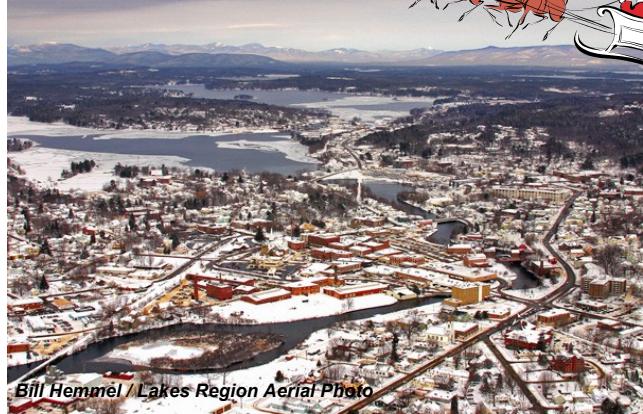




Laconia Links

December 21, 2012 - Edition #63



Snowy Aerial View of Laconia

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - Nov 26 thru December 7

YTD Recyclables Collected = 990.54		Savings to Taxpayers YTD (@ \$150/ton) = \$148,581.75		Lost Opportunity Dollars YTD = \$122,849.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30%	2 Week Lost Savings by Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		22.15	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	31.53	4.52	14.3%	9.46	\$ 741.00
Tuesday	45.37	9.40	20.7%	13.61	\$ 631.50
Wednesday	44.39	6.43	14.4%	13.32	\$ 1,033.50
Thursday	37.49	4.87	13.0%	11.25	\$ 957.00
Friday	35.81	4.83	13.4%	10.74	\$ 886.50
Total = 194.59		Route Total = 30.05	Curbside Avg = 15.4%	Total = 58.36	Total = \$4,249.50
Prior 2 wks = 15.6%		Recycling Saves \$\$			

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!



Reminder!  The next recycling collection week begins Monday, December 31st



Please Note...

Following is the City Hall schedule for the holidays:
Closing at 3 pm: Monday, December 24, 2012
Closed: Tuesday, December 25, 2012
Closed: Tuesday, January 1, 2013

We apologize for any inconvenience!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Wishing you Happy Holidays from Chief Christopher Adams and the Laconia Police Dept.

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

City Hall Closing Early

City Hall will be closing early at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 24, 2012

City Hall Closed

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2012

City Council

December 27, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

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



Laconia Fire Department

Don't let a candle ruin your home....

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



In the past few years there has been a very high increase in the number of home fires caused by candles. There are more than 11,000 home structure fires reported each year that are caused by candles. These fires caused an annual average of 126 deaths and 954 injuries. One-third of these fires started in bedrooms, which caused more than 40% of all the deaths. The worst month of the year is December. The worst three days are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We know the risks associated with candles, hopefully now so do you.

Be very careful when using candles!

Here are some tips for the safe use of candles:

- Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or are going to sleep.
- Keep candles 12" away from items that can catch fire, such as drapes, curtains, clothing, newspapers, and Christmas decorations and trees.
- Use sturdy candleholders that won't tip over easily.
- Keep blinds, curtains and drapes away from candles.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Trim candle wicks to one-quarter an inch.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and away from pets, especially a pet's tail.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle.
- Don't allow children to have candles in their bedrooms.
- Store candles, matches, and lighters up high and out of children's sight.
- Keep a flashlight handy for when the power goes out. Don't walk around with a lit candle.
- Never use a candle when checking pilot lights on heaters.
- Never use candles if medical oxygen is used in the home.
- Remember a candle is a small fire that can spread quickly if it comes into contact with combustible materials – newspaper, Christmas wrapping paper, clothes, table clothes, etc.

If you think you need emergency services do not hesitate to call 911. Time is of the essence in an emergency. The longer you wait to call for help, the less chance we have of mitigating the problem successfully.

*The Laconia Fire Department wishes you a safe and Merry Christmas
and a Happy Holiday season!*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**LACONIA TRANSFER
STATION
WILL BE
CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 25, 2012
&
TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2013**



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

*The Laconia Public Library
will be closed
Christmas Day, December 25th.*



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



Department of Public Works

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

**New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 1st**

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

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Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379.



Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled at Taylor Community

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 2-7 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia. The event is sponsored by Lakes Region Community Services. Appointments are recommended. Please schedule online at redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Photos Wanted!



If you have a great photograph of Laconia to share, e-mail it to brownn@city.laconia.nh.us, and you just might see it in an upcoming newsletter!



Laconia Fire Department

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



Warning: Hot Coffee!

Unauthorized Compressed Gas Cylinders

No. HC-2012-4 December 20, 2012

Learning Objective: The student shall be able to identify unauthorized pressure cylinders sold in retail welding kits.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued an important safety alert to consumers who are considering the purchase of retail welding kits: The compressed gas cylinders enclosed in the kits are not authorized for use in the U.S.

These welding kit cylinders do not meet U.S. DOT specifications and are not authorized for hazardous materials service in the U.S. They have not been inspected nor tested for safety, potentially posing danger to individuals and property. Extensive property damage, serious personal injury, and/or death could result from a rupture of one of these cylinders.

Individuals and companies in possession of unauthorized welding kit cylinders are warned not to fill them with any hazardous materials. Filling unauthorized cylinders is punishable by civil penalty and/or criminal prosecution.

Characteristics of unauthorized welding kit cylinders include:

- The welding kits contain two high-pressure cylinders.
- Cylinders are stenciled with "Made in China" in white lettering on the side near the bottom.
- Cylinders do not have markings that identify their type or service pressure.
- Cylinders are similar in appearance to DOT 3A or 3AA and DOT 8A (steel) cylinders, which would commonly contain oxygen and acetylene used in oxyacetylene welding but do not meet requirements for maintenance, retest and certification.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has notified directly more than 300 purchasers who obtained the equipment through an online buying service between July 2011 and August 2012.

For additional information and a copy of the letter that was sent to consumers, visit [http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Cylinder%20Purchaser%20Letter4AMK%20edits%20Merged%20\(3\)%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Cylinder%20Purchaser%20Letter4AMK%20edits%20Merged%20(3)%20(2).pdf).



These unauthorized, imported cylinders are sold as part of a consumer welding kit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Laconia Fire Department at 524-6881. In an emergency, always remember to call 911.



Eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
at www.nfaonline.fema.gov

For archived downloads, go to:
www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/coffee-break/



RECYCLING TOTER PROGRAM

**City of Laconia
Dept. of Public Works
27 Bisson Avenue
Laconia, NH 03246
603-528-6379**



Shown above: Laconia City Clerk Mary Reynolds inside one of the recycling toters now available for sale to Laconia residents.

If you haven't already ordered and picked up your 64 gal. recycling container, now is a great time to do so!

The toters are commercial grade, and have a capacity of 64 gallons. The cost for one toter is \$25 (the City supports \$20 of the total cost of the toter). Additional toters can be purchased for \$45 each while supplies last.

We now have one of the actual toters here in the lobby of City Hall — feel free to stop by and see the great quality of these recycling containers for yourself!

Contact Ann Saltmarsh at the address above, call 528-6379, or e-mail saltmarsh@city.laconia.nh.us to purchase toters. This Recycling Toter Program is for Laconia residents only -- proof of residency may be required.



We're getting ready for 2013!

For your convenience, our 2013 City Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

And please mark your calendars with the dates of City Council meetings in 2013! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings. If you are unable to attend, the City Council meetings are televised and available for viewing on Lakes Region Public Access television. Please click [here](#) for our 2013 City Council Meeting Calendar.

*We all wish you a safe, happy
and healthy New Year!*

Laconia 2013 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Recycling in Laconia is collected at your curb every other week in 2013. Your trash collection is every week. Place your trash and Mixed Paper and Commingled Containers at the curb by 6:00 AM. The recycling collection will be on the Shaded Weeks as follows.

January	February	March	April
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May	June	July	August
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September	October	November	December
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BESTWAY DISPOSAL

Recycling and Trash Collection Schedule

2013 Holidays

New Years	Tuesday 1-1-13
Memorial Day	Monday 5-27-13
Independence Day	Thursday 7-4-13
Labor Day	Monday 9-2-13
Thanksgiving	Thursday 11-28-13
Christmas Day	Wednesday 12-25-13

<input type="checkbox"/> Collection will be delayed one day after the holiday during these weeks.

Recycling is easy, economical and environmentally necessary! Your recycling efforts save natural resources and returns recycling for reuse, and by recycling you save Laconia tax dollars by avoiding disposal costs.

603-524-5881



Department of Public Works



Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

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

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
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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



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