



Laconia Links

March 9, 2012 - Edition #22

Union Cemetery

Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - Feb 20 thru March 2

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		24.80	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	25.52	4.56	18%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	32.42	7.03	22%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	42.75	4.32	10%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	33.49	3.36	10%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	29.73	3.42	12%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 13.8%	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 14.2%

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!

Hopes were high as we embarked on the City's Recycling Challenge back in October of 2011 with a goal of reaching a 25% recycling level by the beginning of March. As the above chart shows, we fell short of that goal. However, the good news is that the curbside average percent recycled for all routes combined shows a slight increase over the pre-challenge numbers. The City Council met on February 27th to discuss transfer station fees and the Solid Waste Ordinance; you can read the minutes of that meeting [here](#).

We encourage everyone to continue their recycling efforts, and talk with your neighbors about doing the same. Each ton of recyclable material removed from the trash results in a savings to the City and its taxpayers. We welcome your input or suggestions as we work towards finding a solution to lowering our solid waste disposal costs!

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Mon., Mar. 19th!



Conservation Commission News

During the 2011 sampling season, the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association and the Laconia Conservation Commission assisted volunteers in monitoring water quality of seven tributaries along Paugus Bay.

The tributaries were sampled at various frequencies beginning in May and ending in August for pH, turbidity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and total phosphorus.



Mallards on Paugus Bay

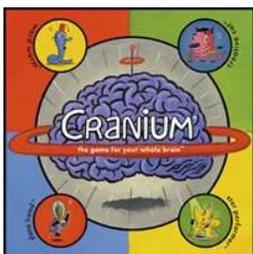
Dissolved oxygen readings not meeting NH Class B standards were recorded at tributary four stations on at least one sampling event. The low readings were taken at the end of July or August when the base flow of tributaries is low; also, a couple of the tributaries are associated with wetlands where the water tends to be stagnant towards the end of summer. Six of the seven tributaries had at least one pH reading below the Class B New Hampshire standard and out of the 11 measurements taken throughout the season, 8 fell below the NH Class B standard. Turbidity levels were low for all stations sampled and were below the NH Class B standard of 10 NTUs.

Specific conductance levels ranged from 80.6 to 914 us/cm in the Paugus Bay tributaries. The higher reading of 914 us/cm was recorded at the end of Mass Ave., Laconia. This station is an outfall rather than a tributary and higher readings would be expected due to road runoff containing salts, fertilizer, and metals.

Sampling will occur again during the 2012 season. The Conservation Commission is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Conservation Technician Scott McPhie at 527-1264.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

TEEN GAME DAY!



Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to play some fun board games on Tuesday, March 13th @ 3:30 in Laconia Rotary Hall.

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

Eating of the Green

Monday, March 12th @
3:30 p.m. in the Selig
Storytime Room.
Come try green foods!
For all ages.



For questions and further
info, please call 524-4775.

Department of Public Works

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

NOTICE



City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump



The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **April 4, 2012** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

Materials accepted are as follows:

- * Clean Wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- * Branches of Trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length)

NOTE: Leaves are **NOT** accepted.

REMINDER - Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required

Upcoming Meetings...

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

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!*

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.

City Council

March 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Board of Assessors

March 13, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200B

Heritage Commission

March 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200B

Police Commission

March 15, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Community Room, Laconia
Police Headquarters

News From the **Laconia Water Dept.**

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



LACONIA WATER BILLS

The Laconia Water Department recently became aware that the rate increase from \$1.15 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) to \$1.45 per HCF was inadvertently added to the water bills sent out at the end of January and February. The new rate, effective January 1, 2012, should have been calculated into the bills that will be sent out at the end of March, not the January and February bills.



For auditing and tracking purposes, our customers' next bill will reflect a credit of .30 per HCF based on the consumption of their January or February bill.

This error translates into an average of approximately \$7.50 for a family of four that typically uses 25 HCF per billing quarter.

The Department would like to apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Should any of our customers have additional concerns, please contact our office Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm at 524-0901.

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!

Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department....

The abatement filing period is now closed. We received about 160 +/- applications this year and will have them all answered by the statutory deadline of July 1.

For those who submitted applications:

The Board of Assessors meets once a month. The applications will be reviewed at a regular work session and voted on. Applicants will then receive a letter in the mail informing them of the Board's decision and the next step in the process.



The Spring/Summer Program Brochure is out!!!

The highly acclaimed, greatly anticipated brochure is in the mail this very minute! If you are on the mailing list expect to see it soon. If you are not on the mailing list, feel free to check us out online on our webpage at www.cityoflaconianh.org under Parks & Recreation. There are some new programs as well as some old favorites.

Check us out!!

Updates from the Planning Office

Thanks to all those who spent hours of volunteer time to conduct the Lakes Region Listens Community Conversation on Monday night, March 5th.



Input from residents is what makes the planning process successful!

Special thanks to Jim Noucas of Portsmouth Listens for the HOURS and MILES spent training the Lakes Region Listens Steering Committee.

Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

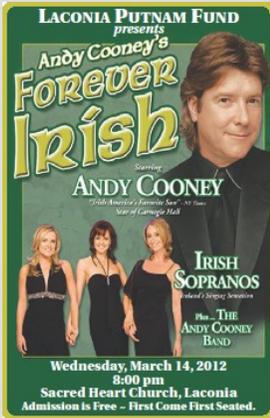
Each year members of the Department establish goals that are beneficial to the community and organization. We strive to reach each goal by implementing various educational and awareness programs, coupled with innovative enforcement techniques. In last week's newsletter you read the 2011 Goals and Objectives Final Report. Following are the Department's 2012 Goals and Objectives. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the Chief's Office at, 524-5257 Ext. 324.



Laconia Police Department 2012 Goals and Objectives

Re-establish K-9 Program	Acquire replacement dog and complete dog/handler training. Funding for the program to be achieved through public-private partnerships.
Implement R.A.D. Program	Expand the RAD program through a collaborative effort with Parks and Recreation Department who will host and advertise the program. Incorporate instructors certified in RAD for Seniors.
Behavioral Assessment Program	A program that helps to identify our work personalities and strengths/weaknesses. Another section, Generational Diversity, will assist supervisors in understanding and relating to the wide range of employees we have; from age 21 to 66, with a common goal of strengthening this organization.
Reduction of officer involved motor vehicle accidents	Reduce the number of officer involved motor vehicle accidents by 50% through increased training and awareness programs. There were twenty accidents in 2011; four employees were involved in multiple crashes.
Reduce property crime	Reduce the number of property crimes City-wide through enforcement, awareness and educational programs.
Reduce drug overdoses and continue targeting drug activity within the City	There were four drug related overdose deaths in 2011. The Department would like to reduce this number to ZERO in 2012. The reduction of drug activity will continue to be a top priority. A combination of enforcement, coupled with education and awareness programs will provide the best chance of success.
Modernize Roll Call	Utilize existing technology to improve the efficiency of daily roll calls. Provide updated and relevant training covering various topics.
Update the Laconia Police Department website	Reconstruct the current website in order to provide citizens with an informative and user-friendly site.
Create an education/awareness program targeting potential victims of fraud	The Laconia Police Department will partner with several organizations, including the Laconia Housing Authority and Meredith Village Savings Bank, with the purpose of providing ongoing fraud seminars. An awareness campaign consisting of PSAs and other notices will be implemented during the year.

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND



Reminder

March 14th
8:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church
Laconia, NH

Come enjoy a magical, musical evening that you and your family will always remember!

See our schedule online at
www.city.laconia.nh.us
Special Events/Putnam Fund

**FREE ADMISSION!
NO TICKETS REQUIRED
FIRST COME—FIRST SEATED**

*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



Department of Public Works

City of Laconia COMPOST BIN SALE



Earth Machine Compost Bins are now available through the City of Laconia for \$52 (a \$100 value)!

Stop in our office at 27 Bisson Ave. to see what the bins look like, and to place your order.

Order forms are also available at the Laconia Library, SAU Office, Parks & Rec. Community Ctr., and in City Hall at the Clerk's Office, the City Manager's Office and the Planning Dept. Compost bins must be ordered by April 2nd.

For questions or more info, please call Ann at 528-6379.

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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, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find this document helpful and informative!

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

