



Laconia Links

June 28, 2013 - Edition #90

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - June 10 thru June 21, 2013					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,241.50 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$186,225.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$107,367.60	
	Total Tons	Total Tons	Percent	Tonnage Required	2 Week Lost
Route	Collected	Recyclables	Recycled	to Reach 30%	Savings By Not
	(MSW + Recycling)			Target	Reaching Target
Remote Sites		30.12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	48.62	11.33	23.3%	14.59	\$489.00
Tuesday	43.75	8.53	19.5%	13.12	\$688.50
Wednesday	41.51	5.74	13.8%	12.45	\$1,006.50
Thursday	40.16	5.56	13.8%	12.05	\$973.50
Friday	35.48	4.89	13.8%	10.64	\$862.50
	Total = 209.52	Route Total = 36.05	Curbside Avg = 16.8%	Total = 62.85	Total = \$4,020.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/12 - present			Prior 2 weeks - 16.1%	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, July 1st!**



PLEASE NOTE!

MANDATORY RECYCLING BEGINS JULY 1ST!

Beginning Monday, July 1st, mandatory recycling in Laconia will be in effect. Details and more info are available on [page 10](#). We are excited to begin this effort to help our community and environment! If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to call our Public Works office at 528-6379, Ext. 300.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Summer Reading Program 2013



Dig into reading this summer at the library!

We will be digging up all kinds of fun for kids and their families from July 8th-August 16th.

Come to the library, sign up, and you'll find all kinds of reading adventures just waiting for you. Kids from birth through eighth grade may turn in reading logs at either library from July 10th-August 16th.

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

Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Dept.

Abatements

Remaining abatements will be addressed at the June 27th Board of Assessor's meeting.

If you applied for an abatement and have not received the decision, please contact our office at 527-1268.

Once all abatements are addressed, we will complete the 2013 update. New values will be reflected in the final tax bill (November).



Please let us know if you have any questions!

Questions? Call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.

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!*

Planning Board

July 2, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

License Board

July 3, 2013, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way



Laconia High School

[Laconia High School Website](#)



Laconia Middle School

[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



Elm Street School

[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School

[Woodland Heights Website](#)

Laconia School District - Year in Review - 2012~2013

As another school year comes to a close we take a few moments to think about all of our accomplishments for the year.

This year has seen a 32,000 square foot Huot addition constructed on the south end of the high school. This addition is home to the Culinary Arts, Preschool, Multimedia, Health Science and Business programs that were currently located in the original Huot. The Automotive, Pre-Engineering, Manufacturing, Building Trades, Plumbing and Heating and Biotech programs remain in the original Huot which received major upgrades. State-of-the-art science labs for biology, chemistry, physics and general science are currently being constructed in the original Huot in the space freed up by the new addition. A synthetic turf athletic field has been built to replace the current field. The construction involved removal of a portion of the hill behind the field and created 140 new parking spaces and additional field space. There were also critical improvements to the school's major systems including roofs, electrical and HVAC. Also new to the high school this year was the Principal, Jim McCollum, who has focused his efforts on improving student academics along with behavior expectations. There has been measurable academic improvement with increased structure and rigor in the academic program.

At Laconia Middle School, Principal Eric Johnson's first year has also focused on student academics and behavior. Mr. Johnson stated in his speech to the graduating class that managing change and perseverance were the highlights of this school year. The 156 students in the Class of 2013 contained 31 Presidential Awards, 22 Principal Awards and 39 Honor Roll students. This is impressive!

Elm Street school also had a new Principal this year, Kevin Michaud. Elm Street students were very active in the community this year. They also showed consistent academic growth. The parent group, VISTESS, is working hard to raise money to install a new playground.

Pleasant Street School Principal Kathleen D'Haene hosted a parent book group using "Schools Cannot Do It Alone" by Jamie Vollmer. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Ms. D'Haene as she leaves us to take a principal position at Moultonborough Central School. Thank you for all you have done for PSS.

Woodland Heights School this year focused on Project Wildcat, School Safety and a School Restructuring Plan. Principal Dennis Dobe explains that Project Wildcat is a comprehensive system to promote good citizenship and the development of social skills that will contribute to our students' current and future success and happiness as students and the years beyond.

We also welcome our new Superintendent Terri Forsten on July 1st. She has been in our District for 18 years. Having been a Principal for the first 10 years and our Assistant Superintendent for the last 8, she knows Laconia and Laconia knows her. We are excited that she will keep the momentum we've built, and more importantly, move us forward.

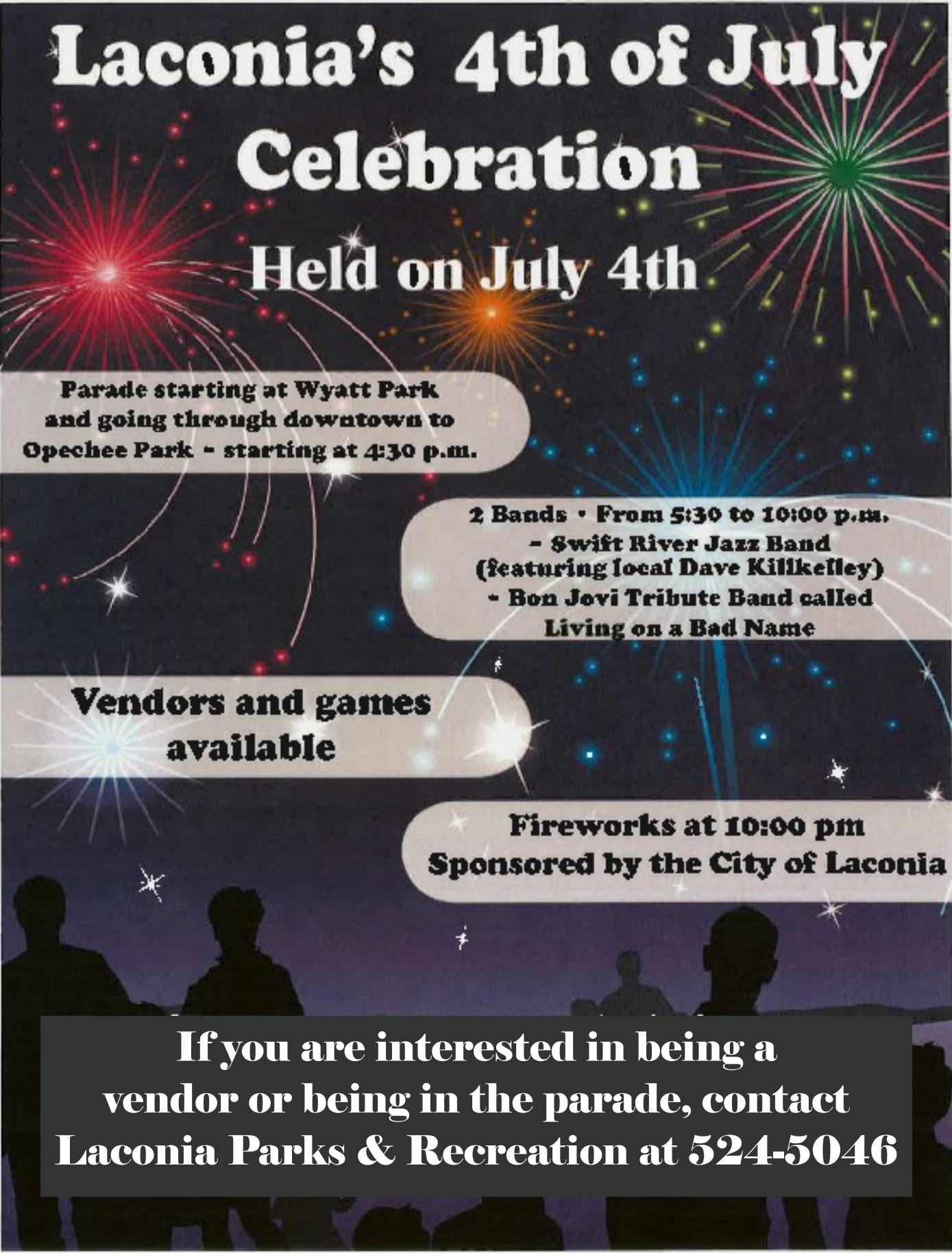
Last, but certainly not least, we say farewell to Superintendent Bob Champlin. Mr. Champlin has dedicated the past 31 years to the Laconia School District. He has truly led us from "good to great". Staff and students alike will miss him as a colleague, coach, mentor, boss and, most of all, friend.

Best wishes, Mr. C., from all your friends!



Click [here](#) to view
a video on the
year in review





Laconia's 4th of July Celebration

Held on July 4th

**Parade starting at Wyatt Park
and going through downtown to
Opechee Park - starting at 4:30 p.m.**

2 Bands • From 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.
- **Swift River Jazz Band**
(featuring local Dave Killkelley)
- **Bon Jovi Tribute Band called**
Living on a Bad Name

**Vendors and games
available**

Fireworks at 10:00 pm
Sponsored by the City of Laconia

**If you are interested in being a
vendor or being in the parade, contact
Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046**

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Laconia Historical & Museum Society Announces Their Search for Eldest Laconia Resident 2013

In their efforts to carry on a tradition introduced by Ann and Robert Dearborn in July of 1993 as part of the Centennial Celebration, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society announces their search to identify the eldest Laconia Resident for 2013.

In 1993, the Dearborns presented what came to be known as "The Centennial Cane" to Ms. Madeline Whelan who was at that time the eldest Laconia resident. On an annual basis, the Society's Centennial Cane Committee conducts a search to identify the eldest member of our community so that they can present the cane during the month of July – the month our City was incorporated. Although the Centennial Cane will be part of the presentation ceremony, the cane will actually be kept on display at the Laconia Public Library where the Laconia Historical and Museum Society's office is located.

Those eligible to receive the Centennial Cane must be a resident of the City of Laconia and must be able to verify their date of birth.



**If you would like to suggest a potential recipient –
Please call the Laconia Historical and Museum
office at (603) 527-1278 or email them at
lhmslpl@metrocast.net**

Lakes Region Rotary

Car Show



Saturday, July 27th

10 am - 2 pm

Weirs Beach Lobster Pound

Endicott Road, Rt 3., Weirs Beach, NH

Click [here](#) for
registration
form & details!

Presented by

AutoServ

Up on the roof....

Enjoy the sunset from the top of the downtown parking garage with your friends and neighbors at a Sunset Party! This is a family-friendly event, complete with hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and the occasional ukulele performance and dessert!

Meet approximately 45 minutes before sunset!

July 2: Sunset 8:31 pm Aug. 27: Sunset 7:31 pm
July 16: Sunset 8:25 pm

In the event of rain, meet on the
second floor of the garage.

We hope to see you there!



**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!**

Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257





Laconia Police Department

*Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)*

Neighborhood Safety Tips For Parents



Unfortunately, no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- **Help children learn important phone numbers.** Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.



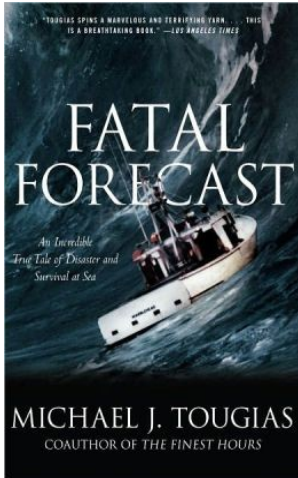
- **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.** Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- **Get to know your children's friends.** Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.** Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries and police stations.
- **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.** Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Laconia Police Department at 524-5257, or dial 911 in an emergency.





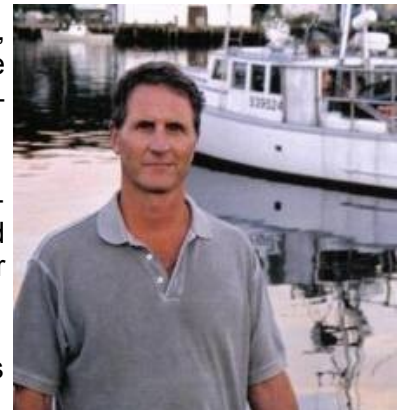
***Best-selling Author to Present
Survival Story
at Taylor Community***



Author Michael Tougias will present a slide presentation of his book, "Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea" at Taylor Community Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

In November 1980, two fishing vessels set out from Cape Cod to Georges Bank. The National Weather Service had forecast typical fall weather in the area, even though the organization knew its only weather buoy at George's Bank was malfunctioning. Soon after the boats reached the fishing ground, they were hit with hurricane force winds and massive, 60-foot waves that battered them for hours.

Using slides from the actual storm and rescue, Tougias will explain one of the most remarkable survival stories ever recorded. This is an edge-of-your-seat tale you won't want to miss!



The program is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested to ensure seating. Please call 524-5600 Monday-Friday from 8-4 p.m., or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org anytime for reservations.

Tougias is the author of 19 books. He will be available for book purchases and signings before and after the program.

***Belknap Mill Summer
Outdoor Concert Series***

**July 3: New Horizons Band
of the Lakes Region**

The free public concerts take place on Wed. evenings at 6:30 in Rotary Park unless otherwise noted. Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy the music!



Please Note...



City Hall will be closed on
Thursday, July 4, 2013

*We apologize for any
inconvenience!*

A complete list of 2013 City Hall closings can
be accessed on our website
by clicking [here](#).

Kelly Miller Circus FRI. & SAT.
7/5-7/6
LACONIA
Memorial Park



The Circus is coming to town!!

Sponsored by American Legion Post 1, the Kelly Miller Bros. Circus will be entertaining audiences on Friday, July 5th (performances at 4:30 and 7:30 pm) and on Saturday, July 6th (performances at 2:00, 5:00 and 7:30 pm) at Memorial Park Field in Laconia. Tent raising will begin at approximately 9:00 am on Friday.

Advance tickets are available at the American Legion Post 1, Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Patrick's Pub, Weirs Beach Cigo and the Citizen office. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets purchased on the day of the show at the Circus are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.



Department of Public Works

JULY 4th Holiday Solid Waste Collection Delay

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Independence Day is Thursday July 4th. There will be **A ONE (1) DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash this week as noted below:

Thursday collections will be on Friday
Friday collections will be on Saturday
Questions? Call Ann, 528-6379, Ext. 300.

Public Works Department

New rates at the Transfer Station for loads containing more than 100 lbs. will be in effect as of July 1st. Please click [here](#) to access a complete list of disposal rates and other useful information (*rate information will be updated as of 7/1/13*).



The Transfer Station is located at 385 Meredith Ctr. Rd. (528-5822) and is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am to Noon.

GOT LUNCH!

LACONIA



Join us each Monday from June 24th through August 19th as we begin packing healthy lunches for families in Laconia! Meet at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia, Veteran's Square.

Interested in Volunteering?
Contact John at: jwredlabel@metrocast.net



Laconia Fire Department

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

Fireworks Safety Tips

The 4th of July is almost here, the Laconia Fire Department wants to remind people to be very careful when celebrating our Independence Day, especially if you are going to use fireworks. Only permissible fireworks are allowed in Laconia, unless you are a licensed fireworks operator.

Fireworks are very dangerous. Do not get complacent when using these explosives! According to the National Fire Protection Assoc., in 2010 fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 fires nationwide. Those fires resulted in an estimated 60 civilian injuries and \$36 million dollars in direct property damage. In 2010, US hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,800 people for fireworks related injuries. 52% of the firework injuries were burns, while 21% were contusions and lacerations. 39% of the people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15. Fountains, sparklers and novelties accounted for 43% of the injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. Two years ago in Laconia an apartment house was destroyed by fire because of misuse of sparklers.

The best way to celebrate the holiday is to go to a public fireworks display. Laconia provides fireworks shows on July 3 at Weirs Beach and July 4 at Opechee Park.

If you do plan on using permissible fireworks you must be over 21 years old, own the property or have the owner's permission. Permissible fireworks are allowed in Laconia. They may not be allowed in other communities. Keep children away from the fireworks especially while lighting them. Store the fireworks in a safe location and keep them secured. Have a bucket of water readily available to put out any fires, and to protect yourself. Watch where the fireworks land and monitor the area for at least 30 minutes after you are done. Fireworks can land on roofs and in gutters and easily start a fire. The State Fire Marshal gives this advice:

"Be Prepared" before lighting fireworks.

- Purchase **only** NH Permissible Fireworks, available at licensed retail stores throughout the state.
- Purchase **only** the quantity that you will use.
- Permissible fireworks can **only** be displayed on property that you own, or have written permission from the landowner.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby in case of an unanticipated fire.
- Create a clear level surface to display your permissible fireworks away from things that can burn or easily ignite.

Call 911 immediately in the event of a fire or medical emergency. don't wait!

"Be Safe" when lighting fireworks.

- Adults 21 years of age or older should be the only ones possessing and displaying permissible fireworks.
- Always wear eye protection.
- Always read and follow the safety directions provided on each firework device or package.
- Light only one device at a time and move away quickly.
- Keep all spectators at a safe distance.
- Display permissible fireworks only outdoors, away from anything that can burn or easily ignite.
- Be considerate of neighbors, family pets and the environment. You could be liable for damages to another's property.

"Be responsible" when finished.

- Clean up all debris when you are finished.
- Devices that do not fire or discharge once they are lit are very dangerous; if a firework device does not fire or discharge, keep away for at least 15 minutes or more, then ensure that it has been filled with water or placed in a bucket of water.
- Always be sure that unused fireworks, matches and lighters are secured and out of the reach of children.

Public Works Department



IMPORTANT NOTICE

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Changes to the curbside collection program take effect July 1, 2013:

- All trash MUST be bagged in a container (aka trash can). Single family homes/duplexes limit of (2) 30-gallon cans
- Commercial/Multi Family Residential limit of (7) seven 30-gallon cans
- As of July 1, 2013 residents are required to separate recyclables from their trash
- **NO LOOSE BAGS OF TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED**

If you are NOT participating in MANDATORY RECYCLING, your trash will NOT be picked up.

There is no limit on the amount of curbside recycling the City will pick up. City DPW has 18-gallon recycling containers free of charge. City DPW is selling 64-gallon wheeled toters for \$25 (for the 1st one) and \$45 (after the 1st one).

If you exclusively use the Remote Recycling Drop Off Centers, call Ann Saltmarsh (528-6379, ext. 300) for an explanation of procedure.



Questions? Call Ann
at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300

Updates from the Planning Office...

Link to the Planning
Dept's website
click [here!](#)



The newly created Zoning Task Force (ZTF), charged with completing a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance, wants to hear from you about allowing chickens in Laconia!

The Task Force is contemplating an Ordinance that allows single family homeowners to keep chickens as long as they meet the following rules:

- a) No more than 5 chickens (no roosters allowed) can be kept unless you are an approved agricultural use.
- b) Chickens and chicken products for self use only. Selling of chickens or chicken products is prohibited.
- c) Chickens must be kept in side or rear yards and shall not be located closer than 20 feet to any lot line or within shoreland or wetland protection areas.
- d) The henhouse must not create noise, odor or other adverse impact and must not attract rodents or predators.
- e) No more than 3 cubic feet of manure can be kept on the lot



The ZTF will be meeting July 11th at 10:30 am, at City Hall in Room 200A to hear from you! If you have any questions, or if you would like to obtain the proposed language, please contact the Zoning Department at 527-1264!



NOTICE

**LACONIA
TRANSFER STATION
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, JULY 4TH**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
ANN AT 528-6379, Ext. 300**



**Family Oriented
Free Baseball
Event at
Robbie Mills
Sports Complex**

Don't miss Belknap Landscape Co., Inc.'s 4th Annual Area Appreciation Night at the Robbie Mills Stadium on July 5th! Come to the game and receive FREE parking and admission through Belknap Landscape's [website](#) or coupons in area papers. There will also be lots of fun activities for the whole family! Laconia Muskrats will play the New Bedford Bay Sox. Game time is 6:30 pm. Don't miss the prizes and raffles as well as discounted food and air-filled bouncy houses for the kids.

Call 524 2798 for details on the Laconia Muskrats.



Laconia Youth Soccer League
SIGNUPS FOR THE FALL 2013 SEASON
you can sign up now on line at

www.lysl4u.com



\$ 30.00 per child or \$ 50.00 per family

NO LATE SIGN UPS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 13TH

ELIGIBLE LACONIA RESIDENTS:
YOUNGEST - 5 YEARS OLD BY AUGUST 1, 2013
OLDEST - ENTERING 9TH GRADE FALL 2013

Any questions please call 520-2888



www.lysl4u.com

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