



## 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<br>collected = 909.07 tons |  | Savings to taxpayers YTD<br>(@ \$150/ton) = \$136,360.50 |  | Lost opportunity<br>dollars YTD = \$114,768.50 |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Route                                      | Total Tons<br>Collected<br>(MSW + Recycling) | Total Tons<br>Recyclables                                | Percent<br>Recycled                          | Tonnage Required<br>to Reach 30%<br>Target     | 2 Week Lost<br>Savings By Not<br>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%<br>Prior 2 wks = 15.5% | 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!*



**Recycling Saves \$\$**



**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!

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



***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...

Meeting  
in  
Progress

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.

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

**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](#)

## *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 Larochelle.

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.

*Continued on next page...*



# Laconia Police Department

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

## Driving Safety Tips (Continued)

### 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







# Laconia Police Department

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



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  
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)



## 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



Visit the City's website at:  
[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)