



Laconia Links

December 4, 2015 - Edition #214



More 2015 Holiday Parade photos
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Laconia Police Department

Coffee with a Cop

[Link to
Laconia
PD here](#)



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.

Please plan to join us!

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!*

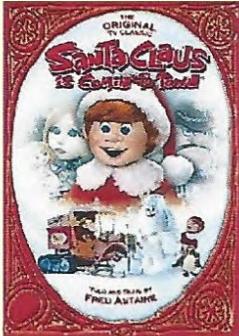


Please Note!

In order for City Hall employees to attend their annual Christmas luncheon, City Hall will be closed during the lunch hour on Friday, December 11th, 2015 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Laconia Public Library

Upcoming Events.....



Movies & More for Kids!

Friday, December 11th @ 3:45 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall
"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer".

Snacks will be served and admission is free.

Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older.



Laconia Public Library Presents: The Lakes Region Chordsmen!

Performance is on Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Upper Level Mezzanine.

The Library will host a holiday performance by the Lakes Region Chordsmen. The Chordsmen are a group of dedicated barbershoppers, 20 plus strong, that bring back the harmonious blends of songs of yesteryear.

This performance is free and is open to all!

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

Heritage Commission:

December 9, 2015, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. I:

December 9, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission:

December 9, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commission:

December 10, 2015, 8:00 am
117 Stark Street, Water Treatment Facility Conf. Room



*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](#)

Laconia High School



Congratulations to Emily Huckins on a successful audition into the NHMEA All-State Festival. She will be representing Laconia High School in the All-State Women's Chorus. This three day festival will be held April 7th through the 9th with a concert on the 9th at the Capital Center for the Arts.

Emily and the other top scoring students in our state will rehearse for 2 days under a guest conductor. On the third day a concert will be held, featuring the All-State Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorus, Band and Orchestra. Emily will be singing soprano in the Women's Chorus.

Pleasant Street School

Our 3rd Grade visited Conductor Eisenhower on a field trip in downtown Laconia. He shared his 30+ years of being a conductor for Amtrak. He shared his model railroad train set and towns that he has built throughout his years.

WMUR's Chronicle was there filming their show which will be airing sometime in December. A few of our PSS students were interviewed!



Laconia Middle School



On Wednesday, December 2nd, a group of sixth graders presented their STEM designs at the annual *Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference* in Manchester.

Colby Batchelder, Madison Brooks, Bailee Laramie and Adam Paiva brought forward their solutions for a design challenge that they discovered while reading *The Summer of the Swans*. Each group had a very different design but both were incredibly effective. The students talked with educators, parents, community members and engineers from across New England. They did a fantastic job highlighting the way STEM is embedded in their learning at the Laconia Middle School.





New Horizons Band in Concert Dec. 19th at Taylor Community



The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region, under the direction of Mary Divers, presents an afternoon concert at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m.

The band will feature a variety of holiday tunes, including music from "Polar Express" and "Frozen," among many others. The program is open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted for the band, which is a non-profit entertainment group. To RSVP and ensure seating, please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Consisting of musicians from many towns throughout the Lakes Region and Concord, the band is open to all ages. The group includes those interested in learning an instrument to professional players with diverse levels in-between. Divers, who is the conductor and band founder, holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. She welcomes all new musicians to the New Horizons Band, whose belief is "Music is for Life!"

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 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!

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

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!



THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND
PRESENTS
THE
FOUR FRESHMAN



The Four Freshmen remain the Acclaimed Masters of Harmony presenting their unique brand of vocal pop harmony of headlining concerts around the globe.

As the Wall Street Journal proclaims,
"Long live The Four Freshmen, may they never graduate."

Friday, December 11th, 2015



at 7:00 PM



Laconia High School Auditorium.

Admission is Free, First Come, First Seated

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

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.



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!

**7TH ANNUAL
BELKNAP MILL
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
AND CRAFT FAIR**



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.



**SAT, DEC. 12
9 AM TO 3 PM**

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

FREE ADMISSION

Bring your family to visit the Knitting Room and Powerhouse Museum

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

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



Reminder!
The next recycling collection week begins Monday December 14, 2015!





NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Pet of the Week: Kermit



“Too many cats” the sad but true reason the very handsome and debonair Kermit- grey tabby- arrived at New Hampshire Humane Society.

He’s been here waiting patiently since August and as of this moment, hopes his wonderful playful personality and willingness to hang out with other cats will be two deciding factors in his attracting a new loving home.

Kermit is a very smart cat, young and energetic, who will play catch with the catnip mouse toys which are his favorite. Right now he is in one of our quieter rooms – so you’ll need to ask an adoption counselor or feline volunteer to escort you to his quarters.

Once you spend a little time visiting him, you’ll see quickly why we all love him for his boisterousness and outgoing style.

He’s a cat that needs plenty to do, lots of high places to view the world and many nooks and crannies to investigate. He could be a cat that will remind you when he requires feeding and playing and cuddle time, least you forget!

www.nhhumane.org

524-3252

facebook.com/nhhumane



What if asking one simple question, “Have you (or a family member) ever served in the military?” could change the life of a service member, veteran or military family?

Through increased awareness and understanding, providers from all sectors- healthcare, mental health, children’s services, education, law enforcement, etc.- can make a real difference.

For more information and/or resources please contact Allison Hutchins, Provider Outreach Specialist at ServiceLink Resource Center of Belknap County at 603-528-6945 or by visiting www.AsktheQuestionNH.com.

Click [here](#) for a comprehensive list of Military/Veteran-Specific Resources & Referrals.



Holiday Parade 2015!



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

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2015

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.**

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/27/15!

Tax bills were 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...



Not sure what to give this year?

Why not give a gift that makes a difference. Purrfect for the animal lover in your life! Six gifts to choose from, [see them here!](#)



Laconia Historical and Museum Society

Monday, December 14, 2015
7:00 pm at
The Laconia Public Library

“The Golden Era of The Weirs: The Grand Hotels”

A lecture program presented by

Robert Ames

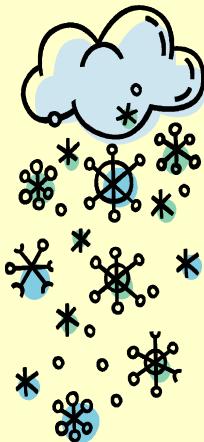


From the early 1880's until the mid-1920's, the Weirs was dominated by the New Hotel Weirs, the grandest of the hotels of the forgotten Golden Era of Weirs Beach. Why was the hotel so popular? How was it constructed? What was its architecture? Across the street, another imposing, four-story hotel, the Lakeside House, offered its own ambience to summer visitors. How did it compete with the New Hotel Weirs? There was even a third grand hotel, Story's Tavern, with its own unique appeal. Find out why all three of these hotels prospered during the Golden Era of Weirs Beach during this lecture and slide presentation by Robert Ames, webmaster of the [WeirsBeach.com](#) website.

This lecture program is free and open to the public. For more information about this event, call Laconia Historical and Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email at lhmslpl@metrocast.net or visit us on the web at www.LaconiaHistorical.org.



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



Winter Safety Tips for Seniors!

1. Dress warm in layers.
2. Wear boots with a good tread.
3. Use safety grips on the bottom of your cane or crutches.
4. If driving, be sure to bring some drinking water and snacks, a blanket, some sand & a small shovel.
5. Keep your cell phone charged at all times.
6. Be sure that someone knows where you are going!

*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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Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us