



Laconia Links

November 29, 2013 - Edition #111

Christmas Village Opening Soon!
(see page [eight](#) for details)

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - November 11 through November 22					
YTD* Recyclables Collected = 610.84		Savings to Taxpayers *YTD (@ \$150/ton) = \$91,626.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars *YTD = \$16,824.00	
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		26.39			
Monday	27.82	6.55	23.5%	8.35	\$270.00
Tuesday	39.19	11.34	28.9%	11.76	\$63.00
Wednesday	42.25	8.20	19.4%	12.67	\$670.50
Thursday	35.62	8.13	22.8%	10.69	\$384.00
Friday	33.88	7.31	21.6%	10.16	\$427.50
	Total = 178.76	Route Total = 41.53	Curbside Avg = 23.2%	Total= 53.63	Total = \$1,815.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 weeks = 24.2%	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!



The next recycling collection week begins **Monday, Dec. 2nd!**

Resident Guide

A new "Resident Guide" has been created and updated to provide Laconia residents with an easy reference to all City departments, a brief summary of the responsibilities of each department, and contact information. We hope you find it helpful! Just click [here](#) to access the document.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please Note! The Library will be closing early on Wednesday, November 27th at 4:00 pm and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holiday!



Check out the Library's Website [here!](#)

LPL Teen Scene

Did you know that the Laconia Public Library's website includes a special section just for teens? You can access it on the website under the "Teen Scene" tab, or click [here](#).

You'll find everything from fun and interesting facts relating to science, history and geology to entertainment, college and career info and "How Stuff Works"!

Log on today!



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.

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

Planning Board

Dec.3, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Comm./Licensing Bd.

Dec. 4, 2013, 12 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Comm.

Dec. 4, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Water Commissioners

Dec. 5, 2013, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water
Treatment Facility
Conference Room

Thank you to every person who has ever told me I can't. You're just another reason why I will.
wannaplayrtime.tumblr.com

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Huo Career Tech Center Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6
*VIPSS 6:30 PM @ PSS	*6th Grade Recogni- tion @ LMS @ 1:40 pm in Café *Laconia School Board Mtg. @ 7:00 pm @ 39 Har- vard Street	*7th Grade Recogni- tion @ LMS @ 1:40 pm in Café	*8th Grade Recogni- tion @ LMS @ 1:40 pm in Café	*LMS Dance @ 6pm @ LMS Café Essence of Giving at ESS 12/7 - details in next week's Laconia Links



THANKSGIVING BASKETS DONATED TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Over 1000 items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for Thanksgiving in our first annual Thanksgiving Basket Challenge. School District staff and students were asked to donate items to put together for food baskets to be handed out at the pantry. Laconia Middle School donated 836 items alone and were the winners for amount of items. Elm Street School decorated five individual boxes and packed each with a complete turkey dinner making them the winners for following the rules and creativity. Thank you to all who participated.



THANKSGIVING DINNER CELEBRATED AT WOODLAND, PLEASANT AND ELM STREET SCHOOLS

Last week Thanksgiving was celebrated in our elementary schools with the family and friends invited to share in the traditional meal with students and staff. Woodland Heights Kitchen Crew prepared the food for Woodland Heights, Elm Street and Holy Trinity schools served 519 guests, not including students that eat at school regularly. At Pleasant Street School the kitchen crew prepared meals for 187 guests as well as students. Laconia Police Department continued in their tradition of helping serve meals at Woodland!



LHS CROSS COUNTRY BACK IN THE RUNNING

Last year, Laconia High School coaches, alumni and the athletic director, along with family and friends, worked together to rename two awards after two great people from Laconia's past, Larry Stinson and Tom Dowling. On November 21, 2013, the Laconia Sachem Cross-Country team held their season ending banquet. With Laconia High School Cross-Country Alumni in attendance, the first ever Larry Stinson MVP Award and the Tom Dowling Coaches' Award were presented. Both Larry and Tom's family and friends were delighted to have their loved ones honored by the school. Junior Troy Harper took home the Larry Stinson award for his consistent season as the teams number one runner. Senior Captain Timmy Kneuer took home the Tom Dowling Award for his leadership, dedication, and athletic achievements. Go Sachems!



Left-Right - Assistant Coach-Alex Hilson, Laconia High School X-C Alumni-Russ Legauex, Sachems Most Improved Runner-Logan Brough, Tom Dowling Coaches Award- Capt. Timmy Kneuer, Larry Stinson Most Valuable Runner-Troy Harper, Laconia High School X-C Alumni-Tina Cox, Head Coach-Andrew Mercer



COLD WEATHER REMINDER FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.....

We are heading into our Fall/Winter season... please be sure that your child has warm clothing for our NH weather; hat, mittens, warm coat and boots are a must have for everyone.

Follow us on **Twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)



**“Keeping Your Keys”
Re-Scheduled for
Friday, December 13th**



Keeping Your Keys - a program designed for senior drivers and their families - is scheduled for Friday, December 13 at 1 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave.

Cindy Chickering, a 33-year veteran with the American Automobile Association and a licensed Personal Lines Insurance agent for 23 years, will present the program. Chickering will discuss how driving skills change over time and how older drivers can adjust to these changes to continue driving.

She’ll also talk about available resources to extend safe driving careers, the importance of proactively managing the driving career, and planning ahead for driving retirement.

The event is free and open to the public; however, preregistration is required. To RSVP, Please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or email rsvp@taylorcommunity.org.

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

PRESENTS

ROOMFUL OF BLUES



“Roomful's music can turn a dull evening at home into a heel-clicking night of fun.”
~ People Magazine

Roomful of Blues, “is in a class by themselves”
~ DownBeat Magazine.

“The hottest blues band I've ever heard.”
~ Count Basic

Friday, November 29, 2013

at 7:00 pm

Laconia High School Auditorium

Admission is Free.

First Come, First Seated



GREENS & GIFTS

BOUTIQUE

THE BELKNAP MILL, Downtown Laconia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 1 PM - 7 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 9 AM - 3 PM

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www.opecheegardenclub.com, 524-8813

NEWS

From the
City Clerk's Office

Special Election Absentee Ballot Requests

The District 1 Executive Council Primary Election will be held on January 21, 2014.

If you would like to request an absentee ballot, please click [here](#) for the request form.

Please allow one to two weeks for delivery of your absentee ballot after the filing period on December 2, 2013.

Click [here](#) for Clerk's website



Lakes Region BETTER TOGETHER

Taking our community from ordinary to EXTRAORDINARY

You are invited
to join us in our journey to
EXTRAORDINARY.

3rd Annual Celebration Dinner
December 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm
LRCS, 719 No. Main Street, Laconia

- Share dinner.
- Hear from *Stand Up for Laconia, a Better Together Action Team*, about the positive efforts to address substance use in our community.
- Celebrate our efforts to rekindle our spirit of neighborhood and community.

Dinner is free—

Donations gratefully accepted.

RSVP to Shannon at 581-1571 or
shannonr@lracs.org by November 29.

NOT ONE LESS

Date: December 2, 2013 (Monday)

Time: 6:30pm

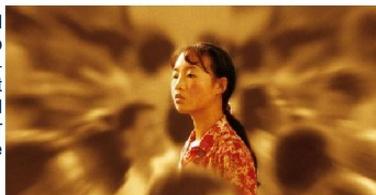
Place: Laconia Public Library



Realistic,
compassionate
story of rural
China

- A determined 13 year old 'teacher'
- Serio-comic, touching adventure

The Laconia International Film Series is open free to everyone. Informal discussion follows the film. Light snacks are provided. Feel free to bring a cushion for comfort in viewing the movie.



For more information, please contact:
Carol Pierce at newdynam@aol.com or Len Campbell at lcampbell@nh-cc.org

International Film Series –*Not One Less* – Monday, December 2, 2013

The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library presents *Not One Less*, Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm.

Set in the People's Republic of China during the 1990s, Wei, a thirteen year-old girl, is called upon to substitute for a village teacher for one month. At 13 with only a primary school education, she is, to say the least, inexperienced to handle a large class of elementary school boys and girls. Two students, in particular, cause her grief. Her persistence and resourcefulness create an amazing adventure. The film casts only amateur actors whose real-life names and occupations resembled those of characters they play in the film.

The director, Zhang Yimou's, filmed the movie on location in Hebei province involving hidden cameras and natural lighting. He worked closely with government censors during production of the film. Though pressed not to show China as too backward or too poor, it gives a realistic view of rural China today. The film won the Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion Award and several others.

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE OUT!



Tax bills are being mailed on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. They are due on December 30, 2013. Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall. We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions. Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

Follow this [link](#) to our Tax Department for more info...



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES



Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 28th

There will be a **ONE DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Thursday, Nov. 28th. 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

Stand Up Laconia

Craft Fair

Click [here](#) for registration form

Saturday, March 22, 2014 9-3p.m.

Laconia High School
345 Union Avenue, Laconia NH

Spring

Vendors Wanted!

1st Annual Craft Fair—Vendors wanted for this amazing event. All proceeds benefit "Stand Up Laconia" which benefits drug awareness and prevention. Laconia High School/Huot Technical Center Business Students are leading this event and want to make a change in Laconia!

First ten vendors get \$10 off

Sponsored by
Stand Up Laconia
Business Club/Huot
Technical Center

Contact Info:
Jannine Farrar
jfarrar@laconiaschools.org
603-525-6693 X5008



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!



Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257

News

From the Laconia Water Department

Prevention Versus Reaction



As the Water Department is nearing its completion of our annual winter preparation/prevention program, this is a reminder for our customers to keep in mind the potential of water pipes freezing.

If the temperature inside a house gets below 32 degree Fahrenheit (0 degree Celsius) it's likely that the water supply pipes and the drain traps will freeze. When water freezes it expands nine percent, and if there is no room for expansion it's possible that the pipe will develop a crack and eventually leak once the ice thaws out. Fixing a burst pipe can be expensive, but the damage from uncontrolled water leakage can easily reach into the thousands of dollars.

The majority of the calls received for frozen water pipes and water meters are a result of inadequate heating and cold air drafts where piping is located in the home. It is recommended that property owners check their property for these conditions and identify the location of their water meter and shutoff valve before an emergency.

The property owner is ultimately responsible for repairs to the piping within the home or building. The Water Department will replace frozen or damaged meters. Customers will be charged for the cost of the replacement of the meter and after-hours service calls, as applicable.



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

If for any reason you cannot stop the flow of water from a frozen or broken pipe, call the Water Department's 24-hour emergency number at 524-0907.

Basket Raffles & Bake Sales



Friday December 6, 13, and 20
1- 4pm LRCS Main Office
719 N. Main Street Laconia

Basket Raffles at the Belknap Mall
~One Day Only~

Friday, November 29, 9am – 1pm

Raffle Drawings will be held at
LRCS Main Office on 12/20 at 4pm

LAKE REGION
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Reminder!

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

**PLEASE CALL ANN, 528-6379 Ext. 300
TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS**



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

524-5046

Santa's Calling

Tuesday, December 3rd

6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Free for those who have the spirit!

Every year Santa comes to Laconia Parks & Recreation to call the kids of Laconia.

Please call our office to pre-register your children by December 2nd.

This is always a big hit with the kids.

If necessary we will be adding a second night.



Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00pm ~ Free

Starting at the Community Center, we will leave to sing door to door at the Taylor Community.

This will bring a smile to some, cocoa will be provided but bring your own travel mug. Please call Laconia Parks & Recreation to sign up by December 2nd

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 5, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday & Friday 6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 ~ 5:00pm

FREE with donations accepted & appreciated.

Come see Santa, Mrs. Claus and all their friends from the North Pole.

Pictures available for \$3.00



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
524-5046

Hurray for the Holidays

Date: December 11th

6:00 ~ 8:00pm

\$2.00 per person

Let's have some holiday fun at the Community Center. Bring the family and make ornaments, etc.

Must register & pay by December 7th



Mother/Child
Cookie Decorating

Date: December 13th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Moms and kids make a date and come decorate some sugar cookies.

Must register & pay by December 7th

Snowman Contest

December 1st through March 1st
Make a snowman with your family and take a picture of it. Send the picture in to us by March 1 and possibly win a prize!





Laconia Fire Department

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

Laconia Fire Department Issues Warning About Turkey Fryers



Over the past decade there has been a new trend for cooking turkeys - the turkey fryer. The traditional method of cooking a turkey could take hours; a turkey fryer can complete the job in less than an hour. Unfortunately, every year deep fat fryers are responsible for around 1,000 fires, resulting in five deaths and 60 injuries. As the fryers become more common the fires and deaths will continue to increase.

Because of the risks attributed to turkey fryers, Underwriters Laboratories will not certify any fryer with their trusted UL mark and many safety organizations warn against their use. The majority of reported incidents occurred while the oil was being heated, prior to adding the turkey.

For this reason, it is very important consumers monitor the temperature of the oil closely. If any smoke at all is noticed coming from a heating pot of oil, the burner should be turned off immediately because the oil is overheated. A flash fire can occur very quickly at this point.

Should you choose to fry a turkey please be sure to follow these safety guidelines:

- Turkey fryers are not meant to be used indoors.
- Keep the fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Do not let children get anywhere near the fryer.
- Place the fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Never use IN, ON or UNDER a garage, breezeway, porch or any structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911.
- DO NOT extinguish fire with water.

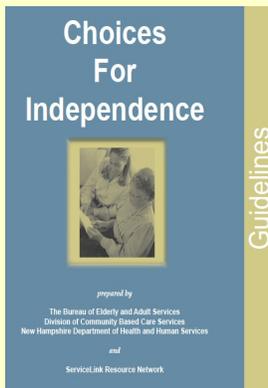
Follow these guidelines as you prepare to use a turkey fryer:

- ▶ Make sure you have at least two feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- ▶ Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- ▶ Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- ▶ Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.
- ▶ Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add. If instructions are not available:
 - Place turkey in pot
 - Fill with water until the turkey is covered by about 1/2 inch of water
 - Remove and dry turkey
 - Mark water level. Dump water, dry the pot, and fill with oil to the marked level.

Remember, you are heating several gallons of combustible oil to a very high temperature. If the oil ignites it will create a very serious fire and produce huge amounts of thick black smoke. The Fire Chief dealt with one of these fires about 15 years ago that destroyed the home's kitchen and left major damage to the rest of the home.



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



Administered by the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, the "Choices for Independence" program provides service choices to help seniors and adults with chronic illnesses to continue living independently in their own homes and communities. Click on the image (left) for introductory info about the program, or contact NH ServiceLink at 866-634-9412.

*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 - Katie Walsh
- 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. (Lakeport) 524-7777
- 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 Baumoe
- 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

City Council Contact Info:

- Mayor Michael Seymour 524-6552
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) 393-6533
- Matthew Lahey (Ward 2) 524-4283
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) 524-6349
- Robert Hamel (Ward 5) 524-6360
- Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) 524-2514
- E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us

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