



Laconia Links

November 7, 2014 - Edition #159

This year's Holiday Parade is Nov. 29!

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - October 13 through October 24, 2014					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 527.97		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$79,195.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$16,242.00	
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		32.93			
Monday	29.42	7.39	25.1%	8.83	\$216.00
Tuesday	42.27	12.14	28.7%	12.68	\$81.00
Wednesday	42.26	9.66	22.9%	12.68	\$453.00
Thursday	38.80	9.69	25.0%	11.64	\$292.50
Friday	37.90	8.13	21.5%	11.37	\$486.00
	Total = 190.65	Route Total = 47.01	Curbside Ave = 24.6%	Total = 57.20	Total = \$1,528.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 24.0%	Recycling Saves \$\$	

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!



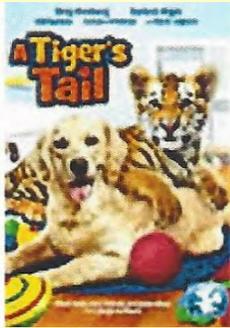
Please Note!



City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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



Movies & More for Kids!

Friday, November 14th at
3:45 p.m.: *A Tiger's
Tail*. This film is not rated
and is 77 minutes
in length.

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!



Felted Ornament Workshop!

Join us on Wednesday,
November 19th from 6:00 to
7:30 p.m. in Laconia Rotary
Hall for a holiday ornament
workshop. Using only wool
and a barbed felting needle,
we will learn how to create



needle felted decorations for the holidays. All participants will take home their projects and a small bundle of materials. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. For more information, please call the Library at 524-4775 Extension 12.



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will be closed on
Tuesday, Nov. 11th
for Veterans Day.

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.

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!*



Meeting
in
Progress

City Council

November 10, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Agenda

Laconia Airport Authority

November 11, 2014, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

Technical Review Comm. I

November 12, 2014, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

November 12, 2014, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Capital Improvement Comm.

November 12, 2014, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14
Early Release @ LMS - 12:21 Elementary Schools @ 1:00 pm PARENT CONFERENCES	Veteran's Day - No School 	PSS Walk to School Wednesday 8:10 @ Opechee Park	LMS JAG Empty Bowls @ LMS - 5:30	

GOOD NUTRITION FOR OUR STUDENTS

The Laconia School Foodservice Department takes pride in providing nearly 500,000 meals to our students each year. All of the meals exceed USDA regulations and include many fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as whole grain breads, rolls and pasta items.



We participate in the USDA's School Breakfast, National School Lunch and After School Snack programs, and provide free morning snacks to all Laconia elementary students as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

In October 2013, we became one of the first school districts in New Hampshire offering After School Dinners to students at Woodland Heights School. Dinners are now offered at all three Laconia Elementary Schools and Laconia Middle School! For more information please check their website [here](#).

RED RIBBON WEEK AT LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



During the week of October 27th the Laconia Middle School Student Council researched and offered daily informational announcements on the history

and purpose of Red Ribbon Week to educate everyone at LMS of the importance of this week of recognition. All LMS students and staff were asked to wear RED all week to show their support and to say they will live drug free. Student Council reps gathered in the multipurpose room every morning collecting non-perishable food items to donate to local church pantries. Student reps made signs and signed a pledge to stay drug free.



The Empty Bowls Project

When: November 13th, 2014 @ 5:30pm
 Where: Laconia Middle School Cafeteria
 Admission: Cash Donation/Recommended \$10.00
 Please RSVP to: jroberts@laconiaschools.org
 By 11/7/2014

SAVE THE DATE

Fundraiser to benefit new playground at WHS

Pancake Breakfast

November 15th 9am-11am in the WHS cafeteria

\$4 per person includes pancakes, sausage, coffee/juice



GOVERNOR HASSAN HOLDS ROUNDTABLE AT HUOT CAREER TECH CENTER

On Monday, October 27th Governor Hassan, Senator Hosmer and Maryland Governor O'Malley participated in a substance abuse and treatment roundtable at the Huot Technical Center. They were joined by members of public safety, community groups and health officials from throughout the Lakes Region. In many instances, addiction and mental illness are linked. Roundtable panelists also weighed in about the issue and answered questions from students who attended the event.



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Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

5th Annual
**Lakes Region Dancing
with the Stars**

Friday
November 14
6:30 pm

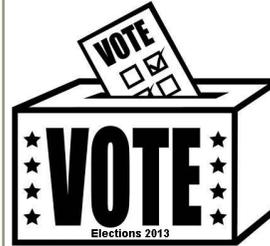
Shs community auditorium
Meredith, NH

tickets available at
www.eventbrite.com

adult: \$15
children (10&under): \$7

News

From the City Clerk's Office



2014 State General Election results are in! Thanks to those of you who exercised your right to vote, and thank you also to the election officials for your hard work on election day.

Click [here](#) for a total compilation of the votes tallied by Ward and a cumulative report of the winners.



Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, November 17th!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LAKES REGION

Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 15, 2014

9:00am - 3:00pm

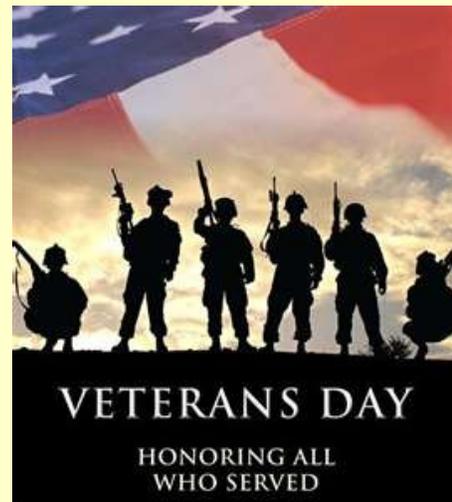
876 North Main Street

Laconia, NH

- Handmade Crafts
- Home Décor
- Jewelry
- Ornaments
- Photography
- Raffle Prizes

and much more!

Attention Crafters: There is still time to reserve your spot in our Clubhouse! Please contact Amber @ 527-0198 or Kathy @ 455-3034 for details and to sign up today!



Please join us as we salute and thank all veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. There will be a ceremony of remembrance at Veteran's Square at 11 am on Tuesday, November 11th.



NOTICE **City of Laconia** **Leaf Pickup**

During the week of Nov.10th, the City's solid waste contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves/yard waste (on your normal trash day). Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck **NOT** the normal trash truck.

ALL materials MUST be placed in PAPER COMPOST BAGS.

PLEASE place bagged yard waste at least 3 feet away from your trash.

Laconia residents may also bring leaves/yard waste to the composting area at the Laconia Transfer Station **FREE of charge**. Hours of operation are: Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, and Saturdays 8:00 am to Noon. Any questions please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.

Main Street Bridge
Construction



Click here for Main Street
Bridge info including
construction plans and
traffic detour maps.

The Main St. Bridge Construction Website is updated periodically with information on construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image (left) contains a link to a webpage relating to the project. On that page you will find the most current information on the bridge project.

Should you have any questions about the construction project or the website please contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

Please remember to support our downtown merchants during this project!

Thank you for your patience!



Laconia Police Department

Friends, family, and co-workers recently gathered to celebrate the retirement of Lieutenant Alfred Lessard.

Lieutenant Lessard joined the Department in 1998, rising to the rank of Sergeant in 2008, and to Lieutenant in 2011.

He was joined by his wife, Denise, and their two boys, Nathan and Evan. We wish the Lessard family the best in their future endeavors!

(Pictured from left to right, Nathan, Lieutenant Lessard, and Evan)



Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Laconia Putnam Fund Presents

THE 3RD ANNUAL

Blues FRIDAY

Johnny A.

Johnny A. is that kind of performer. For the better part of three decades, the Massachusetts-based guitarist and bandleader has proven himself capable of generating heat at venues from working-class bars to international amphitheatres – and every sort of venue in between. And when the house lights are turned up, he's just as adept at captivating serious students of the six-string with a virtuosity that earned him the rare honor of having his name placed on a signature Gibson® guitar.



Also Performing
James Montgomery Band



When blues legend James Montgomery plays the harmonica, he "brings it on home". Whether it's recording with Kid Rock, sitting in with Gregg Allman, or fronting his hot band of thirty years, Montgomery plays with authority. While growing up in Detroit he learned first-hand from the masters - James Cotton, John Lee Hooker, and Jr. Wells - at the legendary "Chessmate." Over the years, he and band mates George McCann, David Hull and Seth Pappas, have carried on in the tradition and continue to be a vital presence in Blues as some of the most dynamic performers on the scene.

Blues Friday, November 28th, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Laconia High School Auditorium.

Admission is Free, First Come, First Seated

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



News from the Planning Office



The NH Listens-style Community Conversation held on October 8th at the Belknap Mill was a great success with over 100 people in attendance! Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to join us. The NH Listens program is collating a report detailing the results from each of the 12 moderated discussion groups. This report will be available in mid-December and will be presented to the community in January.

At the forum the video "What We Love About Laconia" was shown...check it out on our website:
<http://www.reimaginelaconia.org/>



Department of Public Works



Veteran's Day
Tuesday,
Nov. 11th

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Tuesday, November 11th – Veteran's Day

Tuesday collections (and the collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call Ann
@ 528-6379, ext. 300.



St. James Christmas Fair

formerly across from Opochee Park, now at 2238 Parade Rd., Laconia
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Saturday, Nov. 22

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Raffle

- \$400 American Eyecare
- 100 gallons oil (Stafford Oil) (up to \$350)
- Quilt Of Valor
- Counted cross-stitch New England Sampler
- Handcrafted teddy bear
- \$100 certificate to Gilford Home Center

Homemade donuts and coffee 9:00 to 11:00

Chowder/soups and a roll after 11:00

Crafts

- Ornaments
- Baked goods
- Plants
- Books

New to you table

We hope we will see you at our new location!

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 (when available), police incidents, overtime costs and much 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



27th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

The annual Debra Bieniarz Award honors the legacy of the late Police Officer Debra Bieniarz, who served the City and its youth with uncommon devotion, dedication and distinction during her nine years with the Laconia Police Department before her premature death.

Each year the City Council presents this prestigious award to honor a Laconia resident who exemplifies Officer Bieniarz' unselfish commitment to Laconia's youth.

Now we need your help to find that special person this year. Please send or deliver your nomination by November 14th to the City Manager's Office, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246, or [e-mail to brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us)

Thanks for your help!

**PARTNERING
BECAUSE WE
CARE!**

**STAND UP
LACONIA**

**LACONIA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

JAG

**GREATER
LACONIA
MINISTERIAL
ASSOCIATION**



The Tragedies of Substance Abuse Can no longer be Ignored!



All are invited to a collaborative informational presentation—

What is happening in our community and what can we do?

Presenters from the LPD, School District and Stand Up Laconia

**November 13th
6:15 PM
Laconia Middle School
Cafeteria**



Trio Veritas Final Concert in 2014 Series at Taylor Community



The final concert in the Taylor Community 2014 Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features Trio Veritas. The trio is comprised of Violinist Sasha Callahan, Cellist Leo Egnuchi and Pianist Dan Perkins who will perform the music of Shostakovich, Haydn and Stookey. The free concert is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building and is open to the public.

The event is generously being sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Orton and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lauterwasser.

Callahan has established a vibrant and diverse career as a recitalist, chamber and orchestral musician. She has performed extensively throughout North America, Europe and Japan and is a founding member of the Lunaire String Quartet and Kalistos Chamber Orchestra.

Egnuchi can be heard as the cellist of Xanthos (a resident ensemble at Boston University), assistant principal of Camerata New England, principal of New Bedford Symphony, a member of the New Hampshire Music Festival, Portland Symphony and in frequent appearances with Boston Pops and the Boston Modern Orchestra Project.

Perkins is professor of music and director of choral activities at Plymouth State University. He is music director of the New Hampshire Master Chorale and Chamber Orchestra and the Manchester Choral Society and Orchestra. He is also principal guest conductor and director of chorale activities for the New Hampshire Music Festival.



Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. André Bessette Parish
31 Gilford Avenue, Laconia

St. André Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

Friday, November 7, 2014 5 - 8 P.M.
 Saturday, November 8, 2014 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Children's Sugar Plum Place
 with Games, Prizes,
 Face Painting,
 & Santa



Fritz's
 Food Baskets

Snow Queen
 Raffle Table

Mother Ginger's
 Cookie Walk

J & M's Cafe
 Opens at 11:00 A.M.



**"Merry Christmas"
 Decorations!**



Land of Sweets
 Baked Goods

Herr Drosselmeyer's
 Magical Surprise
 Theme Baskets

Nutcracker
 Baby Items

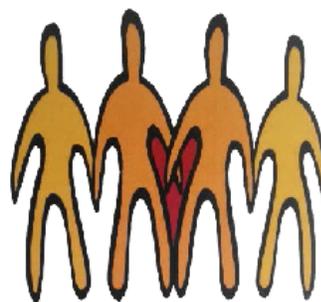
Clara's
 Gifts-To-Go

Unique Crafters

Tchaikovsky
 Jewelry Room



Delicious Italian Dinner
 Served Saturday 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.



Are you concerned about your child's use of alcohol or other drugs?

Peer Support Groups for Parents of Children, Teens and Young Adults with Substance Use Issues

- Free
- Confidential
- Comprised of Peers
- Respectful of others' views
- Accepting of chemical dependency as a treatable disease of the brain
- Always hopeful

F.A.S.T.E.R. Parent Support Group

(Families Advocating Substance Treatment, Education & Recovery)

The group is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month starting Sept. 11, 2014

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center 719 No. Main St. Laconia

Contact Nancy 603-293-0960

Groups are supported by a contract with N.H. Department of Health and Human Services with funds from U.S.D.H.H.S. The groups are a program of The Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative with New Futures and are funded by a SAMHSA, System of Care Grant, through the Division of Children, Youth and Families.

Halloween 2014 in City Hall Scooby-doo!



Can you identify these
 City staff members?
 Left - Planning Dept.;
 right - Assessing



A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!





Don't forget !
ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.



Everyone's immune system weakens as they age, so it's especially important for seniors (who are more susceptible to the flu) to get their flu vaccine.

Getting the vaccine protects you and prevents you from spreading the flu to your spouse, children or grandchildren. Click [here](#) to access the government's Flu.gov website for information to keep you healthy this flu season!

Laconia Senior Center is located at 17 Church Street in Laconia. Questions? Call 524-7689

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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessing	527-1268
Assessor - Jon Duhamel	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	

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Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
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