



Laconia Links

August 21, 2015 - Edition #199



This year's Multicultural Festival is Sept. 12th.
Mark your calendar!

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - July 20, 2015—July 31, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 193.61		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$29,041.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$7,861.50	
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		31.48			
Monday	41.69	9.67	23.2%	12.51	\$426.00
Tuesday	42.76	10.29	24.1%	12.83	\$381.00
Wednesday	41.38	8.07	19.5%	12.41	\$651.00
Thursday	39.11	8.62	22.0%	11.73	\$466.50
Friday	41.69	7.40	17.8%	12.51	\$766.50
	Total = 206.63	Route Total = 44.05	Curbside Avg. = 21.3%	Total = 61.99	Total = \$2,691.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 21.5%	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!



Join us at the Laconia Main Street Outdoor Marketplace!

Thursdays
June 4th to September 24th, 2015
3pm 'til 6pm
Municipal Parking Lot, Downtown Laconia

Laconia Farmers'
Live Free and Eat Local
Every Saturday
8 am to noon
City Hall Parking Lot

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

Purl Jam!



Thursday, August
27 @ 2:00 pm in
the upper level
Reference Room.

You are invited to a relaxing program
of knitting or crocheting.

Bring your projects and share!



Coming Attractions: a Book Series



Fall is almost here and so is our book
discussion series!

Hollywood often comes calling after a novel becomes a
best seller. This series features books that are in the
process of becoming films.

Come join us and read the books before the movies
come out. We have something for everyone,
a mix of fiction and non-fiction.

Join us beginning on Tuesday, September 1st @ 7:00
pm in Laconia Rotary Hall for the first book in the series,
"H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald. Discussion will be
led by Stephanie Woodley.

Books available at the front desk.

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!***

**Meeting
in
Progress**

City Council

August 24, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan Committee

August 25, 2015, 2:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commission

August 27, 2015, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

Conservation Commission

August 27, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

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](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR
ONLINE CALENDAR

We will welcome students back to school for 2015/2016 School Year on Monday, August 31st.

[LHS First Day of School Schedule for Freshmen](#)

[2015/2016 Bus Routes](#)

Elementary Open House will be on Thursday August 27th at Pleasant Street School & Woodland Heights School from 5-6pm and at Elm Street School from 5:30-6:30pm.

On August 27th **Laconia Middle School** will have a mandatory meeting for ALL incoming 8th grade students and their parents to review their contract for this year's 1:1 Computers in the multipurpose room at 6pm.

On August 27th **Laconia High School** will have a mandatory informational meeting for parents of LHS athletes in the auditorium at 6pm.

Project EXTRA will begin at all three elementary schools on Monday, September 14th and at Laconia Middle School on Monday, September 21st. Elementary registration forms can be found [Here](#).

Saturday, August 22nd, Laconia High School will host the Pre-Season Varsity Soccer Jamboree on the Jim Fitzgerald Field

Game	Start Time	Girls Matches
1	8:00	Gilford vs. Interlakes
2	8:35	Laconia vs. MA
3	9:10	Gilford vs. Berlin
4	9:45	Interlakes vs. Laconia
5	10:20	MA vs. Berlin
6	10:55	Gilford vs. Laconia
7	11:30	Interlakes vs. MA
8	12:05	Laconia vs. Berlin
9	12:40	Gilford vs. MA
10	1:15	Interlakes vs. Berlin
		Boys Matches
11	2:00	Gilford vs. Interlakes
12	2:35	Laconia vs. MA
13	3:10	Gilford vs. Campbell
14	3:45	Interlakes vs. Laconia
15	4:20	MA vs. Campbell
16	4:55	Gilford vs. Laconia
17	5:30	Interlakes vs. MA
18	6:05	Laconia vs. Campbell
19	6:40	Gilford vs. MA
20	7:15	Interlakes vs. Campbell

STAND UP LACONIA

Please join us for the monthly coalition meeting!

Date: Thursday, August 27th, 2015

Time: 5:30-7pm

Location: Laconia Middle School Cafeteria

You are invited!

RE-IMAGINE LACONIA DESIGN CHARRETTE



AUGUST 28TH & 29TH, 2015

This two-day event will focus on land uses, design, and economic development in Weirs Beach, Downtown, Lakeport, & Union Avenue Corridor.

Join us to share your ideas and work together to create maps and designs for Laconia's future!



Additional details and registration information can be found at www.ReImagineLaconia.org

This **TWO-DAY** event will feature multiple public input sessions, an informative workshop about local economic development studies, and design sessions where volunteer architects, engineers, landscape architects, and other design professionals will come together to create maps and drawings that visually represent what **YOU** want **YOUR** Laconia to look like!

We will also be drafting "to-do" lists from your input, which will translate into action items for the updated Master Plan.

Two public sessions will be held on Friday, August 28th at the Belknap Mill. You can register for EITHER the 3 PM session or the 6 PM session (both will have the same format and material).

On Saturday, August 29th there will be a design session where you can observe the volunteer professionals put ideas on paper. This will be held on the first floor of the Belknap Mill from 10 AM to 3 PM and is "open house" style—come and go as you please!

On Saturday, August 29th we will be presenting final design plans to the public, starting at 2:30PM with an interactive workshop with information about local economic development studies, and the creation of a "to-do" list of economic development and land-use action items to go into the updated Master Plan.

This session will be held at Grace Capital Church.

To register for one or multiple sessions of this event, please [CLICK HERE!](#)
You may also call the City of Laconia Planning Department to RSVP by phone if you prefer:
603/527-1264

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 30, 2015

Registration:

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
(pre-register & 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.

FOR RAFFLE TICKETS PLEASE CALL:

John - 520-4383 OR Betty - 581-2968

-WIN-

2 FREE NIGHTS Church Landing



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



www.laconiakiwanis.com



Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10 AM - 4 PM

Rotary Park & Downtown Laconia

Live Entertainment • Ethnic Food
Crafts • Zoo • Children's Corner



Sponsored by
Laconia Human Relations Committee
and the Historic Belknap Mill

LEAVITT PARK CARNIVAL

Saturday, August 22nd
3pm to 6pm

Will be inside in case of rain

GAMES - BINGO
DUNKING BOOTH
FOOD - SNACKS
50/50 & MORE

Volunteers wanted!

Help with the carnival or become a member

For more info Call (603) 998-1418

City Manager Updates

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from 2015 road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



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



The Story of Pickett's Charge at Taylor Community



Pickett's Charge was an infantry assault ordered by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee against Maj. Gen. George G. Meade's Union positions on Cemetery Ridge, July 3, 1863, the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War.

History buffs will enjoy this informative lecture scheduled for Monday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The program will be presented by Dave Decker of the Laconia Museum and Historical Society.

This event is free and open to the public. Please call 524-5600 to RSVP for seating.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Pet of the Week: Kit Kat

Animals certainly do experience some of the emotions we humans are held captive to, such as joy, and grief. Little Kit Kat thought her

life was going to be stress free and plain sailing, until her doting owner died. Imagine how worried she must have been arriving at our shelter!

She's a little older, aged about 8, otherwise in great shape, but oh, she so misses the quiet comforts and gentle touch of her departed human. We've made her as comfy as possible, giving her a quiet spot NOT on the adoption floor. Such a hard adjustment for such a sweet and gentle soul. Could Kit Kat be your one and only? She has been staying at NH Humane Society since April, not too terribly long in our world, but surely a lifetime for Kit Kat.

Please visit Kit Kat in our much quieter room away from the lobby, you'll just need to ask for a staffer or senior volunteer to accompany you. You will be immediately smitten with her magnificence.

Call 524-3252 or check www.nhumane.org



Please join us for the monthly coalition meeting!

**Thursday, August 27th, 2015
5:30-7 pm**

Laconia Middle School Cafeteria

Our Mission Statement:

Standing up to effectively and compassionately confront, treat and prevent the causes and consequences of substance abuse in a way that promotes positive, healthy peer & family relationships in our community!

Who Are We?

We are a growing coalition of youth and adults who live, go to school, and/or work in Laconia. We have come together to create positive change and we need your help.

Who Else Needs to be Involved?

Parents, Youth, Healthcare Providers, Business, Education, Law Enforcement, Faith Community, Local Government

*Light snacks and babysitting will be provided.

*Find out how you can get involved:

www.standuplaconia.com

Facebook: **Stand Up Laconia**

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

PRESENTS

One of the Original Irish Tenors,



John McDermott

Join beloved Canadian tenor, John McDermott,
as he makes a stop at
Sacred Heart Church in Laconia,
Friday, September 11th at 7:00pm.

Admission is FREE.

First come, first seated no tickets required

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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.

Main Street Bridge
Construction

DETOUR



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

Good News!

The Main Street Bridge is back to its regular traffic pattern and the project is very close to completion! Activity at the bridge site will be very limited and traf-

fic flow through the bridge site should be largely uninterrupted with occasional lane closures to accomplish the remaining work. Fall plantings will soon enhance the area.

Check the Main St. Bridge Construction website for information on Phase 5 of the project. The website is updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detours, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image above contains a link to a webpage relating to the construction project. Once on that page you will find the most current information by clicking on "Today's Update" (in red).

Click [here](#) for
Public Works
website

Questions about the
construction project?

Contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

Reminder!

The next recycling
collection week
begins Monday,
August 24, 2015!





Laconia Fire Department

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

Renovation Update!



Base paving is complete!

The Fire Department administrative offices, including Fire Prevention, will be moving to temporary quarters at the Opechee Parkhouse next week. The fire station will be completely closed to the public starting Monday, August 31.

There is ample parking at our new temporary home! Please call the Fire Department at 524-6881 with any questions you may have.



Laconia Fire Department
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We are excited that we now have **FOUR NEW ONLINE SURVEYS available!** Choose which category applies to you, and click on the links below!

[I AM A LACONIA RESIDENT](#)

[I WORK AND/OR GO TO SCHOOL IN LACONIA \(non-resident\)](#)

[I OWN A SECOND HOME IN LACONIA](#)

[I AM A VISITOR TO LACONIA](#)

The links above will take you to brief surveys asking you about **improvements** that you want to see **in your neighborhood** and Laconia in general. This survey is an important part of our research for the formation of the **Economic Development** and **Land Use** chapters of the updated Master Plan!

Be sure to take the survey and have your voice be heard!

Also, don't forget to **RSVP** for our upcoming mapping and economic development event, the **Re-Imagine Laconia Design Charrette!**

This **TWO-DAY** event will feature multiple public input sessions, an informative workshop session about **local economic development** studies, and design sessions where volunteer architects, engineers, landscape architects, and other design professionals will come together to create **maps and drawings** that visually represent what **YOU** want **YOUR** Laconia to look like!

We will also be drafting **"to-do" lists** from your input, which will translate into action items for the updated Master Plan.

Go to www.reimaginelaconia.org to find out more information and to **RSVP!**



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Chief Chris Adams and Officer Eric Adams recently participated in a Health Fair at 22 Strafford Street.

While there, they had the opportunity to speak with dozens of children and their parents, handing out toys and Cop Cards.

A good time was had by all!

Pictured (left): Officer Eric Adams speaks with a family about safety.



Let it Shine!
New Hampshire's **25th Annual PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**



Details Coming Soon!

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2015
DOWNTOWN LACONIA, NH**

NEW HAMPSHIRE COFFEE FESTIVAL

Coming Soon!

Saturday, September 19th

Watch for details!



We hope to see you there!



Laconia Police Department

Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

- Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a police officer?
- Would you like to find out more about your police department?

Why not consider attending the Laconia Police Department's *Citizen Police Academy*?

The Laconia Police Department will again be hosting an annual Citizen Police Academy in order to afford its citizens the opportunity to experience our department in a fun and unique way. The class will begin on Wednesday, September 16th and run through Wednesday, November 18th. The purpose of the Academy is to increase understanding between the public and the department through education and interaction with police officers. Attendees will be exposed to many different facets of law enforcement, including operational information, physical interaction, demonstrations, a patrol ride-along and field trip experiences.

This is a ten week program that will be held at the Laconia Police Department and will meet once a week for three hours. Applications are located at the Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem Street, or may be downloaded and printed from our website at www.laconiapd.org. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at Police Headquarters.

For more information please contact Lieutenant Rich Simmons at 524-5257 Ext 332. There are still openings available!

Assessing Verification of Data

Our field personnel are still working in the Gillette/Cedar St area verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). Postcards are being mailed in advance of our visit.

Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Questions?
Please call the
Assessing Office
at 527-1268.

Weirs Beach Summer Fireworks!

August 21 and
September 6, 10:00 pm
*Sponsored by Weirs Action
Committee*

Rain dates for the regular
Friday shows are Saturday.
An announcement of the rain
date will be posted at the
Weirs Beach arrow sign.



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!





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



"Dine Around" will be
at the Holy Grail of the
Lakes in Laconia on
August 25th
at 5:00 pm.

Join your friends and enjoy
a great dinner and
a good time!



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
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 - Hilary Young	
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. (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	

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	

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us