



Lakeport after the storm! Photo courtesy of Lakes Region Aerials

Laconia Links

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Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - Jan 9 thru Jan 20

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		18.86	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	24.83	3.22	13%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	40.06	7.49	19%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	40.2	4.14	10%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	33.05	3.5	11%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	32.85	3.63	11%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 12.9%	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 13.2%

Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly e-mail 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!

A quick look at the chart above will show that the percentage of recyclables has either dropped from the prior two-week reporting period or remained the same....not good news as we struggle to find a solution to our solid waste costs! Although the curbside average of recyclables for all routes combined continues to show a small increase from the pre-challenge percentage, the numbers are certainly not where they should be if we are to reach our goal of a 25% City-wide recycling level by March 1st.

The City is making it as easy as possible for you to do your part in finding a solution to disposal of solid waste. Check out page 2 for details on our new recycling drop-off location, and page 4 for information on purchasing composting bins at a reduced cost.

Recycling takes little effort on your part, but makes a big difference to our world.



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, January 30th!

Department of Public Works



NOW OPEN! NEW RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

On Lindsay Court – directly across from
Memorial Park Club House

All interested residents are invited to use our newest recycling drop off center located across from the Memorial Park Club House at the end of Lindsay Court. Open 7-days-a week & 24-hours a day! Site is lighted for your safety.

For questions or additional information, please call Ann at 528-6379.

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

Single Stream Recycling – NO SORTING! Materials accepted are:

Glass bottles and jars (all colors)

Steel and aluminum cans

Plastics #1 thru #7 (no plastic bags or Styrofoam please)

Paper, paperboard, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, old mail

Upcoming Meetings...

Click [here](#) for City's website

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!

TRC I Meeting

February 1, 2012, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Licensing Board

February 1, 2012, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission

February 1, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B,

[Agenda](#)

Board of Water Commissioners

February 2, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
Water Treatment Facility, Conf. Rm.
117 Stark Street [Agenda](#)

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.

Laconia Public Library



NEW DVD's AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY!

- Batman Returns
- The Black Donnelly's
- Chicago
- Crazy Heart
- Exporting Raymond
- The Lincoln Lawyer
- The Lion in Winter
- Notorious C.H.O.
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Priest
- Skateland
- Soul Surfer
- Temple Grandin
- X-men the Last Stand



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

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Basketball



Laconia Parks & Recreation has a number of opportunities for men and women of all ages to play basketball. Below is all of the information you will need...

12:00 – 1:00pm	M - F	\$2.00/person	Adult any age
2:30 – 4:15pm	M & T	Free	Middle School age
3:00 – 4:15pm	W	Free	Elementary age
2:15 – 4:15pm	Th & F	Free	High School age
6:45 – 10:00pm	M & T	\$3.00/person	Adult any age
6:45 – 10:00pm	Th	\$2.00/person	Senior Adult 55+ (men & women)

For any other information or questions feel free to contact our office at 524-5046.

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



Department of Public Works

City of Laconia COMPOST BIN SALE

ORDER FORM – MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE APRIL 2, 2012

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Earth Machine Compost Bin		\$52.00	

Make checks payable to the City of Laconia – return to Ann Saltmarsh, Laconia DPW, 27 Bisson Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246 (Phone #: 528-6379)

Earth Machine Composters are a \$100.00 value!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ (will call when received/2-4 weeks after 4-2-12)

Compost bin order forms are also available at the following locations: Department of Public Works, Laconia Library, SAU Office, Parks & Recreation Community Ctr., and in City Hall at the City Clerk's Office, the City Manager's Office and the Planning Department.



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Laconia Fire Dept. [here](#)

Important Message
from the Laconia
Fire Department

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Threat Increases in the Winter

The Laconia Fire Department wants to warn everyone about the hazards of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Carbon monoxide is one of the leading causes of accidental poisoning deaths, and accounts for more than 50,000 emergency department visits each year in the US. During the cold weather months people will seal up their homes as tightly as possible to keep in the heat. Moreover, we simply stay indoors for longer periods in the winter months. Many elderly people stay in their homes for extended periods. This can lead to a medical emergency, which can be fatal, caused by a build-up of carbon monoxide (CO) in the blood stream.

Heat equipment that burns fuel (gas stoves, furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, coal stoves, fireplaces, pellet stoves, gas dryers, and kerosene heaters) can generate carbon monoxide. If a person stays inside their home for prolonged periods, they will breathe in and accumulate dangerous levels of this gas. If the heat equipment is defective, the build-up of CO can be rapid and fatal.



- CO detectors collect the deadly gas and then will alarm if levels exceed safe limits. They alarm for rapid build up of the gas and for slow accumulating build up.
- Place a CO detector in your home if you use any type of heating equipment that burns fuel such as wood, coal, or gas. A small leak in a chimney can allow CO to seep into your home. If the home is well insulated the gas will not escape. Normal use of doors will exchange the air in your home. However, if you do not leave the home the gas will stay inside with you. Occasionally open your doors or windows to air out the home.
- Do not run your car in the garage. A car engine produces enormous quantities of CO and can quickly overcome the occupants.
- Never use an outdoor grille inside your home.
- Do not use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Do not use any gasoline-powered engines (snow blowers, generators) in your home/garage, or near doors or windows.
- Do not sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene heater.
- Follow instructions on any portable heating device
- A serious problem with CO poisoning is that a person affected will feel tired. Unknowingly, the person or persons will go to sleep and possibly never awake. That is why CO is known as the Silent Killer. You can not see or smell the gas. Only a CO detector will tell you that it is present. Laconia Fire Department has portable CO detectors in most of our fire trucks, as do most area fire departments. We use these devices to help locate the source of the CO.

Do not ignore symptoms - severe headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea or faintness. If you think you are experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning get fresh air immediately and call 911 for emergency assistance. A build up of carbon monoxide will present symptoms similar to the flu. A key clue is that your skin will have a reddish hue. This is caused by the CO displacing the oxygen in your blood stream. Your blood gets darker and is reflected in skin color.



Remember, that at anytime you suspect a fire or you need our help for any emergency do not hesitate to call 911. **Do not call the landlord, the furnace repair person, your friends or family – call the Fire Department.** It is extremely important that we be notified as soon as possible of any emergency so that we can effectively deal with it. Time is probably the most critical element in an emergency response!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

**The City's Code Enforcement Department
has a new addition to its staff!**

Cliff Jones has been hired as an outside consultant from John Turner Consulting as the City's new Code Inspector. He brings years of experience to the City in both administering the Building Codes and Maintenance Code that the City Council adopted in 2004. Cliff will review building plans and act as the inspector for building permits, including foundation, rough framing, electrical and final inspections. He will also help enforce the Property Maintenance Code, identified by the City Council as a priority in their 2011 Goals.



One of the newest changes will be Cliff's open office hours from 3:00pm-4:30pm Monday through Friday when

folks can come in and meet with Cliff to review and discuss projects or review conceptual plans. We hope this will make it easier for those embarking on their first building permit application, as well as increasing access to the Inspector for the veteran contractors.

Please stop in and welcome Cliff to the City and feel free to bring him any questions you may have!

Code Enforcement [website](#)

*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

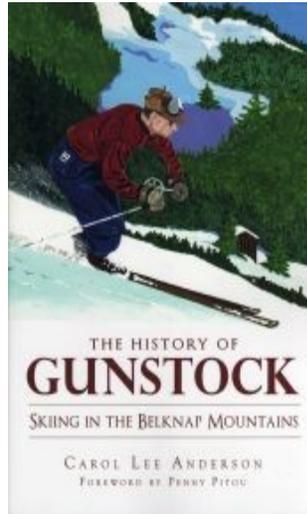
Feel free to contact us at the
City Manager's office, 527-1270,
or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers, City Manager
City of Laconia
City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Mark Your Calendar!



On Thursday, February 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall, the Library will present local author and ski historian Carol Anderson. Carol will discuss her new book The History of Gunstock: Skiing in the Belknap Mountains. She will focus on the triumphs and defeats of four high-altitude jumps and the history of the snowy trails of Gunstock Mountain Resort.

As Gunstock is approaching its seventy-fifth anniversary, Carol will also discuss how the resort has molded the careers of champion skiers and Olympians, including two-time silver medalist Penny Pitou, ski icon T. Gary Allen, and the ski jumping sensation Torger Togle. She will also pay tribute to those individuals who have worked, skied or played a part in this iconic mountain of the Lakes Region. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. *Check out the Library's website*

Click [here!](#)

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES!

Session 4: Feb. 1 ~ Feb. 22

Session 5: Feb. 29 ~ Mar. 21

4 weeks of classes

Cost: \$50 per dog

Wednesdays

6:00pm Beginners

7:00pm Advanced

Instructor : Jeanine Beckett
You will receive a certificate after the class.
Register at Parks & Rec. 524-5046