



Laconia Links

December 22, 2017- Edition #318



*Aerial view of Weirs Beach area in the winter
(photo courtesy of Aerial Photo NH)*



Snowman Contest!

December 1st through March 1st. Make a snowman with your family and take a picture of it! Send the picture in by March 1st to the Parks and Rec Department at parks@laconianh.gov.

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@laconianh.gov



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



Department of Public Works

CHRISTMAS DAY

Solid Waste

Collection Delay

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

ON CURBSIDE

COLLECTION ROUTES

Christmas Day is Monday, December 25th
There will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in curbside collection of trash for this week. Monday collections will be on Tuesday Every other day will be moved ahead by one day. Any questions, please call Ann @ 528-6379, Ext 300.

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events....



*The Library will be closed
on Monday,
December 25, in
observance of
Christmas Day.*



**Wednesday, January 3, 2018
1:00 pm**

Tammy Levesque, Wellness Director at Taylor Community, has worked in the Health and Wellness world for over twenty-five years with all ages and abilities. Tammy will present the top 10 things you must do to live longer based on research and global evidence. She will also help you re-imagine the new "OLD". A memorable, interactive session of aging conversation.

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. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated information and changes.

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

Meeting
in
Progress

*Please see below for meetings
scheduled for the week of
December 25 - 29, 2017:*

City Hall Closed
December 25, 2017
Christmas Day

City Council
December 26, 2017
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

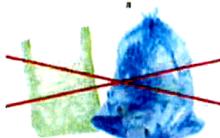
**Remember to put out
your recycling the week
of December 25th!**



Thank you for recycling!

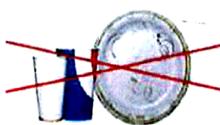
Be sure to check [page one](#) for information on the holiday week curbside pickup schedule!

NOT ACCEPTED



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items

(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups, & waxed paper plates)



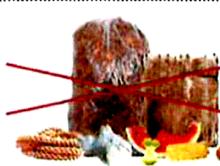
NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissue, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



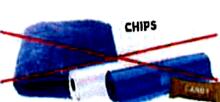
NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes, or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans, or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Hazardous Materials

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



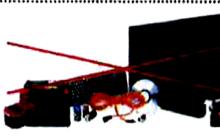
NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Find for alternative recycling)



NO Electronics, Batteries or Bulbs

(Find alternative recycling)

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Is Zero-Sort® recycling?

Zero-Sort recycling is Casella's state-of-the-art process which enables paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal cans to be collected together in one bin eliminating the need for you to separate recyclables.

Can I throw trash and recyclables into my recycling bin?

NO. Your recycling bin is for Zero-Sort recyclables only. Items that cannot be recycled should be tossed into your trash bin.

How should I prepare recyclables?

Recyclables must be empty and rinsed clean of food residue. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down into 2' max pieces. **DO NOT** tie newspaper, cardboard or jugs with twine. Handles should be removed from pails and paper bags.

What type of metal can I recycle in my bin?

Aluminum and tin cans are acceptable. **NOT ACCEPTED** items include pots, pans, aerosol cans, and scrap metal such as automotive parts, motors, and appliances or any other metal items.

Can I put grocery bags into my Zero-Sort bin or place recyclables in plastic bags?

NO. Plastic bags of any kind are not accepted in Zero-Sort recycling. To recycle grocery bags, please bring them to a participating grocery or retail store.

How should I recycle large items that won't fit inside my bin?

Please call 800-CASELLA to schedule a pickup if you have large materials that do not fit inside your bin.

Can I recycle pizza boxes?

You can recycle pizza boxes with light grease stains. Boxes with stuck-on food or dripping grease cannot be recycled but they are compostable.

Why aren't paper cups recyclable?

Paper cups have a thin, plastic lining or waxed finish that cannot be recycled.

Recycling Reminders!

Please contact Ann at our Department of Public Works, 528-6379 Ext. 300, for additional information or if you have questions.



CITY OF LACONIA SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 5 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making corrections/ changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session. No other changes will be accepted after this session until the State Special Primary Belknap 3 Election being held on January 9, 2018.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Marilyn Brown, Ward 1
Richard Lewis, Ward 2
Beth Vachon, Ward 3
David Hough, Ward 4
Christine Callaghan, Ward 5
Lynda Brock, Ward 6 (Chair)

News From the Tax Department...

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/29/17!

Tax bills were mailed on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. They are due on Dec. 29, 2017.

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall 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 and online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card transactions.

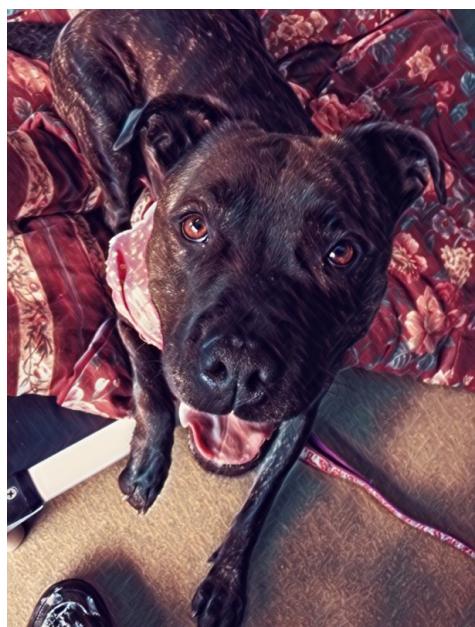
Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Pet of the Week: Rhonda



Meet tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured many twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home, including a very quick return after being adopted before Thanksgiving!

Dogs need time to blend into a new family setting, rarely is this effected in a few short days. Our adoption counselors know what dogs need and we take the leap of faith this will be followed. In Rhonda's case, while she does seem to feel companionable around dogs of similar size, smaller creatures trigger her interest in a less convivial way.

Rhonda arrived via our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been calling our shelter home since the Summer. Well now the weather is cold, snow is in the air, Winter has arrived, and she is still reeling from the return to us wondering what happened.

Once more into the breach... large dogs yes, no cats and other small creatures (although to truly flourish being the only pet would be the best possible placement). A home where she can finally unpack her suitcase of sorrow and rejection is Rhonda's wish at Christmastime. She is a lovely dog, a big girl, still waiting for that committed adoptive home, and one that will manage her foibles appropriately.

We have not given up hope and neither should she!



SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

There will be a Special State Primary Election held Jan. 9, 2018 for State Representative for Belknap County District No. 3. All polling locations will be open from 7am-7pm.

The candidates will be Les A. Cartier and William Henry Davies, both Republicans, and Philip Spagnuolo, Jr., Democrat. All parties will be able to vote. Absentee Ballots are now available in the Clerk's Office.

For questions or additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

Lissa Mascio Joins Prescott Farm Team

Prescott Farm is excited to welcome Lissa Mascio as the new Development & Communications Director. Lissa is joining the Prescott Farm team in a newly created position, focusing on advocacy, outreach and stewardship of the mission. "I am very excited to be joining Prescott Farm," says Lissa. "The property and programming here are truly a hidden gem in the Lakes Region, and I can't wait to share our mission."

"As we grow, Prescott Farm is looking to engage community members more and more in the good work that we do, providing connections to New Hampshire's rich natural and cultural history by way of our many educational programs and volunteer opportunities." Says Jude Hamel, Executive Director at Prescott Farm. "We're so delighted that Lissa has joined our team and will be helping on that front. Lissa's enthusiasm for the mission of Prescott Farm, her strengths as a relationship-builder and communicator, and her boundless energy make her a great addition to our team!"

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 environmental education center committed to helping people discover their own connections to the natural world. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on educational programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Prescott Farm is the ideal place to unplug, relax, and explore independently or with one of the many programs led by experienced naturalists. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

City Manager's Office

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

Please note: City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 25th and January 1st. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center



Lissa Mascio at the entrance to our Natural PlayScape

Disposal of Christmas Trees

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In an effort to more efficiently and effectively utilize DPW personnel and equipment time, **Christmas Trees are NO longer picked up curbside by Laconia DPW** in the weeks immediately following the Holidays. Laconia residents can transport and drop-off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. Laconia Transfer Station, 385 Meredith Center Road. Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area ONLY. PLEASE PULL ON SCALES FIRST!
2. Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St. (on Memorial Park Drive). Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area ONLY.

Please call Ann, Department of Public Works with any questions, 528-6379, Ext.300.



*New 2018 City Hall
Holiday Calendar!*

2018

For your convenience, our 2018 City Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#). And please mark your calendars with the dates of [City Council meetings](#) in 2018! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings. The meetings are also televised and available for viewing for Laconia Metrocast subscribers on Channel 26.



LRGH Gift Shop
December 14th – December 29th

LOCATED IN THE LRGH ATRIUM LOBBY

Open: Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm 524-3211 EXT. 3172

EXCLUSIONS WILL APPLY: Prescott Florist and sale table

Proceeds from sales support LRGH Auxiliary charitable projects and programs.



Shown above at the City's recent employee and Board/Commission luncheon is City Manager Scott Myers congratulating Cheryl Hounsell (an employee of the Water Department) who has been employed by the City for 40 years!



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire Dept.'s Website [here](#)

STAY OFF ALL PONDS AND LAKES!

The Laconia Fire Department is very concerned about your safety, especially young children who are playing outdoors. We are extremely concerned about the fact that many small ponds and lakes have a very thin layer of ice covering them. This ice is now covered with snow, which acts as insulation. This is a very dangerous condition. The snow will actually insulate the water and slow down the freezing process. The water temperature of Lake Winnipesaukee, as of Monday, December 18th is still in the high 30s. It will take several more weeks of cold temperatures to lower the temperature of the bigger lakes to point that they start freezing consistently.

It takes until January, at a minimum, for the bigger lakes to freeze to a point where the ice is safe. We issue these safety tips so that you can enjoy the use of the lakes with a reasonable degree of safety.

We suggest the following safety tips when going out on the ice:

Never ice skate, or ice fish alone

Always tell someone where you will be skating or fishing and when you will be home. Ponds need at least 7 days of below freezing temperature to be considered even remotely safe.

Have a rope or rescue ladder readily available

Never skate near open water

Never attempt to rescue an animal that may be in trouble on the ice

Have a means of calling for help

Wear a flotation device and a helmet (similar to a bike helmet)



For snowmobilers we issue this advice – stay off the bigger lakes and ponds. Do not skim – it is against the law and can be a deadly act.

For anyone who may break through the ice, try not to panic. Turn towards the direction you came from – this ice was safe. Get to the edge and attempt to pull yourself out of the water. Kick hard to push yourself onto the ice. Try to spread your weight out as much as possible. Slide up onto the ice and then roll or crawl away from the opening. Do not stand near the unsafe ice as your weight in one spot will probably cause you to break through again.

If you cannot get out hold on to the ice shelf and scream for help. Draw your arms and legs in close to your body as this will help hold in your body heat. Attempting to swim will actually cause you to lose body heat even faster. Try to save your energy.

If you see someone or suspect that someone is in trouble call 911. If you call for help be specific as to where you are on the pond or lake - many ponds are very big and difficult to access. If there is an animal in trouble on the ice call us and we will attempt to rescue the animal. Do not attempt to rescue an animal yourself. We have the proper equipment to do the job safely. Remember anytime you suspect that you need our help do not hesitate to call 911. It is extremely important that we be notified as soon as possible of any emergency so that we can effectively deal with it. Time is probably the most critical element in emergency response.



LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



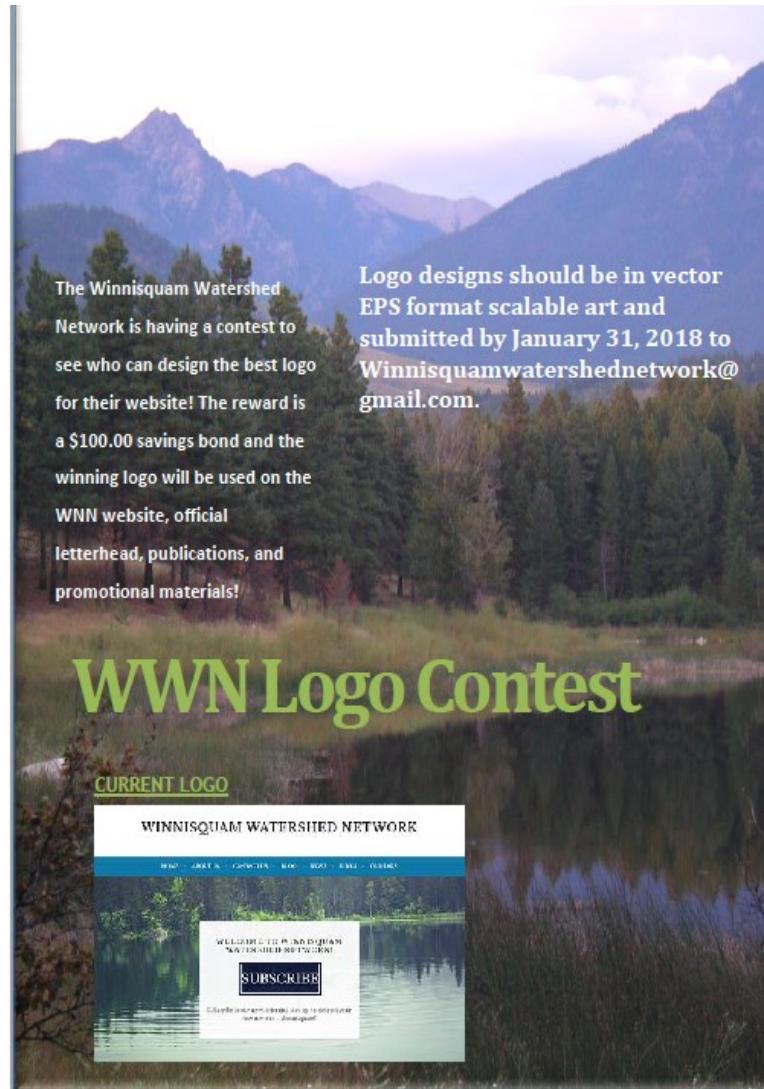
Meters are changed periodically to comply with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations, the American Water Works Association and in accordance with the Laconia Water Works' Tariff. The Water Department has an annual program that replaces meters and **there is no cost to the property owner**. Our goal is to change out 600 meters over the next two months.

The Water Department will contact those property owners whose water meters are to be changed. We are in the process of sending letters and making phone calls to schedule appointments. This process takes approximately 15-20 minutes.



For your convenience Saturday morning appointments are available.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 524-0901.



The Winnisquam Watershed Network is having a contest to see who can design the best logo for their website! The reward is a \$100.00 savings bond and the winning logo will be used on the WNN website, official letterhead, publications, and promotional materials!

WWN Logo Contest

CURRENT LOGO

WINNISQUAM WATERSHED NETWORK

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WILLIAMS LITTLE WINNISQUAM WATERSHED NETWORK

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Winter Parking Ban

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Please drive safely
this winter!**



Don't forget !
ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY



Join us for National Pharmacist Day on
January 12th. Meet your local Pharmacist
here at Laconia Senior Center from 10:30 -
11:30am. Hear what's going on in the in-
dustry and bring your questions.



*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

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or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assessor - Deb Derrick	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager.....	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing Clerk	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
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 - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
<u>City Council Contact Info:</u>	
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Ava Doyle (Ward 1)	393-6533
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4)	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
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Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov