



Laconia Links

February 24, 2012 - Edition #20

Waiting for Spring at Tardif Park,

Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - Feb 6 thru Feb 17

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		19.25	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	24.33	3.67	15%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	34.61	7.19	21%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	42.22	4.79	11%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	34.30	4.14	12%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	33.69	4.21	12%	10%	Baer

Curbside Ave = 14.2% Curbside Ave = 12.1% Prior 2 weeks = 13.6%

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!

Almost 4 months have passed since the City's Recycling Challenge kicked off on October 31st. Since that time we have been tracking the total tonnage collected each day on the Monday-Friday solid waste routes, with a goal of reaching a 25% recycling level by March 1st. While it appears we will fall short of reaching that goal, the curbside average percent recycled for all routes combined still shows a small increase from the pre-challenge numbers. We encourage all residents to continue their recycling efforts, keeping in mind that your help saves tax dollars by reducing the amount of tonnage going to the incinerator. The City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 200A at City Hall to discuss transfer station fees and the Solid Waste Ordinance.

We hope to see you there!

Reminder!  **The next recycling collection week begins Monday, February 27!**

Laconia Police Department



IDENTITY THEFT

In the course of a busy day, you may write a check at the grocery store, charge tickets to a ball game, rent a car, mail your tax returns, change service providers for your cell phone, or apply for a credit card. Chances are you don't give these everyday transactions a second thought. But an identity thief does.

Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or even years – and thousands of dollars – cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of a good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused loans for education, housing, or cars, and even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit. Humiliation, anger, and frustration are among the feelings victims experience as they navigate the process of rescuing their identity.

The Laconia Police Department recently collaborated with Meredith Village Savings Bank to do a joint presentation on this topic to members of the Senior Companion Program. Plans are being formulated to bring this presentation to several other locations within the City of Laconia over the next few months.

**Have you ever been a victim to any of these types of crimes?
Have you ever thought of learning ways to protect yourself from these crimes?**



- * *Identity theft*
- * *Forgeries and bad checks*
- * *Counterfeit check scams*
- * *Credit/debit card fraud*
- * *Electronic transfer/draft fraud*
- * *Wire scams*

If you are interested in hosting one of these programs, please contact Lieutenant Matt Canfield at 524-5257 ext 332.



[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting
in
Progress

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!*

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

City Council Special Meeting

February 27, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

City Council Regular Meeting

February 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

[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 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Cheer Clinic

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



Laconia Parks & Recreation is offering a Cheer Clinic to those interested! The dates are March 11, 18, April 1, 15, 22. These are Sunday mornings, and please note they are not consecutive.

There is a beginner time from 8:30 – 9:45 am that will cover all the basics including stretches, motions, voice drill, basic jumps and body conditioning. The intermediate level is from 10:00 – 11:15 am for those who know the basics and are ready for routines and stunting. The cost is \$50.00 per person and those interested should call 524-5046 to register.

Public Works Department

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

Because Laconia is uniquely surrounded by lakes, environmental permitting is encountered as a way of life for landscape companies, site contractors, and several City departments. The announcement below from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) outlines some new developments focused on streamlining the permitting process.

It is particularly important to note that all permit application forms have been revised and as of April 1st old forms will not be accepted.



Attention all Municipal Officials and Environmental Professionals:

In an effort to provide a higher quality, more streamlined permitting process for the regulated public, most Land Resources Management Programs ([Alteration of Terrain Bureau](#), [Subsurface Systems Bureau](#), [Wetlands Bureau](#) and the [Shoreland Program](#)) have updated their permit application forms. If you provide permit applications to the public or submit permit applications to DES, please take a moment to discard old permit application forms and ensure you have the newest versions. All current application forms are available at their respective DES web pages and have a revision date of 01/01/2012 located within the footnote. As of April 1, 2012, the Land Resources Management Programs will no longer be accepting outdated permit application forms. Going forward, all LRMP application forms will be simultaneously updated every 6 months.

Land Resources Management, a subsection of the Water Division, coordinates communication and resources across those bureaus and programs that regulate land development projects that may impact state aquatic resources.

For more information, please visit the NH DES Land Resources Management web page at:
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/lrm/index.htm>.



Laconia Fire Department

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

Congratulations !



On February 21, 2012, the Laconia Fire Department held a swearing-in and promotion ceremony at the Central Fire Station.

Standing left - right:: Chief Ken Erickson, Lt. Jason Bean, Lt. Jeff Desrosiers, Capt. Kirk Beattie, Firefighter Jason Griffin, Firefighter Heidi Beaulac, Dep. Chief Deborah Pendergast

Kneeling: Prob. Firefighter Vanja Antunovic, Prob. Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Pierce, Prob. Firefighter Dan Doucette, Prob. Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Lewandowski.

City Manager Updates

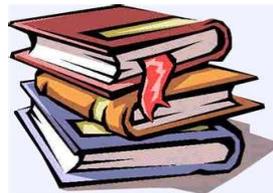
A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City. This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

*We hope you find
this report
helpful and informative!*

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



Laconia Public Library



Online Book Club

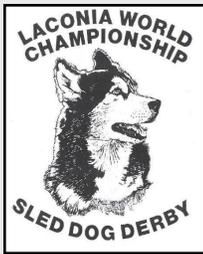
So many books, so little time! For all of you busy people, the Library provides the Online Book Club which delivers chapters of books electronically. Each day, Mon.-Fri., the Library e-mails subscribers part of a book that takes about 5 minutes to read. You're able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If you like the book:, you can check it out! Each week there is a new book. There are 12 book clubs to choose from including Fiction, Non-Fiction, Romance, Business, Good News, Teen, Mystery, Thriller, Sci-Fi and Classics. To sign up, log onto the Library's website at www.laconialibrary.org and click on the Online Book Club link on the lower left side of the page. **Happy Reading!**



Goss Reading Room

"Getting Around Town on the Laconia Street Railway" is a mini-exhibit installed at the Goss Reading Room, located on Elm Street in Lakeport, from January through April, 2012. The project is sponsored by the Laconia Public Library and presented by the Laconia Historical and Museum Society.

The exhibit features over a dozen photographs as well as ephemera and artifacts, including two model street cars from the Library's collection. The display tells the history of Laconia's street railway system from its humble beginnings as the Laconia and Lake Village Horse Railroad, to the height of its success in the early 20th century.



Please Note

The 83rd Laconia World Champion Sled Dog Derby (originally planned for Feb. 24 through Feb. 26) has been cancelled due to lack of snow.

*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

Updates from the Planning Office...

What is a TIF district?

TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. This is a community development tool set up by the state legislature whereby the (F)inancing of public improvements with the (I)ncremental (T)axes created either by new construction, expansion, or renovation of property within a defined portion (district) of the community. (OEP TIF Technical Bulletin Spring 2007). The "incremental taxes" are the taxes collected as the property gains value from the redevelopment.



Stewart Park in the summer

What this has meant for Laconia is that because of several redevelopment projects in the downtown area, such as the conversion of the Allen Rodgers Manufacturing Mill facility into residential units and the new construction of the

Walgreen's parcel, public infrastructure upgrades were possible such as the Riverwalk construction adjacent to the City Hall parking lot and the upgrades to Stewart Park.

In late 2010 the City approved a Lakeport TIF district and efforts are underway to propose a Weirs TIF district, as well.

The Downtown TIF Advisory Group will be asking you to participate in brainstorming and prioritizing public improvements in the downtown for the upcoming year.

Please join them March 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Belknap Mill, Beacon Street East, third floor.

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info and updates —click [here!](#)