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR

SAT, DEC. 12
9 AM TO 3 PM

- Complete your Holiday Shopping
- Quality Gifts and Craft Items
- Bake Sale & Craft Raffle

Socks, shoe laces and belts
created on vintage
knitting machines
are available year round
in our Gift Shop,
along with books, cards,
products and handcrafted items
from local vendors,
authors and artists.



25 Beacon Street East, Laconia NH • 603-524-8813 • www.belknapmill.org

Proceeds support the Belknap Mill –
WHERE ARTS AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE

The dogs have Black Friday,

but it's all about the cats on



**AT THE LACONIA
COMMUNITY CENTER**



**Wednesdays
at 10 am
\$.50 per card
Come & have
some fun
with us!!**



*Happy Thanksgiving to you
and your family!
Don't forget that City Hall
will be closed on
Thursday, Nov. 26th and Fri-
day, Nov. 27th.*



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!



**International Film
Series sponsored by:
Laconia Human
Relations Comm. &
Laconia Public Library**

**THE PERFECT GAME
Monday, December 7
Time: 6:45 P.M.
Laconia Public Library**



■ A Mexican Little League team
with an impossible dream in 1952 in the U.S.!
♦ Free and open to the public ♦ Informal discussion to follow the film
♦ Light snack will be provided ♦ Feel free to bring a cushion for a chair

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell
lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com

The Perfect Game recalls the feat of a Monterrey Little League Team in 1952. A seemingly impossible dream of playing baseball for the United States becomes a reality for a group of youngsters from an impoverished Mexican city in this poignant drama based on actual events.

César Faz moves to Monterrey, Mexico after he is let go by the St. Louis Cardinals from his job as a clubhouse attendant. There he meets local children enjoying baseball being led by Padre Esteban. He takes pitcher Angel Macías under his wing and brags about his own pitching skills and how he used to coach the Cardinals. Ángel convinces César to help recruit and coach Monterrey's first-ever Little League team. With César's skills and Padre Esteban's support, the boys hone themselves into a competitive team worthy of international competition.

When the team arrives in the United States, they are met with racism, a language barrier, and visa troubles. Though the underdogs, the team scores a series of victories that endear them to the media and new fans. They befriend a sports reporter, Frankie, and the groundskeeper, Cool Papa Bell, who then assist the boys in reaching the final game.

Make sure that you check the International Film shelf at the Laconia Library for films shown over the past several years in this series. You can always order films from this International Film Series through your own library if you do not live in Laconia!

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED 11/27/15!

Tax bills will be mailed on Friday, November 27, 2015. They are due on December 28, 2015.

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.

Follow this [link](#) to our Tax Department for more info...



On behalf of the entire community and the City Council, Mayor Ed Engler of Laconia recently presented a Proclamation to Susan Legendre declaring that the City Council of Laconia designates the month of November 2015 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Laconia, New Hampshire. Susan is a resident of Laconia and volunteers with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. She has visited almost every hospital in the state to raise awareness of the need for progress in developing treatments and early detection tools for pancreatic cancer.

To date, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020. It is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just seven percent. Approximately 200 deaths will occur in New Hampshire in 2015 from pancreatic cancer. To learn more about the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the New Hampshire Affiliate, visit www.pancan.org.



Mountain Lake Chorale to Perform on December 1st



The Mountain Lake Chorale (MLC) bring their talents to Taylor Community's Woodside Building for an evening of music on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested by calling 524-5600.

The MLC was started in April of 2009 and now has 14 members under the direction of Leslie McDonnell. The members of the group collectively travel about 575 miles to rehearse together each week. Members hail from nine states originally and live in 10 different towns in the Lakes Region. Five members have Bachelors of Music or Music Education Degrees and two have Masters of Music Degrees. Ten members play a total of 14 instruments.

The singers in this Chorale have performed in 14 different states and in 29 foreign countries.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2015

COMING
SOON!!

The dates and times for the 2015 Village are...

Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Friday, December 4th from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 - 5:00pm

Sunday, December 6th from 2:00 - 5:00pm

This event is FREE for all to enjoy.

Donations are accepted and appreciated.

**The Laconia Community Center Programs
are all postponed to allow the village to take
place from Friday, November 13 through**

December 21st.



Assessing Verification of Data

Our field personnel are now in the northern Gilford Avenue area, working their way down the side streets (Sanborn/Carver/Morrill, etc.) verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). We are also working in the Elm St./Mallard Cove area.

Postcards are being mailed in advance of our visit. Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated! Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.



Do you know a property owner in Laconia that has significantly improved the appearance of their property? The "Front Porch Award" was created to recognize citizens who show pride in their community by improving the appearance of their property and, on a larger scale, the entire City. Anyone can make a nomination for the award to recognize improvements to a property such as general appearance, landscaping, clean-up, painting, window replacements, etc. Recipients will be recognized at a City Council meeting and presented with an award. Winners will also be highlighted in a display in the front lobby of City Hall and in the City's weekly newsletter, *Laconia Links*. Just click [here](#) to access the Nomination Form.

Questions? Call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email brownn@city.laconia.nh.us



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

The course is designed for adults who regularly interact with adolescents (teachers, school staff, coaches, youth group leaders, parents, bus drivers, etc.). In January 2013, President Obama recommended Youth Mental Health Training for all. The core Mental Health First Aid course has been successfully offered to more than 100,000 people across the USA, including hospital staff, employers and business leaders, faith communities, law enforcement, and the general public.

WHO: Community Members
WHAT: Youth Mental Health First Aid
WHEN: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
WHERE: Laconia School District Administrative Office Board Room
39 Harvard Street
COST: Free (Cost supported by the Project AWARE Grant) - Training limited to 25 participants - Snacks and Lunch provided

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

The course teaches participants the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, psychosis, eating disorders, AD/HD, disruptive behavior disorders, and substance use disorder. Participants do not learn to diagnose, nor how to provide any therapy or counseling – rather, participants learn to support a youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis by applying a core five-step action plan:

- ~Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- ~Listen nonjudgmentally
- ~Give reassurance and information
- ~Encourage appropriate professional help
- ~Encourage self-help and other support strategies

The Youth Mental Health First Aid USA curriculum is primarily focused on information participants can use to help adolescents and transition-age youth, ages 12-18.

To enroll please email Janet Brough at jbrough@laconiaschools.org no later than December 21st.





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



The Laconia Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving. We apologize for any inconvenience!

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

*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

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 - Hilary Young	
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. (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	

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