



## Laconia Links

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### Public Works Department

#### RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Recycling is easy, economical and environmentally necessary! Your recycling efforts save natural resources and return recycling for reuse, and by recycling you save Laconia tax dollars by avoiding disposal costs. Laconia currently offers every-other-week collection of recyclables on specified collection routes. 14-gallon bins are provided by the City free of charge, or you may use any rigid household bin or barrel (up to 33 gal. in size) to place your recycling curbside for collection. Please clearly mark your container "RECYCLING" so that it is not mistaken for your trash container, or pick up a recycling decal at DPW headquarters at 27 Bisson Avenue. For recycling questions, please call 528-6379.



Click [here](#) for link to our Public Works Department website

**Reminder!**

**The next recycling collection week begins  
Monday, October 24th!**

*Welcome* to *Laconia Links*, a weekly e-mail 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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on  
our beautiful City!*

# LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION



## Wyatt Park Charrette was a big success!

Click [here](#) to access the Parks & Rec website

On October 12th Laconia Parks & Recreation hosted a meeting to discuss the future of Wyatt Park with many public officials in attendance along with over a dozen residents of the area. The group listed off the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the park; the top three of each of these are listed below:

### **STRENGTHS**

Playground  
Multiple possibilities  
Location

### **WEAKNESSES**

Behavior (criminal)  
Basketball courts  
Lack of money

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Lock courts at closing time  
Redesign park  
CIP playground revitalization \$

### **THREATS**

Lack of money for improvements  
Local residents not using park due to current users  
Treatment of neighbors

The group also listed some potential ideas that could improve the park such as a walking trail around and through the park with exercise equipment stations, more playground equipment, flower gardens with benches & a bocce court.

The next step for this project is for the police and parks departments to meet to determine some short term solutions for the current issues at the park and then implement them. For the long term goals, Joel St. Pierre from O'Brien & Sons is currently developing 3 conceptual designs, which along with the minutes of this meeting will be available online at the City's website under Parks & Recreation. For anything major to happen there will need to be money, therefore some major concepts will take more time to implement.

Any new developments or news that come up in regards to Wyatt Park will be posted on the City's website as well. Keep checking back regularly!

## **Laconia Public Library Upcoming Event.....**

**SCARY MOVIE  
NIGHT  
10/28/2011**

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

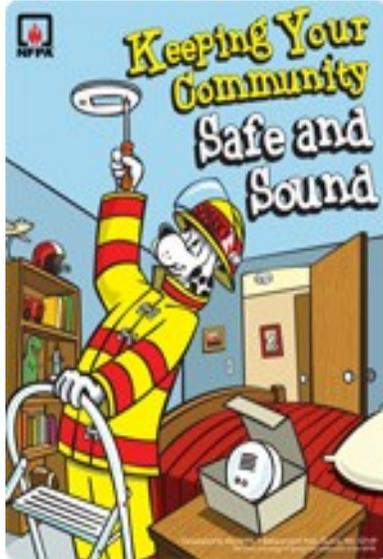
Friday, October 28th come to the Library by 5:30 pm to get into our first-ever old-time Scary Movie Night! For brave kids and their families in third grade or up. NO ONE will be admitted under third grade. In Rotary Hall. Free, with unusual snacks. Children under 10 yrs. old need to come with an adult. Please call 524-4775, Extension 13 for more information.





# ***Laconia Fire Department***

## **KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND SOUND**



As you may be aware, October is fire prevention month and you will see messages such as “Change your clocks, change your batteries” as a reminder to keep your smoke detectors in good working order. According to the National Fire Protection Association, working smoke detectors cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. By detecting and alerting people to fire in its early stages, it gives them time to escape safely. This year, once again, the Laconia Fire Department has teamed up with Lakes Region General Hospital to assist senior citizens in our community with their smoke detectors. On Saturday, October 29, members of the Fire Department will come to your home and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. With the help of LRGHealthcare, we can also offer free smoke detector installations. If you are a senior Laconia resident OR need help with changing your batteries and would like to take advantage of this service, call LRGHealthcare Education services at 934-2060 Ext. 8329 to set up your FREE appointment.

Click [here](#) to access the Fire Department website

## ***SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!***

Our new ambulance, purchased by Lakes Region General Hospital as part of their partnership with the City of Laconia. The cost of the unit, including special equipment, was \$240,000.



## ***CODE ENFORCEMENT***

The days are getting colder, and the Code Enforcement Office has begun to receive inquiries from tenants asking “When does the landlord need to turn on the heat?”

The answer to the parameters for heat are provided by several codes: the International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code and the International Plumbing Code for NH, as follows:

***Heat must be provided at 68 degrees from Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 until April 1, 2012 for Laconia, or if the outside temp maintains less than 60 degrees on a given day.***

NH has a Legal Advice & Referral Center which assists tenants at [www.larcnh.org](http://www.larcnh.org) or call 1-800-639-5290.

Click [here](#) to access Code Enforcement website



# Public Works Department



## Road Upgrades in Laconia and Lakeport Closing in on Final Phases



Three (3) Streets in Lakeport have been the focus of road and utility upgrades this construction season. The lower end of **Belvidere St.**, a portion of **Washington St.**, and the full length of **Fairmont St.** have seen natural gas, water, sewer and drainage upgrades over the past several weeks and these road sections were reclaimed, graded and paved with a base course of asphalt in recent weeks.



During the past 2 weeks all curbing and sidewalk re-construction has been completed. Final roadway paving was accomplished on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Only minor asphalt hand-work paving remains. We anticipate that all work will be completed by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Click [here](#) for link to our Public Works Department website

In central Laconia, the full length of **Oak St.** is being reconstructed. During the past two months, water main and sewer main upgrades have been accomplished. Replacement of natural gas mains and PSNH utility lines are currently being accomplished.

Detours are being utilized and major work continues on roadway widening, curb installation and sidewalk reconstruction as the intersection of **Oak St. & No. Main St.** is being fully reconstructed, including installation of new traffic signals.



The anticipated paving dates are October 28<sup>th</sup> (base course) and November 10<sup>th</sup> (final course). These dates are subject to change.

Anticipated project completion date is late November.



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Boy Scouts Den 68 enjoyed an amazing tour of the Laconia Police Department on October 12<sup>th</sup>!

Officer Benjamin Black led the tour through the station which included roll call, evidence room, dispatch center, detective division, administrative offices and the booking room. Scout members could be heard laughing as they were being fingerprinted in the booking room by Officer Black.



If your organization is interested in touring the Laconia Police Department, please contact Lieutenant Matthew Canfield at:

[mcanfield@laconiapd.org](mailto:mcanfield@laconiapd.org)  
or at 603-524-5257 Ext. 332.

After touring the inside of the building the tour moved outside, where they had an opportunity to sit in various types of police vehicles. Sitting inside of a police car with the lights and siren on always seems to be a crowd favorite!

The Laconia Police Department would like to thank Boy Scouts Den 68 for visiting us!



## NEWS FROM THE LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department has concluded its system upgrade on Oak Street. We would like to thank all of our customers for their understanding and cooperation during these few months of construction.



On a separate note, we would like to take this time to remind everyone that starting on Monday October 24, 2011 the Water Department will be conducting their hydrant flushing. While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful. Simply run the cold water until it clears.

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!

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## *Updates from the Planning Office...*

For the past year the Laconia Planning Department has been a member of the Lakes Region Planning Commission's (LRPC) Brownfields Advisory Committee. The Committee was formed to help the LRPC prioritize properties in the region for Brownfields assessments, as part of a \$400,000 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant.

So what is a Brownfield you ask? According to the EPA the term "brownfield site" means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

In 2011 assessments were completed on the former Lakes Region Facility on Parade Road, and the New England Yard property on Messer Street. By completing the assessment, the property owner allows for transparency in the site conditions, which highly appeals to

potential buyers and developers of the property. In addition, by participating in the EPA program for assessment, properties have a high likelihood of qualifying for clean up funds from the EPA.

If you are interested in participating in a City-wide Brownfields Committee to help identify future sites for funding, please contact:

**Planning Director**  
**Shanna B. Saunders**  
[SaundersS@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:SaundersS@city.laconia.nh.us)

**Link to the Planning Department's website  
for info and updates —click [here!](#)**



## **Laconia Putnam Fund**

*Don't forget the Friday,  
Oct. 21st performance:*

**The Four Freshmen  
In concert at  
Laconia High School  
7:00 p.m.**



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

See our schedule online at [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)  
Special Events/Putnam Fund

*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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*

Scott Myers, City Manager  
City of Laconia  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)

## **Finance Office News**

The City of Laconia currently has the following Request for Proposals (RFP) posted for required services and supplies:

**RFP No. 1110-01** is for Charrette Administration Services for the former Lakes Region Facility. The charrette will build on the meetings and report by the EPA in 2010 for their prepared workbook at:

[http://lakesrpc.org/documents/brown/LRF\\_PREPARED\\_Report\\_120710\\_final.pdf](http://lakesrpc.org/documents/brown/LRF_PREPARED_Report_120710_final.pdf)

The project goal is to provide decision makers input from the Laconia public in both illustrative and report format. Specific administrative services include organizing one or two charrette meetings, provide outreach and marketing of the events (press releases, etc.), provide technical expertise for drafting renderings of potential reuse and the drafting of a report summarizing the charrette results.

**RFP No. 1110-02** is to upgrade the current telephone system at City Hall to a system which will allow for additional incoming/outgoing voice

lines using a PRI circuit, simple to use voice mail with e-mail integration and the ability to continue to use the existing Nortel digital telephones in order to protect the current investment.

**RFP No. 1110-03** is for a standby power generator for the Weirs Fire Department. Ideally, the City would prefer a used unit with low hours but is ready to move forward with a new unit in the absence of an acceptable used unit. The desired unit will be an indoor, propane fired, 40KW, 120/208 volt unit with corresponding transfer switch.

Complete submission requirement packages are available online at the City's website at:

<http://www.cityoflaconianh.org/index.php/departments/purchasing-inside/current-opportunities>

Packages are also available at the City of Laconia Purchasing Office at 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246 or by contacting Jonathan Gardner by e-mail at [purchase@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:purchase@city.laconia.nh.us) or by phone at 603-524-3877.