



Laconia Links

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Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Shown left to right: Patrick Lyons, Police Training Officer Joseph Marquis and Kyle Jepsen

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!



On Jan. 7, 2013 the Laconia Police Department added two new members to its Department!

Patrick Lyons and Kyle Jepsen will be attending a four week in-house training program. At the conclusion of the in-house program Patrick and Kyle will be placed with a Training Officer working patrol. Both Patrick and Kyle are scheduled to attend the next Police Academy in June 2013.

If you see Officer Lyons or Officer Jepsen please say "Hi" and welcome them to our Great City!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Wyatt Park-South End residents and business owners are invited to share ideas to help create a healthier, more vibrant community! Help us identify opportunities to support access to healthy foods and safe, physical activity in your neighborhood.



HEAL Community Forum

Date: **Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013**
(Snow date: January 22, 2013)

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner & Forum

Location: Woodland Heights School
225 Winter Street, Laconia

Free dinner and childcare available

For More Info: www.CityofLaconiaNH.org
(On Parks & Recreation Dept. page)



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Movies & More for Kids !



Friday, Jan. 18th @ 3:45 p.m.: *Ice Age-Continental Drift* in Laconia Rotary Hall. This film is rated PG and is 88 minutes in length. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver 14 years or older, and adults must bring a child. Admission is free - snacks are provided!

***Check out the
Library's
website—click [here!](#)***

Kellerhaus : Not Just a Candy Store, It's a Tradition

On Thursday, Jan. 17th @ 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall the Library will host Kellerhaus: *Not Just a Candy Store, It's a Tradition.*



For over half a century the Keller Family proudly made the finest quality ice cream and candies in the Lakes Region. Now the tradition of Kellerhaus excellence continues with Mary Ellen and David Dutton and their family who purchased the historic business from Jeff and Bettina Potter in early 2004. The Duttons still practice the candy making secrets and techniques used by Seth Keller himself. Mary Ellen will discuss the history of Kellerhaus in what promises to be a delightful program complete with candy samples !

Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting
in
Progress

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.

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

City Council
January 14, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission
January 16, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

News

From the Laconia Water Department

LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
988 UNION AVENUE
(603) 524-0901

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

Prevention Better Than Reaction



Although the last several days we have seen moderately warm temperatures, it is inevitable that the cold weather will be upon us. As the Water Department is nearing its completion of our annual winter preparation/prevention program, this is a reminder for our customers to keep in mind the potential of water pipes freezing.

If the temperature inside a house gets below 32 degree Fahrenheit (0 degree Celsius) it's likely that the water supply pipes and the drain traps will freeze.

When water freezes it expands 9 percent, and if there is no room for expansion it's possible that the pipe will develop a crack and eventually leak once the ice thaws out.

Fixing a burst pipe can be expensive, but the damage from uncontrolled water leakage can easily reach into the thousands of dollars. The majority of the calls received for frozen water pipes and water meters are a result of inadequate heating and cold air drafts where piping is located in the home. It is recommended that property owners check their property for these conditions and identify the location of their water meter and shutoff valve before an emergency.



The property owner is ultimately responsible for repairs to the piping within the home or building. The Water Department will replace frozen or damaged meters. Customers will be charged for the cost of the replacement of the meter and service calls, as applicable. If for any reason you cannot stop the flow of water from a frozen or broken pipe, call the Water Dept.'s 24-hour emergency number at 524-0907.

Updates from the Planning Office...

Planning Dept's website —click [here](#)!

What is a TIF district?

TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. This is a community development tool set up by the state legislature whereby the City can approve the (F)inancing of public improvements with the (I)ncremental (T)axes created either by new construction, expansion, or renovation of property within a defined portion (district) of the community. ([OEP TIF Technical Bulletin Fall 2012](#)).

The “incremental taxes” are the taxes collected as the property gains value from redevelopment. For example, a derelict building in the district may only have a minimal tax bill. Once the building is renovated and redeveloped into 6 condos, two professional office spaces and a restaurant, the tax bill will increase. The difference in the tax rate, is considered the “Incremental” tax and is what funds the TIF improvements within that TIF district, instead of going into the general fund to be dispersed throughout the City.

The TIF Advisory Group and the City Council then work to make decisions on how best to spend the money on upgrades to public infrastructure to help support the redevelopment and growth. This is a fantastic incentive tool for developers who know that a municipality will invest in the public infrastructure that immediately serves the redevelopment project.

What this has meant for Laconia is that because of several redevelopment projects in the downtown, such as the conversion of the Allen Rodgers Manufacturing Mill facility into residential units and the new construction of the Walgreen's parcel, public infrastructure upgrades were possible such as the Rivewalk construction adjacent to the City Hall parking lot and the upgrades to Stewart Park to serve those new residents of Beacon West and new customers of Walgreens.

Questions? Call the Planning Office at 527-1264



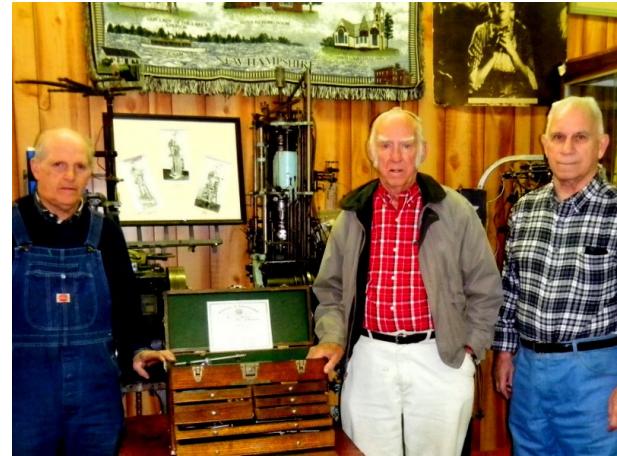
Old tool kit finds a new home in Lakeport Freighthouse Museum

Maurice H. Simond Jr. recently donated the tools of his trade, his Scott & Williams tool kit, for exhibit in the Lakeport Freighthouse Museum.

Simond, who spends winters in Florida but whose home is in Belmont, like so many other seniors is simplifying his life and taking stock of his treasures for what to pass on to the next generations and his tool kit was one such item. So before he headed back to the Sunshine State, he met with Bob Fortier, a founder; Armand Bolduc, President and other members of the Lakeport Community Association to donate his tool kit to their collections.

Simond had only worked a week at the Scott & Williams plant, when he got his call to duty. After U.S. Army training in Aberdeen, MD, his ship was headed to the tropical South Pacific but was rerouted to Arctic Alaska where he was assigned to work in an Air Force machine shop run by civilians.

Engineering had become an important profession, so following his discharge in 1947, Simond received four years of training as a tool-maker under the G.I. Bill through the NH State Apprenticeship Council program where he was issued his large wooden tool kit filled with precision tools (parallel clamps, calipers, vises, slide rulers, punch sets, etc.) as he started his 23 years working for Scott & Williams in the Inspection and Engineering departments.



Maurice Simond, Jr. (center) with Lakeport Community Association members Armand Bolduc (left) and Bob Fortier (right)

After the third plant strike, Simond left Building 80 and went to work at Sanders Associates in Nashua.

Scott & Williams built knitting machinery. It held the patent on the seamless stocking for years and was a major employer in Laconia which included Simond's father, Maurice Sr.; his brother, Roger; Bolduc's brother, Ken; Brenda Moulton's father; Dorothy Duffy's brother-in-law, Carl Laurier and many others.



The Lakeport Community Association is always happy to receive historic rail or Lakeport memorable donations to add to their exhibits in their newly-opened Lakeport Freighthouse Museum on Railroad Avenue and as a non-profit, they always welcome funds to maintain the museum.

Contact them at P.O. Box 6015,
Lakeport, NH 03247
or call 603-524-7683.



New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse

Volunteers Needed!

Click [here](#) for
New Beginnings website

This New Year, make a resolution to make a difference! Join New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse in our mission to end domestic and sexual violence and stalking! There are many ways to help, including: make a donation, become a volunteer, or join the Board of Directors or Youth Advisory Board.

Winter training is January 22nd to February 8th. People from all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome!

For more information, contact New Beginnings at (603) 538-6511 or newbeginningsvista@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

News From the City Clerk's Office



**2013 Boat registrations
are now available in the
City Clerk's Office!**

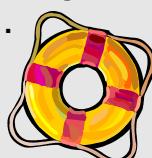
Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts.

No waiting for your registration to get mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Please make checks payable to:
City of Laconia**

In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .

Click [here](#) for
Clerk's website



**Executive Councilor
Raymond S. Burton
District One**

Since being elected to the Executive Council in 1977, Executive Councilor Ray Burton has written a summary at the end of each of his terms reflecting on the highlights of the previous two years.

Please click [here](#) to read an interesting and very informative report from Councilor Burton in its entirety.



*Councilor Burton may be
contacted at two locations:*

State House Office at 603-271-3632,
rburton@nh.gov; and

Home office at 603-747-3662,
ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

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



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 - Katie Walsh	
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. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
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	

* For emergencies, remember to always dial 911



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