



Laconia Links

May 9, 2014 - Edition #133

Spring in bloom!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - April 14 - April 25, 2014

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,202.66 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$180,399.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$34,929.00	
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		38.86	N/A		N/A
Monday	24.63	5.65	22.9%	7.39	\$261.00
Tuesday	37.69	8.20	21.8%	11.31	\$466.50
Wednesday	33.70	8.60	25.5%	10.11	\$226.50
Thursday	40.03	6.26	15.6%	12.01	\$862.50
Friday	32.15	6.89	21.4%	9.64	\$412.50
	Total = 168.20	Route Total = 35.60	Curbside Ave = 21.2%	Total = 50.46	Total = \$2,229.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 Weeks=23.2%	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!



Reminder! The next recycling collection week begins **Monday, May 19th!**

New Beginnings Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale

May 8th-10th (Thurs-Sat)
Handmade Full Bouquets: \$10.00
Single Stem with Greenery: \$1.25

The tradition of honoring one's Mother with carnations on Mother's Day started in 1906. Celebrate someone special. Honor the mothers in your life. Support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Give them the gift of carnations.

Happy Mother's Day!

Purchase your carnations at:

- Meredith Mobile Gas Station**
294 DW HWY, Meredith
- Coldwell Banker**
348 Court St, Laconia
- Annie's Book Stop**
1330 Union Ave, Laconia
- Or call New Beginnings at 603-528-6511 to place an order for pick-up.

- Meredith Village Savings Banks**
Meredith & Laconia Branches
- Bank of New Hampshire**
Laconia Branch
- Sunflower Natural Foods**
390 SO Main St., Laconia
- Sunday's Salon & Spa**
676 Main Street, Laconia

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



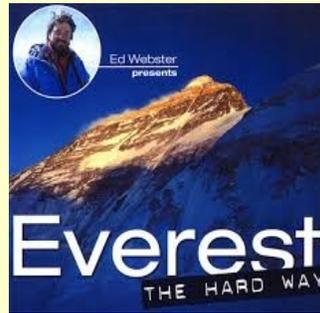
Wildflowers of NH: Know Them and Grow Them

Tuesday, May 13th from
6:00—8:00 pm

Laconia Rotary Hall

In fields, forests and wetlands wildflowers are naturally at home in NH. Learn about the many natural wildflower habitats and the species that live there. Want to grow wildflowers at home? We'll discuss the ecological benefits of incorporating wildflower meadows in the home landscape. Leave with the knowledge and inspiration to start planting your own native wildflowers.

Please join us for this free program!



Thursday, May 15th
@ 7:00 pm,
Laconia Rotary Hall

Take a journey to Nepal and Tibet, then climb Mt. Everest "The Hard Way" with mountaineer Ed Webster. In

1988, American mountaineer Ed Webster achieved and survived the impossible. With three partners, he ascended a new, never before attempted route up Mt. Everest's most dangerous isolated side in Tibet and without the usual assistance of oxygen bottles, radios, and Sherpa climbers to carry the necessary food and equipment.

Back in America, friends wondered how many in Ed's expedition would be killed. "Give me a call if you get home," said David Breashers, director of the IMAX Everest film.

Be sure to check [page 9](#) of this newsletter for details on the upcoming "Gale to Goss" Library Walk on May 17th!

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!*

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.

Downtown TIF Adv. Group
May 15, 2014, 10:30 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Police Commission
May 15, 2014, 3:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council—Budget
(Planning/Zoning, Code,
Conservation)
May 12, 2014, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Council
May 12, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Technical Rev. Comm. I
May 14, 2014 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission
May 14, 2014, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Rom 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

5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16
	<p>WHS PTO Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>WMUR's Kevin Skarupa Visits ESS PSS Chorus Concert 6:30 pm LMS PTO meeting @ 6pm LMS Variety Show @ 6 pm</p>		<p>No Project Extra LHS JUNIOR / SENIOR PROM Winnepesaukee Expo Center - Grand March will begin at 5:30pm at LHS</p>

ELM STREET STUDENTS LEAD RECYCLING EFFORTS

Elm Street School students are cleaning up the environment and earning money for their school. By simply collecting drink pouches from the lunchroom or classroom, Elm Street School students can win playgrounds, park benches and recycling bins for their school or community. The school participates in the Drink Pouch Brigade®, a free recycling program for individuals or groups from Capri Sun and eco-pioneer TerraCycle®.



LHS MUSIC STUDENTS ATTEND FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



The music department competed in the Festivals of Music in Toronto, Canada. Our chorus, band and guard allied with extra rehearsals and really got serious. You

would be proud to know that we returned with all excellent marks!!! Our chorus was second in their division, our marching band 1st. Our band was 3rd with only 1.5 points away from 2nd and our Jazz band came in 1st with just 2 points of a rating of superior!!! All of us, the Chorus, Guard and Band, are very proud to represent Laconia High School and bring back the recognition through awards.



CULINARY STUDENTS EARN CREDENTIALS

Students in Mr. Jack Aldrich's Culinary Arts Program proudly display their Serve-Safe Food Handler

certifications. The assessment was given to second year students with an outstanding 100% pass rate. Great job to Chef Aldrich, Ms. Fahrner and all the students!



PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL DONATES TO GOT LUNCH!

At an assembly on April 18th PSS staff and students donated \$750 to the "GOT LUNCH" program as a culmination of the first Spirit Week at PSS. Spirit Week was a creation of the school's leadership group, who voted to stage a week-long event to raise money for the GL program. Spirit Week included events such as a penny drive, staff dress down day, arm wrestling the Principal, crazy hair day, and Fitness Friday, just to name a few. Points were compiled for each grade level with 3rd grade as the winners and 1st and Kindergarten in second and third. Congratulations PSS!



The 2nd Annual Gale to Goss Library Walk
May 17, 2014
 For more information, follow this [link!](#)

Follow us on [Twitter](#) Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire Dept.'s Website [here](#)



Two of Laconia's newest firefighters are seen conducting a roof ventilation drill this past week. Under the guidance of Captain Landry the new members were taught proper laddering and roof cutting techniques. Cutting roofs is a critical function with a rapidly advancing fire as it lets the intense heat and toxic smoke out of the building and improves the conditions inside for other crews. This tactic must be closely coordinated so as not to cause an increase in the fire.



Laconia's Spring Clean-Up Days

MAY 3 and 10, 2014, 8 AM to NOON
FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CTR RD
Proof of Residency Will Be Required
Laconia Residential Households Only
NO Commercial Enterprises or Haulers

ACCEPTABLE: Appliances, water heaters, furniture, beds, plumbing fixtures, paper bagged leaves, demolition lumber, auto tires (limit 6 tires per customer). **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Auto tail pipes, mufflers, radiators, engines, batteries or hazardous wastes, paints or solvents.

Electronic waste WILL NOT be accepted free of charge at this event. If you bring in e-waste, there will be a nominal fee for its disposal.

Questions? Call Ann at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300.



Main Street Bridge Construction



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

The Main St. Bridge Construction Website is updated periodically with information on construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image (left) contains a link to a webpage relating to the project. 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).

Please remember to support our downtown merchants during this project!

Thank you for your patience!



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!

Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257



**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



The Community Center gym will be closed from May 1st - June 6th, reopening June 7th for most regularly scheduled programs. The gym floor is being completely redone; please see below for a timeline of the work in progress!



Check back each week to see the transformation of the floor and the continuing progress!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

Future Laconia Police Officers?



Lt. Al Lessard spoke to three boys at the Laconia Police Department last week so they could learn about what it takes to become a Laconia Police Officer. The three boys identified from left to right are Travis Adams, Justin Holmes and Devin Miles. All three have an interest in a possible career in law enforcement. Also pictured on the left is Jessica Roberts who is in charge of the NH-JAG program at the Laconia Middle School.

The JAG program assists students by supporting them in school, work and life. All three students are highly motivated concerning their future plans after High School graduation.

The Laconia Police Department wishes all three the best of luck with their future plans!

News From the City Clerk's Office

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



Now is the Time to Get Your 2014 Boat Registration!

Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo ID and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you can be ready to head to the lake!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you. Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

****Please make checks payable to City of Laconia** . In accordance with RSA 270-E:5,II(c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**



BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have current vacancies: Heritage Commission (1 alt. position vacant); Board of Assessors (2 alt. positions vacant); Planning Board (1 alt. position vacant & 2 reg. positions expiring); Highway Safety Committee (1 reg. position vacant); Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 alt. positions vacant); Library Board of Trustees (2 alt. positions vacant) and Board of Water Commissioners (1 reg. position expiring).

Some terms on the Boards and Commissions will be expiring at the end of June (as noted above). Current Board and Commission members now holding those positions may request to be reappointed, however, members of the public are also encouraged to apply if they are interested.

Please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or e-mail brownn@city.laconia.nh.us) for information or to request an application. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board.

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 19, 2014.

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Eat Out for GOT LUNCH! Laconia Week, May 12th-15th

Visit one or all of the sponsoring restaurants for **either lunch or dinner** on their designated day. Tell your server that you are there to support GOT LUNCH! Laconia and a portion of your bill will be donated to GOT LUNCH! Laconia. We thank the following restaurants for their contribution to help feed our community's children:



*Monday—T-Bones/Cactus Jack's
and Burrito Me*
*Tuesday—Village Bakery
and Brick Front*
*Wednesday—Fratello's
and Hectors*
*Thursday—Tavern 27
and Patrick's Pub*




BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region
proudly presents

Spring Fling

Saturday, May 10th
7 to 10 pm

at the Boys and Girls Club
888 North Main Street, Laconia

Join us as we celebrate our 1st year at our new location
with music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, desserts,
a cash bar and a live auction!

\$30 Per Person
For reservations or more information, please contact Melanie
at 603.528.0197 or melanie@lakeskids.org



LACONIA AREA BICYCLE EXCHANGE WISH LIST...

We need: Volunteers to help on location or to join a working committee, logo design & signs, promotion of the Bicycle Exchange to local service organizations, help locating funding through donations for operating funds and purchase of repair materials, lubricants, assorted tools, tubes, tires and other accessories.

If you can help, please call John Rogers, 630-7571



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 these documents helpful and informative!



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

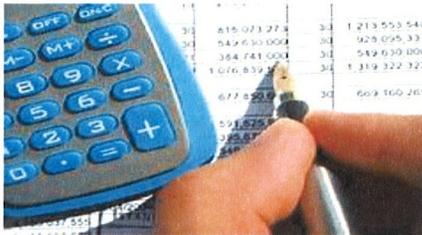
WIN \$100,000 FOR YOUR DOG PARK

HELP MY CITY WIN \$100,000 FOR A DOG PARK!

Please help us win! Vote for Laconia, NH

BARK FOR YOUR PARK

"Bark" every day on Facebook/PetSafebrand and PetSafe.net



CITY OF LACONIA BUDGET SURVEY

All Laconia residents are invited to become involved in how the City spends its tax dollars! Click on the image above for a brief survey and set your priorities to help create a budget that reflects your vision.

Click [here](#) to view updated responses to the survey (as of April 16, 2014). If you haven't already done so, please be sure to take the quick survey ([above](#)) to be sure your comments are included and your voice is heard. Survey responses will be accepted until June 1st. Check back next week for new, updated responses!

Thank you for being involved



Click [here](#) to see the entire flyer

AUTISM CENTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WALKATHON

4th Annual Autism Center WALKATHON

Sunday, May 18, 2014 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Check-in begins at 9:30 am

719 N. Main St., Laconia, NH • www.lrcs.org • 603-524-8811



Public Works Department

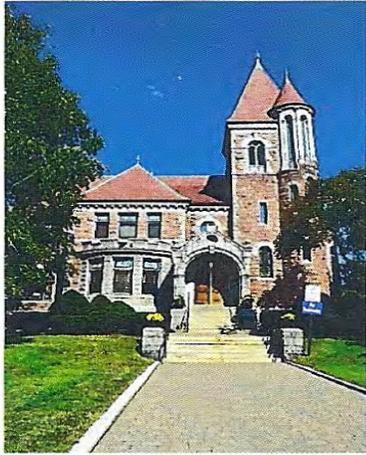
PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

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!

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

Reminder!



Join us on Saturday, May 17
At 10:00 am for the 2nd
annual Gale to Goss
Library Walk!



The walk begins at the Laconia Public Library and ends at Lakeport's Goss Reading Room, following the WOW Trail. The day includes stories, a snack and a raffle. Come and enjoy a morning of local history and family fun!

The walk will take place, rain or shine!



Veggie Round-up Project

The goal of the Veggie Roundup Farmers' Market Coupon Program is to make local fresh fruits and vegetables available to young families in the Lakes Region, while also supporting local farmers and the local economy. We hope to increase the number of local families that are able to participate, and to raise enough money to provide them with coupons to last throughout the entire Farmers' Market season!

A campaign is underway to help in our fundraising efforts. If you would like to help, please click [here](#), then click on the link to our campaign page and follow the directions. Donations can also be made by sending a check to our fiscal sponsor, North Country RD & D, 2 Airport Rd., Box 1, Gilford, NH 03249. Please indicate on the check that it is for the Veggie Roundup Program.

Thanks for your help to ensure that families in our community can enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables!



Union Ave. Construction Project

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

As we work on improving our roads, you may have noticed significant activity on Union Avenue. Work at that location during this construction season includes water main, natural gas, sewer, road and sidewalk upgrades.

The project will be in two phases, currently anticipated to be as follows: Phase 1-Messer St. to approx. Walker St., roadway and utilities: April 7th thru May 23rd (sidewalk and curb work continuing until June 13th); Phase 2-Walker St. to Gilford Ave.: July 7th thru October 10th. During the construction day, traffic will be northbound only; southbound traffic will be detoured (see [Phase 1](#) and [Phase 2](#) detour plans). On weekends and evenings Union Avenue will be open to two-way traffic.

Please continue to visit the many businesses on Union Avenue and, as always, if you have questions or concerns please call DPW at 528-6379. Thank you for your cooperation!



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



It's not too late to participate in the annual March for Meals Walkathon on May 17th at 9:30! The

walk in Laconia will be on the Wow Trail starting from 719 No. Main St.. Please come join the fun! Also, check out a new Community Action Program website by clicking [here](#). It contains detailed info on the March for Meals Walk as well as many other programs for seniors. From the site you can also check out the new You Tube channel!

Please plan to join us on May 17th!

*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
<i>Assessor - Jon Duhamel</i>	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i>	
City Manager.....	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Tax	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Lakeport)	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i>	
Library	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
Personnel	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i>	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Edward Engler	630-4484
Ava Doyle (Ward 1)	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4)	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Armand Bolduc (Ward 6)	524-2514
E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us	

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www.city.laconia.nh.us