



Laconia Links

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Recycling Update

2 Week Totals - July 9 thru July 20

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		25.20	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	33.47	4.85	14.5%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	46.27	8.98	19.0%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	39.27	4.91	12.5%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	37.05	4.22	11.0%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	38.86	4.09	10.5%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Avg = 13.9%	Curbside Avg = 12.1%	Prior 2 wks = 14.1%

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!



This week's update continues to show a small increase in the average percent recycled over the pre-challenge percentage, with the Monday and Friday routes slightly ahead of the last reporting period. We appreciate your efforts! Please spread the word and promote the benefits of recycling to your friends and neighbors!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, July 30!

Something New!

Check out the new City Council [agenda posting](#) on our website! The public can now review the background information through links within the agenda that is posted to the website.

Please let us know what you think!



Laconia Police Department

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



On July 19, 2012 Ann Kaligian swore in three new full-time Police Officers for the City of Laconia at the monthly Police Commissioners' meeting.

Shown from left to right are: Kory Orfant, Jacob Tivey and Kristian Young.

Tivey and Orfant will be attending the September through December New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy. Young, who served seven years with the City of Burlington, VT Police Department, will attend New Hampshire Law training sessions at the Academy.

Please welcome these three Officers to the City of Laconia and wish them well in their promising careers!

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.

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!*

License Board

August 1, 2012, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Motorcycle Technical Review Committee

August 1, 2012, 2:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Lakes Business Park

August 1, 2012, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

August 1, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Senator Shaheen's "Office Hours"

August 2, 2012, 10 am-Noon
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commissioner's Mtg.

August 2, 2012, 8:00 am
Water Treatment Facility
Conference Room
117 Stark Street



Laconia Fire Department

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



Laconia Fire Department wants to remind people that if they need emergency services the best thing to do is call 911. Do not call the Fire Department directly in an emergency situation.

During the course of a business day the administrative staff is in and out of the station continually. The firefighters on-duty for response may be out of the station for a number of reasons: they train frequently, which takes them out of the station; they conduct inspections; they walk through buildings all over the city to prepare for an emergency in that building; they are at other emergencies – we respond on average to ten emergencies each and every day!

So it is not uncommon to have no one at the fire station. This is especially true during weekends when there is no administrative staff on-duty. If you call you will get an answering machine.

I cannot emphasize this enough – if you need us for an emergency call 911. Time is of essence in an emergency and we cannot get it back. Just the loss of one or two minutes while you try calling the fire station first can have an impact.

Please contact the Laconia Fire Department at 524-6881 for non-emergency information or questions.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Can you dream it? You can live it! This summer, our theme is "Dream Big, Read!" We invite you to read at the library, read at home, read at a friend's house, read in the car, read under a tree, read in a tent, read by flashlight under the covers, read all night long, just READ! Come to the library, sign up, sign in, and dream about all the great books you will read. Kids may turn in reading logs at either library until August 17. Visit the library all summer for cool books and programs, all FREE!

Mark Your Calendar!

"Wednesday Specials"... Please join us at the Laconia Community Center for this week's free program!

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center presents "Creatures of the Night" on August 1st, 1:00 pm at the Community Center! Come learn all about the special animals that are nocturnal and live right in our own backyards.



They are fascinating!



Check out the Library's website—click [here!](#)



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Protect Yourself From Violent Crime



- Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
- When out at night, try to have a friend walk with you.
- Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
- Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
- Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; never leave your motor running.
- Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
- If a dating partner has abused you, do not meet him or her alone. Do not let him or her in your home or car when you are alone.
- If you are a battered spouse, call the police or sheriff immediately. Assault is a crime, whether committed by a stranger or your spouse or any other family member. If you believe that you and your children are in danger, call a crisis hotline or a health center (the police can also make a referral) and leave immediately.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life.
- If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.



FINANCE DEPT.

The approved budget for fiscal year 2012/2013 is now on the City's website!



Please click [here](#) to view the budget in its entirety.

Questions? Please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us



Elementary Champs

Middle School Champs

High School Champs

Adult Champs

**Bob Dearborn
3 on 3
Tournament
Champs!
Congratulations to
all players!**

The Bob Dearborn 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament was held at Wyatt Park on July 21st...it was a great success and enjoyed by all! The tournament, organized by the Laconia School District, is named for the late Bob Dearborn, a strong contributor to the community. Please click [here](#) to view a video of this fun event.

NEW VOTER ID LAW

State of New Hampshire
Voter ID Law - Laws of 2012, Chapter 284
Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed Senate Bill 289, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

This explanatory document is required under the "Voter ID" law as part of the process of educating the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements for 2012.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election before Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 30 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State

SOS.NH.GOV



(603) 271-3242

Please call the City Clerk's office at 527-1265
for additional information

Updates from the Planning Office



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

Reminder!

Calling all City residents and business owners.....mark your calendar for a meeting with the Motorcycle Technical Review Committee on Wednesday August 1st at 2:00 pm to discuss the successes and improvements for Weirs Beach Bike Week 2012. We would love to hear your comments on this year's event given the beautiful weather and lack of rainfall! The meeting will be at City Hall in Council Chambers (Room 200A) on the second floor.

In addition, please check out the proposed changes to Chapter 195 which have been posted on our website for review and let us know if you have any questions! Click [here](#) to reach the website. Please feel free to email us from the website with any comments or questions!

Public Works Department

City of Laconia
Annual Household
Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, Aug. 4th, 8:30 am to Noon
DPW Office – 27 Bisson Avenue



The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Laconia will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012 at the DPW Office, 27 Bisson Ave. from 8:30 am to Noon. All participants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. Please do **NOT** get out of your vehicle. Household products only – no commercial waste allowed. Questionnaire is available on line at: www.lakesrpc.org/services_hhw.asp if you wish to complete it ahead of time. Each household is limited to 10 gallons or 25 pounds. Please be sure to keep materials in original containers.

The following will **NOT** be accepted: Latex paint, alkaline batteries, ammunition/fireworks, asbestos, propane tanks, empty solidified oil-based paints, explosives, smoke detectors, radioactive materials, household trash, tires. Any questions – please call Ann Saltmarsh at 528-6379.



**U.S. Senator
Jeanne Shaheen
Office Hours in Laconia!**

DATE: **August 2, 2012**

TIME: 10:00 am - Noon

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

Please call the
City Manager's Office at
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additional information.



*We hope you have enjoyed this
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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!



Scott Myers, City Manager
City of Laconia

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