



Please use caution when out on the ice!

Laconia Links

February 10, 2012 - Edition #18

Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - Jan 23 thru Feb 3					
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		23.10	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	24.41	3.65	15%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	40.99	7.41	18%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	39.7	4.44	11%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	36.28	4.50	12%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	34.21	4.00	12%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 13.6%	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 12.6%

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!

The City's Recycling Challenge, which began October 31st with a goal of reaching 25% City-wide recycling by March 1st, is quickly coming to a close. The focus of the challenge is to reduce the tonnage of waste going to the incinerator, saving taxpayers money on municipal solid waste expenses. As the City continues to look for a solution to our solid waste costs, it's not too late to do your part. Please continue to "do the right thing" by making recycling a part of your daily routine, and encourage your neighbors to do the same!

Did you know that each ton of recyclable material removed from the trash results in a savings of \$150? Last year in Laconia over \$180,000 was saved through recycling efforts, both curbside and by the use of the remote drop-off sites!

Reminder! **The next recycling collection week begins Monday, February 13th!**

News

From the City Clerk's Office

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

Motor Vehicle Registration Policy



All Clerks throughout the State of New Hampshire have been asked by the Department of Motor Vehicles to help reduce the risk of fraudulent registrations of motor vehicles by asking each person that comes in to register any vehicle, new or renewal, to view their driver's license or non-driver's identification card and record the identification number.

In the State of NH, there are many cases of registration and insurance fraud every year. This is a growing problem that is often difficult to prosecute without confirmation as to who actually presented the registration information for processing. Because insurance fraud can have a large financial impact on our community when it is committed (your auto insurance rate can change based on your community's risk factor) it is in the best interest of everyone in the community for our office to take any steps we can to prevent it.

We appreciate your cooperation as we adjust everyone to this important change!

If you have any questions pertaining to this policy, please contact our office at (603) 527-1265.

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!

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.

Meeting
in
Progress

City Council

February 13, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

"Office Hours" - Rep. from Senator Ayotte's Office

February 15, 2012, 11am to 1pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission

February 15, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Water Commissioners' Meeting

February 16, 2012, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room
117 Stark Street

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Police Department



[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



The Laconia Police Department continues to make substance abuse one of its top priorities. Like many other communities, Laconia has seen an increase in prescription/illicit drug abuse which was associated with four overdose deaths in 2011. The Laconia Police Department works very closely with its community partners, including Partners in Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs and Stand Up for a Drug Free Laconia, a local grass roots coalition formed in 2011. We believe a combination of enforcement efforts, coupled with education and awareness initiatives, are the best way to combat this issue.

The newly formed Laconia Police Drug Unit has just completed its first full year of operation. Over the last year the new program has been very productive in investigating drug crimes and taking numerous narcotics off the streets of Laconia. This new program took an existing detective who had been assigned to the Attorney General’s Drug Task Force, and permanently assigned him to Laconia cases. Two high profile cases involved several arrests for the sale of narcotics with death resulting during this last year.

We urge residents to report suspected drug activity to the Laconia Police Department, 524-5252 or the Greater Laconia Crime-Line, 524-1717.

Below is a list of activity generated by the Drug Unit. A total of 174 drug arrests were made in 2011, this includes arrests by members of the Patrol Division and Detective Division:

2011 Report BCI Drug Unit

Drug	Purchased	Seized
Marijuana	1/4 ounce	1/4 ounce
Cocaine	7 grams	21 grams
Crack	7.5 grams	
Heroin	11 grams	52 grams (14 assisting Gilford with LPD informant)
Oxycodone	16 pills (30 mg)	115 pills (30 mg)
Oxycodone	6 pills (15 mg)	
Oxycodone	4 pills (5 mg)	
Morphine	4 pills (30 mg)	
Ecstasy	1/2 gram	
Methamphetamine	1/2 gram	(3) Meth labs plus (1) meth lab assist in Belmont from Laconia incident (.2) grams meth

Arrested or indicted	19 (1 assist Gilford with LPD informant) Sales
Currency	Seized: \$2,762.00
Guns	Seized: 2 (1 short-barrel shotgun)
Other weapons	Seized: (1) taser
Pending warrants	(20) for sales of controlled or narcotic drugs (2) for possession with intent to distribute (2) for possession of narcotic

It's Tax Time!

At City Hall we have been receiving numerous calls regarding tax forms and where to get them. Tax forms can be obtained via the internet at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html> or by calling and requesting they be mailed to you.

The phone number to call and request tax forms is (800) 829-1040. The local office of the Internal Revenue Service is located in Manchester at 1000 Elm Street, 9th Floor. They can be reached at (603) 668-6763.



City Manager Updates...

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents and much more! New this month is information regarding overtime costs by department and a "Storm Cost Summary" showing expenses to the City per storm event for the previous month.

Contact the City Mgr's office
at 527-1270, or
info@city.laconia.nh.us

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

The Klondike Gold Rush



On Thursday, February 16th @ 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall the Library will host Mike McKinley, historian and lecturer, who will discuss the adventurers and adventuresses who, in 1897 and 1898, headed north to Alaska and the Canadian Yukon's Klondike region in the last great gold rush in North America. The lecture will tell the glittering tale of gold dust, wild times and adventure. It will also focus on the rollicking saga of the prospectors, miners, mushers, Mounties, madams, floozies and bawds who rubbed elbows with the con-men, the winners and losers who made up the social fabric of the gold fields and boom towns of Alaska and the Klondike.

The lecture will include a reading of two of Robert W. Service's Klondike Gold Rush classics, *The Cremation of Sam McGee* and *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*. There will also be a pictorial display of the Klondike Gold Rush.

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

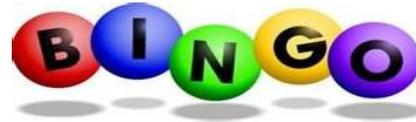


LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

Here's a small sample of our Senior Programs....



We offer BINGO for seniors on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00am. Cards are \$.50 each with a minimum of \$1.00. All money is returned to the players during play.

There is coffee or tea available along with free goodies. We hope to see you there!!

Remote Control Airplane Flying

This program is open on Friday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00 for the small fee of \$2.00 per person. Spectators are free.

This program is offered at the Laconia Community Center in the gym area and is great for learning to control your airplane.

Come join the fun!



Laconia Fire Department

Flu and NoroVirus

Link to
Fire Dept.
[here](#)

The flu is still upon us. The flu season runs between October and May but may not start until January or even February some years. So...it's never too late to get your flu vaccine!

The flu is spread by droplets formed when people sneeze or cough. On occasion, it can be transmitted by someone touching a surface on which an infected person has sneezed. To help control the spread of the flu it is imperative that you adhere to strict hand washing. Also, cleaning surfaces with a bleach or an antibacterial/antiviral product will help.

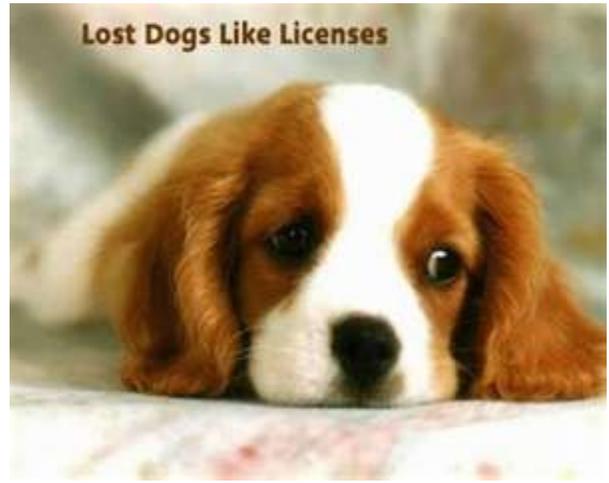
The NoroVirus has made the news lately. It not only affects cruise ships and nursing homes; it affects life right here in Laconia. The "NoroVirus" is the term given to Norwalk-Like Illness which was originally diagnosed in a school in Norwalk, Ohio in 1968. The major signs and symptoms are acute onset of nausea and vomiting, watery diarrhea, low grade fever, extreme fatigue and abdominal pains. The NoroVirus is transmitted from person to person via the oral-fecal route. This means if someone gets the virus on their hands and touches a surface (such as a table, pen, door knob, hand shake, etc.) and another person touches that surface, transmission can occur. With NoroVirus it is imperative that you thoroughly clean all surfaces and methodically wash your hands to reduce the spread of disease!

NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

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

We are happy to announce that you can now register your dog using the City's online processing option as long as we have updated rabies vaccination information for your dog on file!

Simply visit our webpage ([Departments, City Clerk, Dog Licenses](#)) and click on the purple button. All you need is your dog's prior issued license number (found on the tag or paper license) and an email address; your license and tag will be mailed to you. All dog licenses are due for renewal by May 1st each year.



If you have any questions regarding the dog licensing process, please contact our office at (603) 527-1265.

Department of Public Works



City of Laconia COMPOST BIN SALE

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

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.



NOW OPEN! NEW RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

On Lindsay Court across from
Memorial Park Club House

Open 7-days-a week & 24-hours a day. Site is
lighted for your safety.

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

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

Mark Your Calendar!



City Hall will be closed on Monday,
Feb. 20, 2012 for President's Day

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be
accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience!

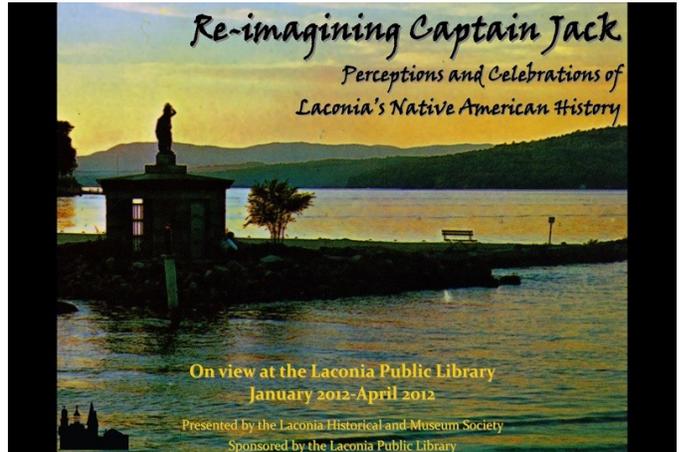
*We hope you have enjoyed this
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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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



The Laconia Historical and Museum Society proudly announces a Reception for its winter exhibit, *Re-imagining Captain Jack!* The reception will take place in the exhibit space on the second floor of the Laconia Public Library on Monday, Feb. 13 from 5—7 pm.

Re-imagining Captain Jack explores how past and present generations of Laconians have seen and celebrated the City's Native American roots. It shows how new knowledge and inherent appreciation have steadily enlightened residents and made their celebrations more in line with the Native American cultures they seek to honor.

The exhibit will be on display at the Laconia Public Library through April, 2012 during normal library hours.

For more information, please contact the office at 527-1278, or visit www.laconiahistorical.org



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

DATE: **February 15, 2012**

(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 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us for questions or additional information.