



Laconia Links

April 10, 2015 - Edition #180

Eagle Island at Weirs Bay

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - March 16, 2015 through March 27, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = \$1,115.42		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$167,313.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$34,155.00	
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		22.36			
Monday	19.61	4.60	23.5%	5.88	\$192.00
Tuesday	35.68	9.35	26.2%	10.70	\$202.50
Wednesday	36.22	7.86	21.7%	10.87	\$451.50
Thursday	32.25	7.65	23.7%	9.67	\$303.00
Friday	33.68	7.50	22.3%	10.10	\$390.00
	Total = 157.44	Route Total = 36.96	Curbside Avg. = 23.5%	Total = 47.22	Total = \$1,539.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 23.0%	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!



HEY LACONIA!
 We want to know: What do you think the City could do in the next 12 months that would make Laconia a better place to live or do business?

Text your answer to:
603-556-8862

Laconia Public Library **Upcoming Events.....**



Code.org

**Tuesday, April
21st@ 3:30 pm
Teen Room**

Computers will be on reserve for students wishing to begin learning code.

Library Staff members will be on hand to provide supervision and guidance.



Digital Magazines Have Arrived!

We are happy to announce that digital magazines are available for checkout on your tablets and smart phones through NH Downloadable Books (NHDB). You can download and read your favorite popular magazines such

as *Bon Appetit*, *Budget Travel*, *Golf Digest*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Organic Gardening*, *Wired* and more! You can check out three magazines each week. After seven days, the magazines are automatically removed from your NHDB account and you can check out more titles. The three magazine checkouts do not count against ebook/audiobook checkout limits. At this time only current issues are available for checkout.

The magazines can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices such as tablets and smart phones. All you need is your Laconia Public Library card, a free NOOK® app and a Barnes and Noble account (no credit card necessary). For more information please contact Deann at 524-4775 Ext. 11.

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!*

City Council

April 13, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

April 15, 2015, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

April 15, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commission

April 16, 2015, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility Conf.
Room, 117 Stark Street

Police Commission

April 16, 2015, 3:00 pm
Laconia PD, Community Room

Board of Assessors

April 16, 2015, 5:30 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](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17
ESS Book Fair All Week		WHS PTO meeting 6:30	Elementary Early Release @ 1pm - Student Led Conferences	PSS Spirit Week Dance - Family Dance \$5.00

LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL CREATING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



It is the vision of the Laconia Middle School PBIS team to ensure success with every student, every day in every way by providing them with a positive learning environment that reinforces appropriate behavior, the development of strong character, personal values and high levels of academic achievement.

Learn how LMS is working to Create and Sustain a Positive Learning Environment through PRIDE! Click [here](#) for detailed information....



ELEMENTARY FAMILY MATH NIGHT AT PSS

Many of the Laconia elementary families attended the Family Math Night held at Pleasant Street School. The families played

math games such as: Connect Four, Battleship, Mancala, Dominoes, Memory Games, etc. Each family left with a game to play at home and over 100 games were given out to families. It was a great night for all who attended.

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT JAG STUDENTS SHINE

JAG students attended the annual Career Development Conference/Senior Awards Luncheon. LHS Senior Autumn Ross took home second place for Public Speaking, the Outstanding Leadership Award and received a JAG scholarship. Senior Rosemarie Therrien took home the second place award for her Interviewing Skills, and a JAG scholarship. Laconia Middle School took home FIRST PLACE for their Community Service project and 8th grader Jordan Poire received the Outstanding Leadership award.



WORK, WORK, WORK....

Laconia High School students looking for work can check out the new jobs board that is posted in the main lobby. There are many jobs posted that are available for students now and for the summer. Check it out!!!

LMS CARE CLOSET SEES RECORD GIVEAWAY

The LMS Care Closet recently held their *Get Ready to Swap* event. They distributed 409 items!! This is so wonderful. They made \$31 from the proceeds. When subtracted from the total, 285 articles of clothing went to students in need for no cost.



Follow us on  **Twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Coffee with a Cop

You are invited to join Chief Adams and Sergeant Hubbard at **My Coffee House**, on **April 20th, 9:00-10:00am**, to kick off Laconia's first **Coffee with a Cop** event!

It is a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 175 cities and towns in 36 states, "Coffee with a Cop" has done wonders for community trust, police legitimacy and partnership building. Community members come to a local "Coffee with a Cop" for a variety of reasons, but no matter why they come to their community's event, they are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

One of the keys to "Coffee with a Cop's" success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members. Instead, it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is the foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

Please plan to join us!



Children's Authors Tea

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Belknap Mill
25 Beacon St. East
The Mill Plaza, Laconia

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Children's Authors Tea!

This wonderful, free event is organized by the LRCS Family Resource Center to promote the importance of early literacy. Come celebrate "Strengthening Families and Communities Month" with us!

Special Guests and New Hampshire Authors:

Cheryl Blaser, Jennifer Carson, Shawn Middleton, Robbie Neylon & Denise Ortakales

Evening events: Book signing and sales by authors, storytelling, light snacks, and tea.

This is a free family event. Every child will receive a free book!

Generously Sponsored By:



For more information please call Child Care Resource and Referral Family Resource Center at 581-1558.



THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE NORM AND DOT THIBODEAU FAMILY PRESENTS



Specializing in Motown, Classic R&B and Soul. You will be led down that nostalgic road and swept away by wonderful crooning voices of the highest caliber. Motor City Magic brings back the fond memories and the greatest music by performers: The Temptations, The 4 Tops, Marvin Gay, The Supremes and many more.

Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm.
Laconia High School Auditorium
Admission is Free. First Come First Seated.

Like us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



What is Watch Me Grow?

Watch Me Grow (WMG) helps NH families track their young children's growth and development. It's New Hampshire's developmental screening, information, and referral system for families of young children ages birth to six years.

What is "developmental screening"?

Like a yardstick for measuring height, developmental screening is a tool that helps families measure their children's development through the early years, including:

- How children use their hands, bodies and senses (motor skills)
- How children think and solve problems (cognitive skills)
- How children use language-speaking, listening and understanding (communication skills)
- How children express their emotions and relate to others (social and emotional skills)
- How children help take care of their own needs, like feeding and dressing (personal)

For more information please contact the Family Resource Center of Central NH at 603-581-1559 or visit watchmegrownh.org

**LACONIA
PARKS & REC.
DEPARTMENT**

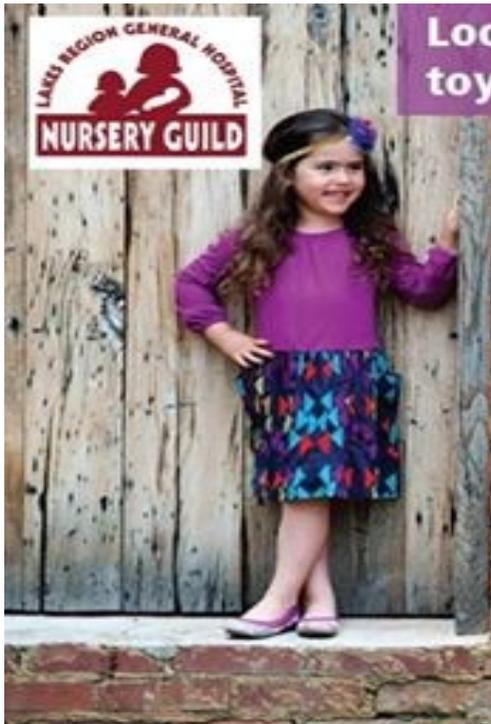


The City of Laconia has been named a "Tree City USA" for the 25th consecutive year!

Come celebrate with the Parks and Recreation Department on May 1st at 11:00 am at Wyatt Park when we will plant two trees in keeping with the "silver anniversary" theme!

We also encourage residents and businesses to plant a silver tree or something silver in their gardens this spring.

Please plan to join us!



Looking for gently used children's clothing toys and furniture at an affordable price?

**LRGH Nursery Guild's
Annual Spring Children's Boutique
Saturday, April 11**

9am - 2pm at the Laconia Community Center
Donations/Consignments of gently used Spring & Summer children's clothing (NB-size 16) toys, books and children's furniture.

We are unable to accept car seats, cribs and stuffed animals.

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Donations/Consignments accepted at the Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue

Wednesday, April 8 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday, April 9 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's services and organizations in the Lakes Region communities. LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

For more information contact us at:
524-3211 x3018
or nurseryguild@lrgh.org



Staff Update at Taylor Community



Taylor CEO Bob Selig is pleased to announce that Danielle Bertagna has joined the community as the Assisted Living Outreach and Admissions Counselor. Her primary focus is Assisted Living and Memory Care and in this capacity, she'll work with seniors and their families to help find solutions for those who need more support in their day to day living.

"Taylor is an exceptional organization and I love that it's a not-for-profit," said Danielle. "I chose to come here because I believe in what Taylor Community is doing for seniors, and I appreciate the high standard of care this organization provides. The high staff-to-resident ratio, the caregiver training and the compassion and competency provided is all second to none," she said.

"The continuum of care we offer also provides a unique opportunity for seniors to come to our community and get whatever support they need to live a high quality of life – whether they need very basic assistance or a much higher level of care – and progress through different care levels as their needs change," Danielle added.

Director of Marketing Paul Charlton said, "Not only does Danielle bring 15 years of experience to Taylor, but she has a knack for connecting with and helping people. She's extremely service-oriented, empathetic and proficient in dealing with the community at large."

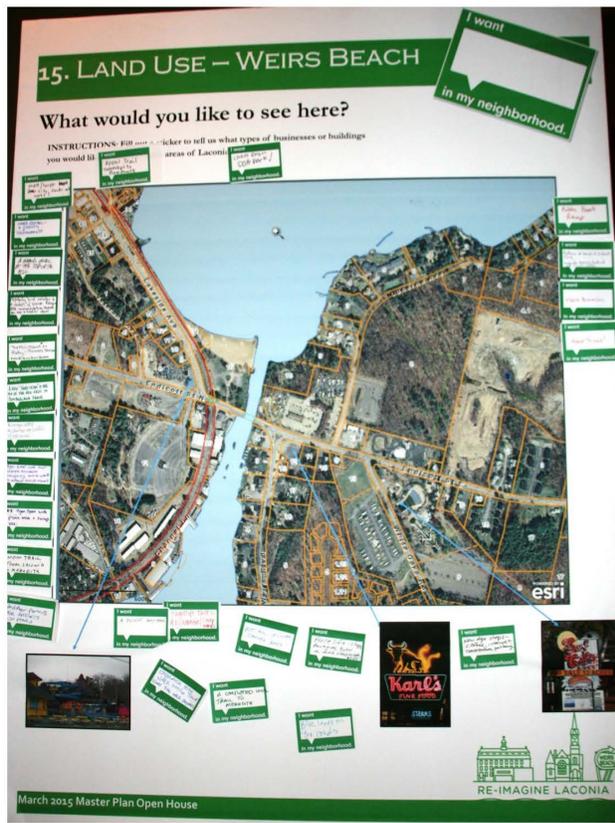
A graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, Danielle previously worked in community relations and admissions at another local assisted living facility, and in marketing at Lakes Region General Hospital. "Assisted Living at Taylor is different from what I have seen at other facilities," said Danielle. "Our residents live in private apartments, not rooms, so while the care they need is readily available to them, they don't feel like they're living in a facility. This is truly a home. And because our assisted living rates are lower than most other local facilities, it's great to be able to make this quality of care available to more seniors. This is a very vibrant, engaged and welcoming community. It's important for prospective residents and families to come and see what we're all about."

Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Re-Imagine Laconia wants to know...

What would you like to see here?

Go to our [Facebook page](#) to comment — what would YOU like to see in these areas of your community?

What do you want Weirs Beach to look and be like in the future?

What do you want Downtown to look and be like in the future?

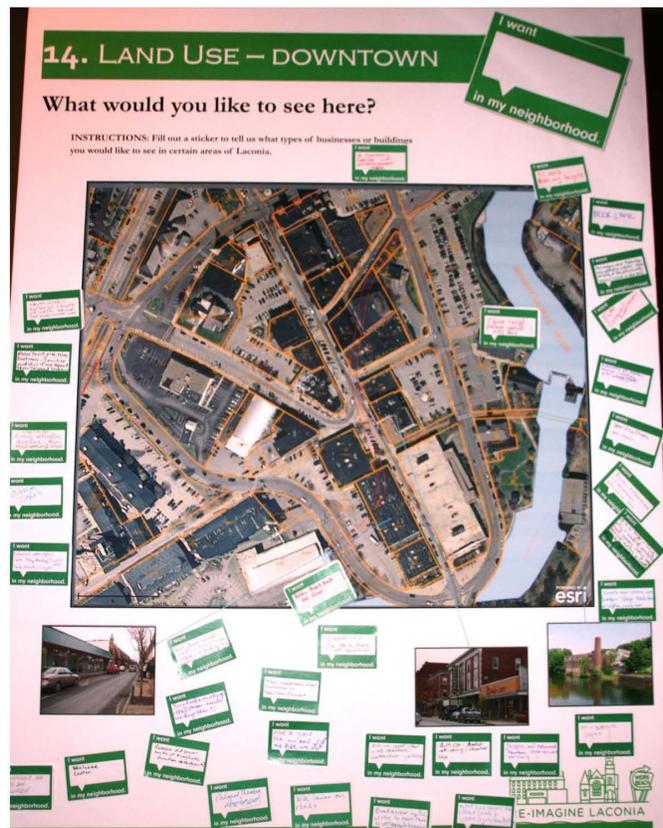
What do you want YOUR COMMUNITY to look and be like in the future?



GET INVOLVED
with your City's future with
Re-Imagine Laconia!

Each week we are featuring different posters down at City Hall and on our [Facebook page!](#) Stop by to share your ideas!

This week we are featuring [LAND USE!](#)



Check out our website www.reimaginelaconia.org to read more about this exciting project, take our [survey](#), and comment on our [Facebook page!](#)



Jeremy Belknap and Early Laconia

On Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Taylor Community will help to celebrate the 385th Anniversary of the Signing of the Laconia Grant by welcoming back Pat Tierney, who will present a program on “Jeremy Belknap and Early Laconia,” the second in his lecture series pertaining to the Laconia Grant of 1629. “This presentation is the culmination of research Pat has been working on for quite some time,” said Brenda Kean, Laconia Historical and Museum Society Director.

Pat is a member of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society Board of Directors and was recently presented with a Commendation from Gov. Maggie Hassan for his research on the subject. The event is free and open to the public and will be held at Taylor’s Woodside Building. Please RSVP by calling 524-5600, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Attendees will be introduced to Mr. Belknap (1744-1798), an American clergyman and historian, whose great achievement was “The History of New Hampshire,” published in three volumes between 1784 and 1792. This remarkable individual spent 20 years living and traveling in the Strafford County region of the state. Much of that country later became what is known as Belknap County today.

Golf Lessons!
Laconia Parks & Recreation

Must be 6 years old to register. Golf clubs provided if needed. First come/first served!

Youth: May 12, 19 & 26 and/or June 9, 16 & 23 5:30-6:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm \$50/person (3 lessons)	Adult: May 14, 21 & 28 and/or June 11, 18 & 25 5:30-6:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm \$70/person (3 lessons)
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Stop in at the Parks & Rec. Office to register. Question? Call 524-5046.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Nearly in 4 women and 1 in 20 men in NH has been sexually assaulted.^{1,2}

Young people are especially vulnerable. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before they turn 18.³

Join us in saying **NO MORE** to sexual violence in our community!

- Talk to teens in your family about healthy boundaries; explain and model setting them and respecting them.
- Speak up when you hear someone make sexually derogatory, abusive or harassing remarks.
- Contact media outlets when they use victim blaming language or sexually exploitive imagery.
- Engage with New Beginnings and NO MORE on social media.
- Volunteer with New Beginnings to support those whose lives have been affected by violence and abuse.

You can also get involved in one New Beginnings' featured events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2015:

10th Anniversary Sexual Assault Awareness Month Library Displays Libraries throughout Belknap County; April 1-31, hours vary by location

New Beginnings is partnering with local libraries to create displays that feature readings about sexual violence from a variety of genres and educational outreach materials. Individuals and book clubs are encouraged to select books from the display; staff are available to facilitate book discussions.

Connecting the Dots: Alcohol, Drugs, Sexual Assault Laconia Middle School Cafeteria; April 23rd at 5:30

Join New Beginnings and Stand Up Laconia for presentation on the connection between alcohol, drugs, and sexual assault. This informative presentation will explore the relationship between sexual assault and substance misuse, the overlap of risk and protective factors, and prevention strategies.

Sexual Assault Awareness: Building an Effective Response Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, 127 Pleasant St; April 29th, at 4:30

Please join us for a training about sexual assault, the response of communities and systems, and ways to improve the response. This training will incorporate an interactive exercise in which participants will assume the role of a sexual assault victim for a simulated experience of the aftermath of sexual assault. All community members are welcome to join us to learn more about how to support someone who has been a victim of sexual assault.

1. Violence Against Women in NH: A Report from the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence www.nhcadsv.org/uploads/VAW%20Report%20Final.pdf

2. Violence Against Men in NH: a Report from the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence www.nhcadsv.org/uploads/VAM%20Report%20Final.pdf

3. Adverse Childhood Experiences Study: Data and Statistics. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/ace/

NEW BEGINNINGS



Office: (603) 528-6511
24-hour support lines:
Sexual Violence: 1-800-227-5570 

NO MORE | TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



**Laconia Parks & Recreation
Spring/Summer
Program Brochure 2015**



New Drinking Fountain
and Water Bottle filling
stations at Opechee
Park and Wyatt Park!



Spring is here and summer isn't far behind...get ready for some serious fun! Just click on the image above to see all of the programs and events the Parks and Rec Department has planned over the next few months.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

**Rabies and Microchip
Clinic**

**Saturday, April 18
10am ~ 12pm**

**\$12 RABIES
\$25 MICROCHIP**



*No appointment necessary. All rabies shots are 1 year unless proof of prior vaccine. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers.
Cash only, no checks.*

1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia
www.nhhumane.org
603-524-3252



Help Save Lives & Build a Stronger Community.
Join us for a Mental Health First Aid Course!

Thursday, April 23, 2015
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Taylor Community, Woodside Building, Laconia
\$70 includes course materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Who Should Attend?

- Educators, school administrators, guidance counselors, coaches
- Police, first responders, security personnel
- Public officials, community leaders, clergy
- Consumers and family members
- Caring citizens

Registration Information:

- Class size is limited! Please register as early as possible to ensure your seat.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old.
- Call Linda Hagan at 524-1100 x120 by noon on 4/17 to register.



**News From the Laconia
Water Department**

988 Union Avenue (603) 524-0901



**HYDRANT FLUSHING
NOTICE**



As part of our continued effort to improve drinking water quality, Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants

April 13th through April 17th

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful. Simply run the cold water until it clears. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Looking for something
FUN to do with your KIDS?

Come to our OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, April 18 from 10am-2pm

**Open Gym
Arts & Crafts
Face Painting
Raffle prizes
Games
FREE FOOD**

& Live broadcast!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LAKES REGION**

876 Main St.
Laconia

Across from
Opeechee Park

527-0198

Main Street Bridge
Construction



Click here for Main Street
Bridge info including
construction plans and
traffic detour maps.

Spring is here,
and work on the
Main Street
Bridge project
has resumed!

The Main Street Bridge Construction website is being updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image above contains a link to a webpage relating to the construction project. Once on that page you will find the most current information by clicking on "Today's Update" (in red).

Should you have any questions about the construction project or the website please contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

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

*Thank you for
your patience!*

Parking Garage

On Saturday, April 11th the Department of Public Works will be sweeping the middle level parking surface of the Laconia Parking Garage. Please do not park on the middle level between 6:00 am and noon on Saturday the 11th. Parking on the upper level deck will be allowed.



Your cooperation is appreciated!

Reminder!

**The next recycling
collection week
begins Monday,
April 20th!**



**A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located
in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your
convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs
in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk.
The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!**





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

Volunteer Appreciation Week!

Join us for a special lunch and celebration on April 15th at 11:30 am at the Senior Center as we help show appreciation for our many volunteers.

Our volunteers are a dedicated, generous and compassionate group who deserve thanks, not just during Volunteer Appreciation Week, but all year long!



Please register at the Senior Ctr.
or call 524-7689

*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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Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us