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View behind City Hall

Laconia Links

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Recycling Update

2 Week Total - July 23 thru Aug 3

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		27.01	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	43.40	7.95	18.0%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	40.14	8.81	22.0%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	39.65	5.21	13.0%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	37.69	4.77	12.6%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	43.87	4.40	10.0%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Avg = 15.2 %	Curbside Avg = 12.1%	Prior 2 wks = 13.9%

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!



Congratulations! Councilor Lipman's Tuesday route again shows the highest percentage recycled at 22%! Councilor Doyle's Monday route is not far behind, with an impressive increase from 14.5% to 18%.

Thanks to all who help with this effort!

Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, August 13!

Photos Wanted!



If you have a great photograph of Laconia to share, e-mail it to brownn@city.laconia.nh.us, and you just might see it in an upcoming newsletter!



Laconia Fire Department

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

Proper Storage of Batteries

Laconia Fire Department urges residents to locate their spare batteries and learn how to store them safely. In July a fire broke out in a kitchen “junk” drawer which the resident stated she had just cleaned and organized. The fire produced smoke throughout the first floor of the home. In the drawer were spare keys, a cigarette lighter, paper clips, eye glass cleaner, and some batteries in a baggie along with everything else that you find in a “junk” drawer.

The local fire department determined the cause of the fire to be from a 9 volt battery stored in the same baggie with other batteries. The 9 volt battery rubbed against another battery and ignited the fire. In the homeowner’s words, “We were fortunate not to have been away for the weekend!”



A 9 volt battery is a fire hazard because the positive and negative posts are on top, right next to one another. If the ends come in contact with anything metal, i.e. aluminum foil, steel wool, a paper clip, other batteries, etc., this will allow the object to heat up and ignite a fire.

The safe method to store 9 volt batteries is to keep them in the original packaging or keep ends covered. For disposal, make sure that the positive and negative posts are safely wrapped in electrical tape.

Remember to check your smoke alarms each month to ensure your family has the early warning to get out safely if a fire should occur in your home.

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.

*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.

City Council

August 13, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Sen. Ayotte’s Office Hours

August 15, 2012, 11am-1pm
City Hall, Room 200B

(See notice on page 5)

Conservation Commission

August 15, 2012, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Water Commissioners’ Mtg.

August 16, 2012, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room



Laconia Police Dept.

AARP Driver Safety Program

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

The Laconia Police Department will be hosting an AARP Driver Safety Program on August 13th and 14th 2012, from 9:00am-1:00pm. The course will be held at the Laconia Police Department in the Community Room.

A certified AARP instructor will teach the course which will cover various topics to include:

- * Defensive driving techniques
- * New traffic laws and rules of the road
- * How to deal with aggressive drivers
- * How to handle problem situations such as left turns, right-of-way, interstate highway traffic, trucks and blind spots.
- * How to safely use anti-lock brakes, air bags and safety belts.

Cars have changed and so have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads we drive on every day. Let us bring you up to speed!



The course is tailored towards drivers 55 years of age and over, however, it is open to everyone. There are sixteen seats available. The AARP Driver Safety Program is \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14.00 for non-members and \$5.00 for all teachers and school personnel (active and retired).

To register, e-mail your name and phone number to Chief Christopher Adams at CAdams@laconiapd.org or call 603-524-5257 X333.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Summer is Sweet

Monday, August 13th
at 6:00 p.m. in the Selig
Story time Room. Come in
your jammies, bring your
favorite stuffed friend and
blanket and hear some
great bedtime stories!

*Free for families with kids
through third grade.*

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

Mark Your Calendar!

"Wednesday Specials"...Please join us at the
Laconia Community Center at 1 pm on Aug. 15th
for this week's free program for families!



The Hampstead Stage
Company Presents:
"The Wizard Of Oz."

How can two people act
out ALL of those charac-
ters? Simple! They are
wonderful!

Join us as we close out our summer of fun!
Kindly funded by the folks at Altrusa of Laconia.

Updates from the Planning Office...

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

Septic Sense Workshop

Due to popular response from the Meredith workshop, the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association will be co-hosting another 'Septic Sense' workshop.

How septic systems work, their limitations and eventual replacement, especially in sensitive waterfront locations, are among the topics to be discussed in a free evening workshop titled 'SEPTIC SENSE', Tuesday, August 14, at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

"Anyone who buys, owns or sells homes on septic systems will not want to miss this important and informative event," said Randy Hilman, REALTOR® spokesperson for Maxfield Real Estate, Inc, which is jointly sponsoring the free public forum with the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed and Granite State Designers and Installers associations. "Good water quality is the economic life blood of the Lakes Region and it has an enormous impact on human health. Everyone must do their part to safeguard our streams, ponds and lakes against pollution".

Attendees can expect to take home useful information on maintenance and extension of system life, signs of system failure, and who to contact for consultation and design and installation when system replacement becomes necessary. A special slide presentation of difficult site installations will showcase the many different septic system technologies available to homeowners today.



The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8 pm including a question and answer session from the audience. The forum is free and open to the public, but pre-

registration is requested if at all possible. Please call Pat Tarpey, Executive Director of the LWWA, at 603- 581-6632 to register or for more information.

Public Works Department

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Laconia was held Saturday, August 4th. It was an enormous success!

The number of participants far exceeded any other HHWC event in the past twenty years with 296 cars, representing 369 households, delivering hazardous items from their homes for proper disposal. The greater majority of residents were from Laconia, but we also welcomed people from other participating towns: Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, Sanbornton, Holderness, Sandwich, Northfield and Tilton.



Some of the most popular items for disposal were:

Used Motor Oil	275 gallons
Used Motor Vehicle Batteries	75
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	500 +
NiCad Batteries	Thousands of them !

We also had a successful "Swap Table" where we recycled items that are still good/usable such as latex paint, motor oil, cleaning products, driveway sealer, pool chemicals, etc. by offering them free to anyone wishing to give them a new home. Thanks to all who participated!

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 more!

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

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



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

DATE: **August 15, 2012**
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B
45 Beacon Street E., 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.

Assessing

[Click](#) for
Assessing Dept.

The Assessing department is now 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.

Questions? Call 527-1268

NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for ensuring that all local, state and federal elections are conducted with accuracy and compliance. This would not be possible without the team of dedicated people that work at our polls to ensure that the democratic process is followed. These positions include Ballot Clerks, check-in assistants, and the elected positions of Moderator, Ward Clerk, Selectman and Supervisor of the Checklist.

We would like to encourage any individual interested in becoming a part of the team of election officials for your ward to contact the City Clerk's Office. Currently, there are vacancies in the following elected positions:

Ward 1 – Moderator
Ward 2 – Selectman (3 positions)
Ward 5 – Ward Clerk, Selectman (3 positions)



The City Clerk's Office can be contacted at 527-1265, or by emailing cityclerk@city.laconia.nh.us

*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 of Laconia

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