



Laconia Links

February 23, 2018 - Edition #327

Roads with Seasonal Weight Limits



It's that time of year! Seasonal weight limits for City of Laconia roads have been posted. See [page six](#) for more information!

Public Works Department

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 for more information.



The City Council requests public comment on the recommended option to improve traffic flow at the Union Avenue/Elm Street intersection at the Feb. 26, 2018 City Council meeting. Public Works is recommending that the southbound Union Avenue area by Fratello's restaurant be changed from a shared through/left turn lane and a right turn only to a shared through/left turn and a shared through right turn. If approved, the changes would be included in the Union Avenue—Elm Street to Stark Street Improvement Project that is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall.

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!



Unfortunately, due to poor trail conditions this year's World Championship Sled Dog Derby is cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to see you next year!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events....

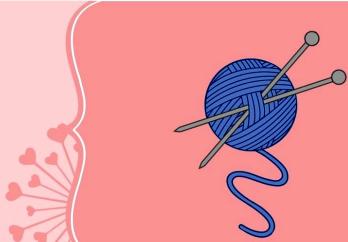


**Read Across America:
Dr. Seuss' Birthday
Friday, March 2, 4:00 pm
Selig Storytime Room**

Celebrate with stories and snacks inspired by our favorite rhyming Doctor - Dr. Seuss! A free surprise for all children who attend! For families with children.

Purl Jam

Thursdays
2pm - 3pm
Volpe Room



Adult Board Game Night

Wednesdays
6pm
Selig Storytime Room



**School Break Teen Movie:
"Wonder"
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2:30 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall**



Based on the New York Times best-seller of the same name, *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Rated PG, 113 minutes.

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. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated information and changes.

Become involved in your City and make a difference!



Meeting
in
Progress

City Council
February 26, 2018, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Laconia Pride

Laconia School District

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

OPEN HOUSE MARCH 8th 2018 5pm-7pm



[Learn more about exciting careers in...](#)

Automotive Tech, Biomedical Tech, Building Construction
Business/Finance, Computer Programming, Culinary
Digital Media Arts, Health Science, Law Enforcement
Plumbing/Heating, Pre-Engineering & Teacher Education



Congratulations to Laconia High School Senior, Thomas Turpin, on his NHIAA Division 3 Slalom and Giant Slalom State Championship win!

Laconia School's City-Wide Chess Tournament

Saturday April 7, 2018
MVSB Culinary Arts Dining Room
at the Huot Career and Technical Center
Starting at 9:00 am

Three Divisions of Play

Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12

In Search of the Future

Grandmaster!

Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible:

 **Bank of
New Hampshire**
New Hampshire's local bank



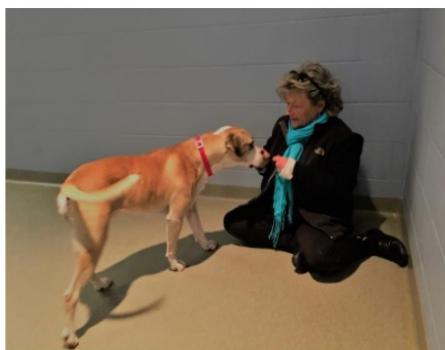


NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

New Faces at NH Humane Society

**Meet Tamara Saxby -
Our New Volunteer Manager**



The transition from homeless people, to homeless pets was a natural progression for our new manager of the volunteer program; meet Tamara Saxby - lover of dogs - especially senior canines - and those that are the most misunderstood.

It is with pleasure we extend a warm New Hampshire Humane Society family 'Welcome' to this new additional to our team.

Click [here](#) to read the "rest of the story"!

City Manager Updates

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!

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

Public Works Department

PLEASE NOTE:

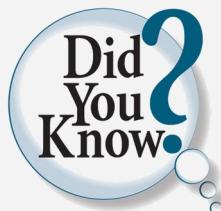
LOOSE BAGS OF TRASH WILL **NOT**
BE COLLECTED BY CURBSIDE
TRASH COLLECTION CREWS.



ALL TRASH BAGS MUST BE PLACED
IN A TRASH CONTAINER/CAN. LOOSE
BAGS ON THE GROUND OR PILED
ON TOP OF CONTAINERS WILL **NOT**
BE COLLECTED.

Thank you for your cooperation! Call DPW at 528-6379 with questions or for more info.

YouTube



Videos of City of Laconia Board and Commission meetings are available on You Tube!

At this time you can view meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Laconia City Council, Planning Board, Laconia Police Commission and the Capital Improvement Committee. Just click on the image (below) to access our You Tube Channel.

Questions? Contact the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.



Laconia Parks & Recreation

FEBRUARY VACATION EVENTS

CALENDAR

MONDAY, 2/26

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15

*Sledding Party from 2:00 - 4:00 (South Street)



Please call to check weather conditions for outdoor activities!

TUESDAY, 2/27

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15



WEDNESDAY, 2/28

Elementary Open Gym & Arts n Crafts 1:00 - 4:15



THURSDAY, 3/1

High School Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15

* Cardboard Sled Racing (see page 11 for more info)

FRIDAY, 3/2

High School Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15

*Ice Skating Party from 2:00 - 4:00 (Memorial Park)



Elementary Times

Middle School Times

High School Times

All Ages

* Weather and Conditions Permitting

For questions or
more information,
please call the Parks
& Rec. office at
524-5046!

From the Planning Department:

How would you like to help your fellow Laconia citizens? With just a few hours of your time each month you can make a difference and fill an important service. The city currently has an urgent need for people to serve on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. We need both a regular member and two alternates for the Planning Board and two alternates for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Usually there is one meeting a month, scheduled in the early evening, that lasts one to three hours (normally).

Alternate members fill in at meetings for regular members that can't make that meeting or for some other reason can't sit on a particular application. Being an alternate member is a great way to learn how the board functions and many times leads to becoming a regular member, if desired. No experience is needed as we will train you. All you need is a willingness to learn and be fair and open minded.

The Planning Board hears applications for a variety of items concerning land use and new development and also forms the city's Master Plan. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is responsible for granting relief to zoning regulations and granting special exceptions. The Planning Board usually meets the first Tuesday of each month with the Zoning Board meets the third Monday of each month.

Any questions about either of these boards can be directed to the Planning Department at 527-1264. Ask for Director Dean Trefethen or Assistant Director Brandee Loughlin. We hope to be hearing from you soon!



CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective March 1, 2018 at 6:00 am, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited the use of all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. A map of posted City streets can be found on the [City's website](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that authorized on the permit.

One-Time permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture
- Roll-off solid waste containers
- Automobiles to dealerships

More detailed information and permit forms may be found on the [City of Laconia website](#),
www.laconianh.gov

Questions – please call the Laconia DPW Office at 528-6379



COMMUNITY RABIES & MICROCHIP CLINIC

SATURDAY MARCH 3 2018

NH HUMANE SOCIETY
1305 MEREDITH CENTER RD
LACONIA

RABIES VACCINE \$15

MICROCHIP \$30

CATS 9am. -10am
DOGS 10a.m - 12 Noon

Rabies shots are 1 year
unless proof of prior
vaccine.

All dogs leashed please

All cats must be in carriers



**Remember to put
out your recycling
the week of
March 5th!**



*Thank you
for recycling!*

Assessing

REMINDER! Abatement request forms for the 2017 tax year are available in the Assessing Office. The filing deadline is March 1, 2018.

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



Pothole Season is Here!

The City of Laconia, like most New England communities, is now experiencing one of the earliest and worst pothole seasons in years. Massive changes in temperature and large amounts of snowfall result in water seeping beneath the road then freezing and expanding. This puts great stress on the roads and creates perfect pothole conditions.

Our Department of Public Works is out every day with a minimum of two crews (and sometimes a third crew) working to repair potholes on our streets and posting pothole signs to warn drivers. Please use caution and pay close attention to the condition of the streets. We appreciate your patience as we continue our efforts to make the streets safer and easier to travel.

Questions and concerns can be directed to the DPW office at 528-6379.



**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!**





Weight Institute of New Hampshire PROGRAM OFFERINGS

WEEKLY WEIGHT-IN

After meeting with a Registered Dietitian to design an individualized meal plan, participants attend weekly weigh-ins and nutrition sessions.

Monday's, 3:45 - 4:45 pm, LRGH

OPTIFAST PROGRAM

An 18 week medically supervised, calorie restricted meal replacement program. You can opt for either a partial or full meal replacement program. Over the 18 weeks, one will transition to self-prepared 'everyday' meals and receive nutrition education and support.

Average weight loss is 50lbs.

TASTE TEST THURSDAYS

Try a different "super food" every month; samples, recipes and fact sheets provided-FREE
LRGH-the first Thursday of every month 12-1:30 pm
FRH-the second Thursday of every month 12-1:30 pm

NON-SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS OPTIONS-

INFO SESSIONS

Days and times vary, LRGH, FREE

INDIVIDUAL NUTRITION COUNSELING

One-on-one meetings with a registered dietitian to set specific goals & create a personalized meal plan.

BARIATRIC SURGERY INFO SESSIONS

2nd Tuesday of the month, LRGH, FREE

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:00 pm,
LRGH, FREE

EASY COOKING CLASSES AT THE HOT TECHNICAL CENTER

Enjoy three cooking classes designed to teach you how to construct a simple and well-balanced meal.
Cost: \$15 for all three classes

For more information or to register call 527-2946

LRGHealthcare
care. compassion. community.

LRGHealthcare's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and to strengthen the well-being of our community.



SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS & WINTER CLINICS!

It's time to register for Lakes Region Girls' Softball's 8th season! LRGS has partnered with USA Softball of NH in 2018. In doing so, we are now able to accept players ages 4 to 18 from all over NH – no residency restrictions! A copy of the player's birth certificate is required for new players.

DIVISION / AGE REQUIREMENTS / REGISTRATION FEE				
Rookie (6U)	Farm (8U)	Minors (10U)	Majors (12U)	Seniors
League age 4-5	League age 6-8	League age 8**-10	League age 10**-12	League age 13-18
\$35 per player	\$45 per player	\$55 per player	\$65 per player	\$75 per player
Family discount available!				

*League age 8, 10 & 12 year olds interested in playing in an older division must try-out for the older division. If player is not chosen for an older division team, they will play in their age-appropriate division.

Visit www.lakesregiongirlsoftball.com to register online or to download the registration form. You can also register in person at any of our winter warm-up clinics. For more information, like us on Facebook (LRGSNH).

Speaking of winter warm-up clinics - LRGS will once again host free winter warm-up clinics on Sundays. Clinics will be held at Laconia Middle School and will focus on hitting, fielding and throwing.

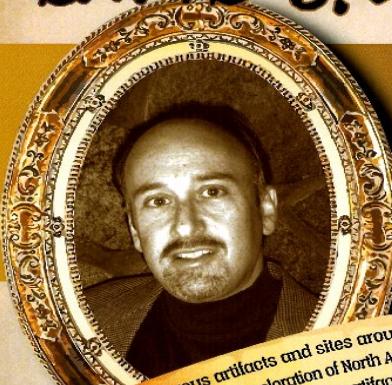
1pm-2:15pm: 4 year olds – 8 year olds

2:15pm-3:30pm: 8 year olds – 12 year olds

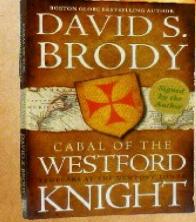
USA SOFTBALL™
of New Hampshire

**The Laconia Putnam Fund
Presents
DAVID S. BRODY**

Where: Taylor Community at Woodside Commons
Date: March 19, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM.



"Numerous artifacts and sites around New England offer evidence of exploration of North America long before Columbus. Specifically, the artifacts seem to confirm legend of a group of Scottish explorers, with ties to the outlawed Knights Templar, island-hopping their way across the North Atlantic in the late 1300s. Who were they, and why did they come? Well, that's where the fun begins."



**FREE ADMISSION
FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED**

Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

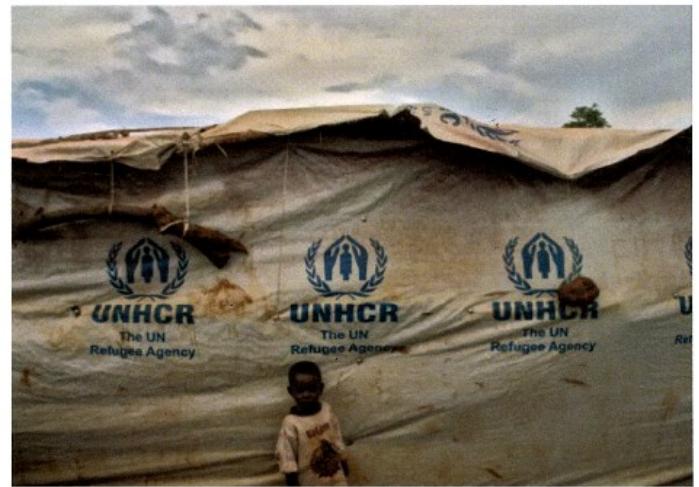


Pet of the Week: Lucy

Lucy, a large black Shepherd/Labrador mix, now aged about ten, has quite the history with New Hampshire Humane Society. We adopted her in the winter of 2009, she returned in 2013, adopted again that same year, she now resides again with us after some family upheavals.

Lucy is a cancer survivor, a miraculous thing indeed. Her former family really provided a high quality home including treatments she needed to beat a disease that claims too many lives, both in the animal and human realm. Lucy did live with another dog, but we know she would likely prefer a home where she is the only dog in the household and truly, given her life's journey so far, surely that is a reasonable provision. She awaits that special connection all dogs need and crave—meanwhile, staff and volunteers provide the enrichment and company she deserves and requires.

Look past her older years. Be courageous when thinking about her past health history, and think about the possibilities of a home you could share with a wonderful, sweet dog who needs some permanency and stability in her canine life. Call 524-3252 – check www.nhhumane.org



Humanitarian Aid- Laconia to Jordan, Tanzania and Iraq

March 1st, 6-9pm Belknap Mill

Free admission / Presentation by Mirno Pasquali

LRSO LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Benjamin Greene, Conductor

An Evening at the Ballet

TCHAIKOVSKY
OVERTURE TO SWAN LAKE
WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS
SLEEPING BEAUTY WALTZ

GLIERE
RUSSIAN SAILORS DANCE

STRAVINSKY
BERCEUSE AND FINALE FROM FIREBIRD

COPLAND
APPALACHIAN SPRING

SAINT-SAENS
VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 3
FEATURING DANILO THURBER
LRSO CONCERTO COMPETITION CO-WINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018
7:30PM
INTER-LAKES AUDITORIUM
MEREDITH, NH

TICKETS
\$20 Adults - \$10 Students
Meredith - Innisfree Bookshop
Laconia - Greenlaw's Music
Phone - 800-838-3006

online
www.LRSO.org/TICKETS

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Sober Parenting Journey

Still Space Available!

Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.

Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting.

Sober Parenting Journey provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of triggers that may bring about relapse.

Personal recovery, accountability, positive actions, and hard work are only some of the topics discussed by group members.

Participants in this class should have at least 90 days sobriety prior to the start of the class.

Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:00 pm

Dinner served in class

14-Week Series begins
March 6, 2018

The Family Resource Center
719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

To register: Contact Tricia T. at
528-0391 or
e-mail tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation may be available upon request.



Click on the image (above) to read the February issue of the WINH newsletter... it's packed with tips, information and delicious heart-healthy recipes!

Dogs are due to be licensed by April 30, 2018!



Questions?
Call the
Clerk's
Office at
527-1265



Failure to register by April 30th is a violation of RSA 466:13 and subject to a Civil Forfeiture of no less than \$25 in fines and court fees plus any late fees. Please come into the City Clerk's Office, or use our convenient on-line service ([click here](#)).

Fees are as follows for licensing:

Altered dog (or puppy under 7 mos. old)	\$6.50	Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Unaltered dog	\$9.00	Civil fine for failure to register by 4/30	
Senior (1st dog for owners over 65)	\$2.00		\$25.00
Replacement tag	\$1.00		



The AARP Tax-Aide Program continues through April 12th! Take advantage of this free service by calling ahead for your appointment at the Laconia Senior Center, 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!

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Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assessor - Deb Derrick	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
<u>City Council Contact Info:</u>	
Mayor Edward Engler	630-4484
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	528-7667
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
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