



## Laconia Links

November 23, 2012 - Edition #59



*Countdown to Christmas Village!  
(Opens Nov. 29th)*

## Recycling Update

### 2 Week Total - October 29 thru November 8th

YTD recyclables collected = 909.07 tons		Savings to taxpayers YTD (@ \$150/ton) = \$136,360.50		Lost opportunity dollars YTD = \$114,768.50	
Route	Total Tons Collected	Total Tons Recyclables (MSW + Recycling)	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30%	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		22.01	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	26.74	4.67	17.40%	8.02	\$502.50
Tuesday	44.3	8.79	19.80%	13.29	\$675.00
Wednesday	44.97	5.19	11.50%	13.49	\$1,245.00
Thursday	39.25	4.87	12.40%	11.77	\$1,035.00
Friday	37.91	4.66	12.30%	11.37	\$1,006.50
	Total = 193.17 tons	Route Total = 28.18 tons	Curbside Avg. = 14.5%	Total = 57.94 tons	Total = \$4,464.00

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

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



**Reminder!**

**The next recycling collection week begins Monday, December 3rd!**



Please be sure to support your local merchants during this busy holiday season (and all year long!) Shopping at "home" helps our local economy.

Click on the picture (left) to see a video of a commercial that will soon be making its TV debut!



***Sand Migration Study  
Presentation***



The Laconia Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend a presentation of the recently completed sand migration study on:

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>,  
at the Weirs Community Center  
at 6:30pm.**

The study was initiated in response to growing concerns about the erosion of the beach area, which has seen a significant reduction in size since its installation in the 1950's. The consultant who performed the study, Woods Hole Group, will use the results of the study to make recommendations on how the beach can be restored along with methods on how to limit erosion.

For additional information, please contact the Kevin Dunleavy, Director of Recreation and Facilities, at 524-5046.

Click [here](#) to access  
The Parks & Rec 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.

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.

Meeting  
in  
Progress

**Board of Assessors**

November 26, 2012, 5:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

**City Council**

November 26, 2012, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

**Minor Site Plan Meeting**

November 28, 2012, 2:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

**Conservation Commission**

November 28, 2012, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

*Become involved in  
your City  
and make a difference!*

# News From the Laconia Water Department

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT**  
988 UNION AVENUE  
(603) 524-0901



*Congratulations  
to the  
Laconia Water  
Department!*

The Laconia Water Department was awarded the 2012 Surface Water Treatment Optimization Recognition Award from the NH Department of Environmental Services on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the NH Water Works Association (NHWWA) meeting held in Concord, NH.

Laconia is one of six water departments in the state that was honored for advancing their treatment "to the next step" and achieving a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Turbidity in Finish Water of less than 0.1 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), a level far below the maximum of 0.3 NTU. The two primary reason for removing turbidities is that it is not aesthetically pleasing and the particles can shield bacteria in the disinfection process.

While the Water Department personnel have always strived to achieve the best quality water possible, recent changes to the treatment process have made that goal easier to obtain. Starting in the fall of 2010, the Department began a 3 to 4 year plant upgrade consisting primarily of clarifier and filter bed media replacement, valve/chemical pump replacement and **Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA)** upgrades. Included in this upgrade was a filter to waste option in which the water passing through the filter after completing a backwash cycle is redirected into a holding tank and allowed to settle out before approximately 94% of this water is returned to the headworks of the plant and reprocessed. This process was both designed and installed by department personnel and has eliminated turbidity spikes that would previously happen after backwash cycles.

Pictured above accepting the award for the department, from left to right are: Floyd Dungelman, Water Quality Supervisor; Mary Ellen Gallant, Laboratory QA Officer; Jason Bordeau, Chief Treatment Plant Operator; David Candeias, Plant Operator and recipient of the 2009 NHWWA Meritorious Achievement Award; and Greg Page, Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners. Not shown is Plant Operator, Paul Larochele.

*Please click [here](#) for the  
Water Department  
website!*



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia Police Dept. Here](#)

## Driving Safety Tips

Driving in the winter means snow, sleet and ice that can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions, hot tempers and unforeseen dangers. To help you make it safely through winter, here are some suggestions from the National Safety Council to make sure that you and your vehicle are prepared.

### Weather

At any temperature -- 20° Fahrenheit below zero or 90° Fahrenheit above -- weather affects road and driving conditions and can pose serious problems. It is important to monitor forecasts on the Web, radio, TV, cable weather channel, or in the daily papers.



### Your Car

Prepare your car for winter. Start with a checkup that includes:

- Checking the ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts.
- Changing and adjusting the spark plugs.
- Checking the air, fuel and emission filters, and the PCV valve.
- Inspecting the distributor.
- Checking the battery.
- Checking the tires for air, sidewall wear and tread depth.
- Checking antifreeze levels and the freeze line.

Your car should have a tune-up (check the owner's manual for the recommended interval) to ensure better gas mileage, quicker starts and faster response on pick-up and passing power.

### Necessary Equipment

An emergency situation on the road can arise at any time - be prepared! In addition to making sure you have a tune-up, a full tank of gas and fresh anti-freeze, you should carry the following items in your trunk:

- Properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod-type jack
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt or cat litter
- Tool kit

### Essential Supplies

A "survival kit" should always remain in the car. Replenish after use. Essential supplies include:

- Working flashlight and extra batteries
- Reflective triangles and brightly-colored cloth
- Compass
- First aid kit
- Exterior windshield cleaner
- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container
- Scissors and string/cord
- Non-perishable, high-energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy. In addition, if you are driving long distances under cold, snowy and icy conditions, you should also carry supplies to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, a cap and blankets.

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# Laconia Police Department

## Driving Safety Tips (Continued)

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### If You Become Stranded...

- Do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help, and are certain you will improve your situation.
- To attract attention, light two flares and place one at each end of the car a safe distance away. Hang a brightly colored cloth from your antenna.
- If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank.
- To protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia use the woolen items and blankets to keep warm.
- Keep at least one window open slightly. Heavy snow and ice can seal a car shut.
- Eat a hard candy to keep your mouth moist.



**See next week's issue for tips on Driving in Snow and Ice**



### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be a **ONE DAY DELAY** in  
curbside collection of trash  
on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thursday's route will be collected on  
Friday and Friday's route will be  
collected on Saturday.

Any questions, please call Ann at the  
Department of Public Works  
@ 528-6379.

**Annual  
Downtown Laconia  
HOLIDAY PARADE**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**1pm  
Saturday,  
November 24, 2012**

**Santa Claus  
Tree Lighting  
Bands  
Floats  
&  
More**

**Info & Registration Available at:**

**Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce**  
383 South Main Street 524-5531  
Lakesregionchamber.org

**All My Life Jewelers**  
639 Main Street 528-8541  
rsbmoose@yahoo.com

**LAKES REGION  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Promoting Business & Economic Development

**MAIN STREET  
Laconia  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



# Laconia Police Department

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Pictured (above) serving cake are Captain Canfield and Officer Yale. Not pictured are Captain Clary, Detective Butler and Officer Howe.

Members of the Laconia Police Department served turkey lunch to hundreds of Woodland Heights Elementary School students and their families on Thursday.

This ongoing tradition is a favorite for officers and children alike!



Pictured serving lunch (above) , from left to right, are; Chief Adams, Detective Wholley, Detective Noyes, Officer Cardinal, Administrative Assistant Marsh, Lieutenant Simmons, Administrative Assistant Richardson and Administrative Assistant Simkins.

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

### Preschool Storytime



Wednesday, November 28th @ 10:00  
Thursday, November 29th @ 9:30 & 10:30 in  
the Selig Storytime Room.  
Great stories and crafts for all!

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

Looking forward to the holidays and creating a special menu but not quite sure how to go about it?



Take a trip to the Library and find cookbooks that will help you with just about every conceivable recipe there is.

Or maybe you're more of a crafter and need a little inspiration... get some great ideas for holiday home decor or even personal gifts. The Library has a vast array of magazines and books on these holiday activities sure to fit the bill!



# City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

*We hope you find this report helpful and informative!*

Contact the City Mgr's office at  
527-1270, or  
[info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



## Reminder...



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

**Saturday, December 15, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Lakeport Freighthouse, Railroad Avenue  
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  
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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)



## 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 - Katie Walsh	
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. (Lakeport) * .....	524-7777
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	

\* For emergencies, remember  
to always dial 911



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