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Laconia Links

July 13, 2012 - Edition #40

Aerial View of Weirs Beach During Bike Week

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - June 25 thru July 6

| Route | Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling) | Total Tons Recyclables | Percent Recycled | Pre-Challenge % Recycled | Councilor |
|--------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Remote Sites | | 26.49 | N/A | N/A | Lahey |
| Monday | 34.45 | 4.10 | 12.0% | 12% | Doyle |
| Tuesday | 36.70 | 9.31 | 25.0% | 18% | Lipman |
| Wednesday | 42.37 | 5.44 | 13.0% | 10% | Hamel |
| Thursday | 46.07 | 5.25 | 11.0% | 11% | Bolduc |
| Friday | 40.79 | 4.29 | 10.0% | 10% | Baer |
| | | | Curbside Avg = 14.1% | Curbside Avg = 12.1% | Prior 2 weeks = 17.5% |

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!



Tuesday Route Pulls Ahead!

Congratulations are in order for residents on the Tuesday collection route and Councilor Lipman! Due to your recycling efforts, your route has now reached the City's goal of 25% recycling.

Thanks, and keep up the good work!

Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, July 16!

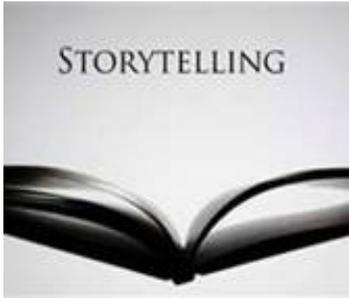


Support local education and cheer on the #48 and #22 at Sunday's NASCAR Race!

(See page 5 for details)

Updates from the Planning Office...

Link to the Planning Dept's website click [here!](#)



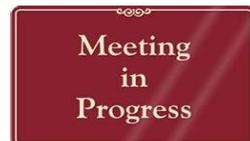
The City's Planning Department was very pleased to learn they are the recipient of a Community Planning Grant from New Hampshire Housing! Funding is provided through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The grant is a two year grant totaling \$50,000 with the purpose of creating two village overlay districts, one for Downtown and one for Weirs Beach. These village overlay districts will take into consideration architecture, building placement, streetscape, pedestrian ways, vehicular turning movements, parking, public space enhancement and financing options. The districts will apply only to the dense urban core of Laconia's two villages of the Downtown and Weirs Beach and will help protect the small town character that the villages embody, while at the same time promoting economic growth by detailing financing options for property owners and streamlining the permitting process.

As part of this process we will introduce the concept of storytelling for community mobilization as a means of sharing of ideas and to define values. We will purchase a mobile storytelling kit which will be used to gather stories at the Laconia Public Library about the Downtown and Weirs Beach. In partnership with the Laconia Historical Society, a storytelling booth will be installed at the Library which is located in the Downtown, and the public will be invited to share and listen to stories about the villages.



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!*

- Parks & Rec. Commission**
July 16, 2012, 7:00 pm
Community Center
[Agenda](#)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment**
July 16, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)
- Sen. Ayotte's Office Hours**
July 18, 2012, 11am -1 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
- Water Commission**
July 19, 2012, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conference Room

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.

Volunteers Needed!



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions either have current vacancies or terms of current members* will be expiring and up for renewal at the end of August 2012:

Building Code Board of Appeals
Heritage Commission
Board of Assessors
Planning Board

*Zoning Board of Adjustment
*Conservation Commission

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at brownn@city.laconia.nh.us) for further 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 Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



NH's Beach Inspection Program monitors water at NH public swimming beaches from late May to early September. For the most up-to-date information on the State's beach advisories, go to:



<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/index.htm>

Have a happy and safe summer!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Mark Your Calendar!

Appreciating Honey Bees In the Garden and Ecosystem

Amy Antonucci, Beekeeper, will talk about the goodness honey bees bring to our gardens and our world. Looking back in time at the evolution of bees, then peering into the darkness of the hive to look at the biology and society of these fascinating creatures, we will glimpse the amazing lives of honey bees. We will touch on the issues facing bees and other pollinators, why it matters to you and how you can help them.

This free program will be held in Laconia Public Library's Rotary Hall on Thursday, July 19th at 7 pm.



Teen Crafts: That Summer Glow!



Thursday, July 19th
@ 1:30-2:30 p.m. in
Laconia Rotary Hall
for teens in
grades 6-12.

Come make crafts and concoctions that will light up the summer night!

*Please call the Library
at 524-4775
for more info*





SAVE THE DATE

Reminder!

You are invited to attend a public information meeting to get the latest information about the assessment at the Henry's Dry Cleaners Site.

This meeting will explain the current site conditions and answer your questions. EPA will present information and will be available to answer questions along with representatives from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services and NH Department of Health.

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 18, 2012
7 PM**

**LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**
150 McGrath St.
Laconia, NH 03246

The meeting space is fully accessible. If you have any questions, special needs or require translation, please contact:

JANIS TSANG
On-Scene Coordinator
1 (888) 372-7341, ext. 81231 or
(617) 918-1231
tsang.janis@epa.gov



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

A community meeting to provide an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) update on their recent testing in the Pleasant St. and Beacon St. West areas of the downtown will be held on July 18th @ 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath Street.

The update is expected to be general in nature with specific information provided separately to private property owners where the sampling occurred.

An EPA Fact Sheet was posted to the City's website when the testing occurred earlier this year; please click [here](#) to read this document in its entirety. Questions or comments should be directed to the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

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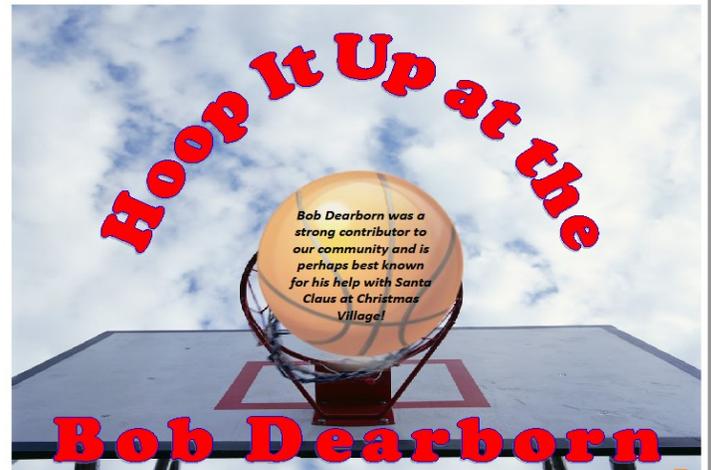
The Laconia 4th of July Committee would like to thank everyone that braved the weather in order to enjoy the festivities on July 4th! We had over 2,000 people come to the fireworks and enjoy the music (and that is after they all had to go home to escape the storm!) Both bands, *Living on a Bad Name* and the *Eric Grant Band*, were great, very cooperative and appreciated by all who attended.

We have many people we would like to thank for helping us get this celebration up, running and successful...

- The City of Laconia
- Kiwanis Club
- T-Bones Restaurant
- The Citizen
- WLNH
- All parade participants
- All volunteers



*We truly hope you enjoyed the celebration.
We'll see you all next year!*



3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

WYATT PARK
(LMS Gym in case of rain)

Tournament Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee per Team:
\$25 for 3 player teams
\$5 for each additional player

Half Court Shots/Prizes

Divisions:
Elementary 3-5
Middle 6-8
High 9-12
Adult/Alumni

For registration forms and more information call
524-5710

Assessing

[Click for Assessing Dept.](#)



Now that all abatements have been answered, the Assessing department will be working on the 2012 value update.

This will be completed over the next few months and be implemented for the final (November) 2012 tax bill.



U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Laconia!

DATE: **July 18, 2012**
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B
45 Beacon Street East
Laconia, NH

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us for questions or additional information.

RACE TO BENEFIT EDUCATION

The City of Laconia is participating in New Hampshire Motor Speedway's "NASCAR Race to Benefit Education" at the Sprint Cup Series LENOX Industrial Tools 301 race on July 15th! In a random drawing the 13 cities in NH chose their potential winning drivers, with City Manager Scott Myers picking Jimmie Johnson (#48) and Sam Hornish Jr. who will be driving the #22. If one of these two drivers wins, Laconia schools will receive \$20,000 for education!

Check out the City website's [home page](#) or click [here](#) to see a brief video and join the City as we cheer on these two drivers!

Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Tuesday, July 17
5-7 pm at The Laconia
Antiques Center,
601 Main Street,
Downtown Laconia

Quarterly Antiques Appraisal Day

Expert appraisers Doug McGowan, Linc Fourier and Bruce Baier will be available to offer verbal estimations of value at this popular quarterly program and fundraising. Much like the *Antique Road Show*, participants bring in their items to be appraised by a group of talented appraisers to determine a value. Appraised items may include stoneware, clocks, coins, toys, silver, rugs, jewelry and general antiques. The cost is \$5 per appraisal with all proceeds to benefit the Laconia Historical & Museum Society.

Bring your treasures and stay for an evening of fun and learning!

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

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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
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Have a great weekend!



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