

Laconia Links

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New!! City Manager Updates...

Be sure to check out a new statistical report added to our City's website at, the City Manager's "[Monthly Economic Development Report](#)", which will be updated in conjunction with the second City Council meeting of each month. It contains interesting information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

The following updates are also available on our website to keep you up-to-date and informed:

Project Update: A monthly concise report of projects within the community

Financial and Operational Trends: A monthly report detailing financial trends within the City's various departments, including operational data such as the number of fire and emergency calls compared over a several year period.

Goals and Objectives: A working document, updated quarterly, which will help to direct and focus the City's resources and efforts toward meeting the goals identified to improve the quality of life in Laconia.

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!*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**LACONIA TRANSFER
STATION WILL BE**

CLOSED

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





Department of Public Works

COMING SOON!!!

NEW RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER
@ LINDSAY COURT
(across from Memorial Park Club House)

Attention residents of the South End...the Department of Public Works is pleased to announce a new recycling drop-off center on Lindsay Court, directly across from the Memorial Park Club House. The new center will be operational in January!

This center is lighted and will be available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All single-stream recyclables may be placed in the roll-off container at the site.

Acceptable recyclables include:

- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Plastics #1 through #7 (except Styrofoam & plastic bags)
- Paper, cardboard, paperboard, magazines, old mail, etc.

We thank you for your recycling efforts to reduce solid waste disposal costs! Any questions, please call Ann at 528-6379.

Laconia Public Library

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

Throughout the year, but especially during the holiday season, the Laconia St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is very much in need of assistance. The Food Pantry serves over 360 families a month and the holiday season is even more difficult.

The Laconia Public Library urges you to help by donating non-perishable and canned goods to the bin located at the main circulation desk of the Library.

The Library does not charge overdue fines, but asks instead that you bring in an item for the Food Pantry.

Please help us help others this holiday season and throughout the year!



New!

Upcoming Meetings...

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

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.

Reminder:

City Hall is closed
On Monday, Dec. 26

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!

Laconia City Council
December 27, 2011
7:00 pm, Room 200A
City Hall [Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan Mtg.
December 28, 2011
2:00 pm, Room 200A
City Hall

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.

Laconia Police Department



[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



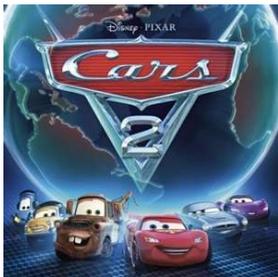
Members of the Laconia Police Department will be accompanying Santa Claus on Christmas Eve delivering presents to more than ninety children in Laconia.

This has been an ongoing tradition for many years and is supported by the Laconia Police Relief Association which is partially funded by the proceeds from the WLNH Christmas Auction.

On behalf of Chief Adams and the men and women of the Laconia Police Department, we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Are you looking for something to keep your kids busy during the holiday season?

Cars 2, rated PG, will be showing in Laconia Rotary Hall on Friday, Dec. 30 beginning at 3:45 pm. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caretaker 14 years of age or older.

Admission is free!

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

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 8:30am-4:30pm. 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...



Disposal of Christmas Trees

In conjunction with regular solid waste pickups between January 2 and January 13, 2012, Laconia residents may place Christmas trees at the curb for pickup by the Laconia Public Works Department.

Laconia residents NOT on normal collection routes may dispose of their trees at the composting area at the Laconia Transfer Station on Meredith Center Road between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Monday through Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: Storms occurring during this period may delay pickup of trees by the Public Works Department. Questions? Call Ann at 528-6379.

Laconia Police Department

Save the Date!

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



The Laconia Police Department is appealing to the community, given the economic climate, for help in raising the funds needed for a new K9 unit. Jago, the current K9, will be stepping down from duty in March of 2012. In order to replace Jago, the LPD needs to raise approximately \$10,000 to acquire and train a new K9 unit.

The LPD has utilized K9 units full-time since 2000. The units have successfully tracked suspects, found missing persons, detected illegal drugs, and augmented officer safety.

Curious Goods and June Garren (Henry's Pawprints) have organized the Open Blues Jam, hoping to raise the community's awareness of the need for its involvement in ensuring the LPD continues to have a K9 unit. This is truly an endeavor that will serve to benefit the community as a whole.



Some information about the Open Blues Jam:

- Held at Pitman's Freight Room on Saturday, January 7, 2012
- Music will start @ 7 pm and run until 10 pm
- This will be a "chem free" event to appeal to the WHOLE community (no alcohol will be served or allowed)
- Open to all ages
- Snacks and refreshments will be available
- Proceeds will go towards the Laconia Police Department's K9 fund
- Tickets are on sale prior to the event at Curious Goods - \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$4 for students with a school I.D.
- Admission can also be paid at the door - \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$5 for students with an I.D.

Anything that you can do to help the LPD K-9 unit fund raiser would be very much appreciated!

Updates from the Planning Office...

What is the Planning Department's Technical Review Committee and what do they do?

Well, because we value new business and business expansion here in Laconia, the Technical Review Committee (TRC) is a developer's one-stop shop for all information about navigating the development process.

The Committee is made up of representatives of all of the City Departments that help to oversee permitting and construction: Public Works/Sewer Department, Fire Department, Conservation Commission, Zoning Department, Water Department, Assessing Department, Building Code Enforcement and, occasionally, the Police Department. The Committee is chaired by the Planning Department.



The TRC meetings are an opportunity for the developer with their surveyors, engineers, wetland scientist and lawyers to sit down with all departments around one table, have their questions answered and get feedback on their plans. This process allows the City Departments and the developer's group to work as a team to make sure the project is right for both the City and the developer, prior to the developer's appearance before the Planning Board.

The TRC also makes for an efficient and time saving process for the developer as it saves them from meeting individually with each department. The meetings are fairly informal and open to the public and allow for a great dialogue and back and forth volley of ideas, as well as the re-submittal of a revised plan by the applicant. At the conclusion of the process (which typically consists of two TRC meetings) the City and the developer are both on the same page and the presentation by the applicant and expectations of the Planning Board come as no surprise to anyone. The Planning Department will have informed the Planning Board of the information from the TRC meetings and, in most cases, this makes for only a one meeting Planning Board process, with an approval. If you have any questions about this process or need information on submittal deadlines, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 527-1264.

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



DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES!



Wednesdays
6:00pm Beginners
7:00pm Advanced



3rd class: Jan. 4 ~ Jan. 25, 2012
4th class: Feb. 1 ~ Feb. 22
5th class: Feb. 29 ~ March 21
4 weeks of classes
Cost: \$50.00 per dog

Instructor : Jeanine Beckett
You will receive a certificate after the class.
Register at Parks & Rec. More classes may follow during the spring months.



**Please
Note:**

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

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

We apologize for any inconvenience!

Happy Holidays!

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

Wyatt Parkhouse Demolition

The Wyatt Parkhouse is officially down! The long awaited process has been completed.

The asbestos was removed last week, and work quickly began to tear the building down. Now the building is completely gone and the area is filled to grade level.

The Parks & Recreation Department is working on a master plan for the park and will be surveying the area to determine what can be done in the future.



We will keep the public informed as we continue in this process!



*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
And a Happy Holiday Season!*

Scott Myers, City Manager
City of Laconia

City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



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.**

Questions? Call Ann @ 528-6379.