



## Laconia Links

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Newly installed lights at the Laconia Sledding Hill

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

**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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!*



*Photo Courtesy of Amy Lovisek*

*Fall Foliage in Ahern State Park*

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



**Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!**

'Tis the season to wish for snow! We know that some of you out there may not agree when it comes to the "white stuff", but as recreational professionals we want nice cold weather to make ice at Memorial Park for skating and a good amount of snow fall for the Laconia Sledding Hill.

The Laconia Sledding Hill will be open starting this year from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Lights were installed this summer, donated by the Laconia Rotary Club. This allows kids of all ages to use the hill for sledding after school or dinner, as well as during the daylight hours. This will add dramatically to the usage of the facility. Thank you again to the Laconia Rotary Club!

Winter weather brings lots of great winter activities, making for a FUN winter, getting everyone outdoors to enjoy a great variety of recreation opportunities!



Are you unsure of which weeks recycling is picked up, what items can be recycled, or when trash and recycling pickup is delayed because of a holiday? Just click [here](#) to access the Laconia 2012 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar. A new calendar for 2013 will be ready soon and published in Laconia Links!



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)



## 2012 Laconia Police Department Citizen Police Academy

The Laconia Police Department held a graduation ceremony recently at the Belknap Mill for members of the 2012 Citizen Police Academy.

Graduates participated in a 10-week program covering various topics in Law Enforcement. The Academy provides a unique experience that allows citizens to interact with police officers in a non-traditional setting. A total of 18 people graduated from this year's class, including Justin Gargano, Ben Phillips, Alan Robichaud, Genaro Pingol, Jeannette Putorek, Charles Cook, Michael Wheeler, Anthony Scott, John Bishop, Carmen Bishop, Gary Lundh, Barbara Thomas, Linda Pickard, Derek Madigan, Carol Pierce, David Willey, Ann Marie Biello and Sharon Parpart. Representing the Police Department were Commissioner Armand Maheux, Chief Chris Adams, Captain Bill Clary, Captain Matt Canfield and Lieutenant Rich Simmons.

If you are interested in attending next year's Academy, contact Lieutenant Rich Simmons at, [RSimmons@laconiapd.org](mailto:RSimmons@laconiapd.org).

## 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

### Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

November 19, 2012, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

### CIP

(Ranking review of projects)  
November 20, 2012, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### TRC II

November 21, 2012, 9:30 am  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

# Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



*Please note....The Library will  
be closed Thursday,  
November 22nd. Happy  
Thanksgiving to all!*



## Goss Reading Room Programs

The Goss Reading Room has storytime every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. The chess program is held every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30...open to all ages and all skill levels.

*Come join us!*

## Laconia Putnam Fund



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## Please Note!

City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

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



DATE: **November 21, 2012**  
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

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

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or e-mail [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us) for questions or additional information.



## SANTA FUND OF THE GREATER LAKES REGION HOLIDAY OUTERWEAR DISTRIBUTION

COATS & BOOTS, HATS, SKI PANTS & MITTENS FOR CHILDREN 16 & UNDER LIVING IN THE HOME. THE LAST DAY FOR WALK-IN APPLICATIONS AT 53 DAVIS PLACE, LACONIA, IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH FROM 9AM TO 11AM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL 524-3111



Please join us in congratulating Jon Duhamel, City of Laconia Assessor! Jon was awarded the prestigious "President's Choice Award" by the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials at their Annual Conference held November 14th in Manchester. This award recognizes individuals for their dedication, time and effort contributed to the Association.

Congratulations Jon!

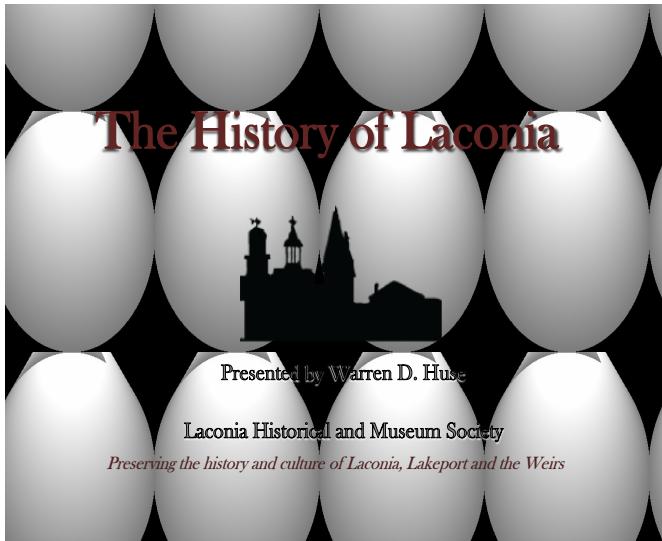
## Winter Parking Ban!

It's a sure sign of the season... Laconia's Winter Parking Ban is in effect.

As of November 1st, parking is prohibited on public streets between 12 midnight and 6:30 am until May 1st.



***The Laconia Historical  
and Museum Society  
Announces Its  
“Monthly Lecture Program”***



**The History of Laconia  
Presented by  
Warren D. Huse**

**Monday, November 19, 7 pm  
at The Laconia Public Library**

Warren D. Huse is a native of Laconia. He is the author of *Laconia*, *Lakeport*, and the *Weirs* – three books from The Images of America Series which provides a pictorial history of Laconia. Warren has worked with The Laconia Citizen for over 25 years and for the past 22 years he has compiled the weekly historical newspaper column “Our Yesterdays”. Warren currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Laconia Historical and Museum Society and has long served as Laconia’s “local historian”. Join us as Warren D. Huse presents his informative lecture “The History of Laconia”.

This lecture will be held at the Laconia Public Library on November 19 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public – Refreshments will be served - Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information about this lecture program, or if you would like to make a donation and/or become a member - please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email us at [lhmspl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmspl@metrocast.net) or visit us online at [www.laconiahistorical.org](http://www.laconiahistorical.org).

# Assessing

[Click for  
Assessing Dept.](#)

The final 2012 City of Laconia property values are now available! Simply click [here](#) to see your assessment.

Please note, however, that the tax rate for Laconia has not yet been set by the State so it is not possible at this time to calculate an amount owed for property taxes. However, as soon as the tax rate is received we will post the information on our website and in a future issue of *Laconia Links*.

**Questions? Call 527-1268**

## Laconia Heritage Commission



The Laconia Heritage Commission was established on July 14, 2003 to insure the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, primarily man-made, that are valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural content.

The City of Laconia is thankful for the work of the Heritage Commission's dedicated members. Please click [here](#) to access a brochure describing the Commission's role in preserving the City's heritage and history.



**City of Laconia  
Dept. of Public Works  
27 Bisson Avenue  
Laconia, NH 03246  
603-528-6379**

## **RECYCLING TOTER PROGRAM**

The City of Laconia Department of Public Works is 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 1,000 toters available on a first-come/first-serve basis. The cost for one (1) toter is \$25, with the City supporting \$20 of the program cost. Additional toters are available at \$45 each - while supplies last. Anticipated delivery is during November 2012.

Please contact Ann Saltmarsh, Dept. of Public Works, at the address above, call 528-6379, or e-mail [saltmarsha@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:saltmarsha@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.**

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



The Laconia Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend a presentation of the recently completed sand migration study on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Weirs Community Center at 6:30pm.

The study was initiated in response to growing concerns about the erosion of the beach area, which has seen a significant reduction in size since its installation in the 1950's. The consultant who performed the study, Woods Hole Group, will use the results of the study to make recommendations on how the beach can be restored along with methods on how to limit erosion.

For additional information, please contact the Kevin Dunleavy, Director of Recreation and Facilities, at 524-5046.

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



Questions?  
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# Assessing

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In a recent *Laconia Links* we provided you with definitions of some jargon commonly used by Planners. In this edition, we've listed some terms commonly heard in an Assessing Office, along with their simpler definitions:

**Assessed Value**- The value of property based on qualified fair market sales of a certain time period by means of mass appraisal.

**Appraised Value**- The value of property based on market value.

**Mass Appraisal**- The process of valuing a *group* of properties as of a given date (April 1<sup>st</sup> in NH).

**Equalization Rate**- A percentage that indicates how assessed values relate to market value.

**Qualified Sale**- A fair market sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller, listed on the open market. (Excludes such things as family transactions, foreclosures, private sales, etc.)

**Deed**- A document recorded at the County Registry of Deeds transferring ownership or interest to a property.

**Grantor**- The seller of a property.

**Grantee**- The purchaser of a property.

**Owner**- The person(s) or entity having deeded interest to a property.

**Easement**- Typically a deeded right to cross over another's property.

**Improved Land**- Land containing a structure.

**Current Use**- Was established to preserve agricultural and forest land by lowering the valuation. It is available to qualifying parcels with a minimum of 10 acres of undeveloped land.

**Land Use Change Tax**- A tax issued when Current Use property is developed or changes and no longer qualifies for Current Use.

**Tax Year**- Runs April 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. It is not the calendar year.

**First Half Tax Bill**- Refers to the "Spring" bill usually mailed in June. It is considered a pre-payment for the tax year and (pending any changes to the property) is based on half of the prior year's total.

**Final Tax Bill** (Second Half Bill)- Refers to the "Fall" bill usually mailed in November. This bill calculates the total due for the tax year based on the new assessed value and the new tax rate. It will deduct the amount paid on the First Half Bill.

**Abatement**- Typically refers to an appeal of an assessed value. Available after the final tax bills have been mailed until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Exemption**- Is a dollar amount deducted from the assessed value for qualifying applicants. (Example: Elderly Exemption)

**Credit**- Is a dollar amount deducted from the tax amount for qualifying applicants. (Example: Veteran's Credit)

**Tax Map**- Maps showing boundary lines and sizes of parcels based on recorded information, such as deeds, surveys, or plans.

**Map ID Number** (Map & Lot)- A series of numbers (typically 3 or 4) depicting the location of each parcel on the tax maps. MBLU= Map-Block-Lot-Unit

*We hope you find this information helpful!*

Santa Claus is coming to Lakeport!



Join Santa & Mrs. Claus ~ Goodies for the kids!

**Saturday, December 15, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Lakeport Freighthouse, Railroad Avenue  
Hosted by Lakeport Community Association**



***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!***

*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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers, City Manager  
City of Laconia  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://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	

\* For emergencies, remember  
to always dial 911



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