



Laconia Links

June 29, 2012 - Edition #38

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Recycling Update

2 Weeks Total June 11 - 22nd

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		23.64	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	35.67	8.64	24.0%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	36.74	8.76	24.0%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	39.28	7.10	18.0%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	37.62	4.78	13.0%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	41.50	4.21	10.0%	10%	Baer

Curbside Avg = 17.5% Curbside Avg = 12.1% Prior 2 weeks = 15.38%

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



Nice work Laconia!

Four out of five routes showed quite a strong increase in the percentage of recyclables during this two week period. Monday and Tuesday routes are coming very close to the goal of 25% recycling City-wide set back in October, 2011 when the campaign kicked off. Let's keep the ball rolling!



Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, July 2!



See page three for details on 4th of July happenings!

Updates from the Planning Office...



Laconia: City on the Lakes.....

Not only does that mean we have beautiful natural resources to enjoy recreationally and to build a robust tourism industry around, but the abundance of water meant a thriving Mill industry in a bygone era. Many of those Mill buildings still exist today and many have been transformed into modern urban mixed-use structures.

This very subject was the topic of a New Jersey Institute of Technology funded Mill redevelopment seminar that Laconia was asked to participate in this past week. At this seminar, Laconia highlighted two of its most successful Mill redevelopment projects: the former Allen Rogers Mill, now the Beacon West Condos and the former Scott and Williams Mill, now the Normandin Square Apartments. Both of these developments were a mix of federal, state and municipal money and cooperation, and both projects resulted in a highly functional mix of residential, commercial and open space. The Normandin Square Apartment complex includes a childcare center and a health care facility and the Beacon West Condos include a portion of the Downtown Riverwalk.



Beacon West Condos: Contemporary urban living in an 1800's era Mill.

Although we have now championed these projects to a regional audience, there is plenty more work to do on remaining Mill properties. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Planning Department at planning@city.laconia.nh.us

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.

*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.

Water Commission Meeting

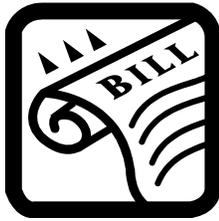
July 5, 2012, 8:00 am

117 Stark St.,

Water Treatment Facility

Conference Room

[Agenda](#)



PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE OUT!

Tax bills were mailed on Monday, June 11, 2012. They are due on July 13, 2012. Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. Please call the tax office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.



Please Note!

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE
COLLECTION ROUTES:

TRASH COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY
(4th), THURSDAY (5th) AND FRIDAY (6th)
DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 4th WILL
BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY DUE TO
THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
ANN AT 528-6379

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Laconia 4th of July Celebration

The City of Laconia will celebrate the Fourth of July on Wednesday, July 4th!



The parade will start at 4:30 pm at Wyatt Park and travel north on Main Street to Opechee Park.

The Celebration begins at Opechee Park directly after the parade!

The bands will begin at 5:30 pm with two big headliners...
Our first band will be a Bon Jovi Tribute Band named
Living On A Bad Name and then the *Eric Grant Band*
will end out the evening until 10:00 pm.

At 10:00 pm the fireworks, donated by the City of Laconia, will go off from a barge in the middle of Opechee Lake.

If you are interested in being in the parade or being a vendor at the event contact Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046. The more the merrier!!!

*Come out and enjoy your neighborhood
4th of July Celebration!!!*

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





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)

What Is Suspicious?



Some things occur which arouse suspicion and which the police should know about. If you see any activity that catches your attention that you think may be out of the ordinary, it is probably suspicious.

Call 911 or Laconia Police Dispatch immediately to report the suspicious activity.

The following are some examples of suspicious activities:

Persons

- ◆ Person going door to door in a residential area, especially if one or more persons go to the rear of the residence.
- ◆ Person waiting or loitering in front of a house or business, if house is unoccupied or business is closed.
- ◆ Person forcing entrance or entering a house you know is unoccupied.
- ◆ Person running, especially if something of value is being carried or if it's at an unusual hour.
- ◆ Person screaming.
- ◆ Person loitering around a car or going from car to car peering into them, especially in parking lots.
- ◆ Persons offering items for sale at a very low cost.
- ◆ Strangers loitering or slowly walking through a neighborhood several times.

Vehicles

- ◆ Slow moving vehicle without lights.
- ◆ Parked or occupied vehicle containing one or more persons; especially if observed at an unusual hour.
- ◆ Vehicles being loaded with valuables if parked by an unoccupied residence or closed business.
- ◆ Recently abandoned vehicle, especially one bearing no signs that the driver had mechanical trouble.
- ◆ Vehicle into which someone is being forced.
- ◆ Vehicle where a business transaction appears to be underway, especially around schools or parks.
- ◆ Locked vehicle that someone is attempting to enter forcibly.
- ◆ Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle.
- ◆ Objects of apparent value being thrown from a vehicle.

Property

- ◆ Property offered for sale at a very low price, except for obvious attic or yard sales.
- ◆ Property in vehicles that is not normally found in a vehicle such as TV sets, stereos, guns, or auto parts.
- ◆ Property being carried by persons on foot, especially suspicious at an unusual hour or unusual place. Very questionable if person is running and property is unwrapped.
- ◆ Property being removed from or loaded into a vehicle or building at an unusual hour, from an unoccupied residence or closed business.
- ◆ High volume of human traffic to and from certain residence if it occurs on a daily or regular basis.
- ◆ Continuous repair operations at a non-business location.
- ◆ Vehicle which was obviously abandoned some time ago.

Remember, the longer you wait to call the police, the greater the chances are that the suspect will get away.



Laconia Fire Department

Fireworks Safety Tips

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

The 4th of July is almost here, and the Laconia Fire Department wants to remind people to be very careful when celebrating our Independence Day, especially if you are going to use fireworks. Only permissible fireworks are allowed in Laconia, unless you are a licensed fireworks operator. Fireworks are very dangerous! Do not get complacent when using these explosives.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2010 fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 fires nationwide. Those fires resulted in an estimated 60 civilian injuries and \$36 million dollars in direct property damage. In 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,800 people for fireworks related injuries. 52% of the firework injuries were burns, while 21% were contusions and lacerations. 39% of the people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15. Fountains, sparklers and novelties accounted for 43% of the injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. Last year in Laconia we had an apartment house destroyed by fire because of misuse of sparklers.

The best way to celebrate the holiday is to go to a public fireworks display. Check the newspapers to see what communities are providing fireworks displays. There will be fireworks shows on July 3 at Weirs beach and July 4 at Opechee Park.

If you do plan on using permissible fireworks you must be over 21 years of age and you must own the property or have the owner's permission. Permissible fireworks are allowed in Laconia. They may not be allowed in other communities. Keep children away from the fireworks, especially while lighting them. Store the fireworks in a safe location and keep them secured. You should have a bucket of water readily available to put out any fires that may get started, and to protect yourself. Watch where the fireworks land and monitor the area for at least 30 minutes after you are done. Fireworks can land on roofs and in gutters and easily start a fire.

The State Fire Marshal gives this advice:

"Be Prepared" before lighting fireworks.

- Purchase **only** NH Permissible Fireworks, available at licensed retail stores throughout the state.
- Purchase **only** the quantity that you will use.
- Permissible fireworks can **only** be displayed on property that you own, or have written permission from the land owner.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby in case of an unanticipated fire.
- Create a clear level surface to display your permissible fireworks away from things that can burn or easily ignite.

"Be Safe" when lighting fireworks.

- Adults 21 years of age or older should be the only individuals possessing and displaying permissible fireworks.
- Always wear eye protection.
- Always read and follow the safety directions provided on each firework device or package.
- Light only one device at a time and move away quickly.
- Keep all spectators at a safe distance.
- Display permissible fireworks only outdoors, away from anything that can burn, or easily ignite.
- Be considerate of your neighbors, family pets and the environment. You could be liable for damages to another's property.

"Be responsible" when finished.

- Clean up all debris when you are finished.
- Devices that do not fire or discharge once they are lit are very dangerous; if a firework device does not fire or discharge, keep away for at least 15 minutes or more, then ensure that it has been filled with water, or placed in a bucket of water.
- Always make sure that unused fireworks, matches and lighters are secured and out of the reach of children.

Call 911 immediately in the event of a fire or medical emergency, don't wait!

Assessing

[Click for Assessing Dept.](#)

Volunteers Needed!

The Assessing Department is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Assessors.

Initially, the positions to fill are alternate positions, with the possibility of becoming "full" members as terms expire.

Requirements are: Must reside in Laconia, have an open mind, willingness to learn and understand the mass appraisal process and good communication skills.

All interested candidates should contact Nancy Brown for an application at 603-527-1270.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Mark Your Calendar!

The Laconia Public Library will be closed
Wednesday, July 4th.

We apologize for the inconvenience and
hope to see you again soon!

Please call the Library
at 524-4775
for more info



New Update Posted to the City's Website!

The *Economic Strength Rankings for 2012* report is now available on the City's website. Economic strength is defined as "the long-term tendency for an area to consistently grow in both size and quality". The creators of the report address the condition of an economy from the viewpoint of its impact upon the "standard of living" of those who live and work in the area. Please click [here](#) to view details on the dynamics of local economies, including the City of Laconia.

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



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Field Hockey Camp

Laconia Parks & Recreation will be hosting two sessions for Field Hockey Camp for different grade levels at Opechee Park. During the week of July 16th we will host kids in grades 1 - 5 and the week of July 23 for kids in grades 6 - 8. The camp will run 1½ hours long in the evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. The cost is \$50.00 per person.

Participants must bring their own mouth guard and water. Sticks are available if needed. The instructor will be Kathleen Grenier. Registration is on-going at the Laconia Community Center in the Parks & Rec office Monday thru Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

If there are any questions feel free to contact us at 524-5046.

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



Don't Forget...



You can now use MasterCard or Discover at the Transfer Station! A 2.95% convenience fee (\$1.50 minimum) will apply to all credit card transactions. This fee is not retained by the City of Laconia and is paid directly to the credit card processing company.



Please Note...



City Hall will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

*We apologize for any
inconvenience!*

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be
accessed on our website
by clicking [here](#).



Mayor Seymour with Bob Lawton, owner of Funspot, at
the Lakes Region attraction's 60th anniversary celebration.

*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!



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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGES LACONIA TRANSFER STATION

On May 14, 2012, the Laconia City Council voted to approve the following rate
increases at the Laconia Transfer Station effective July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013
respectively:

- (1) Loads containing up to 100 pounds: \$5 per load
- (2) Loads containing more than 100 pounds: \$60 per ton effective July 1,
2012 and \$90 per ton effective July 1, 2013, calculated in 20 pound
increments.

The City of Laconia strongly encourages all Laconia residents and businesses to
recycle - by participation in the curbside collection program for those on collection
routes, by utilizing the 4 remote drop-off sites around the city (behind 257 Messer
St, behind the Lakeport Fire Station, at the Weirs Community Center parking lot,
and across from the Memorial Park Club House or, by delivering recyclables directly
to the Laconia Transfer Station.

Recycling bins are provided free of charge. There is currently no limit on the amount
of recycling which is collected curbside.

Please call Ann Saltmarsh if you have any questions at 528-6379.



NOTICE!

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