



Snow covered stone wall on Lane Road

Laconia Links

January 30, 2015 - Edition #170

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - January 5, 2015 through January 16, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 884.32		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$132,648.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$26,244.00	
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		26.63			
Monday	23.92	6.01	25.1%	7.18	\$175.50
Tuesday	36.00	9.63	26.8%	10.80	\$175.50
Wednesday	42.53	9.15	21.5%	12.76	\$541.50
Thursday	34.59	7.85	22.7%	10.38	\$379.50
Friday	30.92	6.69	21.6%	9.27	\$387.00
	Total = 167.96	Route Total = 39.33	Curbside Ave = 23.4%	Total = 50.39	Total = \$1,659.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 22.7%	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!



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sledding Hill is Now Open!

The Laconia Sledding Hill (located at the end of South Street) is now open (conditions permitting) from 8 am to 10 pm. FREE! Just be sure to follow the posted rules for safety. Lights will be on from 4 pm to 10 pm.

Come sledding with the family under the lights!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

LPL TEEN SCENE

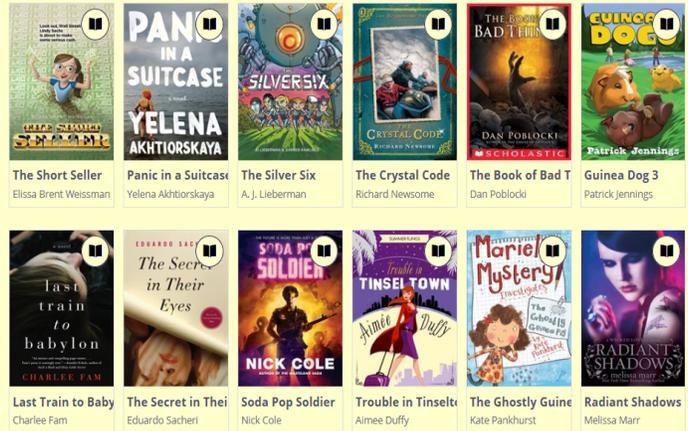


Visit this special page on the Library's website, just for teens! You'll find lots of useful and fun information - click on the picture above....



Did you know your Library card gives you access to eBooks and Audiobooks? Just click on the Library's website at www.laconialibrary.org to begin your adventure!

New eBooks



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

February 3, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Motorcycle Technical Review Committee/Special Events Committee/Licensing Board

February 4, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Lakes Business Park

February 4, 2015, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

February 4, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

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

2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6
VIPSS Meeting 6:30 @ PSS	Laconia School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm @ SAU Office			PSS Potluck Family Bingo Night 5:30-7:00 2/7 - WHS Pancake Breakfast



ELM STREET SCHOOL MILL PROJECT – CONNECTING THE FUTURE WITH THE PAST

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SAFE PEOPLE AT LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL



The Life Skills program at Laconia High School has just completed a unit on safety. Life Skills students learned the difference between strangers and safe people in our school community. This picture is specific to strangers vs.

safe people. After completing this unit students were able to recognize a few of the safe people here in our school as well as their names.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE GIRLS ON THE RUN.....

Girls on the Run inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Over a period of 10 weeks, girls in the 3rd through 5th grade participate in an after-school program like no other. This will be held at Elm Street School. For more information please contact Karen Champlin at kchamplin@laconiaschools.org or at 524-4113 ext. 158. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique.

Spring registration will open at on Monday, 2/16/15 and can be accessed online at www.girlsontherun.org. The spring season will begin the week of March 24th and will end with our GOTR-NH 5K on June 7, 2015 at Concord, NH's Memorial Field at 9:30am!



CAN YOU SPELL "W..I..N..N..E..R"?

Sierra Halligan, a WHS fifth-grader, correctly spelled "sabbatical" in the seventh round to win the title of spelling champion at the 9th annual WHS Spelling Bee last week. She will attend the New Hampshire Spelling Bee at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Feb. 28. That is a qualifier for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Maryland in May. Cameron Whitty placed second with David Lemay in third place.

This year 27 students at the school from grades 3 to 5 competed for the title after emerging as finalists during pre-qualifying held in their classrooms in November. Spelling Bee director Robbie Prescott-Neylon, who also serves as the WHS librarian, coordinated this event. Each of the students were given a list of words to study for the competition. WHS Principal Eric Johnson and teachers Ann Peterson and Marilyn Johnson were the judges with Chris Beyer serving as the emcee for the spelling bee assisted by "Queen Bee" teacher Rebecca Wait.



Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Governor Hassan Announces Launch of Text-to-9-1-1



Continuing efforts to improve public safety and to modernize state services, Governor Maggie Hassan and the Department of Safety today announced the launch of Text-to-9-1-1, a new service making traditional 9-1-1 emergency services available via text messaging.

“Public safety is state government’s most important responsibility, and Text-to-9-1-1 is an important step forward in our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our people and communities”, Governor Hassan said.

“Making traditional 9-1-1 emergency services available through text messaging is a common-sense initiative that will help save lives as we work to modernize how we provide critical state services, allowing Granite Staters to access emergency services when they are unable to place a call in a dangerous situation.”

Texting should only be used when a voice call is not possible, as voice calls provide an advantage by allowing the 9-1-1 operator to more quickly assess the type of emergency and the location of the emergency.

How to text 9-1-1:

Enter the numbers ‘911’ in the ‘To’ field.

In the message field, type your exact location and a BRIEF description of the help you need – use simple words, do not use abbreviations or shorthand.

Push the ‘Send’ button, and

Be prepared to answer the 9-1-1 call taker’s questions.

A text or data plan is required to place a Text to 9-1-1. Currently, Text to 9-1-1 is offered via Sprint, AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile. Text message may not go through if a cell signal is not available. If a text message does not go through, the sender will receive the following message: “There is no text service to 9-1-1 available at this time.”

Messages to Text-to-9-1-1 cannot be received if there are multiple message recipients, or if pictures, videos or emoticons are used. Text-to-9-1-1 is for emergencies only.



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!



Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2014 value.

Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.



All abatements will be answered this year by our deadline of July 1, 2015.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR 2015

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

Saturday, January 31st
10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
Holy Trinity Catholic School Gymnasium
50 Church St, Laconia NH 03246



Get healthy & stay active at our 1st Annual Health & Wellness Fair!

Local community experts will be on hand to share health information, from childhood to senior living. Learn from exhibits, live demonstrations and informational talks highlighting services available to your family.

Come out and see what your local health and wellness community has to offer! It's FREE-invite a friend. Great giveaways & door prizes.



For more information call 303-596-9850 or email thalmannkate@gmail.com

Health Insurance Matters... Are You Covered?



- Health Insurance Marketplace (Open Enrollment 11/15 – 2/15)
- NH Health Protection Plan

There's a plan for everyone regardless of income level!



FREE ENROLLMENT FAIR!

Sat, Feb. 14th, 9am – 1pm Franklin Regional Hospital
Sun, Feb. 15th, 9am – 1pm Lakes Region General Hospital

Be sure to bring:

- Social Security Number or a document number for legal immigrants
- Current paystub or W-2 Form for yourself, and anyone else in your household
- Current insurance policy numbers if you, or anyone in your household has insurance
- Green card and insurance form from your employer if you have health insurance access through your job.
- Username and password for Healthcare.gov if you've already created an account

Can't make it? Call for an appointment. We'll even come to you if you can't get to us!

- LRGHealthcare: 527.7171
- HealthFirst Family Care Center: 934.1464 Ext. 119
- ServiceLink Resource Center: 528.6945

Log on to CoveringNewHampshire.org for a complete list of enrollment fairs.

LRGHealthcare
care. compassion. community.
lrgh.org

HEALTHFIRST
FAMILY CARE CENTER

Celebrating 50 Years
ServiceLink
Aging & Disability Resource Center

The Historic Churches of Laconia

In addition to the amazing architecture of Laconia's historic churches, comes a rich history ... those lost to fire and those rebuilt after fire ... buildings raised to add a second level and steeples lowered ... and even those that have moved across town and face a new beginning. Join us for a walk through our latest exhibition "The Historic Churches of Laconia".

On Display Through March, 2015

Opening Reception:
Monday, February 2, 2015
6:00 pm
Laconia Public Library



Presented by The Laconia Historical and Museum Society
Sponsored by The Laconia Public Library



Woodland Heights School PTO Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Proceeds to benefit new playground equipment

\$4.00 per person

Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice
and great door prizes!

Saturday February, 7th
8:30am-10:30am at WHS

BIG CAT
COFFEES
www.BigCatCoffees.com

Public Works Department



Because of the storm earlier this week, trash collection beginning on Tuesday, January 27th was delayed a day.

So if your normal trash pickup day is today (Friday), please note that your trash will be picked up on Saturday.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Questions? Call Ann at Laconia DPW, 528-6379.



Reminder!

The next recycling
collection week begins
Monday, February 9th!

BELKNAP MILL

WHERE ARTS AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE



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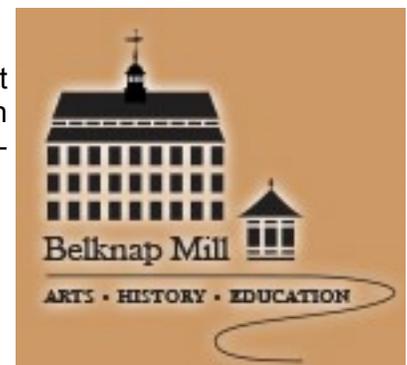
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The Elm Street School Mill Project is the creation of Mercer, a 3rd grade Elm Street School teacher, who wants to showcase the importance of Laconia's history to his students; providing them with connecting points in their local community. He has attended the award-winning 'My First Day of Work at the Mill' program hosted annually in the spring at the Belknap Mill and thought this project would provide his students with a better understanding of the program with a hands-on experience.

"When Andy had shown me the project, I was beyond thrilled that he chose to have his students work on this. It links the area's history with the present and gives children a better understanding of where they live. Hosting an exhibit for the students' work is a perfect opportunity to showcase arts and history," says Beth San Soucie, Managing Director for the Belknap Mill. "The project also showcases aspects of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities, which we promote in our educational programming at the Belknap Mill."

The Belknap Mill is the oldest, unaltered brick textile mill in the country. It has a permanent exhibit that interprets the history of the textile industry in Laconia, and has changing monthly exhibits focusing on the arts and history, as well as educational programs for all ages.

For further information on the Mill and its events, email programs@belknapmill.org, visit www.belknapmill.org, or call 603-524-8813.





LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Snowman Contest!

Now
Through
March 1st!

You May
Win A
Prize!



Take advantage of all of our new snow and build a snowman with your family! Take a picture of it and get it to the Parks and Rec Dept. by March 1st to see if you win! Call us at 524-5046 with questions. Have fun!



DOG OBEDIENCE

The next dog obedience class will begin February 4th and continue through March 4th (no class on the 11th) at the Laconia Community Center.

Beginners from 6 to 7 pm, advanced from 7 to 8 pm, every Wednesday. The cost will be \$50 for the 4 weeks. Dogs must have all of their shots before joining our class. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required.

For questions and registration, please go to the Laconia Parks & Recreation Department office at the Community Center, 306 Union Avenue, or call 524-5046.



NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office



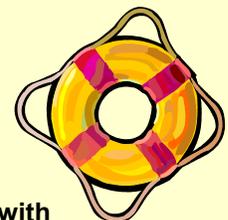
Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.

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 .**



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



**Save Stress and
Hop on the Bus
This Winter!**

Go to your medical appointments, connect with friends and get your shopping and errands done by riding on the Senior Center's warm bus! Visit the Laconia Senior Center at 17 Church St. in Laconia or call 524-7689 to get the trip schedule!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at 17
Church Street in Laconia.
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*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of **Laconia Links***

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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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