



# Laconia Links

December 30, 2011 - Edition #12

Laconia City Hall

## Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - December 12 thru December 23

Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Current % Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		17.45	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	23.71	2.71	11%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	37.87	9.53	25%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	44.00	5.10	12%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	29.80	4.48	15%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	41.51	5.94	14%	10%	Baer
Curbside Average:			15.7%	Curbside Average: 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks: 14%

**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!*

With each week we continue to get a little closer to our goal of a 25% City-wide recycling level by March 1st! The Recycling Challenge began at the end of October with a curbside average percent recyclables of 12.1%--the current percentage, 15.7%, represents a significant increase over the three month period.

Congratulations to Councilor Lipman and the residents along the Tuesday route... your percentage of recyclables increased from 18% to 25% over the last two-week reporting period! Remember, recycling efforts save Laconia tax dollars by reducing the amount of tonnage going to the incinerator, reducing the budget impact on taxpayers.

**Reminder!**



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



# Department of Public Works



## Department of Public Works



### New Year's Solid Waste Collection Schedule

**The New Year's holiday falls on Sunday January 1st -- there will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash; Monday collections will be on their normal schedules.**

**Questions? Call Ann @ 528-6379.**

## 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.

Call Ann at 528-6379 with questions.

Click [here](#) for link to our Public Works Department website

## 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. Become involved in your City and make a difference!

### **Reminder:**

City Hall is closed  
On Monday, Jan. 2

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

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.

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

January 3, 2012, 7:00 - 7:30 pm  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall

[Meeting Notice](#)

### **Technical Review Committee**

January 4, 2012, 9:30 am  
Room 200A, City Hall [Agenda](#)

### **Highway Safety Commission**

January 4, 2012, 12:00 noon  
Laconia Police Department  
Community Room [Agenda/Meeting Notice](#)

### **Conservation Commission**

January 4, 2012, 6:00 pm  
Room 200B, City Hall  
[Agenda](#)

### **Board of Water Commissioners**

January 5, 2012, 8:00 am  
Water Treatment Facility Conf. Room  
117 Stark Street [Agenda](#)

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

# Mark Your Calendar!

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

Join us on Tuesday, January 10th  
7:00 p.m., Laconia Rotary Hall  
for "Long Distance Hiking"

Have you ever considered hiking the Appalachian Trail or would you like to learn more about the trail and long distance hiking? Do you know what trail magic is? Have you met a trail angel? Did you know that you can walk from Cape Gaspe in Quebec, Canada to Key West, Florida on one continuous trail? Do you have questions you would like answered regarding long distance hiking such as:

How much should my pack weigh? Is it safe to hike alone? What equipment should I bring? Should I bring a snake bite kit? What about bears?

Long distance hiker Gordon DuBois will present a slide-lecture on hiking the Appalachian, Long (VT) and International Appalachian (QE, CN) Trails. Using slides and telling stories, Gordon will share his experiences on these three major hiking trails of the East Coast: the people he met, the beautiful places he visited and the many interesting animals he encountered: snakes, bears, moose, caribou, wild ponies, African steers, wild boar, deer mice, raccoons, cats, dogs and more! He will also discuss equipment and clothing needed for long distance hiking.

Gordon is a New Hampshire Humanities Scholar and film maker whose real passion is long distance hiking and winter mountaineering. He has climbed 77 of New England's highest mountains in winter and completed section hikes of the Long and Appalachian Trails. Gordon and his winter hiking partner, Bob Manley, were featured in the Feb. 2011 issue of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy publication Journeys.



**Please Note:** The Laconia Public Library will be closed Monday, January 2nd.



**A REPRESENTATIVE OF CONGRESSMAN  
FRANK GUINTA WILL HOLD  
PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS IN LACONIA  
AT THE LACONIA CITY HALL  
ROOM 200B  
THURSDAY, JAN. 12th, 2012 , 10 to 11 AM**

U.S. Rep. Frank Guinta announced that his Senior Projects Director David Tille, will hold public office hours in Laconia at the Laconia City Hall, Room 200B on Thursday, January 12th at 10 am.

*"As part of our efforts to serve the constituents of the First Congressional District, I encourage anyone who has a problem with the federal government, or who would like to share their concerns about issues being addressed in Congress, to talk with David during these public office hours," Guinta said.*

Congressman Guinta also encourages any constituent who needs assistance on the federal level to contact his Manchester Office: 603-641-9536.

# LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

## The Defiant One

Have you ever wondered where the Native American wood sculpture at Opechee Park came from?

The sculpture was donated to the City of Laconia in 1984 by Peter "Wolf" Toth, and was carved from a native 36 foot red oak log that weighed 24,000 lbs. The Indian name of the monument is Keewakwa Abenaki Keenahbeh, which translates to "Giant Indian ~The Defiant One".

The following is a brief description of the sculptor:

*"Peter Wolf Toth (born December, 1947) is a Hungarian-born sculptor, who immigrated to the United States and settled in Akron, Ohio. He later studied art at the University of Akron. He created a series of sculptures called Trail of the Whispering Giants to honor Native Americans. Overall, he has created more than 60 sculptures, including at least one in each state of the United States, and in several provinces of Canada. Toth continues to plan further sculptures in other countries, and also spends time making repairs and performing maintenance on the existing sculptures. He has created replacement sculptures where statues have been damaged."* (Excerpt from the online service Wikipedia)



## Laconia Police Department



Don't forget the K9 Unit fundraiser, Open Blues Jam...it's a great way to start 2012 and have fun while supporting a good cause!

*When:* Saturday, January 7, 2012,  
7-10 pm

*Where:* Pitman's Freight Room

*Details:* No alcohol served/allowed;  
open to all ages.

Proceeds will go towards the Laconia Police Dept. K9 fund. Tickets on sale prior to event at Curious Goods: \$8/adults; \$4/seniors; \$4/students with school ID. At the door: \$10/adults, \$5/seniors, \$5/students with school ID.

## News

From the City Clerk's Office

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

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

In accordance with RSA 658:12, Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making final corrections/changes to the checklist prior to the Presidential Primary Election. **Changes to Party Affiliation cannot be made at this session.**

#### Supervisors of the Checklist:

**Marilyn Brown, Ward 1**

**Beth Vachon, Ward 3**

**David Hough, Ward 4 (Chair)**

**Barbara Cushing-Moore, Ward 5**

**Lynda Brock, Ward 6**

## **Reminder** From the Laconia Water Department

The water rate increase will be effective on January 1, 2012 as voted by the Board of Water Commissioners on November 14, 2011.

The consumption amount was changed from \$1.15 to \$1.45 per hundred cubic feet. This increase was necessary due to the steadily rising cost of operations and maintenance of the department since the last rate increase in 2007.

Even after the increase, the City's average home pays only \$0.62 a day for water, or \$0.012 per gallon.

For additional information, please call the Water Department at 524-0901, or [visit the website](#)



*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*

Scott Myers, City Manager  
City of Laconia

City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)



## **New for 2012:**

### **U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Laconia!**

*A message from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte:*

"New Hampshire residents who are looking for help dealing with the federal government shouldn't hesitate to contact me. I believe strongly that the citizens of our state deserve quality, efficient constituent services, and I will strive to deliver nothing less. A member of my staff will be visiting the City of Laconia each month starting in January."

DATE: Third Wednesday of each month beginning January 18, 2012

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B  
45 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 for questions or additional information.



## **Please Note:**

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012

*We apologize for any inconvenience!*

A complete list of 2012 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

*Happy New Year!*