



Docks near Weirs Beach

Laconia Links

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Recycling Update

2 Week Total - Sept 3 thru Sept 14

Cumulative total year-to-date of recyclables collected = 747 tons

Approximate savings to taxpayers year-to-date (@ \$150/ton) = \$112,050

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		20.07	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	36.70	5.22	14.2%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	41.64	8.37	20.0%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	41.15	5.35	13.0%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	42.44	4.60	10.8%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	33.43	4.26	12.7%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 14.2 %	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 15.7%

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!



Recycling Saves \$\$

Please be sure to check out our addition to the recycling update info (above). You will now be able to see with each update the positive monetary impact recycling has on our community.

We appreciate your help!

Welcome to Fall!

Fall begins on Saturday, September 22nd! Also known as the Autumnal Equinox; the word *equinox* comes from the Latin words for "equal night". The fall and spring equinoxes are the only days of the year in which the sun crosses the celestial equator, making the night and day nearly equal length.



Public Works Department



NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ALLOWABLE LIMITS

LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTION ROUTES:

On May 14, 2012, the Laconia City Council voted to approve a reduction in the number of containers of trash allowed for curbside collection effective October 1, 2012:

1. Single-family dwellings and duplexes will be reduced from 5 containers to 2 containers on a weekly basis.
2. Multi-family dwellings and commercial establishments will be reduced from 10 containers to 7 containers on a weekly basis.

All trash set out for curbside collection must be in a container – bagged trash must be tightly sealed and placed in the container. **NO** loose trash in containers will be collected.

The City of Laconia strongly encourages all Laconia residents and businesses to recycle -- by participation in the curbside collection program for those on collection routes, by utilizing the 4 remote drop-off sites around the city (behind 257 Messer St, behind the Lakeport Fire Station, at the Weirs Community Ctr. parking lot, and across from the Memorial Park Club House) or, by delivering recyclables directly to the Laconia Transfer Station.

Recycling bins are provided free of charge. There is currently no limit on the amount of recycling which is collected curbside.

Questions?
Please call Ann
at 528-6379



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.

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!*

Meetings are open to the public....you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

City Council

September 24, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200 A

[Agenda](#)

Capital Improvements Committee

September 25, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

**Parks & Rec. and Police
Dept. presentations**



Laconia Fire Department

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

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month; the Laconia Fire Dept. would like to remind you that the more you prepare today, the more you will be able to reduce the consequences of a disaster tomorrow. The following information serves as a guideline to help you prepare for natural disasters and extreme weather events, as well as terrorist attacks and other emergencies. For more info visit www.ready.gov

1. Get a Kit of emergency supplies.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for **at least three days**, maybe longer. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- ✓ **Water** one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- ✓ **Non-perishable Food** at least a three-day supply
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand crank **radio** and a **NOAA Weather Radio** with tone alert and **extra batteries** for both
- ✓ **Flashlight** and **extra batteries**
- ✓ **First Aid kit**
- ✓ **Whistle** to signal for help
- ✓ **Filter mask** or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- ✓ **Moist towelettes, garbage bags** and **plastic ties** for personal sanitation
- ✓ **Wrench** or **pliers** to turn off utilities
- ✓ **Manual can opener** if kit contains canned food
- ✓ **Plastic sheeting** and **duct tape** to shelter-in-place
- ✓ **Important Family Documents**
- ✓ **Items for unique family needs**, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula or diapers



Consider two kits. In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

2. Make a Plan for what you will do in an emergency.

Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation. Use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Develop a Family Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. **Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency.** It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an **out-of-town contact** may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Be sure each person knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the attack, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger. **Watch television and listen to the radio for official instructions as they become available.**

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Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.

Create a Plan to Shelter-in-Place. There are circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as sheltering-in-place and sealing the room can be a matter of survival. **If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to shelter-in-place and seal the room. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and air vents.** Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that you can duct tape it flat against the wall. Label each piece with the location of where it fits. Use all available information to assess the situation. Quickly bring your family and pets inside, lock doors, and close windows, air vents and replace dampers. Immediately turn off air conditioning, forced air heating systems, exhaust fans and clothes dryers. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated. Seal all windows, doors and vents. Understand that sealing the room is a temporary measure to create a barrier between you and contaminated air. Watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for instructions from local emergency management officials.

Create a Plan to Get Away. Plan in advance how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. **Choose several destinations in different directions** so you have options in an emergency. If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it at all times. **Become familiar with alternate routes as well as other means of transportation** out of your area. If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. **Take your emergency supply kit**, unless you have reason to believe it is contaminated and lock the door behind you. Take pets with you if you are told to evacuate, however, if you are going to a public shelter, keep in mind they may not be allowed inside. If you believe the air may be contaminated, drive with your windows and vents closed and keep the air conditioning and heater turned off. Listen to the radio for instructions. Know Emergency Plans at school and work. **Talk to your children's schools and your employer about emergency plans.** Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If you are an employer, be sure you have an emergency preparedness plan. Review and practice it with your employees. A community working together during an emergency also makes sense. **Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together.**

3. Be Informed about what might happen.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling a supply kit and developing a family emergency plan, are the same for both a natural or manmade emergency. However there are significant differences among potential terrorist threats, such as biological, chemical, explosive, nuclear and radiological, which will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. By beginning a process of learning about these specific threats, you are **preparing yourself** to react in an emergency. Go to **ready.gov** to learn more about potential terrorist threats and other emergencies or call **1-800-BE-READY** (1-800-237-3239) for a free brochure. Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. Also learn about your community's local emergency plan. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected.

4. Get Involved in preparing your community.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step and get involved in preparing your community. Learn more about **Citizen Corps**, which actively involves citizens in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger and better prepared. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds. Citizen Corps works hard to help people prepare, train and volunteer in their communities. Go to **www.citizencorps.gov** for more information and to get involved.



For more information, visit [ready.gov](#) or call 1-800-BE-READY



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Teen Movie

Thursday, September 27th at 1:30 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall: *The Avengers*, starring Robert Downey, Jr., Samuel Jackson and Scarlett Johansen.



This movie is rated PG-13 and is 155 minutes in length.

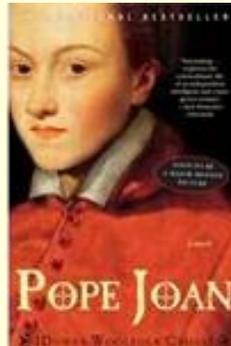
Free, for teens in grades 6 through 12.

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

A Novel Time at the Library

For a thousand years, her existence has been denied. She is the legend that will not die -- Pope Joan, a controversial figure of historical record who, disguised as a man, rose to rule Christianity in the 9th century as the first and only woman to sit on the throne of St. Peter. In this riveting novel, Donna Woolfolk Cross paints a portrait of a heroine whose strength of vision led her to defy the social restrictions of her day.

Book Discussion Series
Tues. Oct. 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.



Pope Joan is a sweeping historical drama set against the turbulent events of the 9th century bringing the Dark Ages to life, and sharing the dramatic story of an unforgettable woman who struggles against restrictions her soul cannot accept.

National Day of Remembrance

When:
September 25, 2012
11:00 AM

Where:
POMC Homicide Memorial Garden,
Stewart Park, Laconia
(Located on the Northeast Corner of Main Street and Union Avenue)

To pay tribute and honor our nation's murder victims and their surviving family members

For additional details please call Carmen at POMC

(603) 524-7624

Or visit the Greater Lakes Region POMC facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/506320342714631/>

Sept. 22nd



New Hampshire's local bank

Lakes Region Businesses & Organizations -

presents

Get your team together!

Support your staff to get active and be healthy, grow your staff morale and bring exposure to your organization by fielding a team for WOW Fest '12 and showing your support for the WOW Trail.



(Special awards to most participants on a team, best dressed, most money raised and fastest 5K/10K race times).

Register at:
www.wowtrail.org



The Laconia Historical and Museum Society invites you to The Historic Homes of Pleasant Street – A Walking Tour

The Laconia Historical and Museum Society has developed a one mile walking tour scheduled for this Sunday, September 23, 2012 (12:00 – 4:00 pm). This self guided tour begins at “Local Eatery” located in the Historic Laconia Train Station downtown and provides ticket holders with a map and historical information about the stately and architecturally interesting homes found on Pleasant Street. The Society, volunteers, friends and residents of Pleasant Street have been working over the past several months to gather historical information about these homes, such as the names of the original owners and what role that person played in the history of Laconia.

Tickets are \$10/per person and are available at The Laconia Public Library, The Village Bakery, ReMax and The Laconia Antique Center. Tickets will also be available at “Local Eatery” on the day of the walk. The “Local Eatery” will be open Sunday evening for those who wish to purchase dinner following the walking tour. For more information about this fundraising event, please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278 or email us at lhmslpl@metrocast.net.

An opening reception for Laconia Historical and Museum Society’s latest exhibit, *Politics in the Lake City*, will be held at 7 pm on Monday, September 24, 2012.

Separating itself from neighboring Meredith, Laconia became a *new* New Hampshire town on July 14, 1855. From that date on, Laconia townspeople moved forward, calling their first town meeting and establishing a well-run, independent town.

Laconia thrived, and soon talks of establishing a city began amongst the most politically active residents. *Politics in the Lake City* explains how Laconia established its first city government and explores other political affairs that have shaped the Lake City.

The exhibit also recalls historical politician visits to the city as well as honors some politically successful Laconia natives. This exhibition is on view now through the end of 2012, and may be visited during normal Laconia Public Library hours.



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Medical Oxygen Safety



Portable medical oxygen use in the home has grown over the past decade. Medical oxygen adds a higher percentage of oxygen to the air a patient uses to breathe. Fire needs oxygen to burn. If a fire should start in an oxygen-enriched area, the material burning will burn more quickly.

Homes where medical oxygen is used need specific fire safety rules to keep people safe from fire and burns. Also remember that many times people using medical oxygen may be out in the public. Be alert to a person with a tube running towards their face. They are probably using medical oxygen. You should never smoke or use a cigarette lighter near these people.

Oxygen saturates fabric covered furniture, clothing, hair and bedding, making it easier to start a fire and spread.

Smoking materials are the leading heat source resulting in medical oxygen related fires and deaths.

Safety Tips

There is no safe way to smoke when oxygen is in use. If a patient is on oxygen, they should not smoke.

You should not smoke near a person on oxygen.

Candles, matches, wood stoves and even sparking toys, can be ignition sources and must be kept away from the oxygen.

Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet away from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.

Body lotions, hand lotions, and items containing grease and oils can easily ignite if enriched by oxygen.

Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials (most aerosol sprays) near oxygen.

If you have a leak in the tank or system and cannot quickly control it or shut it off, call the Fire Department. A fast spreading fire is very possible.

Post your home with signs at the entrance door:

**No Smoking.
No Open Flames -
Oxygen in Use.**



CITY OF LACONIA
BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions either have current vacancies or terms of current members* will be expiring and up for renewal at the end of October 2012:

Building Code Board of Appeals
Heritage Commission
Board of Assessors
Laconia Housing Authority *
Personnel Advisory Board *
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office (527-1270) or by e-mail at brownn@city.laconia.nh.us for further information or to request an application. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. The deadline for receipt of applications is September 28, 2012.

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.

*We hope you find this report
helpful and informative!*

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



25th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

This award is presented annually by the Laconia City Council to a resident of the City based on his/her work with the youth of the community.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012. Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Please call 527-1270 if you have any questions.

Click [here](#) for a list of previous years' winners.

*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

City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



CHANGES TO CHAPTER 189 SEWER ORDINANCE

The Council will consider proposed changes to the Sewer Ordinance, specifically Chapter 189 regarding the billing of Sewer-Only accounts. The Council is expected to vote on the proposed changes on September 24, 2012.

Please click [here](#) to view the proposed
changes and additional information.