



Laconia Links

November 15, 2013 - Edition #109

Mallards on Lake Winnepesaukee

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - October 28 through November 8

YTD* Recyclables Collected = 556.12		Savings to Taxpayers *YTD (@ \$150/ton) = \$83,418.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars *YTD = \$15,009.00	
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		23.71			
Monday	27.30	6.59	24.1%	8.19	\$240.00
Tuesday	39.13	11.71	29.9%	11.74	\$4.50
Wednesday	43.00	8.93	20.8%	12.90	\$595.50
Thursday	35.41	8.52	24.1%	10.62	\$315.00
Friday	33.88	7.52	22.2%	10.16	\$396.00
	Total = 178.72	Route Total = 43.27	Curbside Avg = 24.2%	Total= 53.61	Total = \$1,551.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 weeks = 24.4%	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, Nov. 18th!



U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Laconia!

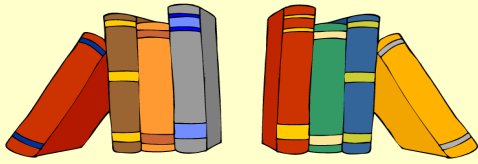
DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2013
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B
45 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 for questions or additional information.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



What's New ... Adult Section

Books, Fiction:

Deadline/Sandra Brown: A journalist who pursues a story about a former marine, the son of terrorists from 40 years ago, becomes a suspect in the death of his ex-wife.

Never Go Back/Lee Child: Jack Reacher is thrown into jail on trumped-up charges.

The Quest/Nelson DeMille: Two journalists join an elderly priest who has recently escaped from an Ethiopian jail in a search for a holy relic.

W is For Wasted/Sue Grafton: A homeless man inexplicably leaves \$600,000 to Kinsey Millhone.

The Longest Ride/Nicholas Sparks: The lives of two couples converge unexpectedly.

Teen Anime Club!



Join the Anime Club on Friday, November 22nd @ 3:30-4:30 in Laconia Rotary Hall. .

Watch Anime films and make suggestions for new Anime for the Library's collection. For teens in grades 6-12.

Yu-Gi-Oh!

Monday, November 25th @ 3:30 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 meet in Laconia Rotary Hall to play this popular card game. All levels of experience are welcome !



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

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.

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

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.

Parks & Rec. Comm.

Nov. 18, 2013, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Nov. 18, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Zoning Task Force

Nov. 19, 2013, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Technical Review Committee II

Nov. 20, 2013, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Meeting
in
Progress

Lakes Business Park

Nov. 20, 2013, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission

November 20, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

November 21, 2013, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conf. Room, 117 Stark St.

Board of Assessors

November 21, 2013, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Downtown Tax Increment

Financing District Comm.
November 22, 2013, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

So often you find that the students you're trying to **INSPIRE** are the ones that end up inspiring you.

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

11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22
		Empty Bowls @ 6:00 pm in LMS café - PARENTS PRIDE PTO MEETING immediately following @ 7PM	Family Thanksgiving Dinner @ ESS/ WHS	Family Thanksgiving Dinner @ PSS
				

COMMUNITY GARDENS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The Laconia Healthy & Wellness Academy partners including Belknap County Conservation District-Lisa Morin, UNH Cooperative Extension, The Huot Center Early Childhood Education-Patti Hines, Jag-Jessica Roberts, Lakes Region Child Care, Special Education Dept. at Laconia High School and Project EXTRA! all participated in district wide school based gardens. The gardens were supported through a grant from the Boston Foundation and with assistance from Bill Caruso on design and construction of beds they were created and ready for harvest this past spring. The gardens had their successes and challenges. The district is now seeking support from community gardeners who would enjoy working with teachers and students to further develop school based gardens. If interested please contact Tammy Levesque at 603-528-2145.

Picture Left To Right: Elder Wells, Elder Crane from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints; Lisa Morin from Belknap County Conservation District; Jessica Roberts, Laconia Middle School JAG Coordinator; Tarah Gelinas, Savannah Hartman and Justin Holmes



WHAT KIDS SAY ABOUT STAYING HEALTHY

Anna Adachi-Mejia, PhD, a cancer prevention researcher at Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center met with groups of Laconia middle school and high school students, lent them digital cameras and blank journals, and encouraged them to photograph, write about, and discuss their findings about what makes it easy and what makes it hard to eat fruits and vegetables, be active, and get enough sleep from a participant perspective as a group. The students then worked on a photo collage to showcase their work at a community wellness event in October. Click [here](#) to see video.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Laconia High School Concert Choir and Trumpeter Sebastian Huot performed at the annual Laconia Veterans' Day Ceremony. The choir led everyone in the Pledge Allegiance and proceeded with the singing of our National Anthem as well as patriotic military anthems ending with an upbeat tune to salute America. At the conclusion of the ceremony following the gun salute, taps were played.

Pictured:

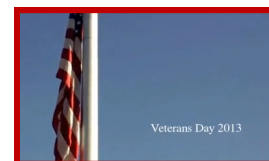
*First row - Jasmyn Murgatroy, Marcus Hubbard, Ashley Gomez, Tori Thibodeau, Keisha McCrea
Second row - Maddie Wunsch, Brittney Pond, Jessica McDermott, Katelyn Topping, Michael Tarling, Mitchell Bailey, Jake Reilly, Destiny DeMond and Sebastian Huot*



Pleasant Street School honored our Veteran's during the week of November 4th. Photos were collected from students to make a wall of family members that are veterans. They also held a full school assembly, with the LHS Band performing.

Veteran's photo wall pictured above.

[Here](#) is LHS's Veterans Day Presentation created by Laconia High School Senior John Hammond and also the Laconia Middle School Veteran's Day Slide Show presentation [here](#)



PSS WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY—TAKE 2



Walk to School Wednesday #2 held on 11/13 was a big success. We had over 70 participants and the majority of the group chose to take the longer walk (up Tremont Street). We gave out 6 t-shirts (see picture), 2 bicycle helmets and a handful of Frisbees in our raffle drawing. The t-shirts were donated by 3 students who have worked to raise money for community causes at PSS. The food

and vibe were both great.

We plan to do it again in December, so mark your calendars for December 11th. Special thanks to all the volunteers for your continued support. Without you, we couldn't do this!!!



Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Laconia Historical & Museum Society Announces Antiques Appraisal Day



Laconia Historical and Museum Society will present their quarterly Antiques Appraisal Day hosted by the Laconia Antique Center on Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

This quarterly program and fundraising event will utilize the talents of local appraisers Doug McGowan, Linc Fournier and Greg Peverley as well as David Wiggins, Art Appraiser to determine the value of participants' items. They will use the "team" approach to determine a value and share information with the audience that is unique to each item.

These appraisers are experienced with stoneware, clocks, coins, toys, silver, rugs, jewelry and general antiques, and with the assistance of David Wiggins are able to add art appraisals. The cost is \$5 per appraised item with all proceeds to benefit the Laconia Historical & Museum Society.

Everyone is welcome to bring their treasures and stay for an afternoon of fun and learning.

For more information about the Antiques Appraisal Day, please call The Laconia Historical and Museum Society at (603)527-1278, email us at lhmslpl@metrocast.net or visit our website at www.laconiahistorical.org.

Photo (right) – Greg Peverley (L) and Doug McGowan (R) appraise what is determined to be a valuable "Stickley" Chair at a recent Antiques Appraisal Day held by Laconia Historical and Museum Society.



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



Annual
Downtown Laconia

HOLIDAY PARADE

11am
Saturday,
November 30,

All
Businesses
Are Open!

Shop
Local!

Santa Claus

Bands Floats & More

Info & Registration Available at:
Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce
383 South Main Street 524-5531
Lakesregionchamber.org

All My Life Jewelers
639 Main Street 528-8541
rsbmoose@yahoo.com

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Department of Public Works



**NOTICE TO
RESIDENTS
ON
CURBSIDE
COLLECTION
ROUTES**

**Thanksgiving
Thursday, Nov. 28th**

There will be a **ONE DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Thursday, Nov. 28th. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday and Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

Any questions, please call Ann
@ 528-6379, ext. 300



**RECYCLING
Toter
PROGRAM**

**City of Laconia
Dept. of Public Works
27 Bisson Avenue
Laconia, NH 03246**



The City of Laconia Department of Public Works is again offering commercial grade 2-wheeled 64-gal. recycling containers with a hinged lid for sale as part of the City's curbside recycling program. There are approximately 200+ toters available on a first-come/first-serve basis. The cost per toter is \$35, with the City supporting \$20 of the program cost. Get your toter while supplies last!

Contact Ann Saltmarsh at the address above, call 528-6379 Ext. 300, or e-mail saltmarsh@city.laconia.nh.us to purchase toters. You may also place your order by mailing in this order form. This Recycling Toter Program is for Laconia residents only -- proof of residency may be required.

Name:
Address:
Phone #:

All toters must be picked up at the DPW Office – Payment is due at the time of pickup.

Public Works Department

Click [here](#) for
link to our Public
Works Dept.
website



Paugus View Condominium Association partners with City in Water Quality Improvement

Paugus Bay is an enormously valuable resource to the City. Its waters provide the City with a quality drinking water supply and with numerous recreation, commercial, and environmental benefits.

As part of a Comprehensive Drainage Study started in 2009, the City identified several areas where simple changes to the stormwater system could help

improve stormwater management and water quality protection. The old stormwater system was designed with one intent, to move stormwater off the roads and into the lake as fast as possible. Unfortunately, this design method also moves pollutants into the lakes as well. The first inch of rainfall (first flush) in a storm event carries most of the nasty pollutants (brake dust, oil and gas drips, bird droppings, etc.). Treating that first inch of rainfall makes a significant impact on water quality.

The Department of Public Works just completed constructing a bio-retention basin located at the intersection of White Oaks Road and Weirs Boulevard. The project is partly funded through a NH DES grant secured by Lakes Region Planning Commission. The bio-retention basin, engineered by Loureiro Engineering Associates, is designed using the powerful properties of compost and plants. Compost is very effective in removing stormwater pollutants such as petroleum hydrocarbons, bacteria, nutrients, and metals. As the rain enters the basin it will infiltrate through the open rock surface and pass through a two and a half foot layer of compost. The compost will absorb the stormwater like a sponge and begin to remove the pollutants from the water. The treated stormwater will also slowly drain into the surrounding soils making its way into the groundwater, reducing the discharges to the lake. When stormwater begins to pond in the basin, plants and amended soils located on the slopes will begin absorbing the water and removing the pollutants. Rainfall amounts exceeding the first flush capacity will bypass the basin.

Bio-retention basins are capable of removing between 80% to 90% of petroleum hydrocarbons, sediment, and bacteria and 70% to 80% of nutrients like nitrogen and metals like copper and zinc which can affect the health of fish. Improving water quality in the Lakes Region is an effort that everyone who lives and works in the region needs to participate in.

The Paugus View Condo Association recognizes the importance of protecting the Lake and was very willing to allow a drainage easement on their property enabling the bio-retention basin to be large enough to make a difference. The Association's environmental stewardship is a great example of how working partners in the watershed can make a difference.

If you have any questions or the Public Works Department can be of help to you, please call us at 528-6379.

Laconia Historical & Museum Society



"That Reminds Me of a Story"

Laconia Historical and Museum Society and The Belknap Mill Society have received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to present Rebecca Rule - "That Reminds Me of a Story" on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm at The Belknap Mill.

Rebecca Rule will lead a discussion as part of the "Write Your Family History at the Belknap Mill" series coordinated by the two groups.

Rebecca Rule tells and gathers stories in New England, especially New Hampshire. Her books include "The Best Revenge: Short Stories", "Could Have Been Worse: True Stories, Embellishments, and Out-right Lies", and a new book "Live Free and Eat Pie: A Storyteller's Guide to New Hampshire".

Join us for this, the final of the three part awareness sessions on Tuesday, November 19.

This lecture is free and open to the public – space is limited – so please pre-register if possible by calling The Belknap Mill at 524-8813.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



SMITH TRACK IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

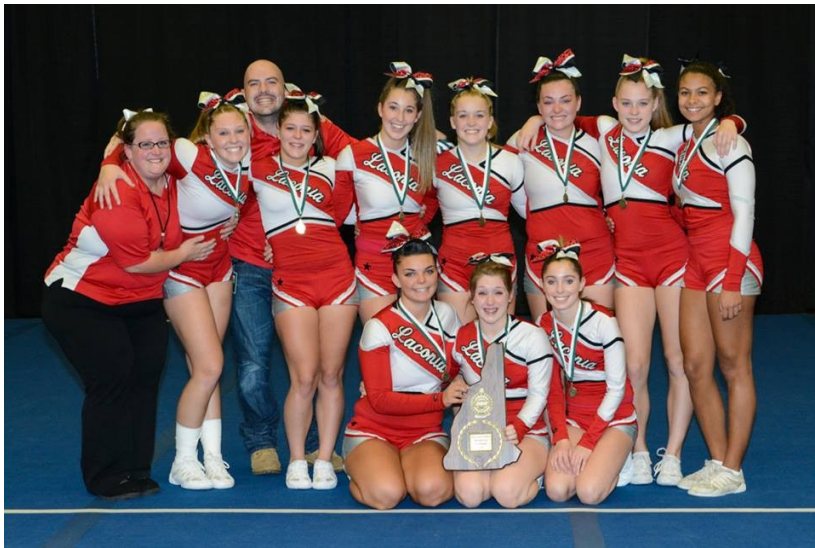
The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Smith Track surface renovation at Opechee Park has been completed!

We have removed the gates and the track is now available for use by the public. It will stay open until it becomes permanently snow covered.

Try it out by taking a few laps when you get a moment! The surface is very durable and comfortable, and should serve the City and its residents well into the future.

*Thank you for your patience while
the track was closed for renovation!*





Congratulations!

The Division III Fall Coed Spirit State Champion Laconia High School Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized by the Laconia City Council at their meeting on November 12th. The team defeated seven other teams from throughout the State and bested the second place team by 21 points! Congratulations to the LHSVC Sachems! #redarmy

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Christmas Village is Coming!

Click [here](#) to access
The Parks & Rec website



The Laconia Community Center will be closed for all regular programs from November 15th through December 15th to prepare for this year's Christmas Village.

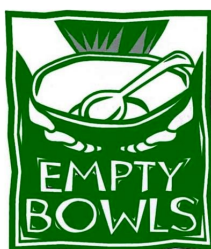
It takes a lot of work to turn a basketball gym into a winter wonderland! Adult volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated to help transform the gym into our amazing Christmas Village.

Call Laconia Parks & Recreation for more information at 524-5046.

The Parks & Recreation Dept. sincerely thanks you for your patience with having the Community Center closed. Look for details soon to be sure you enjoy the magic of this year's Christmas Village!

FILL a BOWL FILL a NEED

PLEASE JOIN NH-JAG AS THEY HOST



NOVEMBER 20TH @ 6:00 PM

LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFÉ

\$10-\$15 DONATION

100% OF PROFITS TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD BANKS

PLEASE EMAIL [JROBERTS@LACONIASCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:jroberts@laconiaschools.org) BY 11/15 TO RESERVE A SPOT.

PRESENTATION BY LACONIA POLICE AND STAND UP LACONIA AT 7:00 PM

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Bruce Cheney Lecture



Laconia Historical and Museum Society announces that on Monday, November 18, 2013, Bruce Cheney, Director of Emergency Services and Communications for the State of New Hampshire, will be presenting a lecture entitled "The Implementation of Statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 and Twenty Years Later".

This lecture is being held at The Laconia Public Library at 7:00 pm. The lecture is free and open to the public—donations are appreciated.

For more information about this lecture, or any of our upcoming programs please call 527-1278 or visit us online at www.laconiahistorical.org.

Let's Talk about Drugs & our Community



Date: Weds, November 20th

Time: 7pm–8pm **Cost: FREE**



Location: LMS Cafeteria

LHS/LMS PTO and Stand Up Laconia invite parents, grandparents, students grades 6-12, and concerned community members to join us as we take a look at an important issue impacting our community. There will be:

- presentations from local experts
- opportunities to ask questions and discuss concerns
- opportunities to learn about the positive strides taking place within our city to help prevent youth and young adult substance abuse
- time to connect with other concerned community members
- a resource table

Childcare and
Light Refreshments
provided

Presenters include:

Traci Fowler, MSW, Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health
Detective Chris Noyes, Laconia PD
Officer Steve Orton, School Resource Officer at LMS/LHS
Clare Persson, Stand Up Laconia Chairperson



**STAND UP
LAACONIA**

DESSERT AUCTION

To Benefit

HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE

Offering free weekly meals every
Tuesday to those seeking food
and/or friendship and support



Sunday, Nov 24th

3pm – 5pm

Beane Conference Center

Blueberry Lane, Laconia

Refreshments will be served

**Auctioneer
PK Zyla**

**Admission:
Canned Goods
or Non-Perishables
for food pantry**

Hands Across the Table – PO Box 6553 Laconia, NH – 03247-6553



Christmas Caroling!



Wednesday, December 4th,
7:00pm. FREE for any age!
We will meet at the Commu-
nity Center on Union Ave.
and drive to the Taylor

Community to fill them with holiday cheer. Don't worry about forgetting the words, we provide them to you along with hot cocoa. This is an outdoor event. Bring a friend and a travel mug. Call 524-5046 to register by December 2nd.



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

*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 - 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	

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