



Laconia Links

February 27, 2015 - Edition #174



Renovations to the Fire Station are underway!
(Watch for updates in future issues)

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - February 2, 2015 through February 13, 2015

| Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 972.93 | | Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$145,939.50 | | Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$29,392.50 | |
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| Route | Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling) | Total Tons Recyclables | Percent Recycled | Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target | 2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target |
| Remote Sites | | 17.69 | | | |
| Monday | 16.55 | 3.98 | 24.1% | 4.96 | \$147.00 |
| Tuesday | 31.14 | 6.98 | 22.4% | 9.34 | \$354.00 |
| Wednesday | 34.98 | 7.93 | 22.7% | 10.49 | \$384.00 |
| Thursday | 29.09 | 7.21 | 24.8% | 8.73 | \$228.00 |
| Friday | 29.19 | 5.94 | 20.4% | 8.76 | \$423.00 |
| | Total = 140.95 | Route Total = 32.04 | Curbside Ave = 22.8% | Total = 42.28 | Total = \$1,536.00 |
| *Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present | | | Prior 2 Weeks = 23.0% | Recycling Saves \$\$ | |

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!



Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department

March 1st is the last day of our abatement filing period. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2014 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

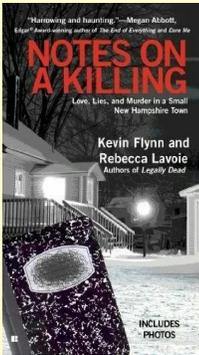
We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.

All abatements will be answered this year by our deadline of July 1, 2015.

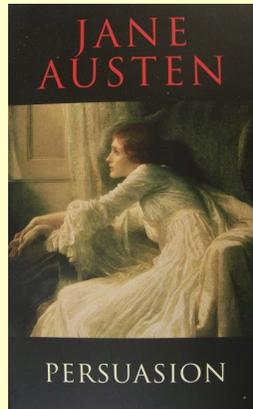
Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

Mark your calendar!

An Evening with Kevin Flynn and Rebecca Lavoie



Make plans to join us on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 pm for an evening with New Hampshire's very own crime authors, Kevin Flynn and Rebecca Lavoie, as they talk about the stories behind their books. You won't want to miss it! More information to come in a future issue.



Adult Book Discussion Series: "Brit Lit: A Small Sampling"

Please join us on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm at Laconia Public Library for the second in our Adult Book Discussion Series: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.

The discussion leader will be Betsy Leiter.



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

Planning Board

March 3, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Main St. Bridge Info Session

March 4, 2015 8:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Special Events/Licensing/ Motorcycle Tech. Review Committee

March 4, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

March 4, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Huot Career Tech Center Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights School Website](#)

WEEK AT A GLANCE IN LACONIA

| 3/2 | 3/3 | 3/4 | 3/5 | 3/6 |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| VIPSS Meeting 6:30 @ PSS | Laconia School Board @ 7:00 pm @ SAU | VISTESS mtg. 6:30 @ ESS | Grade 2 Music Show 6:30 @ PSS | Family Movie Night @ 6:00 pm @ WHS |



**WOODLAND HEIGHTS SCHOOL
FABULOUS FEBRUARY ACADEMIC STUDENTS AND
WONDERFUL WILDCAT STUDENTS**

WARM WINTER WEAR

As a friendly reminder, we want to make sure that all students are safe and prepared for the cold weather that winter has been bringing. We ask that all students have proper clothing everyday so that they can go outside for recess when the weather allows. During the winter months, all students should have a winter jacket, hat, gloves or mittens, boots and snow pants. We do ask that you send your elementary student to school with an extra pair of shoes so that they can change into them during the day when inside. Please keep in mind that the temperatures in each classroom can fluctuate so it is also important that all students have appropriate clothing for the school day such as sweaters, long sleeve shirts or sweaters. If you need assistance with winter outerwear please contact your school nurse or guidance counselor who may be able to help.



February Wildcat Students

CONGRATULATIONS TO LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL'S 2015 SCHOLAR ATHLETES



Front Row: *Michaela Sorrell, Samantha Silva, Mikayla Bordeau, Ashley Silva, Jillisianna Paul*
Back Row: *David Engelsen, Panthavy Pradachith, Sean Cashman, Connor Doherty, James Duggan, Brayden Harriman*



IT'S STILL WINTER OUTSIDE BUT SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS HERE!

Attention LHS seniors, scholarship season is here! Please visit the Laconia High School website and look in the scholarship link [here](#) for details. Mrs. Hamill has also sent several emails with scholarship links to your LHS addresses. It is important to check your email frequently so you do not miss out on these great opportunities and deadlines.

Follow us on **twitter**

Follow Laconia School District on [Twitter](#)

The Laconia Parks and Recreation & Weirs Community Park are co-sponsoring an...

Easter Egg Hunt

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

at 10:00 a.m. at the Weirs Community Park

Ages 2-11 • Free Admission



Don't Forget To Bring Your Own Basket!

Special Appearance By The *Easter Bunny!

(*Bring a camera or phone to take your photos with the Bunny!)

For More Info... Call 603.524-5046

Laconia's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the NEW Weirs Community Park! Come check out all of the park features including covered pavilion with adjoining picnic area, a naturalistic playground and an outdoor amphitheater. Enjoy 27 acres of walking trails! Meet inside the Park Hall, egg hunt will be outdoors. Be sure to dress accordingly. (All Children Must Be Supervised)

Candy
Balloons
Prizes

Clown Fun
Coloring
Face Painting

WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK
LUCERNE AVENUE, NEXT TO THE WEIRS FIRE DEPARTMENT | LACONIA, NH 03246 | 603-524-5046
www.cityoflaconianh.org | parks@city.laconia.nh.us



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE LAKES REGION

SUMMER DAY CAMP

For kids entering grades 1-8

Just \$90-\$130/week if you enroll by April 30

Caring Counselors/ Lots of Field Trips
Arts & Crafts / Sports & Rec/ Fun & Games



Enroll by 4/30 for significant discount!

After school spots still available!

- * Transportation from local schools
- * Open snow days/vacations
- * Big Gym & Kitchen
- * Computer Lab
- * Homework help, sports & recreation

Starts at \$5 per week.



LAKESKIDS.ORG 876 North Main St, Laconia 527-0198

YOU ARE INVITED!

RE-IMAGINE LACONIA COMMUNITY OPENHOUSE

OPECHEE CONFERENCE CENTER, LAKEPORT



How would YOU Re-imagine Laconia?

— Community —
Heart & Soul

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.REIMAGINELACONIA.ORG

MARCH 18, 2015 5:00– 8:00 PM

COME EARLY TO
GIVE US YOUR INPUT REGARDING:

VALUES
NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND USE
THE ECONOMY

FORMAL PRESENTATION FROM
6:00–7:00

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

On **Wednesday, March 18th, 2015 from 5-8PM** Re-Imagine Laconia will be hosting a Community Open House at the Opechee Conference Center, in Lakeport. There will be food, fun, and interactive stations designed to give many opportunities to share your ideas about taking action for Laconia's future.

Re-Imagine Laconia will be unveiling **Draft Values Statements** for comments from the community, as well as asking for additional input as we move forward with drafting a **Vision Statement** for the updated Master Plan. We are also working on Master Plan Chapters for **Land Use**, **Natural Resources**, and **Economic Development**. Come to this event and make sure your voices and ideas are heard!

Here are just a few of the fun things that you'll find at the Community Open House:

Prizes and gift certificates to local businesses
Kids' Station with crafts!
Teen & Young Adult Corner
Interactive stations to share your ideas for taking action for the future of our community
And more!

We will also be premiering the latest video following the Master Plan process so far and where it's headed. This video features many Laconia community members - maybe you're in it too?

Come check it out at our Community Open House, where we'll be "March"-ing forward with action items and plans for Laconia's future!

Be sure not to miss this event! **You can RSVP through our website at reimaginelaconia.org or on our EventBrite Page [here](#).**

We can't wait to see you there!

PAINTING FOR PIBBLES

TO BENEFIT PIT BULL BREEDS AT THE



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

Saturday March 14, 2015

6-10^{PM}



Historic Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia NH
Cash bar provided by Contigiani's Catering
Speaker Kelly Arbogast of Doggonit NH

***\$30 per person (includes ticket to event, painting lesson and a \$20 tax deductible donation to the NH Humane Society)**

<https://nhhumane.ejoinme.org/MVEvents/PaintingforPibbles/Tickets/tabid/581124/Default.aspx>

Presented by Laura Brusseau & Emily Sprogis

for more information contact them at paintingforpibbles@gmail.com

City Manager Updates

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.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



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

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, March 9th



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



The Laconia Police Department recently completed its Bi-Annual recertification of all sworn officers in the use and application of Defensive Tactics.

During this training, Officers received a refresher in the use and application of OC (pepper) spray, MEB (Monadnock Expandable Baton), proper restraints and handcuffing procedures.

This training is one of the many trainings mandated by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. Due to the size of the classes and equipment constraints at the Laconia Police Department,

The Laconia School District again generously allowed us to utilize the Multi-purpose room at the Laconia Middle School to conduct our training.

2015 Softball Registration

Signups for Lakes Region Girls Softball are back and open to residents of Belmont, Canterbury, and Laconia. More registration dates will be announced soon! All players need proof of residency; new players need to provide a copy of their birth certificate.

Registration Dates: Thursday, March 5 from 6-7:30 PM at Laconia Community Center
 Saturday, March 7 from 9-11 AM at Laconia Community Center
 Thursday, March 12 from 6-7:30 PM at Funspot Birthday Area



Eligible Ages: Girls 5-18 years old as of December 31st, 2014
Player Registration Fees: \$35 – Instructional and 8U Divisions
 (Family discount available) \$50 – 10U and 12U Divisions
 \$65 – 14U, 16U, 18U Divisions



Winter Warm-Up Clinics:

Is your player ready to play? Not sure if she wants to play? LRGS offers FREE Winter Warm Ups Clinics to all girls that may be interested in playing softball! You can also register your players at these Winter Warm-Up Clinics:

Warm-Up Location: Laconia Middle School
Warm-Up Dates: March 1 & 8
Warm-Up Times: 2-3 PM – 1st year players (all ages)
 3-4:30pm – 7-10 year olds (includes new and returning players)
 4:30-6pm – 11 year olds + (includes new and returning players)



*Please bring a glove, water, and dry sneakers (no cleats or boots please). For more information on these clinics or to register/volunteer for the 2015 season, please visit our website at www.lakesregiongirlssoftball.com or email us at lakesregiongirlssoftball@gmail.com.



2015 Registration Dates for Laconia Little League

Register to play baseball for Laconia Little League's 64th Season!

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|-------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| When: | Thursday, March 5 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Laconia Community Center |
| | Saturday, March 7 | 9 – 11 AM | Laconia Community Center |
| | Thursday, March 12 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Funspot – Birthday Area |

Who: Boys and Girls who **live or go to school** in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton & Meredith

How can I pay? Checks payable to Laconia Little League or cash. The fee is \$50 for one player. Family discounts are available.

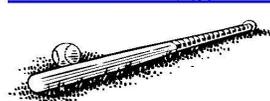
What if I am registering a new player? Please bring a copy of the player's birth certificate and either three proofs of address or school enrollment in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton or Meredith

What age must my child be? Ages 4-12 before January 1, 2015

Mark your calendars with these dates and times!

Current Players - Visit our website: www.laconiall.org to register online for a speedier in person registration!

If you have any questions, please email Laconia Little League at LaconiaNHLL@gmail.com



**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



“Every Kid In A Park” Initiative
By Laconia Parks & Recreation

President Obama has launched the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative to get people out to the parks and using public lands. The National Parks have been opened for free to any fourth grader and their families for one full year (2016). The whole point of this initiative is to get children and their families outside and into nature.

The Laconia Parks & Recreation Department commends any movement that promotes people using the great outdoors, including our parks, in a positive way but would like to one up this initiative!



Laconia is a very lucky community! We have a significant number of parks available to the public 365 days a year for any age and all for free! All you have to do is show up. We feel the good people of Laconia may be surprised and a bit amazed to know of all the parks we have right here in the City for your enjoyment.

The large parks that we have are Opechee Park, Leavitt Park, Memorial Park, Robbie Mills Sports Complex and the new Weirs Community Park. Our moderate (medium sized) parks are Wyatt Park, Sanborn Park, Rotary Park, Stewart Park, Tardif Park, Endicott Park (Weirs Beach), Bond Beach (there is a fee for resident only parking), Bartlett Beach, Bobotas Field, Torrey Park and the Skate Park. Citizens of all ages have the opportunity to use the WOW Trail and the Riverwalk,

which are both amazing assets to our fine City. There are a number of small parks not mentioned here, but there are many that the public may use and the City maintains.

The reason for listing these parks is to encourage you to go out with your family, your friends or by yourself and enjoy the outdoors during any season. We have many amenities for you to try such as hiking, walking, swimming, ball playing of all types, playgrounds, picnicking, sledding, ice skating, snowshoeing, an amphitheater, tennis, fishing, etc. There is something for everyone! You can go to Robbie Mills Sports Complex to watch Laconia’s own Muskrats (a collegiate baseball team) or enjoy a Little League game at Opechee Park. The track at Opechee Park has a wonderful new rubber coating and is great to run or walk on. Dogs are welcome at our parks unless otherwise stated, and bags are available for cleaning up after them.



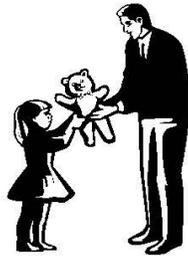
The only thing we ask of the public using the parks is that you treat them with respect. We have rules that need to be followed, and appreciate it if you would please pick up after yourselves and treat the equipment and natural elements with respect.

We encourage anyone to call our office at 603-524-5046, go on our webpage www.cityoflaconianh.org or check us out on Facebook for any questions you may have. We will be happy to answer your questions, give you addresses for the parks or be of general assistance.

We welcome everyone to come to one of the many parks that the Laconia Parks & Recreation Department maintains with great care and to enjoy the outdoors!

Nurturing Fathers

*A free, 13-week series of classes for men striving
to be the best dads they can be.*



Topics include: Dealing with Feelings, Discipline without Violence, Communication/Problem Solving, Play, Teamwork with Spouse/Partner, and more.

Class meets Thursdays from 5:30-8:00pm, Dinner included
Participants will be required to attend an orientation on March 5, 2015.
Classes will begin on March 19, 2015

Held At:
Family Resource Center of Central NH
719 North Main Street
Laconia, NH

Limited childcare and transportation available upon request

**Registration required: Please contact Tricia Tousignant at 528-0391 or
tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org**



This project is made possible by a partnership between the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire and the Division for Children, Youth and Families.



**A Medication Collection and Disposal Box is located
in the lobby of the Laconia Police Department for your
convenience in disposing of old or unused prescription drugs
in a safe manner. Open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk.
The collection box is accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!**





March is National Nutrition Month

- Food and Nutrition - Bam!
- Heart Healthy Foods Shopping List (also in Spanish)
- Recipes: Cool and Healthy Treats
- Recipes for Kids
- Team Nutrition for Educators
- Activity: Dining Decisions
- Activity: How Many Fruits and Vegetables Do You Need?
- Activity: SuperTracker
- Guides: Nutrition Education for School Aged Children
- Video: Kids Rock Nutrition in the Kitchen



March 3-7: National School Breakfast Week

- Ready, Set, Breakfast!
- School Breakfast Program
- Lesson Plan: Breakfast (PDF)

March 20: First Day of Spring - Vernal Equinox

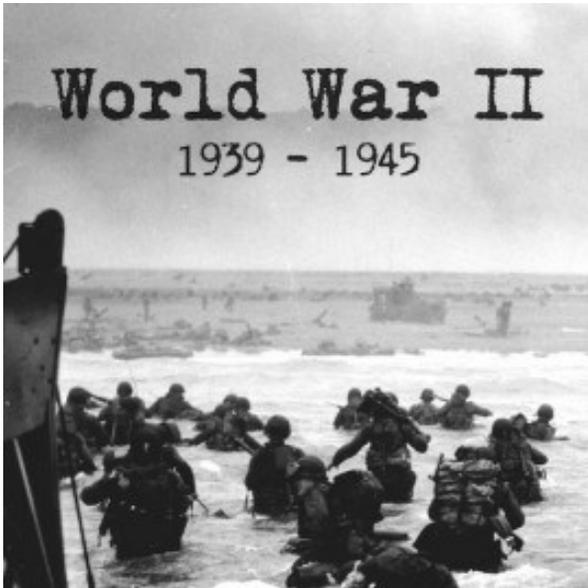
- Grow a Garden with Your Kids (for parents)
- Learn to Grow Your Own Food (for kids)



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Laconia SAU Health & Wellness Academic Coordinator
Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Inc.
603-528-2145 X 1806 603-630-2038 Cell
tlevsque@lrpph.org www.laconiahealthandwellness.org



World War II Traveling Trunk Show Comes to Taylor Community



Dan Schroeder, a volunteer at Wolfeboro's Wright Museum, discusses the history behind the contents of the World War II Traveling Trunk Show on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Since 2009, the Traveling Trunk program has brought noteworthy World War II memorabilia from both home and war fronts to schools and civic organizations through New Hampshire and beyond.

The program is free and open to the public. Please call 524-5600 to reserve a seat.

We hope you can join us!



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

PET OF THE WEEK



Wookiee

If you are a Star Wars buff you'll already know that Wookies are loyal and devoted friends, which really does puurfectly describe *our* **Wookiee** at New Hampshire Humane Society, a gorgeous tortioseshell cat who has been living with us since November.

Brought in by a kindly animal Samaritan - we have administered all the care and comfort necessary for this darling little creature to join a loving forever home. Meanwhile, Wookiee watches the world from the sumptuous confines of her special

cage front and center in our shelter lobby. The sweetest little girl - who only wants to snuggle and enjoy the warm and gentle touch of humans, surely she's waited long enough for her second chance.

Even if you can't adopt her, you could support her by participating in our newly launched Sponsor A Cage Program! **Don't forget - the Annual Indoor Triathlon March 14th at Funsport.**

To learn more, Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org

Main Street Bridge
Construction



Click here for Main Street
Bridge info including
construction plans and
traffic detour maps.

With spring on the way, the re-start of work on the Main Street Bridge is scheduled to begin shortly. The Main Street Bridge Construction website is being updated periodically with information regarding

construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image above contains a link to a webpage relating to the construction project. Once on that page you will find the most current information by clicking on "Today's Update" (in red).

Should you have any questions about the construction project or the website please contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

Click [here](#) for
our Public Works
Dept. website

*Thank you for your
patience!*



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



AARP offers free tax preparation for low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60 years of age and older.

Tax services are offered in Laconia at the Laconia Senior Center on Thursdays until April 9th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Appointment required! Please call the Senior Center at 524-7689.

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

*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

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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|---|----------|
| Assessing | 527-1268 |
| <i>Assessor - Jon Duhamel</i> | |
| City Clerk..... | 527-1265 |
| <i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i> | |
| City Manager | 527-1270 |
| <i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i> | |
| Code Enforcement..... | 527-1293 |
| <i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i> | |
| Finance | 524-3877 |
| <i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i> | |
| Licensing | 528-6331 |
| <i>Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young</i> | |
| Planning & Comm. Dev. | 527-1264 |
| <i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i> | |
| Tax | 527-1269 |
| <i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i> | |
| Welfare..... | 527-1267 |
| <i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i> | |
| <i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i> | |
| Fire Dept. (Central Station) | 524-6881 |
| Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) | 366-2229 |
| <i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i> | |
| Library | 524-4775 |
| <i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i> | |
| Parks & Recreation..... | 524-5046 |
| <i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i> | |
| Personnel | 524-3877 |
| <i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel</i> | |
| Police (Administration) | 524-5257 |
| Police (Crime Line) | 524-1717 |
| <i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i> | |
| Public Works (Main Office) | 528-6379 |
| Public Works (Transfer Station) | 528-5822 |
| <i>Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan</i> | |
| Water..... | 524-0901 |
| <i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i> | |

City Council Contact Info:

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| Mayor Edward Engler | 630-4484 |
| 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 |
| Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) | 524-2514 |
| E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us | |

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us