



Laconia Links

November 20, 2015 - Edition #212

Don't miss the Holiday Parade - Sunday, November 29th at 4 pm!

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - October 12, 2015 through October 23, 2015					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 548.88 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$82,332.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$20,928.00	
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		24.71			
Monday	28.59	6.96	24.3%	8.58	\$243.00
Tuesday	40.14	11.20	28.0%	12.04	\$126.00
Wednesday	39.67	6.17	15.5%	11.90	\$859.50
Thursday	36.83	8.18	22.2%	11.05	\$430.50
Friday	35.68	7.25	20.3%	10.70	\$517.50
	180.91	39.76	Curbside Ave = 22%	54.27	\$2,176.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 22.3%	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!



**AT THE
LACONIA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Wednesdays at
10:00 am
\$.50 per card
Come & have
some fun
with us!!**

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

LEGO® Club

Friday, November 20th @ 3 :30 pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to join the club! We'll supply the LEGO blocks and you supply the imagination!



Please Note! The Library will be closing early on Wednesday, November 25th at 4:00 pm and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving. We will be open our normal hours on Friday. Enjoy the holiday!



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.

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.



Board of Assessors

November 23, 2015, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

City Council

November 23, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

City Hall Closed

November 26th and 27th
Thanksgiving Holiday

*Become involved in your City
and make a difference!*

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](#)

Laconia High School

Congratulations to Laconia Sachems Football Standout, Keith Schultz, for receiving Cantin's Ultimate Team Player Award on Monday, November 16th. Well Done!



Congratulations to the following Laconia High School Band students who have been selected to represent Laconia High School on Monday, Nov. 23rd at Plymouth

State University in the All New England Band Festival: Taylor Gagne on clarinet, Mariah Hawkins on tenor sax, and Emily Huckins on tuba.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Howe who signed her national letter of intent on Friday, November 13th to play lacrosse at Boston University upon graduation.



Congratulations to Kyle Chiasson who signed his national letter of intent on Monday, November 16th to play college lacrosse at Franklin Pierce University upon graduation.

Laconia Middle School



Congrats to LMS student, Natalie Smith, on receiving her Child Champion Award by The Council for Youths with Chronic Conditions (CYCC). Natalie is a Youth Change Agent; she actively supports the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in its mission to cure Cystic Fibrosis and advocates for the thoughtful inclusion of all youth in activities. She is a friend to all and a child champion. Natalie is looking forward to a special Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser this spring and she hopes you will join her. She challenges you to find your passion and be a change agent!

Building Construction at HTC

We have been busy getting our second year students engaged in a fall shed build that is now ready for sale through a silent auction!



To view our shed, please stop by the semi-circle in front of LHS to get a closer look! We will not be taking bids through email, however. All silent auction bids are to be submitted to the Huot Office. We hope to reveal our shed winner by December 4th. Good Luck!

[HTC Silent Auction Bid Sheet](#)



Get Ready for the Holiday Season With Trillium in Concert



The next concert of the 2015 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features Trillium, a vocal trio from the Concord Community Music School. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m.** in Taylor's Woodside Building.

The trio is comprised of Jane Berlin Pauley, Hannah Schramm Murray and Peggo Horstmann Hodes. Pianist Calvin Herst will accompany the vocalists. The group will present a full program of Christmas music, including several well-known favorites.

Their performance is free and open to the public and is generously being sponsored by Joan Allison, Marge Steady and Joni Stover.



Department of Public Works

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 26th

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



There will be a **ONE DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Thursday, Nov. 26th. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday and Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

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

St. James Christmas Fair
2238 Parade Road
Saturday, Nov. 21
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Raffle

- \$400 American Eyecare
- 100 gallons of oil (Stafford Oil)
- Trip Around the World Quilt
- Art Work by Russ Thibeault
- Painting by Carol Johnson
- Counted cross-stitch sampler by Judy Farr
- Handcrafted teddy bear

Homemade donuts and coffee 9:00 to 11:00
Chowder/soups and a roll after 11:00

- Crafts
- Ornaments
- Baked goods
- Jams and jellies
- Fudge, cakes, pies
- New to you table



Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM
Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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.

Strong Fathers, Strong Kids



A monthly support group for fathers with children of any age

Come to discuss the challenges and rewards of fatherhood, make social connections with other dads, and engage in opportunities for shared problem-solving. Topics will largely be determined by the needs and interests of those participating in the group, but may include:

- Positive Discipline
- Communication
- Co-Parenting
- Balancing Work & Family
- Child Development
- Dealing with Emotions
- And other issues relevant to Fatherhood

The Family Resource Center
719 North Main St.
Laconia, NH
For more information
contact Tricia T
528-0391
tricia.tousignant@lracs.org

Strong Fathers, Strong Kids will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Join us for dinner beginning at 5:30pm, with group discussion beginning at 6:00pm. Limited on-site childcare may be available but must be reserved in advance by calling Tricia T. at 528-0391 or by emailing tricia.tousignant@lracs.org.

LRCS
**FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



The Linden
Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe
Foundation

COMING
SOON!!

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2015

The dates and times for the 2015 Village are...

Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Friday, December 4th from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 - 5:00pm

Sunday, December 6th from 2:00 - 5:00pm

This event is **FREE** for all to enjoy.
Donations are accepted and appreciated.

The Laconia Community Center Programs
are all postponed to allow the village to take
place from Friday, November 13 through
December 21st.

Annual
Downtown Laconia

HOLIDAY PARADE

4 pm
SUNDAY,
November 29, 2015

Now
Back on
SUNDAY

Santa Claus

Tree
Lighting
at
SUNSET

Bands
Floats
&
more

LAKES REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DOWNSIDE
Laconia

Shop Local!



[Parade Registration Form](#)

[Parade Participant Guidelines](#)

There is no cost to participate in the Annual Holiday Parade, but pre-registration is required.

Parade Registration Forms are available by clicking the link above, at All My Life Jewelers at 639 Main Street in Laconia, at www.LakesRegionChamber.org or at the Lakes Region Chamber.

The Laconia Putnam Fund

presents

Blues Friday with



"Brawny shuffles, swinging horns, searing guitar, passionate vocals and balls-to-the-wall enthusiasm" – LIVING

Friday, November 20th • 7:00 pm
Laconia High School Auditorium

Admission is FREE
First Come, First Seated

Like us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Coffee with a Cop

You are invited to join Chief Adams at **Dunkin Donuts, Union Avenue, Laconia, NH** on **December 8th at 10:00 am** to kick off Laconia's next **Coffee with a Cop** event!

It is a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In over 175 cities and towns in 36 states, "Coffee with a Cop" has done wonders for community trust, police legitimacy and partnership building. Community members come to a local "Coffee with a Cop" for a variety of reasons, but no matter why they come to their community's event, they

are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

One of the keys to "Coffee with a Cop's" success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members. Instead, it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is the foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

Please plan to join us!



Catholic Charities
is participating with Toys for Tots this year!



Catholic Charities will provide children birth to 16 with toys this holiday season donated by the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Families receiving toys will participate in a financial fitness class as part of the process. Proof of residency, Social Security card/birth certificate or State letter as proof for custody of child and income/expense information is required. Taking requests through November 30th.

Contact Leonard Campbell at Catholic Charities, 528-3035, Ext.14, or email lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Assessing Verification of Data

Our field personnel are now in the northern Gilford Avenue area, working their way down the side streets (Sanborn/Carver/Morrill, etc.) verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). We are also working in the Elm St./Mallard Cove area.

Postcards are being mailed in advance of our visit. Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated! Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.

Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday Nov. 30, 2015!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please Note! City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving. We apologize for any inconvenience!



Save the Date!

Pumpkin Festival 2016 will be on Saturday, October 22nd!



Black Friday Adopt-a-thon

November 27, 9:30 - 2:30 at the



belknap MALL

Dogs & puppies only
click for more info

The dogs have Black Friday,

but it's all about the cats on

Caturday at the
NH Humane Society!



November 28
10 am - 4 pm



Elks
Hoop Shoot

11/22/2015
LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATIONS 8-8:30 AM
COMPETITION STARTS AT 8:30 AM
AGES 8-13 BY 4/1/2016

3 AGE GROUPS
8-9 BOYS & GIRLS
10-11 BOYS & GIRLS
12-13 BOYS & GIRLS

WINNERS IN EACH AGE AND GENDER
CATEGORY WILL ADVANCE

TROPHY PRESENTATION AND MEAL FOLLOWING
THE CONTEST AT THE LACONIA ELKS LODGE



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!



Women Soldiers in the Civil War



In 1861 women had few opportunities for employment – nurse, teacher or governess. But some women wanted to fight for their country. Dave Decker will provide biographical sketches of heroic women who served for both the North and South during a presentation Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested by calling 524-5600.

Between 250 and 1,000 women disguised themselves as men and fought as soldiers during the American Civil War. They volunteered in all capacities and even served as officers, demonstrating equality with men in their fighting ability and bravery in the midst of battle.

This program is part of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society traveling series.

City Manager Updates

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

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from 2015 road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

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



Temple B'nai Israel

Laconia, N.H.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22 - 3 p.m.

Temple B'nai Israel

210 Court Street, Laconia

*Sponsored by Greater Laconia Ministerial Association
and the Immigration Integration Initiative -
Refreshments will be served.*



*Donations of canned goods
welcomed for the local food
pantries.*



Laconia Fire Department

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

Thanksgiving Day Fire Safety

Laconia Fire Department wants to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Day. It is a great time to be with family and friends. Unfortunately, three times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day. There are a multitude of reasons for this increase. People are cooking multiple dishes, preparing other treats, setting tables, talking with family and can easily get distracted. It takes just a few short moments for a fire to get started in a busy kitchen. Towels, pot holders and paper bags are placed too near the stove. Candles are very common on the holidays and can be placed in a bad spot. Food will burn if not monitored closely. People are talking, watching parades or football on the TV, and they can quickly forget what is going on in the kitchen.

Cooking fires increase on holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas; it's also one of the leading causes of home fires year round. Since 2010 the Laconia Fire Department has responded to 135 cooking fires. These fires have caused thousands of dollars in property damage and are very disruptive to families. We are fortunate that in most cases we get notified quickly and therefore respond quickly and minimize the damage.

There are simple steps to take to make your holiday a safer day. Simple awareness of your surroundings and what is going on is very important!

Remain in the kitchen while you're cooking, and keep a close eye on what you fry! Always stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Regularly check on food that's simmering, baking or roasting, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

Keep things that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains away from the cooking area.

Be alert when cooking. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire on the stovetop and decide to fight the fire: Smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



If you're cooking a turkey using a disposable aluminum pan, consider doubling up and using two pans to avoid a puncture, as dripping turkey juices can cause an oven fire.

We discourage the use of turkey fryers at any time. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns and other injuries, and the destruction of property due to the large amount and high temperature of oil used.

Always call 911 if you have a fire and get everyone out of the house. Never go back in to the home...wait for the Fire Department!



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

The course is designed for adults who regularly interact with adolescents (teachers, school staff, coaches, youth group leaders, parents, bus drivers, etc.). In January 2013, President Obama recommended Youth Mental Health Training for all. The core Mental Health First Aid course has been successfully offered to more than 100,000 people across the USA, including hospital staff, employers and business leaders, faith communities, law enforcement, and the general public.

WHO:	Community Members
WHAT:	Youth Mental Health First Aid
WHEN:	Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
WHERE:	Laconia School District Administrative Office Board Room 39 Harvard Street
COST:	Free (Cost supported by the Project AWARE Grant) - Training limited to 25 participants - Snacks and Lunch provided

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

The course teaches participants the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, psychosis, eating disorders, AD/HD, disruptive behavior disorders, and substance use disorder. Participants do not learn to diagnose, nor how to provide any therapy or counseling – rather, participants learn to support a youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis by applying a core five-step action plan:

- ~Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- ~Listen nonjudgmentally
- ~Give reassurance and information
- ~Encourage appropriate professional help
- ~Encourage self-help and other support strategies

The Youth Mental Health First Aid USA curriculum is primarily focused on information participants can use to help adolescents and transition-age youth, ages 12-18.

To enroll please email Janet Brough at jbrough@laconiaschools.org no later than December 21st.



**KNOW
THE SIGNS**



**LEARN THE
ACTIONS**



**BE A
LIFELINE**





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

Wellness Shuttle!



Cold weather has arrived and snow is on the way....now is the time to take advantage of the Wellness Shuttle! Just plan your medical appointments for any Wednesday and take advantage of this wonderful service. Visit the

folks at the Senior Center or give them a call at 524-7689 to schedule your trip. Stay warm and safe this winter!

*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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David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
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Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
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Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us