



Laconia Links

December 31, 2015 - Edition #217



Stone arch at Weirs Community Park

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - December 7, 2015 through December 18, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 715.93		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$107,389.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$27,165.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30%	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
(MSW + Recycling)				Target	Reaching Target
Remote Sites		29.39			
Monday	23.29	5.70	24.5%	6.99	\$193.50
Tuesday	42.66	12.34	28.9%	12.80	\$69.00
Wednesday	40.95	8.73	21.3%	12.28	\$532.50
Thursday	36.90	8.77	23.7%	11.07	\$345.00
Friday	36.22	7.48	20.6%	10.87	\$508.50
	Total = 180.02	Route Total = 43.02	Curbside Ave = 23.9%	Total = 54.01	Total = \$ 1,648.50

***Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present**

Prior 2 Weeks = 22.8%

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!



Laconia 2016 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Recycling in Laconia is collected at your curb every other week in 2016. Your first collection is every week. Place your trash and Mixed Paper and Container Carts at the curb by 6:00 AM. The recycling collection will be on the Green Shaded Weeks as follows:

January	February	March	April
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27 28 29 30			
25 26 27 28 29 30 31			

Click [here](#) for a full-sized version of the 2016 Recycling Collection Calendar!

BESTWAY DISPOSAL

Recycling and Trash Collection Schedule

2016 (Holidays)

New Year's Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

Monday 1-3-2016
Monday 5-30-2016
Wednesday 7-6-2016
Wednesday 9-8-2016
Tuesday 11-25-2016
Monday 12-26-2016

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.
603-737-0532
Cassella Waste

Laconia Public Library **Upcoming Events.....**



Holiday Hours

The Library will close on Thursday, December 31st @ 4:00 pm. and will re-open on Saturday, January 2nd @ 9:00 am.



Recycled Book Picture Frames
Monday ~ January 25th at 6 pm



Join us at the Laconia Public Library for an adult program where we will create picture frames made with discarded books. Feel free to bring a favorite picture along if you have one. Note that participants will be using very sharp tools and hot glue. Pre-registration appreciated.

Please plan to join us!

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**

Planning Board
January 5, 2016, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

**Licensing Board/Special
Events Review Committee/
Motorcycle Technical Review
Committee**

January 6, 2015, 12 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission
January 6, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B



***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](#)



On behalf of the Laconia School District, we wish
you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE AT RISK FOR A DRUG OVERDOSE?



Come to A Community Event to Learn How to Help and How to Access Naloxone*

Learn how to help a loved one
Learn how to help yourself
Learn how to save a life

Free naloxone kits will be available
for those at risk or with a loved one
at risk for overdose.

**NH Alcohol and Drug
TREATMENT LOCATOR**
www.nhtreatment.org

ANYONE.
An Initiative of
Can experience addiction • Can ask for help
Can recover • Can save a life
www.anyoneanytimenh.org

Monday, January 11th, 2016

Location: Beane Conference Center,
35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia, NH

Time: 12PM to 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 11th, 2016

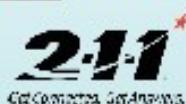
Location: Bessie Rowell Community
Center, 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin, NH

Time: 5PM to 6:30 PM

For More Information:

Contact: Lisa Leary
Phone: (603) 528-2145
Email: lleary@pphnh.org

*Naloxone is a special medication that temporarily reverses the effects of opioid overdose.



AnyoneAnytimeNH is an initiative of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



Laconia Historical and Museum Society
Travelling Series

Photo ID Day

Monday, January 11, 2016 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. Francis Home

406 Court Street, Laconia



Join us as we share with you some of the many images from our collection that we need help identifying ... people, places and events ... Can you put a name to the face, or share a great story about an event ... we want your input!! Join us for this casual day of reminiscing ...



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!

Assessing

[Click for Assessing Department](#)

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2015 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.

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

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.

News

From the Laconia Water Department

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



The Laconia Water Department will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 to gather comments on raising its rates on consumption from \$1.45 to \$1.85 per hundred cubic feet (hcf). This meeting will be held at the Water Treatment Plant conference room at 117 Stark Street beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Water Commissioners chose to increase only the consumption portion so that large and small businesses as well as individual homeowners will not see an increase in their base/unit rate.

It is also felt that a consumption only increase will help to promote water conservation.

Operational increases have been taking place while simultaneously the volume of water billed has decreased approximately 1.5% per year over the last 15 years. The majority of our customers fall into the single family residential category and the proposed increase will amount to approximately \$40.00 per year per household. Even after this increase, the average home only pays \$0.73 a day for water or \$0.003 per gallon.

If you have any questions, please contact Seth Nuttelman, Laconia Water Works Superintendent at 524-0901.



Click [here](#) to read the Newsletter!



Laconia School District Safe Schools Healthy Students



Core Management Team Newsletter - Issue 1

December 2015



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!





Parent Education & Support



Active Parenting of Teens*

Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm, beginning January 5 (7 Weeks)

Active Parenting of Teens will give parents the guidance and support needed to turn the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Topics include: methods of respectful discipline, skills for clear, honest communication, strategies to prevent risky behavior, how to be an encouraging parent, and issues such as teens on-line, bullying and depression.

Dinner served from 5:30-6:00pm.

Meets on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16.

Cooperative Co-Parenting*

Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm, beginning January 5 (4 weeks)

This 4-week series is for divorced and/or separated parents and other caregivers who are raising children. Topics include: coping through separation and transition, skills for dealing with stress and anger, positive communication strategies, how to reduce and resolve conflict, negotiating agreements, and mediation and guardianship. *Dinner served from 5:30-6:00pm.*

Meets on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 & 1/26.

Positive Discipline Strategies & Techniques—A Nurturing Skills Module*

Beginning January 7 (5 Weeks & Orientation) Daytime and Evening Sessions Available!

Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm Lunch included. —OR— Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm Dinner served from 5:30-6:00pm.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on discipline which is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.

Meets on 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 & 2/11.

READY! for Kindergarten*

Wednesday, January 20, 5:30-7:30pm at Pleasant Street School in Laconia

READY! is a free program for parents of children ages birth to five, available three times a year to **Laconia** families. Get new information about how children learn and grow, plus easy learning activities that are fun to do at home. In case of snow, class will be rescheduled for January 27th, same time and location.

To register call Kaitlyn at 524-5710 or visit www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia.

Save the date: Spring class will be held on April 20, 2016.

Parenting Journey*

Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:00pm, beginning March 1 (12 Weeks)

A 12-week curriculum designed for parents who want to learn more about themselves, their relationships, and the resources they need to effectively parent their children. In a warm and nurturing environment, parents are supported and encouraged to care for themselves and each other, while participating in a series of experiential exercises. *Dinner served during class.*

Meets on 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17 & 5/24. *There will be NO CLASS on April 26.*

Resiliency Skills*

Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm, beginning March 1 (5 weeks)

A 5-session workshop designed to examine 5 resiliency skills: realistic optimism, humor, flexible thinking, social supports, & turning inward, and to explore how to practice and integrate them into your daily life. *Dinner served from 5:30-6:00pm.*

Meets on 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 & 3/29.

Developing Personal Power and Keeping Kids Safe—A Nurturing Skills Module*

Beginning March 3 (6 Weeks & Orientation) Daytime and Evening Sessions Available!

Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm Lunch included. —OR— Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm Dinner served from 5:30-6:00pm.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on personal power and making good choices. Attendees will learn positive ways to manage behavior and examine choices that keep all members of the family safe and healthy.

Meets on 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7 & 4/14.

Tenant 101*

Do you have poor or negative landlord references? Do you want to work on changing them? Come learn how to be the best tenant you can be. Topics include what to look for in an apartment, how to complete a rental application, what to expect in an interview, evaluating whether or not an apartment is affordable, landlord/tenant rights, the eviction process, and being a good neighbor.

Dates will be set as soon as there are enough people registered. Interested participants should contact Tricia at 528-0391 ASAP!

**In case of snow—
Our programs are
cancelled if
Laconia Schools
are closed.**



To register call 528-0391 or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

***Limited on-site childcare available for these programs. Please reserve a space for your child when you call to register.**

Revised 12/28/15

Just a
reminder...

**The next recycling collection
week begins Monday
January 11, 2016!**



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



The New Year's holiday falls on Friday January 1st -- there will be a one-day **DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on this day.

The Friday, January 1st route will be collected on Saturday. Monday collections will be on the normal schedule. Questions? Please call Ann @ 528-6379.

*Following is the
City Hall schedule
for the upcoming
holiday:*

We will be closed on January 1, 2016, New Year's Day.

Happy New Year!

Christmas Tree Disposal Procedure

If you're wondering where you can dispose of your Christmas tree now that the holidays are over, we have the information you need!

Laconia residents can transport and drop-off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. Laconia Transfer Station, 385 Meredith Center Road. Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area only. Please pull on scales first!
2. Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St (on Memorial Park Drive). Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area only.

Please call Ann, Department of Public Works with any questions, at 528-6379, Ext.300

Need help getting rid of that Christmas Tree once the holidays are over?

Please note that the City no longer picks up trees!

Imperial Hauling, LLC is offering a Christmas Tree pickup service to Laconia residents, with proceeds benefitting Lakes Region Community Services. There is no set fee for this service, affording everyone the opportunity to pay what they choose.

All you need to do is leave your tree at the curb and provide your address to Imperial before Jan. 15, by calling or emailing:

(603) 832-3451, or
info@imperialhauling.com

Pickups will begin shortly thereafter and an envelope will be left at your door to send in payment.

Imperial is a family-run hauling operation based out of Laconia, offering home clean outs and 10-15 yard open top dumpsters to homeowners and contractors in the Lakes Region.



Since 1975, Lakes Region Community Services has been an essential community partner supporting individuals and families living with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders and providing community-wide family supports to enhance quality of life from birth through the lifespan. LRCS serves the residents of Belknap and southern Grafton counties.



New 2016 City Hall Holiday Calendar!

For your convenience, our 2016 City Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

And please mark your calendars with the dates of City Council meetings in 2016! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings. The meetings are also televised and available for viewing for Laconia Metrocast subscribers on Channel 26.

Please click [here](#) for our 2016 City Council Meeting Calendar.



2016



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

Pet of the Week: Elliott



Time heals all at New Hampshire Humane Society. Elliott, the debonair tuxedo cat can attest to that!

In February when he arrived, worn and weary, he showed all the physical signs of a very rough life spent existing on the streets. We patched him up, provided the care he needed, loved him and cuddled him and showed him a new way... one where humans are kind and thoughtful, life is comfortable and food is not something one has to forage for.

This handsome black and white cat is as sweet as can be now that the weight of the world no longer bears down upon him.

We'd love to see him go home for the holidays; truly, he's waited patiently, and now is ready to start a new chapter in his life. He's ready to blossom and be the very best companion – you really just need to meet him!

www.nhhumane.org 524-3252 facebook.com/nhhumane



SAVE THE DATE! JANUARY 30, 2016 FASHION SHOW!



Do you wear your heart on your sleeve? We sure do!
We are happy to WALK proud, SHOW our support
and STAND up against human trafficking.

We are so happy to have partnered with New Beginnings to do just that!
Join us in January for a festive winter fashion show
and watch our community members
Wear Their Hearts and Walk The Runway
How do you wear your heart?



Find us on Facebook and
follow along for more details:
Wear Your Heart NH

#wearyourheartNH

Pitman's Freight Room, Laconia

6 o'clock in the evening

Dressy casual attire

Appetizers & Cash Bar by Contigiani's

Photography by Megann Sanborn

Emcee & Music by Natty Entertainment

\$30 per person via www.eventbrite.com

*In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, all proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to New Beginnings.



New Beginnings-Without Violence and Abuse is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support; and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence. Call us any day, any time at 528-6511 for support.

City Manager's Office



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 proposed for 2015 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report
helpful and informative!



News From the City Clerk's Office

Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on February 9, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 – Belknap County Nursing Home
- Ward 2 – St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall
- Ward 3 – Laconia Middle School (multipurpose room)
- Ward 4 – Memorial Park Club House
- Ward 5 – Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym)
- Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse



To request an absentee ballot please visit http://www.cityoflaconianh.org/uploads/clerk_dept/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%202016%20OFFICIAL.pdf. Please print and sign your request – **don't forget to choose a party!** Requests may be submitted via email, fax, in person or mailed. As soon as ballots are received from the State of NH we will mail your ballot to the address indicated. All completed absentee ballots delivered in person to the Clerk must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2016; all completed absentee ballots delivered in the mail must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please plan accordingly to ensure your vote is counted!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



The annual Laconia Police Department Christmas Party was held last week!

Current employees along with retirees enjoyed each other's company and an assortment of foods and desserts.

Pictured from left to right: Former LPD Lieutenant Michael Nielsen, Officer Tom Drouin, Captain Don Doherty, and Captain Francis "Butch" White.

International Film Series sponsored by: Laconia Human Relations Comm. & Laconia Public Library

TESTAMENT OF YOUTH
Monday, January 4
Time: 6:15 P.M.
Laconia Public Library



- Eloquent, true story of WW1
- A young woman, her brother & his friends
- A nurse in England & France
 - ◆ 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



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016!**

**familiar friends and meeting new ones as we
begin a brand New Year!**

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

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

**The Laconia
Senior Center will
be closed on
Jan. 1st and will
reopen on
Jan. 4th.**

**We look forward
to seeing our**

friends

*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	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Edward Engler	630-4484
Ava Doyle (Ward 1)	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4)	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6)	524-2514
E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us	

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