



Photo courtesy of River Crew Art

Laconia Links

August 24, 2012 - Edition #46

Let the WOW Trail put a smile on your face!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - Aug 6 thru Aug 17

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		28.20	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	42.53	7.88	18.5%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	39.52	8.96	22.7%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	43.12	5.61	13.0%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	38.49	5.03	13.0%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	43.96	4.47	10.0%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Avg. = 15.4 %	Curbside Avg. = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 15.2%

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!



Thanks to your efforts, the percent recycled for all routes during this reporting period has increased or remained the same.
Your help is greatly appreciated!

Reminder! The next recycling collection week begins **Monday, August 27!**

Please Note: City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3rd, 2012 in observance of Labor Day
We apologize for any inconvenience!
A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

Please click [here](#) for the City Clerk's Office website



**REGISTER
TO VOTE!**



Over the past several weeks, residents have been receiving Voter Registration Packets from a business called Commit 2 Vote 2012. These packets included a letter encouraging voter registration and a Voter Registration Application.

Please do not complete these forms & return them to the City Clerk's Office.

You may register to vote in person at the town or city clerk's office in the town or city where you are domiciled up to 10 days before any election or at your polling place on Election Day.

New Hampshire does not accept National Voter Registration Forms – it has its own statutorily mandated registration form. New Hampshire is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because it has same day registration enabling individuals to both register and vote at its polling places on Election Day. To register absentee, a qualified individual must affirm that he or she has a physical disability or is temporarily absent and is unable to register in person on Election Day, at the town or city clerk's office, or at a noticed meeting of the supervisors of the checklist. In order to qualify to vote by absentee ballot in New Hampshire, an individual must either: 1. plan to be absent from the locality that they are domiciled in on the day of the election; 2. be unable to appear in public on Election Day because of observance of a religious commitment; 3. be unable to vote in person due to a disability; or 4. be unable to appear at his or her polling place during polling hours because of an employment obligation. Individuals who wish to register absentee, or vote by absentee ballot in a New Hampshire election, must contact their town or city clerk and request that the correct forms be sent to them.

If you feel that you are qualified to register to vote absentee, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 as soon as possible.

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 Public Works Subcommittee Meeting

August 27, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)

City Council Meeting

August 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

City Council Finance Subcommittee Meeting

August 27, 2012

Immediately following regular
City Council meeting (above)

City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)



Laconia Police Dept.

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



Thomas F. Mullen Annual Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Thomas F. Mullen Golf Tournament honors the memory of a kind, civic-minded man who was proud to call Laconia his home. Not only did Tom work at Laconia Savings Bank for many years, his involvement in organizations such as Dollars for Scholars, The Heart Foundation, the Greater Laconia United Way, and the Lakes Region General Hospital illustrates a commitment to Laconia and its citizens as well as his generous nature. Tom was also a Laconia Police Commissioner for several years and was an active supporter of youth activities in the community he served.

In this spirit, all proceeds from the golf tournament fund the Laconia D.A.R.E. Program and the Laconia Police Relief Association, an organization which donates to many youth activities in the area and provides aid to injured officers in the community. Your support and participation in this annual event benefits these valuable programs. Please come and enjoy a great day of golf with us on Sept. 17, 2012.

12th Annual Thomas F. Mullen Memorial Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit the Laconia D.A.R.E. Program and the Laconia Police Relief Association

- WHEN:** Monday, September 17th., 2012
- WHERE:** Pheasant Ridge Country Club
Gilford, New Hampshire
- TIME:** Scramble – Starts at 8:30 a.m.



\$100.00 per person includes:

- * 18 holes of golf with cart
- * Dinner after the match
- * 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes
- * Golf gift bag
- * Monte Carlo hole
- * Mulligan tickets available for purchase



- 1st, 2nd place teams win pro shop gift certificates
- Men and women's longest drive competition
- Hole in one wins a new car from The Irwin Zone
- Hole in one wins a new boat from Paugus Bay Marina
- A chance to be involved in a phenomenal Memorial Golf Tournament

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Make checks payable to: [Laconia Police Relief Association](#)

Mail or drop off at: Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem St. Laconia, NH 03246

Attention: Lt. Al Lessard or Capt. Bill Clary

Team Member #1 _____ Tel # _____

Team Member #2 _____ Tel # _____

Team Member #3 _____ Tel # _____

Team Member #4 _____ Tel # _____

Please Contact Lt. Al Lessard at 524-5257 ext. 356 with any questions.

*Unique
Art Exhibit
Coming to
Busiel Mill
Gallery*

During the month of September, the public is invited to visit the Busiel Mill Community Room and Gallery at One Mill Plaza. The Mill has hosted several wonderful exhibits, and now will welcome some of Laconia's homeless population as the featured artists.



The multi-media show is coordinated by Elaine Morrison and Dick Smith who began in February to engage some of the community's homeless through art and photography. Over the past several months, the group has evolved into River Crew Art; they meet informally every Monday behind the former Laconia Police Station on Church Street. In addition to art, the Crew planted and now maintain an "Adopt-A-Spot" flowering planter along the City's River Walk. They also planted "Mark's Garden", a flower garden located along the sidewalk area in front of the former Police Station as a memorial to their friend, Mark Hebert, who drowned in the river in early Spring.



When you visit the Mill, don't miss "Invisibles Planting Mark's Garden". Painted by Elaine Morrison, it shows River Crew Art members in outline only. The painting can be interpreted as a metaphor for how people often prefer not to see things that are disturbing to them.



Shown here are just a few examples of the work done by River Crew Art. Please make time in your busy schedule to visit the Busiel Mill in September...this exhibit is one you won't soon forget.

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

National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



Any child who signs up for a new Library card (not updated), will be entered into a drawing to be held on Friday, September 28th.

The prize is a new book of the child's choice!
Get a card that gives you the power!

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

Please Note!



The Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2012 in observance of Labor Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience!



Employment opportunities with the City of Laconia are posted on our website. Please click [here](#) to access our Personnel Department's webpage for an application and information on any current job openings.



Laconia Fire Department

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



City of Laconia Fire Department officers, as well as members of the New Hampshire Haz Mat team and Mutual Aid Center are shown (left) working at the command post to discuss strategy during the July 24, 2012 nitric acid spill on Cook Court.

Our thanks goes out to all those who assisted in bringing this situation to a safe conclusion!



**LACONIA TRANSFER
STATION WILL BE
CLOSED
Monday Sept. 3rd
in observance of
Labor Day**

**TRASH COLLECTION
WILL BE DELAYED BY
ONE (1) DAY DUE TO THE
HOLIDAY**

Any questions, please call Ann at 528-6379.

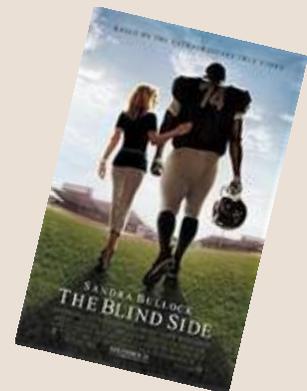
Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

What's New ... DVDs:



The Astronaut Farmer
Back to School
Bedazzled
Beginners

The Blind Side
The Crimson Rivers
Get Low
The Iron Lady
Storm of the Century



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

City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

Also, check out the City's website for the new, updated [Laconia City Council Goals and Objectives](#). The Goals and Objectives document is a working document, updated quarterly, which helps to direct and focus the City's resources and efforts toward meeting the goals identified to improve the quality of life in Laconia.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



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

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Beach Schedules



The summer is starting to wind down! The in-town beaches (Opechee Point, Opechee Cove, Bartlett and Bond) are no longer staffed by lifeguards. The beaches may still be used, but are now "swim at your own risk" facilities. The bathrooms will remain open (weather permitting) through Labor Day. The only facility that will remain staffed with lifeguards is Weirs Beach. The Weirs will have lifeguards until Labor Day, except for the work week of Aug. 27 – 31. The parking area will remain staffed with parking attendants.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call Parks & Rec. at 524-5046.



New Voter ID Law

A public information forum on the new Voter ID Law will be held at the Tilton Town Hall on Monday, August 27th from 6pm to 7pm.

The forum will be hosted by Deputy Secretary of State Dave Scanlon and Tilton Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz

Please click [here](#) to access the NH Secretary of State's website for information on the new Voter ID Law, including links to the law and a document explaining how it will be implemented.

We hope to see you there!

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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