



Laconia Links

December 16, 2011 - Edition #10

Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - November 28 thru December 9

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Current % Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		24.0	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	26.75	3.06	11%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	52.34	9.42	18%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	49.02	6.17	12%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	42.61	5.72	13%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	43.58	5.38	12%	10%	Baer
Curbside Average:	14%	Curbside Average:	12.1%	Prior 2 weeks:	13.8%

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

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

The recycling effort continues, with Tuesday's route still being in first place in terms of percentage recycled. However, the Friday route showed an increase of 2% over the prior two-week period... Congratulations to Councilor Baer and the residents along that route!

We encourage everyone to keep up the good work during this busy time of the year. Check next week's *Laconia Links* for details about disposing of your Christmas tree after the holidays are over.

Let's all do our best to reach a 25% recycling level by March 1st!

Reminder!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, December 19th!

Laconia Fire Department



Click [here](#) to access the Fire Dep't. website



HEARTSAVER HERO'S AWARD PRESENTED TO LOCAL RESIDENT

Left to right: Katherine Stockton, Lt. Kirk Beattie, FF Jeff Desrosiers, FF Rick Hewlett, FF Nate Lemay, FF Jason Griffin, FF Heidi Beaulac and Allan Cornelius

On July 29, 2011 Allan Cornelius was walking on the WOW trail in Laconia and went into sudden cardiac arrest. Two young women stopped to help. One of the young women, Katherine Stockton, began CPR and the other ran to guide in the ambulance. As luck would have it, the ambulance was driving right by the scene at the time of the 9-1-1 call.

The patient, Allan Cornelius, survived and made a full recovery; he will be returning to his job as a professor of philosophy.

Due to their heroic efforts, at an award's ceremony at the Fire Department on December 8, 2011 the bystanders and Fire Department crew received an American Heart Association "Heart Saver's Hero" award and a "Fire Chief's" Award.

New!

Upcoming Meetings...

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

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community is an important goal of the City Manager and 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. Become involved in your City and make a difference!

Zoning Board of Adjustment

December 19, 2011
7:00 p.m., Room 200A
City Hall

Parks & Recreation Comm.

December 19, 2011
7:00 p.m., Community Ctr.

Water Commissioner's Mtg.

December 22, 2011
8:00 a.m., 117 Stark St.
Water Treatment Facility

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Click on a specific meeting for additional information.

Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**LACONIA TRANSFER
STATION WILL BE**

CLOSED

**SAT. DECEMBER 24th
&
SAT. DECEMBER 31st**



Assessing

[Click for Assessing
Department.....](#)

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1; this is the process taxpayers can use to dispute their final 2011 value. Applications are available in our office or can be mailed upon request... just call us at 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.



Please Note:

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 26, 2011
Monday, January 2, 2012

We apologize for any inconvenience!



**Correct Answers to
Winter Quiz on Page 5:**

1. A,B
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A,D

Reminder:

**From the
Tax Dept.**

**Tax bills were mailed on Tuesday,
November 29, 2011.**

Payment is due on December 30, 2011.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30. For your convenience there is also a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We are now accepting credit cards over the counter. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. A 2.95% convenience fee applies 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 Police Department



[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

On December 9, 2011, Police Chief Chris Adams along with K-9 Officer Sergeant Finogle and Officer Kevin Shortt, met with nine-year old Madison Dow and her mother, Danielle Gilbert, at Laconia Police Headquarters.

Madison presented Officer Shortt, the new K-9 Officer, with a donation for the K-9 acquisition fund. Madison asked for donations for the K-9 program instead of gifts for her birthday and was able to raise \$150. In return for her generous donation, officers presented Madison with several birthday presents, including a toy dog and a pink junior police cap.



The K-9 fund has grown to \$3,500 and will be used to pay for the cost of a new K-9 to replace "Jago". Officer "Jago" is retiring due to the promotion of his current handler, Sgt. Finogle. The Laconia Police Department K-9 Unit assists in criminal investigations, search and rescue missions and community policing events. Donations to the Laconia Police Department K-9 fund can be sent to the Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem Street, C/O Captain William Clary.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

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

Tin Ornament Craft

Thursday, December 22
3:30 p.m.
Laconia Rotary Hall

Teens in grades 6 - 12
come have fun making
a punched tin holiday
ornament!



SPIN THE DREIDEL!

Come to the Selig
Storytime Room at
the Laconia Library
on Monday,
December 19th
at 6:00 p.m.



*All ages are welcome to
learn the dreidel game and
have fun!*

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

With our weather finally turning toward the wintery side, let's check your winter safety knowledge. Take the following winter quiz and see how safe you are. The answers are on page 3.

1. What are the right things to do for safe driving on ICY roads? Select multiple answers.
 - A ~ When driving into shaded areas, slow your vehicle down during your approach.
 - B ~ Place some sand bags in the bed of your truck, or in the trunk of your vehicle if it's a rear wheel drive.
 - C ~ Use your high beams to enhance visibility.
 - D ~ Drive according to the speed limits.
 - E ~ Apply steady pressure to the brakes when your car with rear wheel drive begins to spin.
2. How long of a distance should you keep between you and the vehicle in front of you during a snow or ice storm?

- A ~ 1 – 4 seconds
- B ~ 5 – 7 seconds
- C ~ 8 – 10 seconds
- D ~ More than 10 seconds



3. Check the safest statement below regarding sledding.
 - A ~ It's always safe to choose a sledding course with hay or straw bales.
 - B ~ Adults should sit with the child seated snugly in front of them, between their legs.
 - C ~ Why not sled after dark? It might be more fun.
 - D ~ It's ok to sled down hills with ice.



4. Check the safest statement below regarding ice safety.



- A ~ I want to ice skate outdoors alone because it's so much fun.
- B ~ I want to ice skate outdoors at night because it's so much fun.
- C ~ The lake is open for ice skating! I should also do some fishing here.
- D ~ The ice is slushy on the lake. I should stay away from it.

5. Which of the following statements are true? Select multiple answers.

- A ~ You should never use the sidewalks for snow storage.
- B ~ It's a good idea to shovel the snow to the left side of your driveway (looking toward the street from your house).
- C ~ It's wise to park your car on the street or sidewalk for convenience on snowy days.
- D ~ You shouldn't follow snow removal equipment too closely.

Now, check page 3 to see how many of your answers are correct!

Laconia Water Department

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

Out with the "OLD" and in with the "NEW"



In May 2009 after the Department of Labor conducted an audit of the City buildings, it was determined that our current maintenance building was not in compliance with many of the regulations per the Department of Labor. After a few discussions with the Water Board of Commissioners and City officials, it was determined that the existing structure needed to come down and a new facility would have to be built. The next question that needed to be answered was what do we need and where are we going to build the new structure?

It was determined that a 7,000 square foot steel frame building was going to allow for flexibility within the department for not just a shop area, but also for storage capability. During the pre-design stages different studies were conducted to determine a functional need for the new structure, and a few common issues were energy efficiency and premature deterioration of the equipment. This was apparent when the department started to look at energy bills during the cold weather months. Currently, the department is spending a great deal of energy and money to keep the heavy equipment plugged in with block heaters as recommended per manufacturers. The new facility will house all the heavy equipment along with the service trucks, allowing for a reduction in electricity cost. This will also help with reduction of annual work to the equipment due to rust and deterioration, not to mention extending the life of a piece of equipment.



As to the location of the new building, the department looked at a few options, including building in the same location that the old building is located, but it was determined that the best location was away from our water source on Stark Street where we currently have our two water storage tanks and the treatment facility.



As soon as the parameters were set, the next step was to advertise for proposals for Construction Managers (CM). The department elected to do Design/Build with a Guarantee Maximum Price with Bauen Corporation, as the CM. Bauen Corp. was able to illustrate to the department during the bid and interview process that they had the ability to provide the department with a great facility that would give us the flexibility needed economically and within the shortest time-frame possible. We are currently under budget and will be looking for an occupancy permit this week.

After 6 months of hard work and patience, we have achieved our goal! The pictures above show the old and new facility.

Open house details will be provided in the spring.



The following City of Laconia employees and Board/Commission members were honored for their years of service at the City's annual employee Holiday Luncheon on December 15th:

- 5 Years: Paul Dibona – Water Commission
 Jerry Mailloux – Planning Board
 Kyril Mitchell – Planning Board
 Jon Nivus – Trustee of Trust Funds
 Mary Reynolds – City Clerk/Records
 Kevin Shortt – Police Department
 Wayne Swearingin – Police Department
 Deborah Black – Fire Department
 Michael Foss – Fire Department
 Kevin Hevey – Fire Department
 Rick Hewlett – Fire Department
 Kyle Joseph – Fire Department
 Cheryl Knopka – Welfare/Finance
- 10 Years: John Moriarity – Library Board of Trustees
 Jeff Pattison – Parks & Recreation Commission
 David Plourde – Parks & Recreation Commission
 Jonathan Howe – Police Department
 Kathleen Yale – Police Department
 Jason Bean – Fire Department
 Jason Ellingson – Fire Department
 Kenneth Erickson – Fire Department
 Stephen Hanser – Fire Department
 Randy Brough – Library
 Jamie Dalton – Library
 Gavin Bell – Department of Public Works
- 15 Years: Bobbi Thomas – Laconia Housing Authority
 Paula Baumol – Personnel/Finance
 Gail Denio – Finance
 Richard Simmons – Police Department
 Dorene Brouillet – Department of Public Works
 Lisa Baldini – Fire Department
 Luke Powell – Department of Public Works
- 20 Years: Ann Saltmarsh – Department of Public Works
- 25 Years: James Rogato – Licensing Board
 Bruce Barrett – Fire Department
 David Jensen – Fire Department
 Earle Walker, Jr. – Department of Public Works
- 30 Years: Dennis Sanborn – Parks & Recreation

Each year one City employee receives an "Employee Recognition" award. The recipient of the award is nominated by their fellow co-workers. The 2011 Employee Recognition Award was presented to Shanna Saunders; Shanna has been employed with the City for seven years and is currently the Planning & Zoning Director. ***Congratulations Shanna on a job well done!***



Department of Public Works

**Christmas & New Year's
 Solid Waste Collection Schedule
 NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON
 CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**



The Christmas holiday falls on Sunday December 25th and the New Year's holiday falls on Sunday January 1st -- there will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash during either of these 2 weeks.

Monday collections will be on their normal schedules.

**Any questions, please call
 Ann @ 528-6379.**

*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 of Laconia

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