



Laconia Links

August 9, 2013 - Edition #96

Stewart Park

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - July 22 through August 2					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 133.98 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$20,097.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$3,508.50	
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		30.30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	39.40	13.37	33.9%	11.82	\$ (232.50)
Tuesday	42.99	10.70	24.9%	12.90	\$ 330.00
Wednesday	43.31	8.82	20.4%	12.99	\$ 625.50
Thursday	39.44	8.62	21.8%	11.83	\$ 481.50
Friday	38.85	8.97	23.1%	11.65	\$ 402.00
	Total = 203.99	Route Total = 50.48	Curbside Avg = 24.8%	Total = 61.19	Total = \$1,606.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 weeks = 24.0%	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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, August 12!

Recycling News...

Thanks to all of you, this is the first time since the Recycling Challenge began back in October, 2011 that any route's recycling percentage has reached our target of 30%. Check out the Monday route percentage of 33.9% - GREAT JOB!

For details or questions regarding recycling and trash pickup, just click [here](#) or call Ann at DPW, 528-6379.

Click [here](#) to view more info showing comparative numbers for the last four trash and recycling collection periods.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Ice Cream Party!!

We wrap up our summer reading program with an ice cream party where you make your own sundae!

August 14th, 1:00 pm at the Community Center. Isn't summer reading sweet?



Check out the Library's Website [here!](#)

Drying Foods at Home



The Library will host the lecture "Drying Foods at Home" on Thursday, August 15th @ 7:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall. UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialist, Ann Hamilton, will present information on various methods of drying such as dehydration, as well as how to prepare food for drying and storage. Please join us for this interesting and educational program!



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!*

Public Works Committee

August 12, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)

City Council

August 12, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

TRC I

August 14, 2013, 9:30 am
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

August 14, 2013
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way



Laconia High School

[Laconia High School Website](#)



Laconia Middle School

[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



Elm Street School

[Elm Street School Website](#)



Pleasant Street School

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



Woodland Heights School

[Woodland Heights Website](#)



FREE Fall Physicals August 13th 9:00AM @ LHS Nurses' Office

- Bring the Sports Health Form
- Parent must sign it prior to getting physical
- You can print it [here](#)
- The Sports Forms will be available in the LHS Main Office starting Friday, August 2nd

LMS NH-JAG Summer Program



Hike on Hedgehog Mountain (Albany, NH) 7/11/13

Students strategize removing a dead standing tree blocking the yellow trail at Prescott farm. Students went to Prescott all summer to maintain trails and will continue to work at the farm through the school year 7/16/13.



LMS NEWSLETTER

LMS SPORTS

- AUG. 8th-LMS Football Parent/Player info Meeting @6pm @ Pleasant St. School
- Aug. 12th-LMS Football Begins @5:30 at Pleasant St. School
- Aug. 13th-LMS Boys Soccer Parent/Player Meeting @LMS Gym from 9-10am
- Aug. 14th-LMS Boys Soccer Begins @3:15-4:45pm at Opechee
- Aug. 19th-LMS Girls Soccer Parent/Player Meeting @2:30-4pm at Opechee
- LMS Field Hockey Parent/Player Meeting @3:30-5pm at Smith Field
- Aug. 20th-LMS Volleyball Parent/Player Meeting @3:30-5:30 at LMS Gym
- LMS Cross-Country Player/Parent Meeting(optional)3-3:45 @ Smith Track
- Aug. 27th-LMS Cross Country Begins @2:30-4pm in Rm 103

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! AUGUST 27TH

A LOOK AHEAD
AUG. 28TH~PARENT FALL SPORTS INFO NIGHT @6PM IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
AUG. 30TH-SEPT. 2ND~NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY
SEPT. 4TH~OPEN HOUSE 6-8PM
SEPT. 5TH~MAGAZINE DRIVE KICK-OFF
SEPT. 11TH~1ST PTO MEETING @6:30PM IN THE LIBRARY



Aquatics Camp!

Students have been enjoying their summer days filled with hands-on exploration and discovery!





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

2013 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Hundreds of residents enjoyed food, music, and demonstrations during the 2013 Laconia National Night Out celebration held at Opechee Park recently.

The Laconia Police Department was joined by members of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, New Hampshire State Police, New Hampshire Marine Patrol, Laconia Fire Department and many community partners.

Children of all ages had the opportunity to talk with safety officials and many enjoyed exploring the emergency vehicles on display.

This years event marked the tenth year the Laconia Police Department has hosted NNO.

It is a night that allows the whole community to come together to celebrate collaboration and stand up for what is right.

A big thanks to all of the organizations that participated in this year's event, and the participants who made the night a smashing success!



Summer Fun Activity Center!



Click [here](#) for registration form. Advance registration is required.

Calling all girls entering grades K-6!

Discover new friends, connect, and take action to make the World a better place.

Join us for a day or the week!

August 19-22, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Leavitt Park

334 Elm St., Laconia, NH

Questions? Contact Debbie King at 603-536-1304 or

dking@girlscoutsgwm.org

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Worried About Foreclosure?



The Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLCT) has helped 150 area residents hold onto their homes, and is now offering the latest in a series of free workshops as the first step for those who may be facing foreclosure or who are in mortgage default.

On Thursday, August 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Woodside Building of the Taylor Community (435 Union Avenue, Laconia) LACLCT offers a Default & Foreclosure Intervention Workshop, taught by Debra Drake. LACLCT is a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency.

The workshop is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank. Light refreshments will be served.

As a first step in dealing with a foreclosure or default situation, the workshop is free and open to homeowners of all income levels. LACLCT respects and maintains confidentiality and privacy.

- ✓ Explore the options available in avoiding foreclosure
- ✓ Learn about the timelines and the foreclosure process in NH
- ✓ Review necessary forms and receive PowerPoint assistance understanding and completing them
- ✓ Schedule an appointment for free one-on-one counseling and advocacy
- ✓ Have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A period

Register today by calling Debra Drake, Homeownership Director of LACLCT at 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@lactl.org. Advance registration is required.

News from the Planning & Zoning Office

Interested in putting up a new sign for your business? Or perhaps just freshening up the sign you have? Here are a few things you need to know before you start:

- a) There is a limit on how big your signs can be and how many signs you can have for your business. Your limit depends on your zoning district and the size of your structure. Contact the Zoning Department today and they can help you figure that out!
- b) If you are just re-facing your sign, you still need a permit but as long as you are not increasing the size of the sign, you will be approved!
- c) No moving or flashing signs please, unless you are located in Weirs Beach.
- d) Your signs can be illuminated from 6:00 am until 11:00 pm.
- e) If you want a sandwich sign on the public sidewalk, you need a permit from the DPW to "encumber" the sidewalk.
- f) Building marker signs and property identification signs less than 4 square feet in area are exempt from any permits.



Have even more questions? Give us a call and we would be happy to walk you through the Ordinance and permit application! Application and information is located on the Zoning website, here:

<http://www.city.laconia.nh.us/index.php/departments/zoning-inside/sign-regulation>



River Crew Art Exhibit to be Featured at the Busiel Mill

The art and photography of the River Crew Art members will be featured in the program's second annual exhibit at the Busiel Mill, One Mill Plaza, in Laconia.

The exhibit, "Footprints in the City," opens on August 5th and will run through the end of August. The public is invited to the exhibit's opening reception, which will be held on Friday, August 9th from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. Artwork on exhibit will be for sale, and all proceeds will directly benefit the program.

Participants in the program have produced artwork throughout the year in various forms including collages using found objects, painting, wood sculpture and other media. The photography on exhibit will include images of the City, the Winnepesaukee River and local wildlife. Poetry and essays will also be featured.

River Crew Art began in January 2012 with local volunteers Elaine Morrison, a retired special education teacher and artist, and Dick Smith, a retired medical social worker and amateur photographer.



They began with the idea of using art and photography as a tool for empowerment. They approached Laconia's downtown homeless and invited them to participate in creating artwork and provided lunch for all those in attendance. The participants chose their own name, River Crew Art, for the newly-formed group. Morrison and Smith rely strictly on donations to purchase art supplies and lunch for members. The program is structured so that members not only create art, but they also give back to the community that supports River Crew. Projects have included making a flower wreath for the Newtown, CT residents, flower pins honoring the late Lilyanna Johnson, decorating pumpkins for the pediatric patients at the Laconia Clinic and making cards for the Wounded Warriors.

The program has been highly successful and has grown far beyond the expectations of its founders. Part of their mission is to educate the community about the issues of homelessness and what can be done to help those who are in that situation. The participants in River Crew Art have bonded, and for some, this is the first experience they have had with having a sense of purpose and belonging. The program has made a real difference in their lives and has empowered them.



For more information about River Crew Art, contact Dick Smith at: (203) 841-9155 or email: richard9445@sbcglobal.net.

Elaine Morrison can be reached at 527-1974 or by email at: emorrison5030@yahoo.com.

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Engage. Empower. Inspire.



The Family Resource Center of
Central New Hampshire
719 No. Main Street
Laconia, NH
603-524-8811
FRC@LRCS.org

Parent Education & Support

To register call 581-1571 or
e-mail shannonr@lracs.org

The Family Resource Center has put together a robust schedule of classes this fall! Just click [here](#) for a complete list of classes offered and additional details. There's something for everyone!

As always, free dinner, childcare and limited-assistance with transportation are available to those who register. Many of these classes fill up quickly, so don't wait to register!



Please help us draft
a village overlay
district!
August 15, 7PM
Weirs
Community
Center
Lucerne Ave



Please call the Planning Office at 527-1264 for details or more info!



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 Fire Department

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

FIRE DRILLS!!



Laconia firefighters have been conducting live hands-on drills all week at the former Christmas Island Resort, which is being torn down as part of a major redevelopment of the site.

Each Platoon has spent a morning at the property doing fire attack drills, vent/enter/search and rescue drills, roof cutting drills, rescue from windows, and multiple evolutions with air packs.

The training has been invaluable. The drills were coordinated by Captains Landry and Beattie. Combined there has been over 200 hours of training under very realistic conditions.



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, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

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



We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Join us each Monday through August 19th as we pack healthy lunches for families in Laconia! Meet at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia, Veteran's Square.



Interested in Volunteering?
Contact John at:
jwredlabel@metrocast.net



65 Aviation Drive
Gilford, NH 03249

KLCI - Laconia Municipal Airport

In the Heart of New Hampshire's Lakes Region

603-524-5003

Request for artifacts and display items

Calling all aviation enthusiasts!

The Belknap Mill has asked the Laconia Airport Authority to create an exhibit of aviation in the Lakes Region. The exhibit will be on display at the Belknap Mill during the month of September. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the rich history of the early days, the strong ties between aviation and the economic prosperity of the community, as well as the technological advances of today.

We need your help in making this the most exciting exhibit the Belknap Mill has ever held! We're looking for items to include in the display - newspaper clippings, aircraft parts, model airplanes, photos, log books, uniforms, memorabilia, etc. If it has anything to do with aviation or an aviator, we'd love to include it! If you have stories to share, perhaps you'd consider giving a presentation one evening.

We'll be accepting items thru Thursday, August 22nd. All loaned items will be returned at the conclusion of the exhibit, during the first week of October. Please forward this to anyone you feel may be interested. Thank you and I hope to hear from you!

Please contact: Diane Terrill, Airport Manager, at 603-524-5003,
or e-mail: laa@metrocast.net
www.laconiaairport.com

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



Keeping summer safe for everyone!

Laconia Parks & Recreation Department life-guards take part in "in-service training" each and every week. The pictures left and above show a recent training session at Weirs Beach.

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

Roger's Ride

In Memory of Roger Ballantyne
Sponsored by Laconia Kiwanis Club

*Remembering our friends from the past,
to Benefit the youth of tomorrow.*

Sunday, August 25, 2013

Registration:

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
(pre-register and receive a free gift)
Roger's Ride/Laconia Kiwanis
PO Box 757
Laconia, NH 03247

Donations:

\$25.00 single rider
-or-
\$30.00 with passenger

Location:

Rotary Park/Belknap Mill
25 Beacon Street Laconia, NH
Ride begins at 10:00 a.m. SHARP

Come early! Coffee and muffins will be served.

Raffle tickets
available at:
Irwin Automotive Group
All My Life Jewelers
Greenlaw's Music
NAPA Auto Parts
Wedbush



Whether you ride or not your donations are appreciated. Join us after the ride at Rotary Park for a Barbecue and raffle drawings.



www.laconiakiwans.com

*We hope you have enjoyed this
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*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 - Katie Walsh
- 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. (Lakeport) * 524-7777
- 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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- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
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