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Laconia Links

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Little Island in Paugus Bay

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - February 4 thru February 15					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 685.45 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$102,817.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$72,791.55	
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		21.01	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	24.79	4.74	19.0%	7.44	\$ 404.55
Tuesday	36.51	7.29	20.0%	10.95	\$ 549.45
Wednesday	37.84	3.71	10.0%	11.35	\$ 1146.30
Thursday	31.74	4.43	14.0%	9.52	\$ 763.50
Friday	30.32	4.16	13.7%	9.09	\$ 739.50
	Total = 161.20	Route Total = 24.33	Curbside Avg = 15.3%	Total = 48.51	Total = \$3,603.30
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/12 - present			Prior 2 weeks - 15.4%	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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, February 25th!

Please Note!



The 84th Laconia World Championship Sled Dog Derby **HAS BEEN POSTPONED** to the tentative dates of March 1, 2 and 3, 2013 due to snow conditions!



Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's website at www.lrsdc.org for updates on the event.



The Stories behind Artists and Artwork of the Italian Renaissance



What does an egg have to do with the construction of the Florence Cathedral? How did Michelangelo's David get his nose? What artist's drawing ability liberated him from a foreign prison and certain death?

Dr. Patricia Wild, Professor of Fine Arts and Education at Lakes Region Community College, will discuss these stories and more Thursday, March 7 at 3 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia.

Learn the fun and fascinating stories behind some of the most famous artists and art of the Italian Renaissance during this free lecture. Space is limited, so please make reservations by calling 524-5600 if you plan to attend. The event is a cooperative effort between LRCC and Taylor Community to provide interesting and informative events to Lakes Region residents and visitors.

Taylor Community is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide the highest quality retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org and check us out Facebook to keep up with all our events.

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.

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!*

City Council

February 25, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan

February 27, 2013, 2:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

February 28, 2013, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

Wyatt Park Association

February 28, 2013, 7:00 pm
Laconia Police Department
Community Room

[Meeting Notice](#)

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Goss Reading Room Programs

The Goss Reading Room has storytime every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.



The chess program is held every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30...open to all ages and all skill levels.

Come join us!

Preschool Storytime



*Join us for
Storytime!*

Wednesday, February 27th @10:00 for ages birth to 5 years old. Thursday, February 28th at 9:30 for ages birth to 3 years old and at 10:30 for ages 3-5 years old. Stories and crafts in the Selig Storytime Room.



Check out the Library's website—click [here!](#)



The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation will be holding its 7th Annual "Gowns for Girls" event on Saturday April 6, 2013 at the Meredith Bay Colony in Meredith, NH from 1-4 PM.

This event is open to all high school aged girls to pick out a prom dress FREE of charge for their special night!

The Foundation will soon be accepting gently worn and/or new formal dresses and accessories (shoes, handbags, jewelry) for this event. If you are donating a dress or gown that has been "gently worn", please make sure it has no visible marks, tears or stains, as these dresses must be in wearable condition. **The annual Dress Drive kicks off Friday, March 1st and will end on Monday, April 1st.**

Each year our wonderful community members come through with an abundance of dresses for our event and we could sure use your help again this year! If you are able to donate a dress(es) or accessories please drop them off at one the following nearby locations:

1. Pemi Youth Center, Plymouth NH
2. Sunday's Salon and Spa, Downtown Laconia, NH
3. DressBarn at the Tanger Outlets in Tilton, NH
4. Franklin Parks and Rec Center, downtown Franklin, NH
5. Highland Hall, Plymouth NH



Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions please email: lbrusseau@faithhopeandlovefoundation.org, visit our website at www.faithhopeandlovefoundation.org or for up to the minute updates follow us on Facebook -The Faith, Hope, and Love Foundation.

February Vacation Activities with Laconia Parks & Rec.

February 25 ~ March 1

Monday ~ Middle School Open Gym ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm

Tuesday ~ Middle School Open Gym ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm

Tuesday ~ Sledding Party at Laconia Sledding Hill ~ 1:00 - 4:00pm {NEW}

Wednesday ~ Elementary Open Gym ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm

Thursday ~ High School Open Gym ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm

Thursday ~ Ice Skating Party at Memorial Park ~ 1:00 - 4:00pm {NEW}

Friday ~ High School Open Gym ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm

There will be cocoa, cookies and a bonfire at the parties!!!!



For more information call 524-5046



Laconia Police Department

Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)

Distracted Driving



The Laconia Police Department has set a goal for 2013 to increase the awareness of Texting and Driving.

Texting and Distracted Driving has become a serious problem in New Hampshire and the nation. Studies have indicated that texting and driving is as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol / drugs. The Laconia Police Department will heighten awareness through education and enforcement over the year.

NH RSA 265:105-a. Prohibited Text Messages and Device Usage While Operating a Motor Vehicle

All New Hampshire drivers are prohibited from texting while driving. The law states: " A person operating a moving motor vehicle who writes a text message or uses two hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device, is guilty of a violation. A person does not write a text message when he or she reads, selects, or enters a phone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making a phone call."

How is it Enforced?

There is a \$100 fine for text messaging while driving. New Hampshire's text messaging laws are considered "primary" laws. A primary law means that an officer can pull you over for the offense without having to witness some other violation. That is, the officer sees you texting and issues a citation.

Please click [here](#) to understand what constitutes "distracted driving" and some key facts and statistics about the consequences of driving while using hand held devices. Do not hesitate to call the Laconia Police Department at 524-5257 for additional information or questions.

NOTICE OF MEETING

WYATT PARK ASSOCIATION
WILL MEET ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013
7:00 P.M
COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE
LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ANYONE
INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE WYATT PARK ASSOCIATION
IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



The next dog obedience class will begin
Feb. 27th at the Laconia Community Center!

Beginners from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, advanced 7:00
– 8:00 pm, every Wednesday. The cost will be
\$54.00 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 Dept.'s office at the
Community Center, 306 Union Avenue or call
524-5046.

Click [here](#) for the
Parks & Rec. website

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

For more info, please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at 527-1278, email lhmslpl@metrocast.net or visit online at www.laconiahistorical.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

(re-scheduled from February 11, 2013)

And The History of Prescott Farm Lecture Program Monday, March 18, 2013 – 6:30 pm

Join the Laconia Historical & Museum Society for its Annual Meeting on March 18, 2013 at 6:30 pm (rescheduled from February 11). This brief meeting will be held at The Laconia Public Library just prior to our program. At this brief meeting, we will hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the Officers for the upcoming year. After our meeting we will present our monthly program – The History of Prescott Farm – presented by Sarah W. Dunham.



THE HISTORY OF PRESCOTT FARM LECTURE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY SARAH W. DUNHAM

The History of Prescott Farm will be presented by Executive Director, Sarah Dunham, who began working at Prescott Farm in December 2008. She is a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA where she majored in anthropology & archaeology and also holds an MS in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England. Previous to working at Prescott Farm, she completed internships with Silk Farm Audubon Center in Concord and Massachusetts Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, MA and worked in the Education Department at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Please join us as Sarah walks us through the interesting 200 year+ history of Laconia's Prescott Farm!

This lecture will be held at the Laconia Public Library on March 18 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public – Refreshments will be served - Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information about this lecture program, or if you would like to make a donation and/or become a member - please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email us at lhmslpl@metrocast.net or visit us online at www.laconiahistorical.org

Updates from the Planning Office...



Have you ever brought a diamond ring on a first date? It's been said before that bringing a fully designed plan to your first Planning Board meeting is like bringing a diamond ring to your first date!

It's more sensible and economical to treat your first date to a dinner and a conversation - give them a little snapshot of who you are and what you want, and listen to who they are and what their future visions are.

This same sensible approach can be done in the world of Planning too. At no charge you can bring a concept, a sketch, or the beginning of an idea to the Planning Board and Planning staff. This will be your "first date"! The Laconia Planning Board process includes a visit with the Technical Review Committee whose members - staff from the departments of Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Water, Fire, Public Works and Assessing - are a wealth of knowledge. They will give you direction on everything from utilities to setbacks to parking to erosion control to streets to building specifications. Then when you bring that concept to the Planning Board they will give you guidance on the City's vision, as they are the eyes that constantly look ahead to the future of the City. Both of these teams will build a relationship with you to help your development be successful for both the short and long term.

So the next time you have an idea for a development, large or small, please contact the Planning Department so they can set you up on a "first date" with the Planning Board...this will assure that the diamond ring you present later really knocks your date off their feet!



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

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



JANUARY-FEBRUARY
2013

The heart of afterschool in Laconia...

Project EXTRA!



Click [here](#) to view the latest issue of Project EXTRA's newsletter!



**11th
Annual**

Northeast Organic Farming Association
of New Hampshire **2013**

Winter Conference

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 1 & MARCH 2

*Laconia Middle School
150 McGrath Street, Laconia, NH*

"GROWING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY"
Two Days of Workshops!
**Friday, 8am - 5pm: Tractor Intensives, Vegetable, Grain
 & Livestock Production, Marketing & Budgeting**
Plus: 6pm Beginner Farmer Mixer at Prescott Farm
**Saturday, 8am - 5pm: 30 Workshops - All Levels, Cooking Demos,
 Book Signings, Green Market Expo, Local/Organic Potluck**

FRIDAY KEYNOTES

Jerry Dewitt
Speaking on
Building
Resiliency into
Our Organic
Systems.



Tom Wessels
Public Lecture on
Self-Organization:
The Key to
Resiliency - 7pm

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



Kristin Kimball
Providing inspiration with
her thoughts on Resiliency
and the future of farming.



Learn More and Register:
www.nofanh.org
winterconference@nofanh.org
facebook.com/nofanhwinterconference
 603-224-5022



Mark Your Calendar!



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 7, 2013

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Your Regional Future — Part of a Granite State Future

The Lakes Region Planning Commission staff and Commissioners welcome you to an

OPEN HOUSE

at the Commission's office, 103 Main Street, Humiston Building, Meredith, NH.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide an opportunity for the LRPC Commissioners, local officials, and the public to meet LRPC staff and talk about the Granite State Future Project and LRPC's ongoing planning work that will inform the development of the Lakes Region Plan.

The Open House will feature displays and delectable edibles.

- Economic development
- Broadband
- Housing
- Transportation
- Natural resources & environment
- Natural hazards & climate change

Parking is available in the lot behind the Humiston Building, accessible from High Street.

Directions and contact information: http://www.lakesrpc.org/about_contact.asp

If you need special accommodations, please contact LRPC.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

103 Main Street • Humiston Building

Meredith, NH 03253

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www.lakesrpc.org



International
Film Series
Laconia Human
Relations
Committee

DEPARTURES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Time: 6:15 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



This modern-day Japanese film of transformation and beauty won the Oscar as best foreign-language film. It is an intense gripping story of life, death, intimacy, and the spirit of love.

- ◆ 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



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*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 - Katie Walsh	
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. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
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 Baumoe	
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	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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www.city.laconia.nh.us