



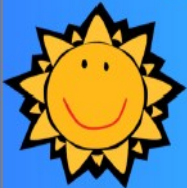
Laconia Links

July 7, 2017- Edition #295



*Sunset on Lake Winnisquam
(photo compliments of Marie & Karl Strandfeldt)*

Resident Beach Stickers Now Available!



Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are now available in the City Clerk and Tax Collector Offices!

Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time)

Beaches now open until Sept. 4th! Must present vehicle registration at time of purchase! Call Parks & Rec with questions at 524-5046



Assessing Cyclical Update

The Assessing Dept. is conducting a "Cyclical Update" at properties in the northeastern section of the City. A representative for the City will be in Southdown and Long Bay thru early August.



Our representatives will be carrying a photo ID.

Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268. Thank you!

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

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



Laconia Motorcycle Week

The public is invited to attend this year's Laconia Motorcycle Week "Wrap-Up" meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 11:00 am in Room 200A, City Hall.

This is an opportunity to bring up questions, voice concerns and offer suggestions for next year's event. Please call our Zoning office at 527-1264 for more information.

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



'Tween Beaded Dragonfly Craft
Wednesday, July 12
4:15-5:45 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

Create magical dragonflies using bead and wire jewelry-making techniques. 'Tweens ages 9-13. Sign up required, limited space!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Wednesday, July 12 @ 1pm
Laconia Community Center

Kick-off summer with Steve Corning and Jason Tardy; amazingly talented guys! They juggle, bend like pretzels, and balance things while joking around. You will be thrilled!

Generously sponsored by The Laconia Rotary Club.



Movies & More for Kids - "Around the World in 80 Days" **Friday, July 14 @ 3 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall**

To win a bet, an eccentric British inventor, his Chinese valet and an aspiring French artist go on a trip full of adventures and dangers around the world in exactly 80 days. Rated PG, 2 hours, snacks are provided! *All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult or caretaker age 14 or older, and all adults must be with a child.*



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.

Water Commission

July 13, 2017, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conference Rm.

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

**Meeting
in
Progress**

***Please see below for meetings
scheduled for the week of
July 10 - July 14, 2017:***

Government Operations and Ordinances Committee

July 10, 2017, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

City Council

July 10, 2017, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

July 13, 2017, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. I and II

July 12, 2017, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A



Laconia Fire Department

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

Laconia Water Department

The City of Laconia Fire Department and Laconia Water Works are very proud to announce our recent Insurance Service Organization (ISO) evaluation has resulted in a significant improvement in our classification.

The ISO evaluates fire protection of communities throughout the country and then determines a Public Protection Classification for each community. The grade ranges from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best. In 2016 there were only 241 Class 1 communities in the country. There are 1,324 Class 2 communities. The majority of the country is graded as a Class 5 or Class 9.

In 2015 the City received a 3/3Y insurance grade. We have now received the 2017 grade and are pleased to report we are a Class 2/2Y insurance grade. This means that properties within 5 road miles of a fire station, and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply, are eligible for lower fire insurance rates. These properties are referred to as Class 2 properties. In addition, properties that are still within the 5 road miles of a fire station but beyond 1,000 feet of a water source are a Class 2Y; these properties are also eligible for a lower fire insurance rate.

In 2017 the Fire Department improved from 32.70 to 37.05, out of a possible 50 points. The improvement was due to additional and consistent staffing and improvements in automatic aid. This is a result of the City Council authorizing additional firefighters and supporting the staffing plan proposed by the Fire Chief, and as a result of automatic response to building fires from Gilford and Belmont. In addition, our divergence rating went from -5.18 to -3.92. This improvement is due to the ability of the Fire Department to better utilize the water supply and is the result of training and hard work from our Laconia Firefighters.

In 2017 the Water Supply improved from 36.52 to 37.47 out of a possible 40 points. This is most notably due to increased water mains, storage capacity and testing of fire hydrants and is the result of the good work of Laconia Water Works.

The new IOS classification of Class 2 is also a great boost for economic growth. Businesses of all types look for any way to reduce their operating costs. A good fire insurance grade is a great incentive to relocate to Laconia. It can result in lower insurance cost as compared to many other communities, and it reflects the City's concern for public safety and their willingness to support improvements. Fire protection is the only municipal service where improved capability can result in savings to taxpayers through reduced property insurance premiums. A community's fire protection is determined by examining three elements: ability to receive and transmit alarms, the capabilities of the Fire Department and the community's water supply system.

Not all insurance companies use the ISO rates. Single family homes may see no change, as the insurance rates are already fairly low. However, larger buildings such as commercial and multi-family buildings should see an improvement. Contact your insurance provider. Most of Laconia is within 5 road miles of a fire station, with the exception of the far northeast corner of the City (the Upper Meredith Center Road area.) You can use Google Maps to determine how far you are from a fire station: use both fire stations - 13 Lucerne Ave (Weirs Station) and 848 North Main St, (Laconia Central Station). You can also send an e-mail to lfchief@laconianh.gov with your address and we will be happy to let you know if you are within 1,000 feet of a water source.



Laconia Recycles!

**Remember to put out your recycling the
week of July 10th!**

Raising Readers

Storytime for infants, toddlers & preschool-aged children



*Mondays 9:00-9:30am,
beginning July 10, 2017*

*For more information call 528-0391 or
email tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org*



719 North Main St.
Laconia, NH

Real Stories

North of Concord

Story Slam

Thursday, July 13, 2017 @ 7pm

Pitman's Freight Room



Share YOUR story - share a real-life, personal story, 5-6 minutes in length, based on the theme - "It Seemed Like A Good Idea."

More information on "Real Stories North of Concord" Facebook Page



94 New Salem St, Laconia
Seating is limited
Call Pitman's at 527-0043 for tickets

Proceeds to benefit
the NH Humane Society



Ben & Jerry's Makes Saving Animals Part of its Mission

The Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop in Meredith, a long-time cornerstone of the Mill Falls Marketplace, is expanding its mission to include the animals at the NH Humane Society.

Effective immediately, the Meredith Scoop Shop will donate 50% of the proceeds of every Doggie Delight ice cream bowl sold to the Shelter!

The NH Humane Society will be on hand at the Meredith Scoop Shop on July 15th from 1-4 pm to share information on its programs and services.

*Please plan to join us and
bring your furry friends!*



Happy Sounds

Join us for
music, movement, and laughter!

Wednesdays 9:00-9:45am

**At the Family Resource Center
719 North Main St. Laconia, NH
For more info, call Trish T. at 528-0391
or email: tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org**



NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON



After many months of hard work, we are pleased to announce the launch of our new website on Monday, July 10th! We hope you will find it more user-friendly and easier to find the information that you are looking for. It will allow users to set up an account to customize the website, provide comments and concerns, and subscribe to receive postings and notifications that are of interest to you. For breaking news and emergency notifications there is an Alert section that will appear at the top of the screen. All in all, we feel it will provide a better experience for our citizens and visitors to our community. The new website address is: www.laconianh.gov (however, if you have our previous address saved as a favorite you will automatically be redirected to the new site). Please take some time to explore the website after its launch on Monday - we look forward to your feedback! You can use our new "Comments and Concerns" section or contact the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 (or via [e-mail](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).) Thanks in advance for your help!



City of Laconia's Front Porch Award!

An important goal of the City Council is to encourage aesthetics, plantings and routine maintenance of residential or commercial property and to provide opportunities for private property owners to become engaged in the process of improving the City's appearance. To that end, the "Front Porch Award" was created to recognize citizens who show pride in their community by positively impacting and improving the appearance of their property and, on a larger scale, the entire City.

These positive improvements can be (but are not limited to) the following: General Property Appearance, Landscape Appearance, General Clean-up of a Property, Improvements to Property Appearance i.e. Painting, Window Replacement, etc. Nominations for the "Front Porch Award" may be made by anyone to recognize a property in the City of Laconia based on improvement efforts noted above. Recipients will receive a letter of congratulations from the Mayor and City Council and a photo of their home to recognize their efforts in helping to improve the overall appearance of our City. Recipients will also be highlighted in a display in the front lobby of City Hall and in the City's weekly newsletter, Laconia Links.

Please fill out the [Nomination Form](#) and submit it to the City Manager's Office 45 Beacon St. East Laconia, NH 03246 or email NBrown@laconianh.gov . Questions? Call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.



Laconia Farmers' Market

Live Free and Eat Local

Join us Every Saturday
June 24—September 30

8 am to 12 noon

Beacon Street East
Laconia City Hall Parking Lot
Laconia, NH



Join us at the
Laconia Main
Street Outdoor
Marketplace!



Thursdays
June 15 to October 5, 2017
3pm 'til 6pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

Vegetables ~ Bread ~ Local Meat ~ Eggs
Cheese ~ Flowers ~ Maple Products ~ Herbs
Embroidery ~ Soaps ~ Jewelry ~ Tie Dye
Coffee ~ Fruits ~ Plants ~ Knife Sharpening
Fermented Vegetables ~ Dog Cookies
Crafts ~ Treats ~ Prepared Foods

DOWNTOWN
Laconia

"TRADITION!"

20TH ANNUAL JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JULY 9 FROM 11 am to 2 pm

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

210 Court Street, Laconia

Foods:

Blinzes, Potato Latkes*, Knishes, Stuffed Cabbage*, Kugel*, Chopped Liver, Matzo Ball Soup*, Corned Beef, Pastrami, Brisket and Tongue sandwiches and much more....

* Frozen for takeout only

Baked Goods:

Rugelach, Strudel, Challah, Cakes, etc.... all home made in the Jewish Style

Nearly New Boutique:

A potpourri of pre-loved items.... unbelievable shopping bargains

For more information visit www.tbinh.org or for questions email us at foodfestival@tbinh.org



Laconia Parks & Recreation

Weirs Community Park

Entertainment

Saturdays at 6:00pm

July 8th ~ Robert Clarke Is Funny

August 26th ~ The Bel Airs

September 9th ~ Squam Lake Science Center Kids & Adult Program

All programs free of charge. All attendees should bring their own chairs!

More shows to come. Check out our website!

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.

Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, July 22

Registration begins at 2:30PM
Scavenger Hunt is from 3-5:30PM

Gather a team, grab your smart phone
(with camera/video storage available), and get ready for a fun
afternoon of finding Historic locations throughout Laconia.

**For more details call (603)524-1367
or visit our Facebook event!**

**Cash or Credit Cards accepted
Limit 6 per team.**

\$30/team before July 15th

\$35/team after 7/15

Advanced payment required!

**All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 68, Laconia
and their trip to the BSA High Adventure Camp, Sea
Base in August 2017**

PosterMyWall.com

Don't know what to do with your extra tomatoes,
zucchini, squash, cucumbers, etc. from your garden?

**CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO
YOUR LOCAL HARVEST BOX.**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL ALLY AT
(603) 528-2145



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Let's Grow Healthy
Heart Life Foundation

Harvest Box™ Locations:

Gilford Public Library

31 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH 03249

Franklin City Hall

316 Central Street, Franklin, NH 03235

Bessie Rowell Community Center

12 Rowell Dr, Franklin, NH 03235

Pines Community Center

61 Summer St, Northfield, NH 03276

Laconia Community Center

306 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246

Boys & Girls Club

876 N. Main Street, Laconia NH 03246

Lakes Region Family Center

121 Belmont Road, Laconia NH 03246

A SPECIAL THANKS TO



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

***Pet of the Week:
Pepper***



Sometimes we call it 'unpacking the suitcase' and in Pepper's case, she did for a long time. However, human problems invariably meant a return two years later to New Hampshire Humane Society.

Now, before we all get on our high horses, let us state categorically for the record that we support and encourage those that cannot continue dog ownership to bring that creature back to us. It's the right thing to do.

Pepper is perplexed and puzzled about the turn her young life has taken. Just 2 ½ years old, she grew up in the company of other dogs and children. Always a bit of a worrier, and shy, Pepper mourns her former family. She so needs new friends to stand by her and help her realize life can be fun and enjoyable again. She's such a good dog, having completed puppy training at the shelter when she herself was small, she is a wonderful calm, quiet companion who just needs a home to blossom and flourish in – as all good dogs deserve. Look into her wizened, melancholy brown eyes and see that glimmer of hope for a new home and a fresh start.

www.nhhumane.org

524-3252

facebook.com/nhhumane



Laconia Parks & Recreation

Summer is here and our beaches are open!
Beach rules are posted at most of our beaches
(look for a new sign at Opechee Point beach soon!).
Please take a moment to become familiar with the rules so
that you and your family can have a safe and
fun-filled day on the beach.



Lifeguards are located at Weirs, Bond and Opechee Point beaches.
Questions?
Please call our Parks and Rec. Department at 524-5046.

Weirs Beach Fireworks Schedule!

Labor Day Weekend Show
Sunday, September 3, at 10pm
(sponsored by Half Moon Enterprises)

Regular Summer Season Shows

Friday, July 7 at 10:00pm
Friday, July 14 at 10:00pm
Friday, July 21 at 10:00pm
Friday, July 28 at 10:00pm
Friday, August 4 at 10:00pm
Friday, August 11 at 10:00pm
Friday, August 18 at 10:00pm

For rain date information please call the Lakes Region Chamber at 524-5531 or log onto
www.LakesRegionChamber.org.



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!



MIND IN THE MAKING

The Essential Life Skills
Every Child Needs

Author Ellen Galinsky draws on fresh research to explain what we should be teaching our children and, with the Bezos Foundation, developed a training series for the general public, families, and professionals.

Mind In The Making can help children and adults thrive now and in the future.

**Space still
available!**

Join us
July 6, 20, 27 & August 3

8:30-1pm

(pizza lunch provided)

Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire

Presenters: Karen Welford, Marti Ilg & Julie Sackett

This series is sponsored by Thrive Laconia

The main take-away is that life skills emerge early, the development of these skills must be promoted, any child can learn these skills, and any adult can teach these skills

Promoting these skills doesn't call for expensive toys or equipment or lots of time – it does involve fun and using everyday things in new ways!

Module topics include, Focus and Self Control, Perspective Taking, Communicating, Making Connections, Critical Thinking, Taking on Challenges, and Self-Directed, Engaged Learning... the things we all need to be successful!

limited seating so RSVP early

To register, contact Tricia T. at 528-0391 or email
tricia.tousignant@lracs.org

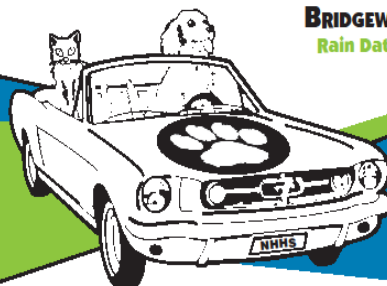


Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday, August 5 2017 - 10AM to 2PM

305 WHITTEMORE POINT ROAD NORTH
BRIDGEWATER, NH

Rain Date August 6



Show Off Your Vintage or Classic Car

Pre-Registration \$10 donation per car

\$15 donation per car day of event

Free gift for show cars arriving between 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Beautiful Lawn Setting - Family Friendly
Games for Children - Live Music - Demonstrations
Food Court - 50/50 Raffle - Silent Auction

Event culminates in Newfound Lake loop at 2pm

Proceeds will support programs and services
for pets and their people at NH Humane Society

www.nhhumane.org

For more information contact Anne: 603 744 3632
or Lissa: 603 524 3252x309 or email: Lissa@nhhumane.org



LRAA Speaker - July 17, 2017

The Lakes Region Art Association will be holding
their monthly meeting on July 17 at 7pm at the
LRAA Gallery at Tanger Outlets in Tilton, NH.
The meeting is open to the public.

Innovator and creative director of Hitchcock Productions is the speaker for the evening. Tom Hitchcock "builds unique promotional campaigns that combine strategic creative and database targeting methodologies to gain superior results."

At the LRAA meeting Tom will discuss "Selling Your Artwork" through an 8-step process. Starting with your artwork, which is your product, you want to find good qualifying customers to purchase your art. Then you develop a strategy, your marketing plan, which is dictated by your budget. After creating a test campaign you examine the results, make adjustments, and then launch your marketing plan. "The key to a lot of this is learning how to locate and qualify interested buyers in a large universe of potential art consumers." Tom will discuss all of these points and more, in greater detail.



Photo of Tom Hitchcock with his
Malamute, Luke

"Marketing is not an event," Tom says, "but the sum of all you do and a continuous practice and effort." Come to the meeting and learn some good tips on how to sell your artwork!

Laconia Parks & Recreation



Leavitt Park Tennis Courts
opening soon...open to
the public starting next
Wednesday, July 12th!



Weirs Beach "Little Free Library"

New in Weirs Beach!

Lucerne Avenue
in front of the Community Center



Pick up a good book
for summer reading!
Leave a favorite book
for others to enjoy.
Happy reading!

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



CITY OF LACONIA ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

*This year's Household Hazardous Waste
Collection day in Laconia is Saturday,
August 5th from 8:30 am to noon.
More details to follow as we get closer
to the event!*



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Parents

Get the Most Out Of Your Meals!

A FREE Cooking and Nutrition Series

offered through UNH Cooperative Extension Nutrition Connections, Partnership for Public Health, Cooking Matters®, and the NH Food Bank.

- Cooking tips and techniques.
- A bag of FREE groceries each week with recipe ingredients for you to duplicate meals at home.
- Lessons feature hands-on learning and include group discussion with instructors.
- A meal prepared by the chef and you ... the class participants!
- Budgeting - stretch your food \$\$ and maximize your resources!!



WHEN

Mondays 2:30 - 4:30 PM
July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14

WHERE

Laconia Head Start
121 Belmont Road
Laconia, NH

TO REGISTER CONTACT

Brenda Carey, 603-527-5475
brenda.carey@unh.edu
Ask about child care and transportation reimbursement.

For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda Carey at 603-527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request. Language assistance is available at no cost.

Income Guidelines Apply

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



New!
New at the Senior Center!
Tuesday, July 11th
From 1 - 2 pm

Line Dancing Class for Beginners with Bonnie!
Polish up your spurs. \$5/class

*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

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
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 & 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 & 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 & 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 - Matthew Canfield</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 - Gail Denio</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
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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
E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov	

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov