



View of M/S Mt. Washington from Weirs Beach

Laconia Links

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Recycling Update

2 Week Total - Sept 17 thru Sept 28

Cumulative total year-to-date of recyclables collected = 800.63 tons

Approximate savings to taxpayers year-to-date (@ \$150/ton) = \$120,094

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		26.13	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	32.03	5.00	15.6%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	47.40	8.58	18.1%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	48.54	5.21	10.7%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	41.90	4.53	10.8%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	38.44	4.18	10.9%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Ave = 13.2%	Curbside Ave = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 14.2%

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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, October 8th!



It's our First Anniversary!

info@city.laconia.nh.us

This issue marks the first anniversary of *Laconia Links!* We hope you have enjoyed reading it and find it helpful. You are invited and encouraged to provide comments, suggestions for items or information you would like to see in future newsletters, photos of our beautiful City, ideas to further encourage recycling — whatever is important to you and your family. *Thanks for your support!*



Department of Public Works

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

**Columbus Day
Monday, October 8th**

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Monday Oct. 8th – Columbus Day

Monday collections will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379.



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.

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.

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.

Lakes Business Park

October 9, 2012, 6:15 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)

City Council Public Works Subcommittee

October 9, 2012, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Meeting Notice](#)

City Council

October 9, 2012, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

October 10, 2012, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

TIF Advisory Board

October 11, 2012, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

junior
jazzercise

It's a Boo-tiful Night for

Jazzerkamp!!!

Dance Technique □ Games □ Relay Races □ Arts and Crafts
Exercise □ End of Camp Performance
And More!!!

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2012

LOCATION: TARDIE PARK,

51 CRESCENT STREET, LACONIA, NH

TIME: 5:00 PM-8:00 PM AGES: 4 AND UP

PRICE: \$20.00 PER CHILD***

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WEAR COSTUMES!!!

PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR AND BRING WATER!

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

For more information or To register contact:

Jennifer MacDonald 603-524-8963 or jjmacd74@msn.com

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Laconia Parks & Recreation Programs Officially Open This Week



Middle School Open Gym
Mondays and Tuesdays
2:30 ~ 4:15 pm
Free!

Elementary School
Open Gym
Wednesdays
3:00 ~ 4:15 pm
Free!

High School
Open Gym
Thursdays and Fridays
2:30 ~ 4:15 pm
Free!

Middle & High School Open Gyms are for basketball only. This is a pickup game and some instruction is offered for those who wish to participate.

Elementary Open Gym is more of a "free for all" with all different types of play equipment.

Come and play with us!

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



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, winter storm costs, 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!*

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Booktalks For Kids !



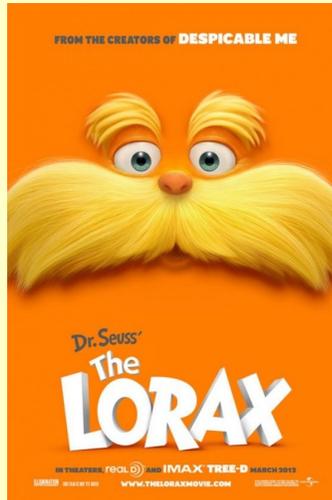
Thursday, October 11th
@ 4:00-5:30 p.m.
in Laconia Rotary Hall
for children in grades 3-6.

Fun reading, talking,
activities, and snacks.

*Come and check out
all the fun !*

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

Movies & More for Kids !



Friday, October 12th @
3:45 pm: *The Lorax*, an
animated film starring the
voices of Danny DeVito,
Zac Efron and Taylor
Swift in Laconia Rotary
Hall.

This movie is 87 minutes in
length and is rated PG.
Children under 10 years
old must be accompanied
by an adult or caregiver 14
years or older, and adults
must bring a child.

Admission is free ~ snacks are provided!



Public Works Department

Questions?
Please call Ann
at 528-6379

Reminder!

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 deliv-
ering 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.





Laconia Fire Department

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



There was an interesting story on a national morning talk show recently questioning the effectiveness of ionization smoke detectors.

There are two types of smoke detection technologies currently in widespread use – ionization and photoelectric. There is a difference in activation times for the different sensing technologies depending upon the type of fire development (fast-flaming fires versus smoldering fires).

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has carefully reviewed recent, credible research and does not find sufficient evidence to warrant a call to eliminate ionization technology. It does, however, recommend installation instructions which state that ionization alarms need to be spaced further away from fixed cooking appliances than photoelectric alarms to avoid nuisance activations.

We recommend installing at least one of each type. This affords a better level of protection. Or install a dual-sensor alarm. Make sure any device installed is approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).

Smoke detectors are the most cost effective way to protect your family and home from the threat of fire. Early detection is critical to your safety and the safety of firefighters. This is becoming more important in today's environment where contents in a home are more flammable and therefore burn hotter and faster, which means there is less time to escape. Besides having smoke detectors installed on each level of your home you must also have a plan on how to get out of your home. The front door may be blocked. Think of alternative methods to get out. Statistics show that you are much safer in a home with smoke detectors – 50% less likely to suffer a serious loss.

So don't throw out the smoke detector based on the television show. More research is needed to develop even better smoke detectors. You are safer having either type of alarm; however, we do suggest that you place the ionization alarm closer to the bedrooms and use the photo electric alarm closer to the kitchens. The detectors come with very good instructions on proper placement, or call your local fire department for assistance.

Laconia Putnam Fund



**LEGENDARY
GUITARIST &
BLUES SINGER
PRESTON
SHANNON!**

**In concert October 12, 2012
Laconia High School ~ 7:00 pm**

**FREE ADMISSION!
NO TICKETS REQUIRED/
FIRST COME—FIRST SEATED**



In the pouring rain, volunteers from Lakes Region Boys & Girls Club and Belknap County Youth Services recently pulled weeds and cleaned a large planting bed at Stewart Park.

Thanks to your hard work, the area looks great!



Laconia Police Department

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



October 23rd through October 31st will mark the beginning of Red Ribbon Week as a national event!

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign that started in 1985 after the murder of a DEA Agent in Mexico City. Since the start of the event, the display of a Red Ribbon has been the symbol of a community against the use of illegal drugs.

Red Ribbon Week is officially sponsored by the National Family Partnership:

“National Family Partnership, formerly the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, was established as a grassroots, nonprofit organization in 1980 by a handful of concerned and determined parents who were convinced they should begin to play a leadership role in drug prevention. Nancy Reagan was an Honorary Chair of NFP. Since its founding thirty years ago, NFP has devoted its efforts to the well-being of youth. Today, NFP is a national leader in drug prevention education & advocacy. Our mission is to lead and support our nation’s families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug free youth.”

This year, the Laconia Middle School will be taking part in Red Ribbon Week by discussing the concerns of drug use and the effects drugs can have on the students and their families. The week will culminate in a flyover of the school at the end of the week where a photo of the students will be taken. The flyover is currently being scheduled with the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

The Laconia Police Department will be participating in Red Ribbon Week by displaying the ribbon on their cars. The community is asked to participate as well, by wearing red clothing, displaying the red ribbon at their homes or safely on their vehicles.

For further information about Red Ribbon Week, Red Ribbon items, and Red Ribbon Week history please visit their website at <http://redribbon.org>

The Community Action Program for Belknap-Merrimack Counties is still in need of Volunteer Drivers!

Please volunteer your time to help a neighbor in need remain independent. Every hour volunteered is greatly appreciated!



Volunteer Driver Program

Become A Volunteer Driver for Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc.

The Volunteer Driver Program is for persons age 60 and older and persons with disabilities. The program offers rides to medical appointments, shopping and other important services that help individuals remain independent. The need in the Laconia area is great. If you have a desire to help someone in Laconia and surrounding areas, you will benefit from the rewards of volunteering as much as our clients do! You can, set your own hours, take as few or as many trips as you'd like. For information on volunteering please contact Susan Jutras, Volunteer Driver Coordinator by phone 603-224-8043 or email: sjutras@bm-cap.org

It doesn't matter what services are out there for people, if they can't access them!



City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience!



NOTICE

CITY OF LACONIA HILLIARD ROAD BRUSH DUMP WILL COMMENCE WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (Normally at 1:00, weekdays)

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

PLEASE CALL ANN @ 528-6379 TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Mark Your Calendar!

The Laconia Public Library will be closed Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day.

We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to see you again soon!

Please call the Library at 524-4775 for more info

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!



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