

# Laconia Links

December 2, 2011 - Edition #8

## Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - November 14 thru November 26

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Current % Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		23.02 + 9.61 (4 wks)	2% increase	N/A	Lahey
Monday	27.27	3.80	14%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	38.34	8.57	22%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	52.82	6.11	12%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	36.73	4.28	12%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	43.02	4.31	10%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Average: 13.8%	Curbside Average: 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks: 13.4%

**The City's Recycling Challenge is off to a strong start!**

Since October 31st total tonnage collected has been tracked with the remote locations and the majority of the Monday-Friday solid waste routes showing an increase in percentage of recyclables. Congratulations to those residents on the Tuesday route.....as the above chart shows, your route is currently in the lead! Everyone's help is needed to achieve the focus of the challenge which is to reduce solid waste costs and save taxpayers money. We'll keep you up-to-date as we try to reach the goal of a 25% recycling level by March 1st!

**Reminder!** The next recycling collection week begins Monday, December 5th!

**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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



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



**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**



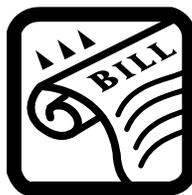
The City of Laconia is currently in the process of negotiating a renewal of its cable franchise agreement with Metrocast. The renewal process is an opportunity for the City to ascertain the future cable-related needs and interests of the community and to negotiate with Metrocast to meet those needs.

As a part of that process the City will be conducting a public hearing on December 12, 2011 at City Hall in Council Chambers, Room 200A, during the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public, businesses and organizations in the City are cordially invited to attend.

Copies of the existing cable television franchise agreement are available at the City's Purchasing Office and on the City's website. Also provided on the City's website is additional information regarding the cable franchise renewal process. Please click [here](#) to access this important information.

For additional information or questions, please contact Jonathan Gardner at 524-3877, or [gardnerj@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:gardnerj@city.laconia.nh.us)

We hope that you will be able to attend the hearing and thank you for your assistance in this important process for the City!



**PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE OUT!**

Tax bills were mailed on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. They are due on December 30, 2011. Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter 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. 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 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

## Even More Holiday Programs

On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Laconia Community Center we are having our annual Hurray for the Holidays program! This is an event designed for families to share in the holidays and enjoy each other. We will be making ornaments and other arts and crafts. The program fee is \$2.00 per person.

Please call 524-5046 to register by December 6<sup>th</sup>.



The very next Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, again from 6:00 - 8:00pm, we will be having our Mother/Child Cookie Decorating night! This program rocks!! Moms and/or Dads come with the kids and decorate the already made sugar cookies. When you are done you take all that you've made home with you to give away or keep and eat them yourselves!!

The fee for this program is \$10.00 per family of 4 and \$2.00 for each additional person. Please call to register by December 8<sup>th</sup> at 524-5046.

Thank you for checking out our programs. For more information on Laconia Parks & Recreation, check us out on the City's website!

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

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



Join us on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. around the oval located on the upper level of the Library for "Winter Welcome with Harpist Jane Wilcox Hively". Jane is a popular Celtic harpist and singer who has performed at a number of notable venues including Marlborough House at Buckingham Palace, two New Hampshire Gubernatorial Inaugurations, Cape Cod Music Series, and Old North Church in Boston. The program is free and is co-sponsored by the Laconia Public Library and the Laconia Historical and Museum Society. For more information, please contact Deann at 524-4775 Ext.12.



# Updates from the Planning Office...

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info and updates —click [here!](#)

The Laconia Capital Improvements (CIP) Committee just finished up their process of reviewing and ranking the Departments' capital requests. A capital request is any request for land, new or existing buildings, improvements of grounds, initial equipment, additional equipment or replacement of equipment and new or improvements to infrastructure, that costs \$5,000 or greater with a useful life of 5 years or greater. The Police Department, Water Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department are typically the departments that submit requests.

After hearing presentations from each department, the CIP Committee then scores the submitted requests on three criteria:

- 1) Does the project improve the economic condition and quality of life of the City and/or region and is this project in conformity with the current goals and objectives of the Master Plan?
- 2) Is there a public need?
- 3) Are there legal ramifications or safety issues if the project is not completed?

The scores are then totaled and projects are ranked depending on their score.

This year the top three ranked projects include two police cruisers, street repairs and the Water Treatment Plant pump replacement. Other projects in the top 10 are fire hydrant repairs, Water Treatment Plant upgrade, Weirs Community Park construction and playground revitalization.

The CIP Committee will present their rankings to the Planning Board at the Planning Board's December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting is open to the public and public comment is welcome. The Planning Board may make changes to the ranking before making their final recommendation to the Council in January.

## Holiday Reminders.....

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

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**  
At the Laconia Parks & Rec.  
Community Center  
December 1, 2, 3 & 4  
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



**Santa's Calling !!**  
**Tuesday, December 6th**  
**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 at [524-5046](tel:524-5046) to pre-register your children by December 5th.

This is always a big hit with the kids! If necessary, we will be adding a second night.



# Laconia Police Department



[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

## LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPLAYS HISTORY

When the Laconia Historical and Museum Society featured a display of Laconia Police memorabilia in the fall of 2010, they called on Robin Moyer for assistance. She happily assisted them and then turned her love of history and research into a permanent display of police artifacts on view at police headquarters.



With the help of the Historical Society's invaluable internet resource, [Lakes Region History Online](#), many old photographs of police officers and articles pertaining to law enforcement activity were obtained for the display which is contained the upstairs lobby area.

High school students in the woodworking class at the Huot Center donated their time and talents to building two beautiful oak and glass display cases that hold not only photographs and historic items, but shelve hand-written police blotters dating back from the 1930s into the early 1970s.



Recently, Kevin Dunleavy and his family kindly loaned several items to the collection that once belonged to their grandfather, Chief Charles "Mickey" Dunleavy who served on the force from 1925 to 1962. Artifacts include antique badges and buttons, handcuffs and batons, and even a bobby-style helmet worn at the turn of the century that are documented in the many pictures that comprise the collection.

Personal items of the Chief include his police cap, desk name plate, and two personal letters sent to him by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. In the letters President Eisenhower thanks the Chief for the "many courtesies" during his visit to Laconia in 1955 and Director Hoover congratulates the Chief on his retirement in 1962.

**Chief Adams welcomes you to stop by and see these items and encourages anyone who has Laconia police artifacts to consider loaning them to the collection.**





## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**LACONIA TRANSFER  
STATION WILL BE**

**CLOSED**

**SAT. DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>  
&  
SAT. DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**



***Movies and More for Kids  
At the  
Laconia Public Library!***



**Friday, December  
9th @ 3:45 p.m.  
in Laconia  
Rotary Hall:**

***Polar Express***

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver 14 years or older, and adults must bring a child. This film is rated PG and is 100 minutes long. Admission is free and snacks are provided!

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



**Santa Claus  
is coming to Lakeport!**



**Saturday, December 10, 2011, 1-3 p.m.  
Lakeport Freighthouse  
Railroad Avenue (off Elm Street) Lakeport**

**Join Santa & Mrs. Claus  
Goodies for the kids!**



*Hosted by*  
**Lakeport Community Association**

*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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*

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