



Laconia Links

December 13, 2013 - Edition #113



Lakeport Freighthouse Museum

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - November 25 through December 6

YTD* Recyclables Collected = 671.94		Savings to Taxpayers *YTD (@ \$150/ton) = \$100,791.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars *YTD = \$18,468.00	
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		28.81			
Monday	28.03	6.85	24.4%	8.41	\$234.00
Tuesday	44.83	13.02	29.0%	13.45	\$64.50
Wednesday	44.95	9.65	21.5%	13.48	\$574.50
Thursday	39.92	8.77	22.0%	11.07	\$480.00
Friday	34.45	8.40	24.4%	10.34	\$291.00
	Total = 192.18	Route Total = 46.69	Curbside Avg = 24.3%	Total= 57.65	Total = \$1,644.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 weeks = 23.2%	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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, Dec. 16th!

Winter Parking Ban!

Just a reminder...Laconia's Winter Parking Ban is in effect!

The Winter Parking Ban went into effect on November 1st. Parking is prohibited on any public street between 12 midnight and 6:30 am until May 1st.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

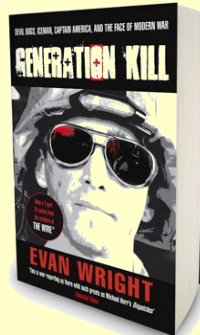
'Tis the Season for Giving



This holiday season the local Laconia St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is very much in need of assistance. The Food Pantry routinely serves over 365 families a month and the holiday season is especially difficult. The Laconia Public Library urges you to help by donating canned goods (vegetables, fruits, tuna fish, stews, juices, pasta, etc.) to the bin located at the main circulation desk of the Library. Since the Library does not charge overdue fines, we ask instead that you please bring in a canned item for the Food Pantry. Please help us help others in need this holiday season.

Thank you very much!

Fall Book Discussion Series: "Life During War Times: Exploring War Through Literature



The fourth and final discussion in the Laconia Public Library's fall series "Life During War Times: Exploring War Through Literature" will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3 @ 7 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall and will focus on the title *Generation Kill*, by Evan Wright. Wright was a part of a platoon of

highly trained and motivated First Recon Marines, the leading unit of the American-led invasion force in Iraq. The book is a readable and insightful look at the Iraq War's first month from the Marine grunt's point of view and presents a vivid, well-drawn picture of the men fighting in action on the front lines in the opening round of the Iraq War. Copies of the book are available to check out at the Library's main circulation desk.

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

Downtown TIF (Tax Increment Financing District) Advisory Group

December 16, 2013, 10 am
City Hall, Room 200B
(Special Meeting)

Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

December 16, 2013, 7 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee

December 17, 2013, 5 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Technical Review Comm. II

December 18, 2013, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan

December 18, 2013, 2 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commissioners

December 19, 2013, 8 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conf. Room

Downtown TIF (Tax Increment Financing District) Advisory Group

December 19, 2013, 10 am
City Hall, Room 200B
(Regular Meeting)

Laconia Airport Authority

December 19, 2013, 4 pm
Airport Conference Room

Board of Assessors

December 19, 2013, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Police Commission

December 19, 2013, 3 pm
Police Dept. Community Room, 126 New Salem St.

Thank you to every person who has ever told me I can't. You're just another reason why I will.
wannaplayrtime.tumblr.com

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

12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20
	Laconia School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ SAU #30	Pleasant Street School Sing-a-Long @ 6 pm	Holiday Chorus Concert @ WHS - 6:30pm	NO PROJECT EXTRA HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2013

National Honor Society Induction

On Thursday, December 12th the following students were inducted into the National Honor Society at Laconia High School. In the **Class of 2014** - Jordan Lovely, John Polidoro, **Class of 2015** - Mitchell Bailey, Erin Cashman, Sean Cashman, Lily Chanthasak, Brent Clarke, Anne Dionne, Sarah Dragon, Chelsey Drouin, Andrew Emanuel, David Engelsen, Elizabeth Erickson, Katheryn Fecteau, Gillian Gorse, Isabel Gorse, Megan Grant, Troy Harper, Brayden Harriman, Megan Long, Emilie Maddocks, Marissa McDermott, Danique Montique, Josh Morel, Michael O'Brien, Payal Patel, Jillisianna Paul, Alana Persson, Cierra Pinkney, Autumn Ross, Cheyenne Simkins, Rebecca Sirois, Michaela Sorrell, Sarah Topping. The following are **2013-2014 Senior Members** - Abigail Bennett, Brady Caldwell, Jessica Carbone, Scott Compton, Danielle Cote, Aidan Dean, Rebecca Dragon, Kelsey Dunn, Garrett Guilmett, Amila Hadzic, John Hammond, Mikayla Minor, Matthew Missert, Brittney Pond, Anna Stivali, and Emma Walker.



BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE COMMUNITY



LMS JAG kids completed the bridge they had been working on at Prescott Farm on 11/21. The Jag program has been going to Prescott Farm for community service projects and will continue to do so through the school year. The bridge was built by 7 JAG students with the help of the Farm's director, Sarah Dunham.

Second Grade Students Study Wants and Needs at Woodland Heights

With the holidays quickly approaching, 2nd grade students at WHS are beginning a new Social Studies unit on "Needs and Wants". The second graders will be exploring the differences between what a need is and what a want is. Students just recently colored and decorated angels for The LRGH Auxiliary annual Tree of Love. This is a wonderful way for students to give back to their community. Students are continuing to produce Woodland Wildcat quality work.



A SUPREME Treat for PSS Students!



Last month, 4th grade students from Pleasant Street School took a field trip to the NH State House and the NH Supreme Court. They were honored to meet and speak with a NH Supreme Court Justice, Senator Andrew Hosmer & Governor, Maggie Hassan! A special THANK YOU to the VIPSS group for always supporting the field trips with funds!

Speak Up Now Survey

All Laconia Schools are conducting a survey for Parents, Students & Teachers to give everyone the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues. Please take a few moments to complete this survey by **December 20**. Please click on the link below: <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2013>



A message from our Elementary School Nurses

As winter is here, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the cold! A jacket, hat and gloves/mittens (snow pants and boots when snow comes) are necessary to participate in outdoor activities. It is also a good idea to pack a pair of shoes to change into while at school. It is important to keep your child bundled up while outside to help prevent illness and injury. If you need help getting winter clothes and boots for your child, please contact the nurse or guidance counselor for assistance!

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Laconia Police Department

[Link to
Laconia
PD Here](#)



The Laconia Police Department would like to thank Ian Nugent and Kristina Zingg for volunteering their time decorating the Laconia Police Department inside and out for the Christmas Holiday.

Ian volunteers regularly at the Police Department with his co-worker Kristina. Ian waters the plants, cleans tables and assists with shredding.

Thank You Ian and Kristina for making the Laconia Police Department a little more MERRY!!!

Go Green - Pay Online



Less Clutter, Better for the Environment



Don't have time to wait in line?
View and/or Pay your Bill Online

Go To: www.city.laconia.nh.us

Select "Online Payments"

Announcing a **new**, easy way to View & Pay your Bills Online!

You can access and manage your City of Laconia
tax & sewer only accounts online at your
convenience.

It's easy, safe and secure!

- No registration is required to view or pay* your bill.
- Receive an email confirmation of payment.
- Avoid late payments by enrolling in Auto-Pay - **new!**
- Pay online with e-check for less than the cost of a stamp!

* Service fees apply



Disposal of Christmas Trees

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PROCEDURE

In an effort to more efficiently and effectively utilize DPW personnel and equipment time, **Christmas Trees will no longer be picked up curbside by Laconia DPW** in the weeks immediately following the Holidays. Laconia residents can transport and drop-off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. Hilliard Road Brush Dump on Wednesdays in January (Jan 8th, Jan 15th, Jan 22nd and Jan 29th) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. An attendant will be there to assist you.
2. 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!
3. 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, 528-6379, ext.300.

***Rick Libbey:
The “MooseMan”***

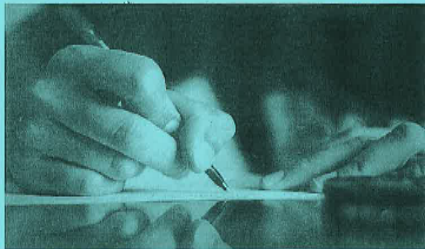


Rick Libbey – a/k/a the MooseMan – tells the story of his wildlife photos in a presentation Saturday morning, December 14 at 10 am at Taylor Community’s Woodside Building.

Libbey talks about his adventures, capturing the photos and how important it is to respect wildlife and their environment. Anyone who has an interest in the outdoors, photography or wildlife is sure to enjoy this charismatic speaker.

The event is free and open to the public and is suitable for all ages. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 524-5600, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by emailing rsp@taylorcommunity.org.

**Need Help Signing up for the
Affordable Care Act?**



On **Saturday December 14th** from **10-2 pm**, certified counselors will be at the Lakes Region Community College- CAT Building to assist you in signing up for insurance in the Health Insurance Marketplace, either online or using a paper application.

What to Bring:

1. Social Security number or a document number.
2. Employer name and current income for yourself, as well as for anyone else in your household. (You can find this information on a current pay stub or recent W-2 form)
3. If you or anyone else in your household currently has health insurance, you will need information on the insurance, including the current policy number(s).

This service is free and open to the public.

*The first day of
winter is
Saturday,
December 21st!*



*Friday December 6, 13, and 20
1- 4pm LRCS Main Office
719 N. Main Street Laconia*

*Basket Raffles at the Belknap Mall
~One Day Only~*

Friday, November 29, 9am – 1pm

*Raffle Drawings will be held at
LRCS Main Office on 12/20 at 4pm*

**LAKES REGION
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

To benefit the Employee Assistance Fund

News

From the Laconia Water Department

Important Notice to Laconia Water Department Customers!!

The November 2013 Water & Sewer Invoices contain a printing error which was not detected until after being mailed.

The correct due date is January 6th, 2014.

This does not include the sewer only invoices due December 30th to the City of Laconia Tax Collector.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Questions? Please call the Water Dept. at 524-0901

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

Winter Programs

at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center
January & February 2014

Snowshoe Fitness Walks

(faster/fitness paced for adults)

Saturdays, Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th/Feb. 1st & 8th;
9:00-10:00

\$7/person or \$5 for Members of Prescott Farm
(price includes snowshoe rental)

Snowshoe Adventure Hikes

(slower paced for all ages)

Saturdays, Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th/Feb. 1st & 8th;
11:00-12:00

\$7/person or \$5 for Members of Prescott Farm
(price includes snowshoe rental)

Sledding Parties

Saturdays, Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th/Feb. 1st & 8th;
1:00-3:00

FREE! (please bring your own sled)

Full Moon Snowshoe Walks

Thursday, Jan. 16; 6:30-8:30

Friday, Feb. 14; 6:30-8:30

\$7 per person or \$5 per person for Prescott Farm Members, with a discount for families with two or more children (\$24 or \$18 for Members)

Reservations are required for all programs. For more information on any of these programs and to reserve your space, please contact us at:

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

"Through preservation and education, Prescott Farm celebrates the interconnections between our community and the natural systems that sustain us all."

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH 03246 • (603) 366-5695 • Fax: (603) 366-5720 • info@prescottfarm.org
www.prescottfarm.org

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE OUT!

Tax bills were mailed on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. They are due on December 30, 2013. 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 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...



News from the Planning Department!

The City of Laconia Planning Department welcomes Brandee Loughlin as the new Assistant Planner. Brandee comes to us from Lowell, Massachusetts and previously worked for the Massachusetts Historical Commission reviewing state and federal projects. We are so pleased to have Brandee at the City to help customers with the planning process and permitting and review planning submittals for the Planning Board.

Planning Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month and applicants are required to attend Technical Review Committee meetings with their proposal prior to being scheduled before the Planning Board. The schedule for 2013 season is on the Planning website: <http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/index.php/departments/planning-inside>. The 2014 schedule will be available soon and posted to the website.



The Family Resource Center of Central NH
719 No. Main St., Laconia, NH
603-524-8811 FRC@LRCS.org

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Winter is here and so is the new schedule of classes and events for parents and children at the Lakes Region Community Services' Family Resource Center! In addition to the oldies but goodies, you will notice several new classes listed in the new schedule - just click [here](#) to see what's offered!

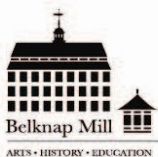
To register call 528-0391 or e-mail erikal@lrscs.org



Don't Miss the 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Belknap Mill

Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

30 Crafters • Bake Sale
Great Stocking Stuffers
Gifts for Children & Adults



Belknap Mill

The Mill Plaza
25 Beacon St. East Laconia NH
www.belknapmill.org
(603) 524-8813





Scholarship Information!

The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation is pleased to announce they will be awarding their Eighth Annual \$1,000 College Scholarship to a deserving high school senior. Applications must be in the Foundation's PO Box (see address below) by February 12, 2014.

Criteria: *Applicant must be a High School Senior in the State of New Hampshire (New Hampshire citizen); Must not be involved in or accused of any illegal activity; Must have and show documentation of a specific need for funds (income, financial need); Must have three letters of reference (all sent in together with application in one packet); Must have a letter explaining how awarded funds will impact their life and how they are willing to give back to the community.*

If you feel you fit this criteria and want to apply, please do so by visiting our website as follows: www.faithhopeandlovefoundation.org no later than February 14, 2014. All applications must be received by the above date in order to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Please mail your application and requested documentation **all in one packet** to the FHL, PO Box 64, Laconia NH 03247. If you have made it to the Top 5, you will be notified and then interviewed by the Scholarship Committee at a location to be determined on Sunday afternoon, March 16, 2014. The scholarship will be awarded at the 2014 Benefit Dinner and Donor Reception in the spring.

The Faith Hope and Love Foundation also welcomes new Board member Hillary Ayers! Hillary joins the Board with years of volunteering for children's organizations. She lives in Gilmanston, NH and currently works as a NH certified Level II Para Educator at the New Hampton Community School.

She is an Americorps NCCC alumni volunteering for such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, the Arkansas Children's Hospital, and trail maintenance. She currently volunteers her time working with autistic children.

Ayers said that she looks forward to the opportunity to be part of a positive network of women making a difference in the community. Co-Founder Laura Brusseau said that Faith, Hope and Love is lucky to have Hillary!



From Party to Pantry – Taylor Community Marketing Director Paul Charlton presents a \$2,000 donation to Jo Carignan, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Manager and Vice President. In lieu of a traditional staff Christmas party, Taylor – a continuing care retirement community – is donating the monies to the food pantry, which will benefit disadvantaged families throughout Laconia. Monetary donations allow Ms. Carignan to purchase food in such a way that more people can receive assistance. For more information about making your own donation, call 524-5470.



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



On Dec.19th the friends and family at the Laconia Senior Ctr. will celebrate the holidays with a delicious dinner and plenty of warm cheer and entertainment. Call 524-7689 for details or stop by at 17 Church St. for details and to sign up.



We hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays!



*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.*

*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	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Michael Seymour	524-6552
Ava Doyle (Ward 1)	393-6533
Matthew Lahey (Ward 2)	524-4283
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	

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www.city.laconia.nh.us