



Laconia Links

December 5, 2014 - Edition #163



Be sure to visit Christmas Village this weekend!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - November 10 through November 21, 2014

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 652.72		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$97,908.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$19,398.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		31.30			
Monday	24.72	6.79	27.5%	7.42	\$ 94.50
Tuesday	41.62	11.61	27.9%	12.49	\$ 132.00
Wednesday	39.73	8.87	22.3%	11.92	\$ 457.50
Thursday	35.48	8.91	25.1%	10.64	\$ 259.50
Friday	33.93	7.26	21.4%	10.18	\$ 438.00
	Total = 175.48	Route Total = 43.44	Curbside Ave = 24.80%	Total = 52.65	Total = \$1,381.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 23.88%	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 Parks & Recreation

524-5046

Snowman Contest

Now through March 1st

Make a snowman with your family and take a picture of it. Send the picture in to us by March 1st and possibly win a prize!



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Old Fashioned Herbal Christmas



Thursday, December 11 @ 6:30 in Laconia Rotary Hall. Do you miss the true spirit of the winter holidays? Bring back the meaning of the heartfelt gift by creating simple yet elegant herbal gifts that people will love! In this workshop

you will make herbal spa items to pamper, tasty herbal treats, and even a gift for your feathered friends. This workshop is taught by Master Herbalist Melissa Morrison, who owns Dragonfly Botanicals Herbal Wisdom Center & Plant Sanctuary in Sanbornton.

Come share the fun and warmth of the holidays and take home herbal gift samples for yourself! Please register by December 9th at the front circulation desk, as class size is limited.

A materials fee of \$3 .00 is due upon registration.



Preschool Storytime Holiday Party

Join us on Wednesday, December 10th @10 am and Thursday, December 11th at 9:30 and 10:30 am in the Selig Storytime Room.

Movies & More for Kids

Friday, December 12th @ 3:45 Laconia Rotary Hall

"I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown".

Admission is free.

Kids under 10 must be accompanied

by a responsible caregiver 14 yrs. of age or older.



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.

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



Meeting
in
Progress

City Council

December 8, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Technical Rev. Comm. I

December 10, 2014, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

December 10, 2014, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Downtown Tax Increment Financing Comm.

December 11, 2014, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

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](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12
		PSS Walk to School Wednesday - 8:10 @ Opechee Park LMS Concert - 7 pm - Gym	LHS Laconia's Got Talent - 6 pm - Auditorium info	Polar Express @ WHS - 6pm Presents for PSS - 5:30 pm

PENNY PITOU VISITS PSS

The Pleasant Street School fourth graders studied famous NH people this month. One of the events was creating a wax museum where each child dressed like their person and presented to their families and school friends. Former Olympiad Penny Pitou came to meet the student who studied her. It was a magical experience for the children!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PROJECT EXTRA

Last month many great activities were happening after school in Laconia at the various Project Extra sites. They are so very thankful for the NH 21st Century Community Learning Center, Laconia School District, The Curran Foundation, WLNH Children's Auction, Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Laconia Public Library, Laconia Parks and Recreation, staff, students, mentors, parents, volunteers, local businesses and their donors. Together they provide opportunities that will positively impact the future paths of Laconia's youth. Click [here](#) to read more about PE.



EMPTY BOWLS OVERFLOWING WITH GENEROSITY



At Laconia Middle School last month the New Hampshire JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) students held the annual *Empty Bowls* fundraiser to benefit St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry. Students created colorful ceramic bowls that were used by participants at the event.

All of the food at the event was provided by Tavern 27 in Laconia. There were over 100 people who attended and the amount raised to donate was \$1003. Great job!

CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Students from the Culinary Arts Program at the Huot Technical Center are excited about their accomplishments and learning. With proficiency, pride, and community spirit, the students participated in two meaningful community events.

First, the students baked cookies for the "Hands Across the Table" (HATT) dessert auction. Students teamed together, producing over 12 dozen assorted cookies to donate to the charity.

The second notable event hosted by the students was the Huot Culinary Arts First Annual Parents' Dinner. Junior and senior students studying Culinary Arts showcased their skills and created a four-course meal. Over 50% of invited parents participated in the event, coming from Belmont, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Winnisquam.

The Culinary Arts program is a hands-on operation that provides the students with fundamental skills needed for employment in the food service industry and higher education.



Rheys Belser, Huot Technical Center, Culinary Arts Student

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News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED 12/8/14!

Tax bills will be mailed on Monday, December 8, 2014. They are due on January 8, 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...



New Horizons Band to Present Afternoon Concert

The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region, under the direction of Mary Divers, presents an afternoon concert, featuring a variety of holiday music at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Saturday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.

Consisting of musicians from many towns throughout the Lakes Region and Concord, the band is open to all ages. The group includes everyone from those interested in learning an instrument to professional players with diverse levels in between. Divers – 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!"

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., or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org.

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 12th, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience!



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!





Extended Hours!

IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT STORM, THE CITY OF LACONIA HILLIARD ROAD BRUSH DUMP WILL BE OPEN EXTENDED DAYS/HOURS TO HELP RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO DISPOSE OF DOWNED BRUSH AND TREE LIMBS, ETC.

THE BRUSH DUMP WILL BE OPEN FROM 8AM TO 3PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

ALL BRUSH WILL BE ACCEPTED (SIZE LIMITATIONS ARE BEING WAIVED)

PLEASE CALL ANN @ 528-6379, Ext. 300 WITH QUESTIONS

City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



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

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 (when available), 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

6th Annual Belknap Mill presents
Holiday Bazaar



Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH
Saturday, December 13th
9 am – 3 pm
FREE Admission

Locally handmade art, jewelry, gifts, ornaments and many more treasures from New Hampshire artisans.

Original Belknap Mill Holiday Stockings available in the Gift Shop.

Explore the Knitting Room and Powerhouse museums.



Connect with us:



www.belknapmill.org (603) 524-8813 programs@belknapmill.org



Laconia Fire Department

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



Thanksgiving Storm 2014

The weather forecasters did an outstanding job in predicting the storm. The intensity and resulting damage was much greater than anticipated. Starting on the Wednesday and ending on Sunday the Fire Department responded to 147 emergency calls. The normal call volume for that period is 50.

In anticipation of the storm we had hired one extra firefighter for Wednesday night. This would put two people in each truck – 2 Engines, 2 Ladders and 1 Ambulance. This should have been sufficient for a 6 to 10 inch snow fall. However, the snow started accumulating just after it started falling. This was not expected, and it stuck like glue to everything. A recall was activated at 7:30 PM for more firefighters. Driving was extremely difficult and mutual aid could not be relied on at this point. Fortunately four firefighters

were able to get to the station. Many were not available because they were away for the holiday, or they could not get to the City safely. We now had 6 firefighters in the Weirs and 8 at the Central Station along with Chief Erickson and Assistant Chief Beattie.

Thanksgiving Day we were back to normal staffing but still remained very active. We opened the regional shelter at the Laconia Middle School. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers came in to operate the shelter. The firefighters on duty were able to get the CERT mobile to the shelter and also assisted in setting up cots for shelterees. The shelter remained open until Friday afternoon. There were several people from the area who sought assistance at the shelter.

Throughout the storm the Firefighters worked tirelessly to protect and serve the community. Many times all we could do was set up traffic barricades to warn motorists of trees or wires down. In addition we responded to fire alarm activations, medical emergencies, gas leaks, two reported house fires and assisted Public Works moving trees from the roadways. Laconia Fire and Laconia Police worked together in many instances moving trees from the streets. Laconia Public Works spent hours plowing the streets so that emergency vehicles could get through, and residents could get home. At one point 12 streets were completely blocked caused by trees and wires blocking the roads.

The City responded in a coordinated manner and provided professional services at all times. I am very proud of the work of the firefighters, and all city employees and the CERT team volunteers. We are all very fortunate to have such dedicated people taking care of us.

Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

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.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

Hurray for the Holidays

Date: December 9th

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 5th



Family Cookie Decorating

Date: December 11th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Families make a date and come decorate some sugar cookies.

Must register & pay by December 5th

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 4, 5, 6 & 7

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.

Pictures available for \$3.00





Laconia Police Department

[Link to
Laconia
PD here](#)



Laconia Police Department Volunteer, Ian Nugent, helps decorate one of the Christmas trees at police headquarters. Ian is one of seven volunteers who donate their time to the department in various ways throughout the year. We appreciate all of our volunteers!



Homes for the Holidays House Tour And the Greens & Gifts Boutique Arrives December 6th & 7th!



The very popular "Homes For The Holidays House Tour", presented by the Opechee Garden Club returns on Dec. 6 and 7 from 10 am - 3 pm. This self-guided tour features 5 beautifully decorated homes in Laconia and Gilford. Carolyn Temmallo, Co-Chair of the event, says, "The tour promises to delight and enlighten you with a true holiday spirit."

The historic Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia, headquarters for the event, is the site of the "Greens & Gifts Boutique". Just in time for the holidays, visitors will be tempted with a lovely variety of wreaths, swags, arrangements, handcrafted items for sale, and a raffle table of specialty items. Complimentary refreshments of mulled cider, coffee, and homemade goodies will be served.

Judy Robertson, Co-President of the club, says, "This is such an important event for our club. It provides the funds needed to support our scholarships, grants and community betterment programs throughout the year.

Our talented members love creating the many greens arrangements, hand crafted items, and decorations seen in the houses and the boutique. I know this year's tour will once again delight our guests." Co-President of the club, Doreen Worthley added, "We are so fortunate to have the support of the businesses and our neighbors in the community. Bank of New Hampshire is again our financial sponsor for this major event, and we thank them for their continued support." Advance tickets of \$20 may be purchased at Belknap Mill, Laconia & Gilford Libraries, and Kitchen Cravings restaurant. On tour days, tickets are available only at Belknap Mill.

Public Works Department

Bulky Item Pickup!

Have you tried our Bulky Item Pickup service yet? It's a simple, easy and economical way to dispose of bulky and metal items curbside. Since the program started on October 1st a total of 128 Bulky Item Stickers have been sold. Here's how it works:

Bulky Items Eligible for Curbside Collection:



Furniture (non-metal)



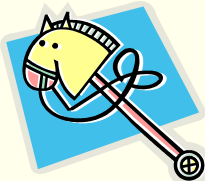
Toilets



Carpeting



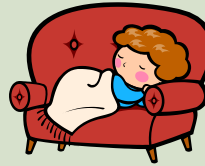
Mattresses & Box Springs



Non-Metal Toys

**Place curbside
by 6am on
your normal
collection day.
Bulky Item Sticker
Required!**

Metal Items Eligible for Curbside Collection



Sleep Sofas Washers & Dryers Metal Shelving

If you have a qualifying metal item for pickup, call Ann at 528-6379, Ext. 300 for the next scheduled monthly curbside pickup date. Place curbside by 6 am!

NO TV'S/COMPUTER MONITORS, REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, A/C UNITS OR CONSTRUCTION/DEMO MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED!!!!

All bulky and metal items must be affixed with a Bulky Item Sticker, one sticker per item. Stickers may be purchased at the Laconia City Clerk's Office, City Hall, or at the Public Works Dept., 27 Bisson Ave. for \$6 each. Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379, Ext 300.

City of Laconia residents now have a convenient and easy way to dispose of certain larger, bulky items curbside! The guidelines are simple and easy to follow:

Bulky Item Pickup stickers are available for sale at either the City Clerk's office or the Department of Public Works for \$6.00 each.

If you have a non-metal bulky item (mattress, old carpet, items of furniture, etc.), just affix one sticker on each item you wish to have picked up and leave it curbside on your regular trash pickup day. If you have a qualifying metal item, please be sure to call Ann at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300 to find out the next scheduled monthly curbside pickup date for metal items. Once the date has been determined, put one sticker on each metal item and place it curbside for pickup on that date.

Please call Ann at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300 with questions!





BECOME A CERTIFIED PRE-APPRENTICE



Are you a young
person, a veteran,
under-employed or
unemployed and
looking for a pathway
to a successful future?

Then the Pre-apprenticeship Certificate Training-PACT™
Program is for you. PACT Training offers:

- FREE training from journey-level instructors in the building trades, including Carpentry, Electrical Wiring, Brick Masonry, Plumbing, Painting, and Facilities Maintenance
- Instruction in safety and first aid, construction math, tools and materials, green building and employability skills
- Hands-on training in specially-designed workshops
- Opportunities to volunteer your skills on real job sites in the community
- OSHA 10, EPA Lead Paint, and HBI PACT™ Certification
- Career counseling and job placement assistance

**APPLY
TODAY!**
Registration
Deadline
12/31/2014.

Classes will be held at
Huet Construction
Career Training Center at
Laconia NH High School

HBI has partnered with New Hampshire Home Builders Association (NHHBA), to provide PACT™ training to eligible persons 18 years and older. Graduates earn a certificate that proves to employers that they have skills needed to be successful on the job. We can help you build your career, creating a foundation for your life that leads to a well-paying job.

For more information contact:
Elizabeth Fischer, HBI Program Manager
New Hampshire Home Builders Association
119 Airport Road
Concord, NH 03301
603-296-5272
efischer@hbi.org
www.hbi.org

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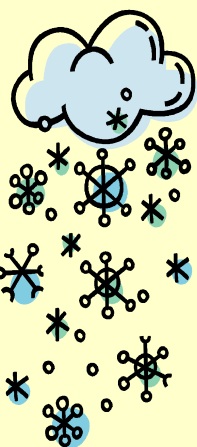


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Don't forget !
ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.



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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Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
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