



Mallard chick enjoying a swim at the Weirs

Laconia Links

January 2, 2015 - Edition #166

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - December 8 through December 19, 2014					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 775.81		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$116,371.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$22,534.50	
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		28.16			
Monday	22.42	5.85	26.1%	6.72	\$130.50
Tuesday	39.59	11.78	29.8%	11.88	\$15.00
Wednesday	42.92	10.01	23.3%	12.88	\$430.50
Thursday	38.84	9.03	23.2%	11.65	\$393.00
Friday	35.23	7.69	21.8%	10.57	\$432.00
	Total = 179.00	Route Total = 44.36	Curbside Ave = 24.80%	Total = 53.70	Total = \$1,401.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 23.90%	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!



New 2015 City Hall Holiday Calendar!

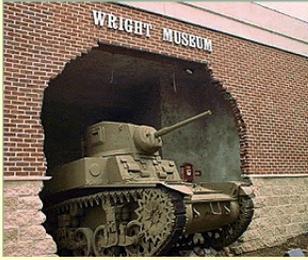
For your convenience, our 2015 City Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

And please mark your calendars with the dates of City Council meetings in 2015! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings. The meetings are also televised and available for viewing on Lakes Region Public Access television (Channel 26).

Please click [here](#) for our 2015 City Council Meeting Calendar.



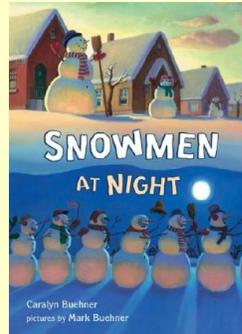
Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



WW II Traveling Trunk Show, Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm

Dan Schroeder, a volunteer at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, will be discussing the history behind the contents of the World War II "Traveling Trunk". Since 2009, the Traveling Trunk program has been bringing noteworthy memorabilia from both the home and war fronts during World War II to schools and civic organizations all over New Hampshire and beyond. The trunk contains WWII artifacts (some real, some reproductions). Activities include figuring ration plans, learning what was produced in NH for the war effort, Civil Defense War Bonds and creating a Victory Garden.

This program is free and will be held in Laconia Public Library's Rotary Hall.



Storytime!

Please join us for after school storytime at the Goss Reading Room, 188 Elm Street in Lakeport on Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 3:30pm.

Please join us on Friday, January 9th @ 3:45 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall:

"Planes Fire & Rescue" will be shown. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 years of age or older.

Admission is free!



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

Planning Board

January 4, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Special Events Review Comm. /Licensing

January 7, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Lakes Business Park Comm.

January 7, 2015, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

January 7, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Downtown Tax Increment Financing Advisory Group

January 8, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

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

01/05	01/06	01/07	01/08	01/09
VIPSS Meeting 6:30	Laconia School Board Meeting - 7 pm - SAU			

TASTY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

This semester students enrolled in the after school Project Extra program had the opportunity to show their creativity and talents in preparing, baking, constructing and decorating gingerbread houses as well as making and baking other items.



READY! FOR KINDERGARTEN JANUARY 15 SIGN UP

Register by calling Kaitlyn at 524-5710 or online [here](#). Register early as enrollment is on a "first come, first served" basis. Ready for K! is a joint initiative of the Laconia School District & LRCS Family Resource Center of Central NH, in partnership with Granite United Way.



WOODLAND HEIGHTS GIVES BACK TO LACONIA

The second grade class at WHS sold reindeer food all week for just 25 cents a bag and donated the money to Hands Across the Table. They also held a

bake sale and donated the proceeds to the NH Humane society.



TEEN YOUTH EDUCATORS MENTORING CLASSMATES

Earlier this month Laconia High School Health and Wellness Educator Patty Thibeault and Youth Educators participated

in a Youth Suicide Prevention Training. Last week they gave their first presentation to 63 Laconia HS Freshmen.....our first step in youth mentoring programs sponsored by the Laconia Health and Wellness Academy!!!

REBUILDING LIVES - ONE BOARD AT A TIME

Starting in January, the Home Builders Institute will offer free training at the Huot Technical Center in Laconia for anyone seeking a career in the construction industry. HBI instructors will collaborate with Laconia Adult Education and the Huot Technical Center's Building Construction Trade section to present the class. The class will start in mid-January and is open to anyone 18 or older that is under-employed or unemployed and seeking a pathway to a successful future.

Registration to apply for the free training is Dec. 31. The training program includes support services, job placement and follow-up for successful employment. To register or for more information, call Elizabeth Fischer at 296-5272 or send an email to efischer@hbi.org.



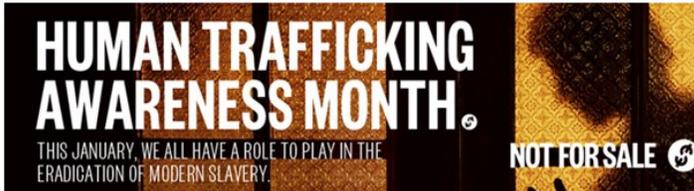
4TH GRADE STUDENTS VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN

Fourth graders from the district met at LHS to present and vote on 3 bills. Each school was responsible for presenting a bill to the entire group. After each group presented their bill, students were

allowed to respond either in favor or against the bill, and then they voted using the 2Know responders.



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January marks both Stalking Awareness Month and Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Along with organizations across the county, New Beginnings is observing this month as a key opportunity to provide education and raise awareness of these important crimes. Being able to recognize situations of stalking and human trafficking is the first step to creating a community response—together, we can support victims, hold perpetrators accountable, and work to end these types of victimization.

Stalking

Definition: Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific individual that puts the individual in fear and would put a reasonable person in fear. The course of conduct can include: following, approaching, or confronting; harassing or threatening communication, appearing close to victim's home, work, or school, leaving objects or messages; vandalizing or damaging property; and physical and/or sexual violence.

Statistics for stalking

- 7.5 million people were stalked in one year.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have been victims of stalking, feeling very fearful or believing that they or someone they cared about would be hurt or killed.
- Using a broader definition stalking that includes any degree of fear, it's 1 in 4 women and 1 in 13 men.
- Intimate partner violence is the most common type of stalking; of stalking victims 66% of females and 41% of males were stalked by a current or former intimate partner. It is also the most dangerous.
- Stalkers often use technology, including: cell phones, GPS devices, social media and other websites, and computer software.

Recognize and respond to stalking

One common myth about stalking is that it usually stops on its own. The reality is that stalking lasts, on average, 2 years and often escalates. The best bet is for victims to actively seek out their safety. Options include: documenting the stalking, creating a safety plan, reporting to law enforcement, and obtaining a restraining order. New Beginnings has trained advocates and special tools to help victims stay safe and pursue whichever options she/he chooses.

Information adapted from Stalking Resource Center:

www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

Human Trafficking

Definition: Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation or forcing them to provide labor services. Trafficking can be present in seemingly legitimate commercial endeavors. **Sex trafficking** is the use of violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to force others to engage in commercial sex against their will. Under federal law, **any minor** induced into commercial sex is a victim of trafficking, whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.

Statistics for sex trafficking

- An estimated 4.5 million people are trapped in forced sexual exploitation.
- An estimated 1 in 7 reported endangered runaways were likely sex trafficking victims.
- In 2013, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline received reports of 3,609 U.S. sex trafficking cases.

Recognize and respond to human trafficking

Some of these common signs might indicate trafficking:

- Work/living conditions: not free to leave; extreme security measures; long/unusual hours; not allowed breaks.
- Providing commercial sex acts and: is under 18; has a pimp/manager; or has a quota that must be met.
- Financial: paid very little/nothing/only through tips; owes a large debt and can't pay it off; no control over earnings.
- Recruited through false promises about work/conditions.
- Mental health/behavior: fearful, anxious, nervous or paranoid; depressed; submissive; won't make eye contact.
- Physical health: malnourished; lacks health care; signs of abuse, restraint, or confinement.
- Other: no ID; unable to clarify where she/he is staying.

To report suspected trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888.

Information adapted from Polaris Project: www.polarisproject.org

NEW BEGINNINGS
Without Violence & Abuse



If you or someone you know has been affected by stalking, human trafficking, or domestic or sexual violence, **free and confidential advocacy** is available from New Beginnings 24-hours a day:

For stalking and domestic violence: 1-866-644-3574

For sexual violence (including sexual exploitation): 1-800-277-5570

For office or general information: (603) 528-6511 or www.newbeginningsnh.org

Project EXTRA

Read All About It!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Click [here](#) to read the new issue!



Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins **Monday, January 12th!**

Reminder From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 12/8/14!

Tax bills were mailed on Monday, December 8, 2014. They are due on January 8, 2015.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Follow this [link](#) to our Tax Department for more info...

Laconia 2015 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Recycling in Laconia is collected at your own's every other week in 2015. Your trash on location is every week. Place your trash and Mixed Paper and Commingled Containers at the curb by 6:00 AM. The recycling collection will be on the Stated Weeks as follows.

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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BESTWAY DISPOSAL
Recycling and Trash Collection Schedule
 2015 Holidays
 New Year's Day: Thursday 1-1-2015
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday 1-19-2015
 Presidents Day: Monday 2-16-2015
 Good Friday: Friday 3-27-2015
 Memorial Day: Monday 5-25-2015
 Independence Day: Thursday 7-3-2015
 Labor Day: Monday 9-7-2015
 Thanksgiving: Thursday 11-26-2015
 Christmas Day: Monday 12-21-2015

Recycling is easy, economical and environmentally responsible! Your recycling efforts save natural resources and return recycling for reuse, and by recycling you save Laconia tax dollars by avoiding disposal costs.
603-737-0532

Click [here](#) for a full-sized version of the 2015 Recycling Collection Calendar!



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!



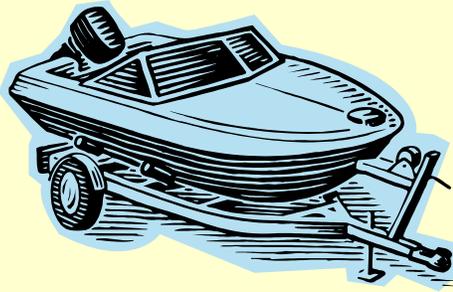
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From the
City Clerk's Office



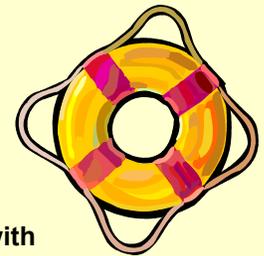
Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.

It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2015 Boat Registration!



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



****Please make checks payable to City of Laconia** . In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

International
Film Series
sponsored by:
Laconia Human
Relations Comm.
& Laconia Public
Library

Monday, January 5, 2015

Time: 6:10 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



- A tough, diverse inner-city Paris school
- Class-room ethics challenged
- Based on a true story
- Oscar nominated/Cannes Film Festival Winner 2008

♦ Free and open to the public ♦ Informal discussion to follow the film
♦ Light snack will be provided ♦ Feel free to bring a cushion for a chair



For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell
lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com

The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library presents *The Class*, Monday, January 5 at 6:10 pm. This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from September through June at the Laconia Public Library.

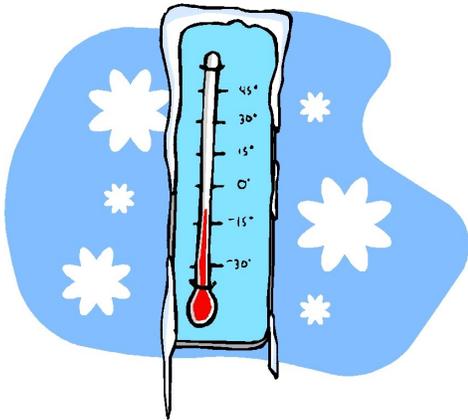
The Class is a 2008 semi-autobiographical account of a teacher's experience in a Paris middle-school, multicultural classroom. Francois Begaudeau is a tough but fair teacher working in one of France's toughest schools, and his honest demeanor in the classroom has made him a great success with students. But this year things are different, because when the students begin to challenge his methods François will find his classroom ethics put to the ultimate test.

This diverse classroom could be found in many countries. The film won many international awards and was nominated for an Academy Award.

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the Mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Just a gentle reminder that animals should not be left outside in frigid weather. Contrary to popular belief our companion animals, cats and dogs, really do not fare well in very cold temperatures. Our pets can suffer frost bite.

What is frostbite?

Animals have ways of dealing with cold temperatures but when exposed to extreme freezing temperatures for an extended period these same mechanisms that work to keep them warm and alive can actually cause damage and death to the tissues of their extremities (tips of ears, tail, foot pads.) more commonly known as frostbite.

Your pet's fur provides insulation – just like wearing a coat. When body temperature decreases, shivering is triggered to generate heat and warm the body up. When your pet gets really cold her life might be at risk, since the body will selectively send warm blood via circulation to key organs - the heart, liver, kidneys and lungs. Blood supply is temporarily shut down by constricting blood vessels to extremities until a normal temperature is restored. Without first aid, or natural warming, tissue will freeze and die. Cats and dogs often experience frostbite on the tips of their ears, tails, faces, footpads, legs and the genitalia of male dogs. Frostbite can result in the loss of limbs, toes and tips of ears.

Avoid frostbite by the following:

- Take short walks with your dog, ensure he is wearing a coat and booties if necessary.
- Do not leave your pet outside in cold weather
- Ensure you feed your pet a good quality food and offer plenty of fresh water at all times. Keeping your pet healthy is key for a robust, sturdy four-legged companion.
- If your pet appears to be suffering from extreme cold, warm affected areas rapidly with warm water using towels or a warming pack.
- If a limb or paw is frozen soak it only in a bath or bowl of warm water.
- Dry gently after you have warmed the area, do NOT rub or massage the frozen tissue.
- Do NOT apply snow or ice. Do NOT immerse your pet completely in a bath – this will cause the body temperature to decrease and cause hypothermia.
- When the tissues are warmed, it may cause some discomfort to your pet. The same also occurs when tissues are dead.

Wrap your pet in a blanket to prevent self-trauma and keep him or her warm
Seek veterinary care. Secondary infections can sometimes result from gangrene tissues.

WEEKLY FEATURED SINGLE

Meet Cassie, a gorgeous brindle and white young lady with many miles of travel stamped on her doggie passport....



[Cassie](#)

[FIND OUT MORE >>](#)

Have a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

Click on the image (left) to visit the Humane Society's website or to read more about Cassie!



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Racquetball Court Open!

Laconia Parks & Rec. proudly announces that their racquetball court is now open! The sport is showing signs of popularity again so break out your racquets and come to play!

Racquetball is also a great way to get in shape for lacrosse. If anyone wishes they may use their lacrosse sticks with a racquetball.

The court will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am–4:30 pm and Tuesday nights from 6:45–10 pm. Please call the office at 524-5046 to schedule your time slots. The fee will be \$2.00 per person per hour of court time.



DOG OBEDIENCE

January 7 - February 11
(6 weeks for \$70)
6:15pm Beginners
7:15pm Advanced

The instructor is Jeanine Beckett. You will receive a certificate after the class.

To register come to the Parks & Rec. office for a form and to make payment.

Check us out [online](#) for more dates in the spring!



Christmas Tree Disposal Procedure

If you're ready to take down your Christmas tree and wonder where you can dispose of it, we have the information you need!

In previous years the Department of Public Works picked up Christmas trees curbside; however, by discontinuing this practice we are better able to focus DPW staff toward keeping our streets and sidewalks safe during winter storms, maintaining our roads, etc.

Laconia residents can transport and drop-off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. Hilliard Road Brush Dump on Wednesdays in January (Jan 7th, Jan 14th, Jan 21st and Jan 28th) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. An attendant will be there to assist you.
2. Laconia Transfer Station, 385 Meredith Center Road. Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area only. Please pull on scales first!
3. Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St (on Memorial Park Drive). Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area only.

Please call Ann, Department of Public Works with any questions,
at 528-6379, Ext.300



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

**Stay Safe in
Cold Weather!**

Learn why you need
to stay warm when it's cold

From the National Institute on Aging



The colder temperatures have arrived and with them come the risk of hypothermia, especially for older adults. The National Institute on Aging (a department of the US Department of Health & Human Services) has released a booklet containing tips on how to stay safe when it's cold outside. Just click on the image (left) and see how you can be sure to have a safe and healthy winter!

*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 - Hilary Young
- 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. (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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