



Eagle Island at Weirs Bay

Laconia Links

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Public Works Department



Notice to Laconia Residents And All Private Plowing Contractors:

Please Do Not Place Snow in City Sidewalks or Rights-of-Way

Be advised that pursuant to City Ordinance Chapter 201 placement of snow/ice in City sidewalks or streets is a violation punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and/or arrest. We ask your cooperation and compliance with this regulation. It is the responsibility of the property owner to communicate this regulation to their private plowing contractor(s). If you have questions, please call the Public Works Office at 528-6379, extension 300. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

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



City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Laconia City Council Goals and Objectives](#) has been posted to the City's website! This is a working document, updated quarterly, which helps to direct and focus the City's resources and efforts toward meeting the goals identified to improve the quality of life in Laconia.

We hope you find this document helpful and informative!

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us



**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



Dog Obedience Classes

The next dog obedience class will begin Feb. 27th at the Laconia Community Center!

Beginners from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, advanced 7:00 – 8:00 pm, every Wednesday. The cost will be \$54.00 for the 4 weeks. Dogs must have all of their shots before joining our class.



Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. For questions and registration, please go to the Laconia Parks & Recreation Dept.'s office at the Community Center, 306 Union Avenue or call 524-5046.

Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website



Department of Public Works



**President's Day
Monday, Feb. 18th**

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Monday February 18th – President's Day
Monday collections will be on their normal schedules.

**Any questions, please call Ann
@ 528 - 6379**

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.

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

Meeting
in
Progress

Parks & Rec. Commission

February 19, 2013, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Zoning Board of Adjustment

February 19, 2013, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A
[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

February 20, 2013, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Please Note!

The Laconia Public Library
will be closed on
Monday, February 18, 2013
for President's Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience!

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

Squirrel Proof Bird Feeders

Is there such a thing as a squirrel proof bird feeder?



Join Steve White, owner of Wild Bird Depot, on Thursday, February 21st @ 7:00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall, located on the lower level of the Library for an informative presentation on the variety of squirrel proof bird feeders available for sale worldwide.

He will highlight the pros and cons of the different squirrel proof styles and will demonstrate how each product works and why, so that you are able to decide for yourself which option is right for your backyard. Most importantly, Steve will answer the most commonly asked question...

"Is anything really squirrel proof?"



LACLT Offers Free Workshop on Default & Foreclosure Intervention



Each month, hundreds of NH homeowners face the threat of foreclosure. In the past few years, Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) has helped more than 130 area residents hold onto their homes, and is now offering a free workshop as the first step for those who may be facing foreclosure or who are in mortgage default.

On Saturday, February 16, from 10AM to noon at the Laconia Police Dept. Community Room on New Salem St., LACLT offers a Default & Foreclosure Intervention Workshop taught by Debra Drake, an accredited HUD Housing Counselor. Light refreshments are included, and registration begins at 9:30 AM.

As a first step in dealing with a foreclosure or default situation, the workshop is free and open to homeowners of all income levels. LACLT respects and maintains confidentiality and privacy. Participants will:

- Explore the options available to them in avoiding foreclosure
- Learn about the timelines and the foreclosure process in NH
- Review necessary forms and receive PowerPoint assistance understanding and completing them
- Schedule an appointment for free one-on-one counseling and advocacy
- Have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A period

Register today by calling Debra Drake, Homeownership Director of LACLT at 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@lact.org. Advance registration is required.



Conservation Commission News...

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info & updates
Click [here!](#)



The Laconia Conservation Commission (Con Com) invites all persons interested in the process of protecting Paugus Bay to a water testing demonstration and lecture given by Pat Tarpey, Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Pat Tarpey maintains the responsibility for managing water testing at all of Lake Winnepesaukee's many tributaries and deep water points. She also assists and trains volunteers.

Further information on the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association is available online at: <http://www.winnepesaukee.org/>. The Con Com has partnered with Ms. Tarpey to assure Laconia is provided accurate water testing data on a consistent basis in cooperation with UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The increase in monitoring helps the Laconia City Council's action item of maintaining and improving water quality protection standards around the Lake.

The lecture will include discussions on how the water testing process works, demonstrations of the equipment used, and explanations of the best management practices required to create a good result. Discussion will include water quality changes along Langley and Black Brooks and other tributaries to our lakes, as well as some additional storm water discharge points around Paugus Bay.

If you have ever considered volunteering or want to learn more about water testing, take some time out of the cold winter evening and join us to think about those beautiful, summer days along the Lake. Learn the answers to many of your questions on Wednesday February 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Laconia City Hall in the Council Chambers, Room 200 A. Call the Planning Department at 527-1264 for more information or questions. We hope to see you there!



Mark Your Calendar!

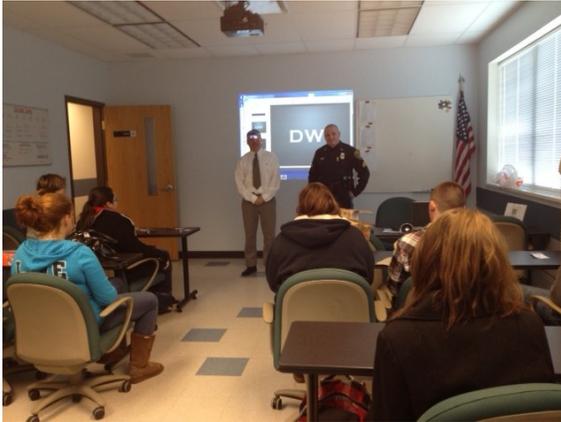
The snow has finally cooperated, and the 84th Laconia World Championship Sled Dog Derby is scheduled for February 22, 23 and 24, 2013!

Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's website at www.lrsdc.org for information and further details on the event.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Retired Chief Michael Moyer looks on as Sergeant Michael Finogle instructs the class on "Driving While Intoxicated" procedures.

The Laconia Police Dept. is pleased to announce that they have been working closely with the Huot Regional Technical Education Center of the Laconia High School to offer a Law Enforcement class that will be taught by police officers.

The class will once again be coordinated and taught by former Chief Michael Moyer and current Captain Matt Canfield as well as several other officers of the Laconia Police Dept. The course is designed to give students who are interested in a career in policing, corrections, juvenile and social work a general overview of all aspects of law enforcement. The class will include a sampling of all types of police and legal work, ranging from ride-alongs with members of the Laconia Police Dept. to reading state and federal court decisions.

There will also be age appropriate forensics and crime scene analysis, as well as field trips to various courts, the jail and police academy. The program will also feature presentations from guest speakers throughout the length of the class. The program is funded solely through a technical education grant and geared mostly towards second semester high school seniors, although some juniors will be allowed to participate as space permits.

Laconia Historical & Museum Society

February - April: At Laconia Public Library Exhibit - Ladies of the Lake: *Celebrating the Lakes Region's Past and Present Clubwomen and their Good Deeds*

Ladies of the Lakes honors the generations of Lakes Region clubwomen who have made camaraderie and community service a priority in their lives. Beginning by remembering one of the area's earliest women's service groups, the Lakeport Women's Club, the exhibition acknowledges the precedent set by the Club's original 45 ambitious members.

Ladies of the Lakes continues on by celebrating other long-standing influential area groups such as the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild, the Opechee Garden Club, and the D.A.R. Finally, it recognizes a new generation of women coming

Ladies
of the Lakes

Celebrating generations of Lakes Region clubwomen who have made camaraderie and community service a priority in their lives.

Ladies of the Lakes will be on view at the Laconia Public Library from February through April, 2013.

- Altrusia • Belknap Mill Quilters Guild • Mary Butler D. A. R. • Lakeport Women's Club • Lakes Region Women's Hockey Club • Opechee Garden Club • Zonta International •

Presented by the Laconia Historical and Museum Society • Sponsored by the Laconia Public Library

together in good spirit with the Lakes Region Women's Hockey Club, and shares ways for today's Ladies of the Lakes to get involved.

Ladies of the Lakes will be on view at the Laconia Public Library February through April, 2013. It is presented by the Laconia Historical and Museum Society with generous support by the Laconia Public Library.

For more info, please contact Laconia Historical & Museum Society at 527-1278, email lhmslpl@metrocast.net or visit online at www.laconiahistorical.org.



Laconia Fire Department

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



Most scalds occur within the home. Scald burns are typically related to ordinary activities like bathing, cooking and eating. Scald injuries can happen at any age. Children under the age of 4, older adults and people with disabilities are at high risk of burn related death and injury. Hot liquids from bath water, beverages and microwaved foods can cause devastating injuries. Hot tap water accounts for nearly one in four of all scald burns among children and is associated with more deaths and hospitalizations than any other hot liquid.

Follow these safety tips:

- Lower water heater temperature settings to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 Celsius) or less.
- When filling the bathtub, turn on cold water first. Mix in warmer water carefully.
- Check water temperature by rapidly moving your hand through the water. If the water feels hot to an adult, it is too hot for a child.
- When placing a child in the tub, face them away from faucets and close to the other end of the tub.

Scalds can also occur in the kitchen and dining room. Many of these can be prevented by:

- Always supervise children in the kitchen and dining areas.
- Keep pot handles turned inward; use oven mitts or pot holders. Keep clothing from coming into contact with flames or heating elements.
- Keep children away from everything that is hot. Do not hold a child while cooking.
- Follow instructions and cautions for heating items in a microwave oven.
- Do not use deep fryers with children present.

Treating A Burn



Burns are one of the most common household injuries. Severe burns should be treated by a doctor, but mild burns can be treated at home:

1. Run cool tap water over the burn for at least five minutes. Do not use very cold water or ice. If the burned area is on the hand or foot, fill a bowl with cool water and allow the burn to soak.
2. Dry the burn gently by patting, not rubbing. Apply aloe vera gel or a soothing burn gel to the area.
3. Apply a clean, loose dressing to keep the burn covered during the healing process. Do not wrap the burn tightly.
4. Take ibuprofen or acetaminophen to reduce pain and swelling.
5. Call your doctor if you notice any severe redness or streaking.



Our Memories: How Reliable Are They?

We've all experienced forgetting in our lives and have observed that human memory is imperfect. Yet, certain memories remain vivid for many years. However, the vivid memories we confidently remember may disagree with those of a sibling or spouse. Join us Monday, February 18th at 11 a.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building as Dr. Angela Kilb of Plymouth State University discusses memory research.

Doctor Kilb will show how easy it is to implant a false memory, as well as the implications this has on everyday life, including the impact of false memories on eyewitness testimony. She received her PhD in Cognition and Neuroscience from the University of Missouri, where she studied the effects of aging and divided attention on memory performance. She is currently an assistant professor at PSU and the Director of the Lifetime Learning Laboratory.

The program is part of collaboration between Meredith Village Savings Bank, Taylor Community and Plymouth State University, designed to bring educational and entertaining programs to Taylor residents and the greater Lakes Region area.

This performance is free and open to the public. Space is limited, so please make reservations by calling 524-5600 if you plan to attend. Taylor Community is a not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide the highest quality retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org and like us on Facebook to keep up with all our events.

NOTE: This event was rescheduled from Feb. 8 due to the snowstorm.



RECYCLING TOTER PROGRAM

**City of Laconia
Dept. of Public Works
27 Bisson Avenue
Laconia, NH 03246**



If you haven't already ordered and picked up your 64 gallon recycling container, now is a great time to do so!

The toters are commercial grade, and have a capacity of 64 gallons. The cost for one toter is \$25 (the City supports \$20 of the total cost of the toter). Additional toters can be purchased for \$45 each while supplies last.

We now have one of the actual toters here in the lobby of City Hall. Please feel free to stop by and see the great quality of these recycling containers for yourself!

Contact Ann Saltmarsh at the address above, call 528-6379, or e-mail saltmarsh@city.laconia.nh.us to purchase toters.

All toters must be picked up at the DPW Office – Payment is due at the time of pickup.



This Recycling Toter Program is for Laconia residents only -- proof of residency may be required.

News From the Laconia Water Department

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

Laconia's Water Rates Approximately Half the State Average



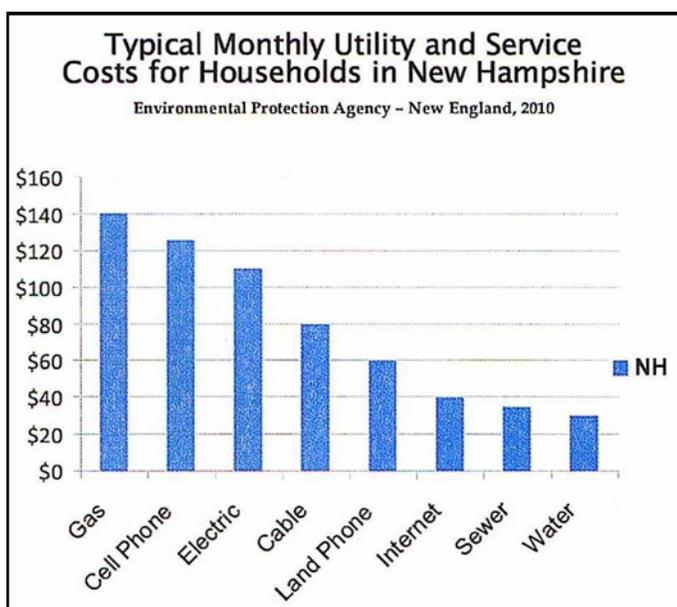
The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services recently released its 2012 water rate survey that incorporated the rates of approximately 90 water systems throughout New Hampshire.

The 2012 survey used a significantly lower consumption figure for domestic use (67,389 gal/yr, down from 100,375 gal/yr in previous surveys). The new volumetric figure is based on actual domestic consumption data for New Hampshire prepared and published by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The average annual price of water for a single family home served by the systems that completed the survey was \$415/year. Laconia Water Department's cost for a similar single family home is \$212/year or approximately half of the state average.

The rate structure used by Laconia Water Department is described as a "constant rate" structure and consists of a \$20 base rate per unit/per quarter and a consumption rate of \$1.45 per hundred cubic feet (HCF). One hundred cubic feet equals 748 gallons, making the cost of water to the average Laconia household equal to \$0.003 per gallon.

In order to put this cost in perspective, the bar graph below shows water costs relative to other household expenses or utilities. This graph, produced by EPA-New England in 2010, illustrates the cost of water as compared with other expenses in life on a monthly basis.



Further information concerning this rate survey can be obtained by visiting the DES website at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwqb/documents/2012-water-rate-survey.pdf>

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



Laconia Fire Department

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

Multi-Family Dwellings Life Safety Inspection Program

In January of 2013, the Laconia Fire Department resumed its multi-family, life safety inspection program which began several years ago. This program ran for several years and was successful in addressing some of the life safety issues of the City's housing stock. Most of the buildings inspected during this time were noted to have no or only minor issues that needed to be addressed.

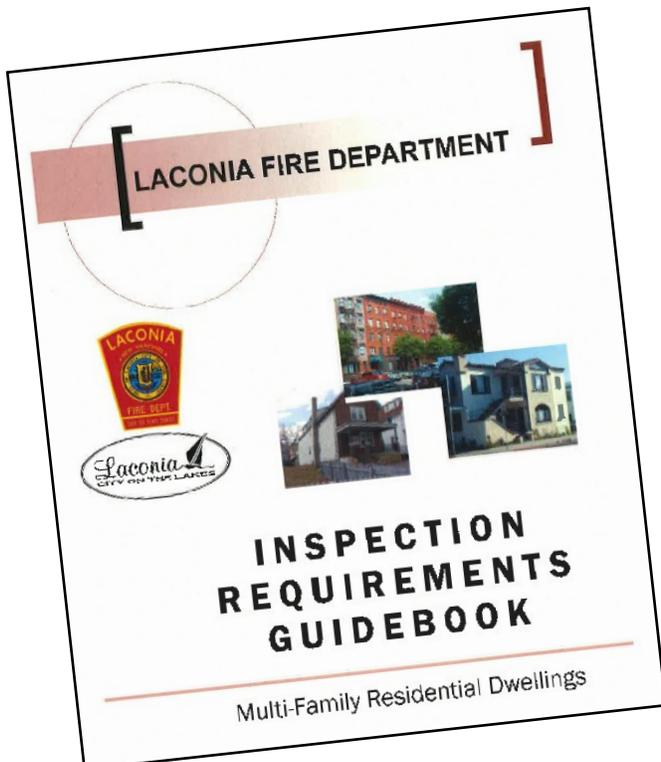


The new inspection program includes life safety and health related issues in buildings containing three or more rental units.

The program includes, but is not limited to, inspection of such items as hard-wired smoke detection, carbon monoxide detection (a new requirement as of January 1, 2013), fire alarm and sprinkler systems, heating systems, storage, building electrical systems, means of egress, rodent and insect infestations and lead paint abatements.

Owners of multi-family rental properties will be contacted by the Laconia Fire Department prior to the inspection to allow the tenants to be notified. Owners must contact the Fire Department when they receive this notice to confirm they will have a representative at the premises to assist the inspector. Tenants may be present during the inspection if they desire and to have any questions addressed.

An inspection guidebook with a self inspection checklist is available on the Laconia Fire Department's website at www.laconiafire.com, or by clicking on the image below.



Once completed, an inspection report will be provided to the property owner to address the issues noted in the report.

If no violations are noted, a clearance letter will be provided.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection program, please contact the Fire Prevention Office of the Laconia Fire Department at (603) 524-6881.



***Free First-Time Homebuyer Seminar
Offered by Laconia Area Community Land Trust
and Citizens Bank***



Would-be homeowners can learn everything they need to know about buying a home in a full-day seminar offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT), a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

The seminar is sponsored by Citizens Bank.

So far, 269 first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLT's program, representing almost \$40 million in local home purchases.

The seminar, to be held at the Laconia Police Department Community Room, takes place on Saturday, February 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Topics include:

- Credit and Budgeting
- Qualifying for a Mortgage
- Working with a Realtor®
- The Home Inspection Process
- The Closing Process



The First-time Homebuyer Seminar is free and open to the public; advance registration is required, and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Register by calling Debra Drake, LACLT's Homeownership Director at (603) 524-0747 or by emailing ddrake@laclt.org. LACLT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at www.laclt.org.

Laconia Area Community Land Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a member of NeighborWorks® America, and is supported in part by membership donations and the Lakes Region United Way. Its mission is to assist low and moderate income families achieve economic self-sufficiency through the development of permanently affordable housing opportunities and associated support programs.



For more information about LACLT and its programs, call 524-0747, or visit www.laclt.org.



**PLEASE JOIN US!
HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE
2013 FUNDRAISER "SOUP-A-THON"**

Second Annual Soup-a-thon to raise funds to sustain HATT, a group of 20+ community and religious organizations providing a free meal each Tuesday evening at St James Episcopal Church to feed those hungry in body or spirit!

DATE: Sunday, February 17, 2013

TIME: 5:00pm

PLACE: St. James Episcopal Church
876 North Main St.
Laconia, NH

DONATION: \$8.00

New England Clam Chowder * Mushroom Barley Soup * Sausage Chili * Vegetable Soup * African Soup of the Gods * Matzoh Ball Soup * Chicken Corn Chowder Breads + Salads + Homemade Cookies + JB Scoops Ice Cream

**Bring Your Extra Change for Our AUCTION ITEMS!!
Plus River Crew Art Show and Sale!!**

**Ten Soups Created by Local Churches, Restaurants, & Clubs!
Vote for Your Favorites!
Top Three Soups Win Stamped Silver Ladles for Their Makers!**



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*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!



Scott Myers, City Manager
City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



**CITY OF LACONIA
PHONE DIRECTORY**

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<i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i>	
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<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
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<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
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<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
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<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
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<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
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Fire Dept. (Lakeport) *	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) *	366-2229
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<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
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<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
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<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i>	
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Police (Crime Line) *	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
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Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i>	
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<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	

* For emergencies, remember
to always dial 911



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