



Photo courtesy of W. Stephen Loughlin

Councilors Robert Hamel & Armand Bolduc and Mayor Ed Engler at the Holiday Parade

Laconia Links

December 11, 2015 - Edition #215

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - November 9, 2015 through November 20, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 658.22 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$98,733.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$25,516.50	
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		27.04			
Monday	23.94	5.74	24.0%	7.18	\$ 216.00
Tuesday	41.16	11.11	27.0%	12.35	\$ 186.00
Wednesday	40.41	8.19	20.2%	12.12	\$ 589.50
Thursday	36.29	8.12	22.2%	10.89	\$ 415.50
Friday	40.42	8.47	21.0%	12.13	\$ 549.00
	182.22	41.63	Curbside Ave = 22.8%	54.67	\$1,956.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 21.1%	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!



News From the Tax Dept...

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE 12/28/15!

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, American Express 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...

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

Teen Scene: Watercolor Mugs



Tuesday, December 15th
@3:30, Laconia Rotary Hall

Teens in grades 6-12
can make their own
custom mugs using
watercolors.

We'll provide all the supplies!



Holiday Decorations **Monday, December 14th** **6 pm, Laconia Rotary Hall**

Join us at the Laconia Public
Library to celebrate the season
by creating some holiday
ornaments!

Using discarded books, we will
have an opportunity to make a
variety of decorations. Sign up is
required and space is limited.



Please call 524-4775 to sign up.

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

December 14, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Downtown TIF

December 15, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200B

Conservation Commission

December 16, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Police Commission

December 17, 2015, 3:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Laconia Airport Authority

December 17, 2015, 4:00 pm
Airport Conference Room

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



The Laconia High School Key Club has had a busy start to the school year! The Key Club is a student led branch of the Kiwanis Club and focuses on community service. We have participated in several events this year; including Pumpkin Fest, Lakes Region Spelling Bee, Relay for Life Breast Cancer Walk and the Turkey Plunge. Our two largest events have been the Sleep Out for Homeless Awareness and the Polar Express. The Key Club does an annual sleep out in front of Laconia High School during Homeless Awareness Week in November.

This year we raised an amazing \$729 in donations! Key Club students went on Saturday, December 5 to Market Basket in Tilton where they purchased food with Kiwanis Club members for local homeless shelters. On Friday, December 4, the Key Club had 22 members volunteer at the Polar Express in Lincoln, NH. The members were official Elves for the evening, working with over 350 people who came to the North Pole that evening. All members agree that this was a special event, seeing the children coming off the train and walking them to the North Pole is not something they will soon forget! The Key Club looks forward to more events in 2016.



Woodland Heights School

On Tuesday, December 8th, Woodland Heights School hosted a bake sale. The bake sale was a fundraiser to support the New Hampshire Humane Society in Laconia. This was a student driven event which allowed students to sell baked goods during their lunch period. The fundraiser offered students hands-on learning and the opportunity to practice their communication and math skills in a real life setting. The total earnings of the day were \$151.00.

Although students sold a lot of baked goods, there were plenty leftover. They decided to donate all of the remaining goodies to the Carey House.

Next Tuesday, the Humane Society will be coming by at 10:00 a.m. to accept their donation personally from the kids! :)

Thanks to all who helped make this community event successful!





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

Coffee with a Cop



Shown in the photograph (left) are Chief Christopher Adams and Commissioner Armand Maheux along with several members of the community who participated in the Coffee with a Cop Program at the Dunkin Donuts on Union Avenue on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

Chief Adams advised it was a great turn out and he really enjoys talking to folks in a relaxed atmosphere.

We hope you can join us for our next event!

Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Tree of Love

An annual symbol of community Christmas and holiday spirit, angels lovingly adorn the tree to honor and remember our living and lost family and friends.



Angels are \$3 each, and may be purchased in the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop.

Holiday Shopping

The LRGH Gift Shop is open every Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in December. Proceeds benefit the community.

Alex & Ani • Holiday Décor • Scarves • Jewelry

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.

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS 524-5046

Hurray for the Holidays

Date: December 15th

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 8th.



Family Cookie Decorating

Date: December 17th

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$10.00 per family of 4,

\$2.00 each additional person

Families mark your calendar and come decorate some sugar cookies!

Must register & pay by December 10th

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!





7TH ANNUAL BELKNAP MILL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR

**SAT, DEC. 12
9 AM TO 3 PM**

- Complete your Holiday Shopping
- Quality Gifts and Craft Items
- Bake Sale & Craft Raffle

Socks, shoe laces and belts
created on vintage
knitting machines
are available year round
in our Gift Shop,
along with books, cards,
products and handcrafted items
from local vendors,
authors and artists.



ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia NH • 603-524-8813 • www.belknapmill.org

Proceeds support the Belknap Mill –
WHERE ARTS AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE



FREE ADMISSION

Bring your family to
visit the Knitting Room and
Powerhouse Museum

Wrap up your holiday shopping at the 7th Annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 12, from 9am to 3pm. Visit the historic mill building in its holiday glory at 25 Beacon Street East in downtown Laconia.

Visitors will enjoy a wide assortment of unique products from dozens of craftspeople. Stroll through the Bazaar for exceptional gift ideas, including handmade and sewn products, holiday and home décor, crocheted hats, scarves and doilies, whimsical Santa hats, denim purses and wallets, aprons, toy animals, quilled and quilted ornaments and cards, bird houses, catnip mice, candles, soap, lotions, wood turned bowls and pens, laser wood ornaments, key and coat racks, cribbage boards, fabric snowmen and Santas, jewelry, and photography. Specialty food items include fudge, truffles, whoopie pies, peanut brittle, honey, gifts-in-a-jar, and zucchini salsa. Items from participating craftspeople have been donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction continuing the spirit of giving back this holiday season.

There will be fresh-baked goods available for sale as well as raffle items from participating vendors, with proceeds supporting the Belknap Mill. The Mill's knitting room and powerhouse museums will be open making for a family friendly event. Visit the first floor Gift Shop, an essential stop when looking for locally made products throughout the year. Visitors are encouraged to take a chance to take home a decorated holiday wreath on display. Winners will be chosen on December 12.

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS THE **FOUR FRESHMAN**



The Four Freshmen remain the Acclaimed Masters of Harmony presenting their unique brand of vocal pop harmony of headlining concerts around the globe.

As the Wall Street Journal proclaims,

"Long live The Four Freshmen, may they never graduate."

Friday, December 11th, 2015

at 7:00 PM

Laconia High School Auditorium.

Admission is Free, First Come, First Seated

Like us on Facebook

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

Reminder!



**The next recycling
collection week
begins Monday
December 14, 2015!**





Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



In the spirit of giving: For years the Laconia Police Department has been helping different community groups throughout the year. They have been seen serving lunches at the schools for Thanksgiving, donating money to local sports teams for much needed equipment and reaching out to support Pupil Enrichment Programs and families in crisis.

Each year, The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction donates money to the Laconia Police Family Fund. The Laconia Police Department makes sure that the money goes right back to serve the Laconia community members.

Christmas can be a stressful time for a lot of people. To help relieve some of that stress for some families, monies from the LPD Family fund are used to provide Christmas gifts for struggling families. Members of the Police Department shop, wrap and deliver gifts to over 20 children on Christmas Eve.

We are a small community with A LOT of heart.



Thank you LPD for supporting Laconia's families!



What if asking one simple question, "Have you (or a family member) ever served in the military?" could change the life of a service member, veteran or military family?

Through increased awareness and understanding, providers from all sectors- healthcare, mental health, children's services, education, law enforcement, etc.- can make a real difference.

For more information and/or resources please contact Allison Hutchins, Provider Outreach Specialist at ServiceLink Resource Center of Belknap County at 603-528-6945 or by visiting www.AsktheQuestionNH.com.

Click [here](#) for a comprehensive list of Military/Veteran-Specific Resources & Referrals.



Living Well



Better Choices, Better Health Workshop

*Designed to help you or someone you live with,
better manage your chronic health condition
including arthritis, joint pain, diabetes, high blood
pressure, COPD, chronic pain, asthma or others!*

Free Six Week Workshop

Mondays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Woodside Bldg, Taylor Community

Tuesdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Franklin Regional Hospital

Registration required. Please call 527-7120



**“I learned to set manageable goals for myself and to focus on what I could do
or change to improve my condition.”**

**“Better Choices, Better Health workshops put me back in charge.
Now I have the energy to do the things that matter.”**

“I’ve put life back in my life”

In collaboration with the NH CDSMP Network, a Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program



Members of the Laconia Kiwanis Club and the Belknap House have joined forces to sell Christmas trees from a lot on Court Street next to Coldwell Banker Real Estate. A portion of the sale proceeds will be used by each organization to support local not-for profit causes.

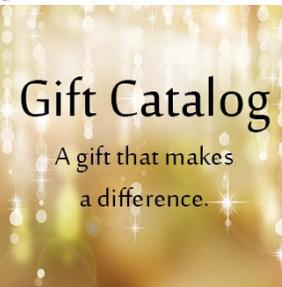
The Laconia Kiwanis Club raises money to fund numerous child related causes throughout the Lakes Region including the Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, The Lakes Region Boys' & Girls' Club and the Laconia High School Key Club.

Belknap House provides families in Belknap County a safe shelter especially in cold weather months when children are at risk during homelessness, and empowers families to become self sufficient and independent by providing opportunities of education and resources available to them.

Christmas trees will be sold daily from 9 am to 8 pm and free delivery will be provided!



Shown in the picture above are Colleen Garrity of Belknap House and Jeff Beane (dressed as Santa) from the Laconia Kiwanis Club.



Not sure what to give this year? Why not give a gift that makes a difference. Purrfect for the animal lover in your life! Six gifts to choose from, [see them here!](#)



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, 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, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

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





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

Come and join the fun!

- Line dancing: Tuesdays at 1 pm
- Chair Exercise: Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:00
- Chess: Wednesdays, after lunch
- Bridge: Tuesdays after lunch
- Scrabble: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, after lunch
- Creative Crafters: Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm
- Bingo: Mon., Wed. and Friday from 9 am 11 am

Take advantage of all your Senior Center
has to offer!

*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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