



Laconia Links

February 12, 2016 - Edition #223



Picture of a Snowy Owl enjoying the winter!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - January 18, 2016 through January 29, 2016

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 884.57		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$132,685.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$32,239.50	
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		19.61			
Monday	21.06	5.16	24.5%	6.32	\$174.00
Tuesday	36.33	10.02	27.6%	10.90	\$132.00
Wednesday	37.99	8.24	21.7%	11.40	\$474.00
Thursday	34.08	8.29	24.3%	10.22	\$289.50
Friday	33.28	6.26	18.8%	9.98	\$558.00
	Total = 162.74	Route Total = 37.97	Curbside Ave = 23.3%	Total = 48.82	Total = \$ 1,627.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 22.0%	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!



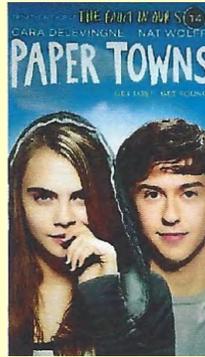
City Hall will be closed all day on Monday, February 15h in observance of President's Day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



**Covered Bridges with
Arnold Graton on
Thursday, Feb. 18
@ 7:00 pm in Laconia
Rotary Hall**

Did you know we have the foremost authority on covered bridges living right here in New Hampshire? Located in Holderness, Arnold Graton Associates has built 16 new covered bridges and restored 65 covered bridges all over the country. Come join us to learn more about the history and construction of these treasured symbols of New Hampshire's past. Graton is featured in Yankee Magazine's 80th Anniversary issue as one of the 80 greatest gifts New England gave to America. This program is free and open to all! For more information, please call 524-4775 Ext.11. The snow date for this program is Thursday, February 25 at 7 PM. Admission is free.



Teen Movie

Teens - join us to watch "Paper Towns", rated PG 13
Thursday, February 18th
@ 3:30 pm in
Laconia Rotary Hall

"Paper Towns" is a coming of age story centering on Quentin and his enigmatic neighbor Margo, who loved mysteries so much she became one!



**Please note that the
Library will be closed
on Monday, Feb. 15th
for President's Day.**



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!***

Police Commission

February 18, 2016, 3:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Land & Buildings Committee

February 18, 2016, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Board of Assessors

February 18, 2016, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Laconia Airport Authority

February 18, 2016, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

Meeting
in
Progress

Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Board

February 16, 2016, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Zoning Board of Adjustment

February 16, 2016, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Parks & Rec Commission

February 16, 2016, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Technical Review Comm. II

February 17, 2016, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

February 17, 2016, 6:00 pm
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](#)

Laconia High School

Congratulations to the Unified Basketball team for their 31-26 win over Plymouth on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Shawn Marston lead the team with 14 points, Michael Hodge contributed 10 points, Neco Russell and Elizabeth Harris each scored 2 points. Justin Lowe scored an NBA 3 pointer late in the 3rd quarter to shift the momentum in favor and seal the victory. Our partners played a tough defensive game and dominated the glass in the second half. It was a great team win!

Huot Technical Center

Huot Technical Center students collaborated with members of the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association to build a garden shed which will be raffled off during the Home Show in Laconia in March. Read more about how Public can enter raffle to win newly constructed structure [Here](#).



Laconia Middle School

Congratulations to the LMS Math Team! They took 2nd place in the MATH-COUNTS Region Math Meet at PSU on Saturday, February 6th. LMS Math Team will compete at the State Meet at PSU on March 5th.



Laconia Foodservice

The Foodservice Department takes pride in providing healthy and nutritious meals to the students of Laconia. All of our meals and snacks meet or exceed the standards set forth in the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, and all of our snacks are compliant with the 2014 Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. We participate in the USDA's School Breakfast, National School Lunch and After School Snack programs, provide free morning snacks to all Laconia elementary students as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and offer After School Suppers to students at all schools who participate in afterschool programs sponsored by Project EXTRA. For more information on meal payments, current month's menu and meal benefits applications click [Here](#).



Pictured: PSS Project EXTRA Students enjoying a family style dinner of pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad, bread sticks and sliced fruit .



NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative

Creating a unified system of care

Parent Support Groups for Families with Mental Health issues

Looking for support? Come and make important connections to others who:

- Understand the challenges you face and the opportunities ahead
- Feel the same way you do
- Have had the same experiences
- Will help you learn new coping skills
- Will share their successes and strategies with you



Parenting a Child with Serious Emotional Disorders? Have questions? Willing to share tips and strategies with others? Do not feel alone...

Laconia

Facilitator: Theresa Eichorn (603) 707-0888
 Location: Lakes Region Community Services, Family Resources Center, 719 North Main Street, Laconia
 Date: 3rd Thursday of each month (This group does not meet in July and August)
 Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Groups are led by a trained facilitator who is a parent. Through affiliates around the state, NAMI NH offers support groups to family members and parents who have a loved one with mental illness. Information on a local parent support group is shown (left). NOTE: Please contact the group facilitator listed to make sure no schedule changes have been made. Join a parent support group today!

How easy is it to recycle in Laconia?You might be surprised!

What Can I Recycle?



Glass Bottles & Jars – all colors of glass are OK
 Wine bottles, beer bottles, pickle jars, jelly jars, etc.



Steel & Aluminum Cans: Beer & Soda Cans, Veggie, Fruit, Pasta Sauce Cans, Pet Food Cans – **All Cans**
 Please Make Sure They are Rinsed Clean



Any Plastics with Numbers 1-7* in the Recycling Symbol on the Bottom. **WE DO NOT RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM.** * Click [here](#) for examples of what the recycling numbers mean



All Cardboard and Paper – Old Mail, Magazines, Newspapers, Cereal Boxes, Pizza Boxes

Recycling is simple and easy, and doesn't take much effort at all. It's just as easy to throw a recyclable product into a recycling bin as it is to throw it into a trash can!

REMEMBER – SORTING IS NOT NECESSARY – EVERYTHING IN ONE CONTAINER!!

Questions about recycling? Please call Ann at DPW, 528-6379

Laconia Parks & Recreation

Did you know?



Tips for caring for storm damaged trees and shrubs!

Be patient until the snow melts. There is little you can do to help trees right now. Trees and shrubs that are bent, but not broken, by the weight of snow and ice will often recover without special care. Once the snow has melted, assess the damage. If more than half of a tree's limbs are damaged, the tree is highly unlikely to recover and should be removed. If only small limbs and twigs are damaged, the tree will likely make a full recovery. The more large branches

are broken, the less likely the tree is to recover. If the central leader (trunk) is broken, the tree should be removed.

Some trees, such as pines, have central leaders that extend all the way to the top of the tree. When the trunk on these trees fails, they will not recover. If shrubs are weighed down with snow, sweep the snow off the branches with a broom. Always sweep upward – sweeping from the top down can result in more broken branches. If the snow is frozen onto branches and will not dislodge by sweeping, allow it to melt naturally. Don't shake trees and shrubs to remove snow.

Stay safe! Never cut limbs tangled in power lines – call the power company instead. Anytime removing a branch requires a ladder or a chainsaw, you should strongly consider hiring a tree care professional to do the job. To learn more about what makes some trees more prone to ice damage than others see [University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension fact sheets](#).

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 2015 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.



Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on **Monday February 15th** President's Day

Monday's collections (and collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379, ext. 300



FRI. FEBRUARY 19
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

Join us for a fun **free** family movie night
with **free** popcorn & candy! We're watching:

UP
(RATED PG)

GRACE CAPITAL CHURCH: LACONIA CAMPUS
14 BEACON STREET EAST, LACONIA



VALENTINE COOKIE WALK
Saturday February 13, 2016
12:00-3:00PM

To Benefit Belknap House

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall
Gilford Ave, Laconia
(behind Sacred Heart Church)



*Fill a Bag or Tray with Homemade
Valentine Cookies!*
Create a Gift for Friends, Family, or Yourself

Saturday March 12 from 11:00 - 3:00 it's everyone's favorite Triathlon!
Trophies, T-Shirts, Prizes, Raffle, Free Pizza lunch!
Check in starts at 10, games start promptly at 11.



**BOWLING
GOLF &
GAMES!**

**SIGN UP
[HERE!](#)**



SAVING ANIMALS
FUNSPOT INDOOR TRIATHLON
SATURDAY MARCH 12

**To Benefit the
NH Humane
Society
Laconia, NH**



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Laconia Police Department 2016 Goals and Objectives

Volunteer Program	A robust volunteer program exists within the agency, comprised of six volunteers. A majority of volunteers work in the Victim Service Unit. I would like to expand the Volunteer Program to include an operations component, in which volunteers would be tasked with duties such as parking enforcement, house checks, mail relays, bike registrations, and other activities that are currently assigned to patrol officers. Examine similar programs within the region and tailor a program that fits the needs of the agency (03/01/16). Recruitment and training of new volunteers (05/01/16).
Police Athletic League	The National Police Athletics League's motto is, "It's better to build a youth than mend an adult". Develop a strategy to build a sustainable program in our community. Identify internal/external partners, specific programs, and locations of operation (05/01/15). We intend to promote the interaction of police officers and youth in a positive and safe environment.
National Re-Accreditation	The department was first awarded National Accreditation in 2010 and will be seeking re-accreditation for the second time in November of 2016. MIS Robin Moyer and Lieutenant Allan Graton have been preparing for the on-site assessment which takes place every three years. A mock assessment is scheduled in April, followed by the final assessment and re-accreditation ceremony in November of 2016.
Strategic Planning	The current Strategic Plan runs through the end of 2016. A Strategic Planning Committee will be tasked with crafting the department's new three year plan. Obtaining input from all members of the department and other stakeholders is imperative. Planning sessions will commence in February with hopes of presenting the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan in mid-December.
Police Explorer Post	Identify employees with an interest in developing a successful Police Explorer Post (06/01/15). Draft guidelines and program curriculum in accordance with National Law Enforcement Exploring Standards. Meet with members of the Belmont Police Explorer Post for guidance (09/01/15). Recruitment effort and kickoff of program (01/01/16).
Drug Education Program	Develop a drug education program tailored to high school aged youth. The department currently provides programs at all elementary schools and the middle school. Prevention is the ultimate goal in the fight against substance misuse, and educational programs are a key component. Collaborate with school officials and develop curriculum (06/01/16).

Stand Up With



**Join Us
February 15th**

Substance Assessment Workshop

"We have to start somewhere"

Stand Up Laconia, a grassroots coalition, is calling on all community members to participate in an important process to look at the substance misuse challenges specific to Laconia and ways we can impact positive change.

When: February 15th

Time: 6-7pm

Location: Jack's Place (Huot Tech)

345 Union Ave. Laconia, NH

Surprise Guest Speaker

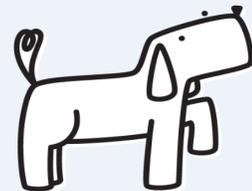
We look forward to this opportunity to make a difference in our community!

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday February 22, 2016!



Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 14 - February 20th...Click [here](#) to learn more and get involved!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Lakes Region Community Services
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Parent Education & Support

Parent Education & Support

Click Here!

(Note: This block contains a list of various programs and their descriptions, including 'Active Parenting of Young Children', 'Cognitive Coping', 'Positive Discipline Strategies', 'Ready to be Ready!', 'Self-Healing & Stress Management', 'Parenting Support', 'Responsible Parenting', and 'The Parenting Skills Institute'. Each item includes a brief description and contact information.)

We would like to announce that the "Strong Fathers, Strong Kids" support group, which we had previously published as occurring monthly at the Family Resource Center, is on hold at the moment.

While we see the need to provide dads with a unique type of support and encouragement, we just haven't found the right fit yet. Please be assured that there is still a multitude of programming that we welcome all caregivers, including fathers, to participate in.

Please click on the image (left) to view our latest parent education flyer. Be assured that providing programming that meets the needs and challenges of dads is very important to us, and we have not lost sight of finding the right blend of curriculum, staff, and participants to make the "magic" happen. Please contact us at 528-0391 with any questions or if you need additional information.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK CALENDAR!

MONDAY, 2/22

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15pm

Sledding Party from 2:00 - 4:00pm (South Street)



TUESDAY, 2/23

Middle School Age Basketball 1:00 - 4:15pm

Please note: If conditions do not improve, outdoor recreational activities will have to be cancelled.

WEDNESDAY, 2/24

Elementary Open Gym & Arts n Crafts 1:00 - 4:15pm



THURSDAY, 2/25

High School/College Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15pm

Cardboard sled racing - Call Parks & Rec for more information.

FRIDAY, 2/26

High School/College Basketball Time 1:00 - 4:15pm

Ice Skating Party from 2:00 - 4:00pm (Memorial Park)



**Call the Parks & Rec.
Office at 524-5046 for
more information on any
of these programs.**

Elementary Times
Middle School Times
High School Times
All Ages



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Pet of the Week: Buddy



A tiny dog, with a big personality, that's Buddy! He was surrendered not long ago from a home where too many pets resided and weren't getting the care they needed and deserved. Buddy, who is less than two years old, readies himself now for the next chapter in his young life.

Buddy is a sweet and cuddly Rat Terrier. Small of stature, short of coat, big on adoration and constant companionship. He has the curious and endearing habit of perching on shoulders wrapped around his favorite humans' neck; ever so slightly parrot like. Buddy hopes to bond just as closely as possible with folks who will provide a loving forever home.

Register early for the Indoor Triathlon, presented by Union Diner. Check out www.nhhumane.org to learn more.

www.nhhumane.org

524-3252

facebook.com/nhhumane

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, 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, overtime costs and much more!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.



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



There is now a quick and easy way to search for information included in the City's Charter and Ordinances! Just click [here](#) to access this section of our website.

The City's Code is updated periodically; however, as new legislation is enacted by the City Council it will be posted in the "New Laws" section of this page on our website. Topics are also searchable by using key words.

We hope you find this new service helpful!

Bulky Item Pickup!

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6 per item you can have bulky items eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6/item) at the City Clerk's office or at our Public Works Department. Call 528-6379 with questions.

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation



Shown above accepting a Proclamation honoring the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation on their 60th anniversary are (*left to right*): Paulette Loughlin (Immediate Past President and current Assistant Director of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation); Mayor Ed Engler; and Mike Nolan (President of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation).



Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
60th Birthday Celebration

CANCELLED

LRSF's 60th birthday celebration scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th, **has been cancelled.**

On Tuesday, February 2nd, our Executive Director, Joan Cormier, had emergency surgery. She is the heart of the Foundation, so we will not be proceeding with the celebration at this time.

She is doing well and we hope to have her back with us in five or six weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.



Community Workspace Survey

A small group of people from Laconia, supported by Fusion, Belknap EDC and the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, have come together to discuss the potential of a co-working space for the Lakes Region.

A survey has been created to collect information on what people would be interested in, how much they would pay and what services or details are most important to them in a shared workspace.

We are looking for people of all ages and industry to take the survey so we can get a good feel as to what the community's wants and needs may be when making considerations about economic development.

Just click the following link <http://bit.ly/coworkingsurveyLR> to access the survey.

We appreciate your participation!



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



Understanding
Medicare

ServiceLink's Resource Centers' Medicare specialists are trained and certified under the National State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

If you need help understanding Medicare or have an issue that needs resolving, please contact the local ServiceLink office at 67 Water Street in Laconia, 603-528-6945. We are available Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with after hours appointments available as needed.

*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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- David Bownes (Ward 2)..... 524-4330
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