



Laconia Links

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Recycling Update



Gale Library Garden Feature

2 week total - April 30 thru May 11

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		18.48	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	26.46	4.83	18.2%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	35.87	9.10	25.3%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	36.89	5.45	14.8%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	34.67	5.67	16.3%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	35.81	4.75	13.3%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 17.6 %	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 16.8%

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!



Our percentage of recyclables continues to increase.....Thanks to all who contribute to our recycling efforts. Keep up the good work!

Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, May 20!



Lakes Region Rotary
LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Click [here](#) for more info

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale

Clean out your attic for a great cause!

Saturday May 19th, 2012 , 7 am to 2 pm

At Laconia Public Works Warehouse on Bisson Avenue, Laconia

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



SENIOR/SENIOR PROM

Click [here](#) for
Parks & Rec. website



The Laconia High School Senior Class and Laconia Parks & Recreation will be co-hosting the annual Senior/Senior Prom on May 31st. The prom will be from 4:30 – 7:30pm at the Laconia High School.

This event is for senior high school students and senior citizens to get together for a dinner and dance. Laconia Rotary is the sponsor for the dinner that is put on by the Huot Tech Culinary Arts students and is amazing every year!

The students will serve the senior citizens their dinner and join them in eating, conversation and dancing.

Space is limited to 125 senior citizens and
it's starting to fill up!

If you are interested in attending please call Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046.



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

Parks & Recreation Comm.

May 21, 2012, 7:00 pm
Community Center

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

May 21, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors

May 24, 2012, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

A Letter To the Citizens of Laconia and the Lakes Region From the Laconia Human Relations Committee and Lakes Region United Way:

We call attention to the **Community Aspirations** contract presented here. It evolved out of concern for the rising intolerance and incivility of communication that marks our current national landscape. The goal is to foster ongoing equitable community-wide communication and dialogue in the public arena. We would like to ensure that we, in the Lakes Region and New Hampshire, keep the ideals of democracy in our vision.

The **Community Aspirations** is a joint effort on the part of several Lakes Region concerned citizens and organizations; the contract grew out of the *Community Forum on Civil Discourse* held October 5, 2011 at the Lakes Region Community College. Since the *Community Forum* a group of concerned citizens have continued to meet on this issue. The group is not a political arm of any organization; it only shares a desire for reasoned discourse based in fact and thoughtful, immediate and long-term outcomes in public life.

The goal is to have the **Community Aspirations** petition signed by as many citizens of Laconia and the Lakes Region as possible.

Anyone in the Lakes Region is encouraged to sign the contract. There is no checking of names for validity with any public list.

The petition and copies of the **Community Aspirations** contract can be found in the Belknap Mill Society lobby from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday. Please stop by the Mill and add your name to the petition. Also, individuals and community organizations are encouraged to add the Community Aspirations to their Face book page!

There is a column on the petition sheet which individuals and organizations can check saying that they are willing to have their names listed in an ad in local newspapers. This ad will officially present the **Community Aspirations** petition to the public. Our hope is that many who sign the petition are willing to have their name listed in the ad in local newspapers. The petition will be available for signing through May.

Signed,
Carol Pierce, Chair,
Laconia Human Relations Committee
newdynam@aol.com

Community Aspirations

We the People of Laconia and the Lakes Region, in order to **REACH** our full potential as a civil and caring community, affirm and adopt the following ideals and thereby aspire to be:

Respectful of each other, the community, the environment, and ourselves in our words, actions and deeds;

Ethical, honest, truthful, trustworthy, sincere, fair even in circumstances of difficulty, intolerance and trouble;

Accountable to each other and ourselves, to distinguish between right and wrong, to be morally, legally and mentally responsible and to understand there are consequences for all choices we make and all actions we take, or fail to take;

Compassionate in all our dealings with both the powerful and powerless; and

Honorable in our individual and collective acts or manners of behaving so we convey decency and courtesy toward others.

Therefore, we encourage all members of our community to embrace, practice, promote and uphold these ideals daily wherever and however we live, learn, work, worship and play.

Alan Robichaud
Lakes Region United Way
alan@lrw.org

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Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

What's New...DVDs!

- Better Off Dead
- Broken Trail
- The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari
- The Cove
- Dolphin Tale
- Double Jeopardy
- Echo
- Glengarry Glen Ross
- Hollywood Land
- Lars and the Real Girl
- The Long Goodbye
- Midnight in Paris
- Stephen King's It
- Water for Elephants



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



Financial Executive Awards

New Hampshire Business Review's Financial Executive Awards, presented by KBW Financial Staffing & Recruiting, honoring NH's top financial officers and executives for their outstanding fiscal leadership and asset management.

The nomination period for the 2012 Financial Executive Awards is now over.

We are proud to congratulate Ward 3 City Councilor Henry Lipman, Sr. Vice-President/Financial Strategies & External Relations at Lakes Region General Hospital; Councilor Lipman received the prestigious Financial Executive Award in the "Large Nonprofit" category.

The winners were celebrated at an award breakfast on May 15, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel ballroom in Manchester. Well done!

Work Out Laconia!

"Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way" -Laconia SAU

Date: June 6, 2012
(Rain Date: June 7, 2012)

Time: 9:00am—9:30am

**Location:
Opechee Park,
Smith Track Oval**

**Activities:
Yoga, Zumba, Kick-Boxing
Hoala Hooping, & Walking
all to energizing music!**

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who cares about the health of our Community, Children and Schools. Come Join the fun!

THE MUSKRATS ARE COMING!



PRIZES

T-shirts provided to all participants

For More Information:
www2.laconiaschools.org

EVENT SUPPORTED BY:

Laconia Schools
Laconia Park & Recreation
Laconia Athletic & Swim Club
All My Life Jewelers





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia
Police Dept
Here](#)

Drunk Driving



The deadliest drunk driving accident in the U.S. occurred in 1988 on Interstate 71 in Kentucky when a drunk driver with a BAC level of .24 caused a head on collision with a school bus. The crash and ensuing fire killed 27 people (most of them children) and injured 34 others.

A driver in the state of New Hampshire is considered to be legally drunk when his or her blood alcohol content (BAC) level is at or above .08 grams per deciliter (g/dl).

It takes approximately six hours after drinking for the body to completely eliminate alcohol from its system with a BAC level of .08.

A driver with a BAC of .08 is 11 times more likely to be in a fatal accident than a driver who has consumed no alcohol. Drivers are more likely to be alcohol impaired during the night than during the day.

Approximately 11,000 people will die this year in a drunk driving accident.

Every 50 minutes somebody dies because of a drunk driver.

1 in 3 of us will be involved in a drunk driving crash.

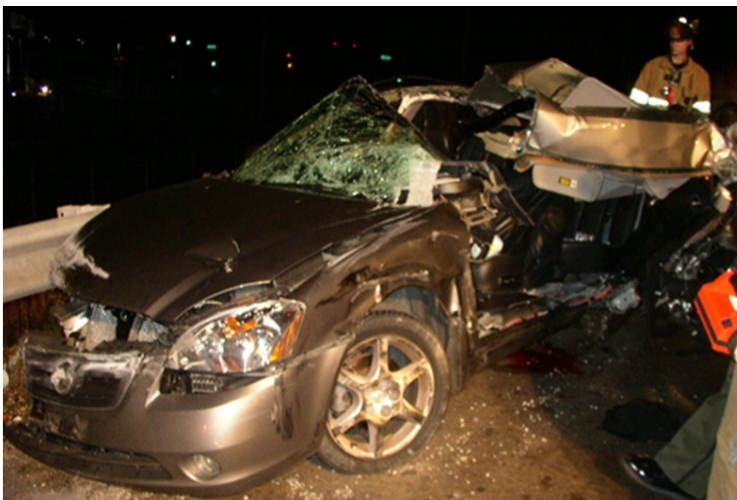
1 person a minute is injured because of a drunk driver.

Don't let your friends drive impaired. Take their keys away.

If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call a taxi.

The Laconia Police Department will be out in full force this summer to combat Drunk Driving. Drunk Driving will not be tolerated in our City.

The Laconia Police Department in conjunction with New Hampshire Highway Safety will combat drunk driving by conducting extra traffic patrols with primary emphasis on apprehending the drunk driver.



**Don't drive drunk -
it isn't worth it!!!**

Sources: www.ornatias.com,
www.madd.org, www.cdc.gov,
www.nhtsa.gov, www.caraccident.com

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPT.

Decks, Sheds and Pools

The Code Department is getting ready for Permit Applications for spring construction of Decks, Sheds and Pools! This is considered a Minor Building Permit and the [Application Form](#) is available online. Following are some helpful hints as you plan to submit your application for a pool:

POOLS:

- Note setbacks to property lines.
- If you live in an association, please submit a letter of approval from your homeowners'/ condominium association.
- Green space calculations shall be provided if your property is nearing the maximum lot coverage.
- The installation and maintenance of swimming pools shall meet the following minimum standards:
 - (1) The property or pool shall be surrounded with an enclosure adequate to make the pool inaccessible to small children. The minimum height, including gates, shall be four feet from the ground.
 - (2) All gates shall be installed with self-latching closures placed a minimum of four feet above the underlying ground.
 - (3) Any above-the-ground pools shall be exempt from this section only if they:
 - 1) are greater than four feet in height, and
 - 2) have a retractable staircase entrance or barrier.



NOTICE OF RATE CHANGES **LACONIA TRANSFER STATION**

On May 14, 2012, the Laconia City Council voted to approve the following rate increases at the Laconia Transfer Station effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013 respectively:

- (1) Loads containing up to 100 pounds: \$5 per load
- (2) Loads containing more than 100 pounds: \$60 per ton effective July 1, 2012 and \$90 per ton effective July 1, 2013, calculated in 20 pound increments.

The City of Laconia strongly encourages all Laconia residents and businesses to recycle - by participation in the curbside collection program for those on collection routes, by utilizing the 4 remote drop-off sites around the city (behind 257 Messer St, behind the Lakeport Fire Station, at the Weirs Community Center parking lot, and across from the Memorial Park Club House or, by delivering recyclables directly to the Laconia Transfer Station.

Recycling bins are provided free of charge. There is currently no limit on the amount of recycling which is collected curbside.

Please call Ann Saltmarsh if you have any questions at 528-6379.



Above: River Crew Art volunteers spring planting at the old Police Station property on Church St. recently.

Sadly, the flowers were taken by others but the group plans to replant shortly.



Office Renovations and Upgrades



(BEFORE RESTORATION)



(AFTER RESTORATION)

The Laconia Water Department has finished the renovations to our front office at this time. The Department started the project with a few goals in mind such as getting insulation on the exterior walls and updating the air conditioning system to be more energy efficient. But as every construction project goes, there are always some unknowns that alter the plans.

As the demolition of the old 1970s brown wood paneling began we started to uncover the materials behind the walls and, to everyone's surprise, we found bead board woodwork and wainscot panels. Unlike the brown wood paneling (as seen on the left picture above) these panels had some character and some history; therefore, the Department made a determination to restore the old woodwork. The Department was fully aware that this decision would add to the cost and the time frame estimated of the project, but everyone within the Department was in agreement that restoration was the ideal thing to do.

After a few months of hard work and determination by the Department's work force (especially David Willey as seen in the picture below shaking the hand of Greg Page, Water Board Commissioner), this is what we have today:



At this time the Department would like to thank all of our customers for their patience and understanding during the time of renovation. Please feel free to stop in and see our newly restored reception area!

Enhancing Habitat for Eastern Bluebirds at the Laconia, NH Transfer Station



April 2011: Belmont students constructed ten bluebird boxes, which were mounted around the site with the assistance of Waste Management and the City of Laconia.



April 2012: We sited four bluebirds in mid-February, suggesting our brood returned or wintered here. More community volunteers will get involved this April with WM and the City to plant native high bush cranberry and nannyberry as fall/winter food supply for our bluebirds and other species.

June 2011: WM employees sited our first pair of bluebirds, who showed great interest in Box #5. The pair quickly got to work building a nest. Four eggs were observed in late June!



July 12, 2011: Four baby bluebirds hatched over the weekend, born naked and with their eyes closed. Mom and Dad worked hard to keep them fed.

July 19, 2011: The four fledglings are growing fast and are partially feathered. They flew away a little more than a week later.



City of Laconia Job Openings!

Following are current job opportunities with the City of Laconia:

Laborer/Driver:

[Job Posting](#) / [Job Description](#)

Firefighter/EMT - Paramedic:

[Job Posting](#) / [Job Description](#)



*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 of Laconia

City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



Assessing

*Important
DATE!*

Now is the time to file for NH State Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief! Form DP-8 must be filed no later than June 30, 2012. The State no longer mails the forms to property taxpayers who have filed in prior years.

You are eligible to file for this tax relief if:

- You own a homestead subject to the state education property tax;
- You have resided in such homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made;
- You have a total adjusted gross household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person, or \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household.

Be sure to attach a copy of your final 2011 property tax bill and your 2011 federal tax return for each claimant and all adult members of the claimant's household for the corresponding period.

DP-8 forms can be obtained online by clicking [here](#) or by calling 603-230-5000. Completed forms are sent to: NH Dept of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, PO Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299.

[Click](#) for Assessing Dept.