



Laconia Links

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LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Laconia Parks & Recreation is once again collaborating with Bolduc Park to offer golf lessons to Laconia youth and adults! There will be 3 consecutive lessons on Tuesdays, May 8, 15 & 22 or June 5, 12 & 19 for youth, and Thursdays, May 10, 17 & 24 and June 7, 14 & 21 for adults. There are two different times available, 5:30 – 6:30pm or 6:30 – 7:30pm. The cost for youths is \$40.00 per person and adults will pay \$60.00 per person. Golf clubs are available for those who do not have them.

Call Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046 to register. Space is limited, so call soon!

Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly e-mail 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!*



*M/S Mt. Washington at the Weirs....
Celebrating 140 Years!*

Youth & Adult Golf Lessons

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

Laconia Fire Department

CALL 911



We cannot stress it often enough:

***If you think you need emergency services
do not delay – call 911.***

Time is of essence in our line of work, especially for fighting fires, but also high risk emergencies such as cardiac problems or a water rescue. If you think there is a fire, or you suspect someone needs help, call 911. We would rather find out there is nothing wrong than arrive a few minutes later and find a situation that is out of control.

It always amazes us to hear a person say "I didn't want to bother you, but I think there might be a fire". We are here to serve. It is why we exist. It is never a bother!

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



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Department Here](#)



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of April 15 – 21, 2012 was designated as National Volunteer Appreciation Week. National Volunteer Appreciation Week honors those individuals who have dedicated themselves to taking action and bettering their communities.

The volunteers in the police services program have been serving the Laconia Police community since May of 2003. Currently, the Laconia Police Department has eight volunteers who assist within the department.

In 2011, our volunteers donated a total of 345 hours of service to the department. They assisted with various administrative tasks throughout the agency, as well as helped with the sex offender registry, the prosecutor's office and the victim services unit.

Our volunteers kindly donate their time to assist our staff, which allows sworn police officers to spend more time providing law enforcement services to our community. Their help and support of the Laconia Police Department is greatly appreciated and worthy of recognition.

**Please contact the Laconia Police Department
at 524-5257 for
additional information or questions.**

Upcoming Meetings...

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council.

Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website. You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda.

Meetings are open to the public....you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Click on a specific meeting for more information. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.

Meeting
in
Progress

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

Planning Board

May 1, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Licensing Board

May 2, 2012, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Lakes Business Park

May 2, 2012, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

May 2, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Water Commissioner's Mtg.

May 3, 2012, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Conference Room



Earth Week 2012



WOW Trail Volunteer Cleanup

On April 18th supported by WOW Trail Volunteers & Laconia High School's Huot Tech Center students, the trail at Moulton St., Laconia received a thorough clean-up including trash collection, tree trimming and chipping of the cuttings.



WOW Trail Volunteers did all the cutting, most of it prior to the clean-up event. BLC Tree Service crews operated a commercial chipper, creating recycled wood chip mulch for use along the Trail.

Laconia High School Principal Steven Beals and Huot Director Scott Davis arranged for transport in the Center's minibuses for Huot Tech Center teacher Matt Towle, Plumbing & Heating teacher Michael Schofield and their entire classes! Huot has students from other area schools enrolled as well.

These students did all the heavy lifting – the clean-up would not have been possible without them. Kevin Dunleavy, the City's Director of Recreation & Facilities, provided courtesy trash bags and agreed to pick up and properly dispose of all of the trash and materials.

An incredible amount of trash was collected, and Trail users are now greeted with an fabulous view of the water along that section of the Trail. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this project!



Laconia Police Department

Got Drugs?



Reminder....National Drug Take-back Day is this Saturday, April 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Laconia Police Dept. Please go through your unwanted or expired prescriptions and dispose of them in a safe manner by participating in this event.

Please call the Laconia PD at 524-5257

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Please Note

Mark your calendar!

The Laconia Public Library will be closed all day on Saturday, May 5th for carpet installation. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Access the Library's Website [here!](#)

Please call the Library at 524-4775 with questions.

News From the **Laconia Water Dept.**

Water Main Upgrade

Please click [here](#) for the
Water Dept. website!



The Water Department would like to thank all of our customers for their cooperation during the water main upgrade under the railroad tracks at the intersection of Fair Street and Winnisquam Avenue.

This project was initiated by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation as they were doing a complete rehabilitation of the railroad crossing. The Water Department, in conjunction with Public Works, took advantage of this opportunity to upgrade the infrastructures.

The Water Department was able to replace about 110 feet of early 1900's 6-inch cast iron pipe with new 8-inch Ductile Iron Cement Lined pipe including a 16-inch steel sleeve with 10-inch high density polyurethane carrier pipe under the railroad tracks.

This job went well, especially considering the time constraint and also all the other obstacles that were in the way (other utilities such as gas, sewer, drain, etc.). The Water Department was all finished with their portion of work by late Tuesday, April 17, 2012 and the road was open for traffic the next afternoon.

The Department will be conducting a similar upgrade under the railroad tracks on Weeks Street. This work is scheduled for the month of May. More information on this particular job will be available shortly.

Once again, thank you all for your cooperation and your support!



New water main had to be placed
under the existing gas lines

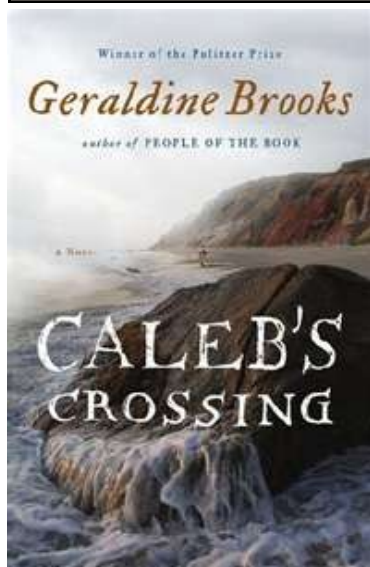


New water main inside a steel sleeve that was placed
under the railroad tracks



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Winter-Spring Dynamic Book Discussion Series



Check out the Library's
Website...Click [here!](#)

The fourth discussion in the Library's Winter-Spring Dynamic Book Discussion Series will be held on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall and will focus on *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

The book tells the tale of Caleb Cheeshahteaumauk, the first Native American to graduate from Harvard. The story is told by Berthia Mayfield, the daughter of a preacher who traveled from England to Martha's Vineyard to try and bring Christ to the Indians. In 1660 when Berthia is 12, the family takes Caleb, a Wampanoag Indian, into their home to prepare him for boarding school. Berthia is a bright scholar herself, and although education for women is discouraged, she absorbs the lessons taught to Caleb and her brother Makepeace like a sponge. She struggles through the death of her mother, a younger sister, another brother and her father.

When Caleb and Makepeace are sent to Cambridge, Berthia accompanies them as an indentured servant to a professor. She marries a Harvard scholar, journeys with him to Padua, and finally returns to her beloved island. In flashbacks, Brooks relates the woes of the Indian Wars, the smallpox epidemic, and Caleb's untimely death shortly after his graduation with honors.

The novel displays Brook's uncanny ability to reconstruct moments of history with lyrical prose. The discussion leader will be Frumie Selchen. Copies of the book are available at the Library's main circulation desk. For more information please call 524-4775 x12.



Click [here](#) for more info

Lakes Region Rotary
LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale

Clean out your attic for a great cause!

Saturday May 19th, 2012, 7 am to 2 pm

At Laconia Public Works Warehouse on Bisson Avenue, Laconia

Lakes Region Rotary will be accepting donations Saturday May 5 to
Saturday May 12, 2012. Call (603) 556-8184 for drop off times.



LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS MAY 5 and 12, 2012 8 AM to NOON

Please click [here](#) for additional info, or call
Ann @ 528-6379

Laconia's 2nd Annual Pooch Parade:

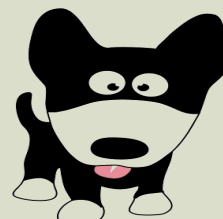
BOW WOW FEST 2012

Saturday, May 5, 2012
WOW Trail - Elm St. Entrance -
Lakeport Square

Registration forms found at www.wowtrail.org

For info contact Claire Hebert at Melcher &
Prescott Ins. 524-4535
chebert@melcher-prescott.com

Reminder!



City Council News...

In an effort to encourage recycling and control solid waste costs in the City of Laconia, the City Council has been discussing amendments to Chapter 194, Solid Waste. A public hearing has been scheduled for the Council's May 14, 2012 meeting which begins at 7:00 pm in Room 200A at City Hall.



Following are the major changes included in the revised Ordinance:

- 1) The tipping fee at the Transfer Station will increase from \$30/ton to \$60/ton effective July 1, 2012, and will increase to \$90/ton the following July 1, 2013. If approved, this change will become effective July 1, 2012.
- 2) Currently, five trash containers are allowed in front of a single family residences and ten containers per business location are allowed. This applies to those families and businesses on curbside pickup. If approved, the number of containers allowed will be reduced to two containers per single family residence and seven containers per business; this change would become effective October 1, 2012.

There are numerous other changes proposed in the Amendments to the Solid Waste Chapter. Please click [here](#) to view the proposed changes and the document in its entirety.

You are encouraged to attend this public hearing to voice your concerns, ask questions and provide input to help find a solution to the City's solid waste issues.

Please contact the City Manager's office, 527-1270, or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us with questions or comments. We appreciate your help!



Please join us in the dedication of
the Parents of Murdered Children
Homicide Memorial Garden
May 17, 2012, 11:00 am
Stewart Park

More info & details to follow in future newsletters...

*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
City Manager's office, 527-1270,
or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers, City Manager

City of Laconia

City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



**From the
City Clerk's Office**

**The City of Laconia
and MacDonald Veterinary Services**
are Hosting a Rabies Clinic on April 28, 2012
at the Laconia Community Ctr., 9am-noon

Dog Licenses are
due May 1st!



Dog License Fees:

Male/Female	\$9.00
Spayed/Neutered	\$6.50
1st Dog For Owner 65+	\$2.00



SPRING LEAF PICKUP

**During the
Week of May 7th**

Please click [here](#) for additional information
or call Ann @ 528-6379