



*Lake Winnisquam on a winter's day
(photo courtesy of Steve Loughlin)*

Laconia Links

March 18, 2016 - Edition #228



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Law Enforcement Plan a Dip in Lake Winnepesaukee for Special Olympics

On the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, members of New Hampshire's law enforcement community will be jumping or "dipping" into the state's largest lake all for a good cause. The 8th Annual Winni Dip is a fundraising event of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics New Hampshire. Each dipper will raise a minimum of \$250 to participate.

This year's event will take place on **Saturday, March 19th, 12 noon, at the Margate Resort in Laconia** and is open to anyone wishing to raise money in support of SONH.

Officers from across New Hampshire will be leading the 80's themed 2016 Winni Dip, including **"Team LPD"** who will "Grin and Brr it" for Special Olympics.

Please come and support Chief Christopher Adams, and the rest of Team LPD as they take the plunge for Special Olympics New Hampshire.

If you would like to sponsor one of the team members, please contact Chief Adams at cadams@laconiapd.org or 603-524-5257 ext. 324.

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!



Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Preschool Storytime Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us on Wednesday, March 23rd
at 10:00 am and Thursday, March 24th
at 9:30 and 10:30 am.

Bring your basket and hunt for eggs!!



Gardening with Native Plants



Tuesday,
March 29th
7:00 pm
Laconia
Rotary Hall

Native plants have several advantages over introduced plants, including winter hardiness, pest resistance, and low maintenance needs. Native plants are also non-invasive.

They pose no threat to native plant communities if they escape cultivation. Introduced plants such as purple loose-strife can take over wetlands and other native habitats. Come learn which plants are best for your yard!

Admission is free!

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

Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

March 21, 2016, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Parks & Rec. Commission

March 21, 2016, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Technical Review Comm. II

March 23, 2016, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Water Commission

March 24, 2016, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

Board of Assessors

March 24, 2016, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B
(rescheduled from March 17th)

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](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR
ONLINE CALENDAR

Laconia Middle School

Join the Laconia Middle School's 8th Grade Class and eat at *Patrick's Pub* from March 20th -24th All Day!

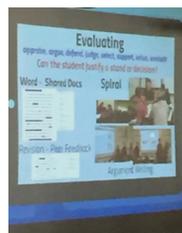
25%Of your food purchase will go toward the LMS 8th Promotion Dance

Just mention to your server that you are there to support the Laconia Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Dance.

Laconia School's Technology Team hosted this year's Spring Technology Conference at LMS on March 16th from 3:30 p.m.- 7 p.m. Participants had the opportunity to explore the following work-shops:

- ◆ Tweet-tastic
- ◆ Using Youtube & Educanon
- ◆ Digital Subplans
- ◆ Noodle Tools
- ◆ lanbook.com
- ◆ Coding
- ◆ Get Moving!
- ◆ Mindfulness - "Unplugged"

- ◆ Office 365 Spring Cleaning
- ◆ And Much More!



LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2016-2017 Kindergarten Registration

APRIL 4th - APRIL 22nd, 2016

If you have a child 5 years of age by September 30, 2016 it is time to register them for Kindergarten! Registration Packets will be available Monday, April 4, 2016 through Friday, April 22, 2016 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. A copy of your child's Birth - Certificate, Immunization Records, Proof of Residency and most recent Physical Examination is required for Registration. Parents are asked to call their neighborhood school to register and obtain a packet. Packets can be picked up or mailed. Please call or email the schools with any questions or for further information regarding the registration. After April 22, 2016, please go to the SAU to Register.

Pleasant St. School	524-2168
Elm St. School	524-4113
Woodland Hts. School	524-8733

We're excited to help your child learn and grow in our schools!

Laconia School's City-Wide Chess Tournament is Saturday April 2, 2016 starting at 9:00 am
Click [HERE](#) for more information!

NEWS - TALK - LOCAL SPORTS

WEMJ

FM 107.3 AM 1490

WEMJ is holding another *Community Forum* on Wednesday March 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM which will be broadcast live on WEMJ 107.3 FM/1490 AM and will stream live on LaconiaLocal.com. Our topic will be the revitalization of the Colonial Theater and Downtown Laconia. The forum will be moderated by WEMJ's Dave Emerson and Pat Kelly.

Participants joining Pat and Dave are Laconia Mayor Ed Engler, City Councilman Dave Bownes, Laconia City Manager Scott Myers and Justin Slattery, Executive Director of the Belknap Economic Development Council.

The first three *WEMJ Community Forums* were broadcast back in January. A fourth WEMJ Community Forum was broadcast February 4th from the Holy Grail of the Lakes Restaurant in Veterans Square.

The *WEMJ Community Forums* are designed to elevate the discussion and share various views on local issues with the intent of finding a consensus.

This event and subsequent WEMJ Community Forums will be an open forum...not a debate. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to participate. The location of the forum will be announced soon!



**LACONIA FRIENDS OF FOOTBALL
ANNUAL
BENEFIT AUCTION**

TO BE HELD AT THE BEANE
CONFERENCE CENTER
BLUEBERRY LANE IN LACONIA



OVERNIGHT STAYS AUTOGRAPHED MEMORABILIA ONE OF A KIND ITEMS GIFT CARDS

PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE....HUNDREDS OF ITEMS
AUCTIONEERP.K. ZYLA

SATURDAY MARCH 26
VIEWING STARTS AT 5PM
LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 6PM

BYOB - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

1st Annual
Bip Boppity Boutique

A charitable formal wear program for teen girls

This boutique started because we believe every girl deserves the opportunity to experience the magic of her first prom.

We collect new, and gently used items, then donate them to local high school girls in need. We are currently accepting the following items for donation:

- ❖ Prom / formal dresses
- ❖ Dress shoes
- ❖ Jewelry
- ❖ Accessories



Donations will be accepted **until March 25, 2016** at the

Laconia Community Center
306 Union Ave.
Laconia, NH 03246

Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM
(closed from 12:00-1:00PM)

If you own a business and wish to donate to the cause, Please call!

If you would like to take advantage of this program please schedule an appointment starting April 1st.

For more info, or to make an appt. for donation pick-up (2/7/16 or 3/6/16)
Email Kim: kainsworth77@yahoo.com Find us on facebook!



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!



City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.



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



Taylor Concert Features Paul Dykstra



The next concert of the 2016 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features Pianist Paul Dykstra. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. in

Taylor's Woodside Building.

The performance is free and open to the public and is generously being sponsored by Nan and Ron Baker.

The accomplished pianist returns to Taylor with a solo concert of Romantic Era classics.

Dykstra has an Associate Degree in Music, Piano Performance/Pedagogy (Western Board of Music/Conservatory Canada) and a Bachelor of Music in Performance, Piano (University of Alberta). He has been performing and teaching in Western Canada and New England since 1980.

City of Laconia Board & Commission Vacancies



The following Boards and Commissions have current vacancies:

- Board of Assessors
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Conservation Commission
- Lakeport Tax Increment Financing Advisory Group
- Library Board of Trustees
- Personnel Advisory Board
- Trustees of the Trust Fund
- Weirs Tax Increment Financing Advisory Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

If you have an interest in serving your community on one of these Boards or Commissions please contact the City Managers Office at 527-1270 (or email brownn@city.laconia.nh.us) for more information and to obtain an application.

Thank you!

WANTED!

Do you like to take photographs?
Would you like to see them included in an upcoming newsletter?

If so, we would love for you to share with us your photos taken in and around Laconia, Lakeport and the Weirs.

Just email them to: brownn@city.laconia.nh.us.
We appreciate your help!

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Patrick's

PUB & EATERY

*It's a great way to raise money for the 8th grade class
while spending a nice evening out with the family eating
delicious food!*

GREAT FOOD &

QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY



All you have to do is tell your server that you are there to support the Laconia Middle School 8th GRADE Promotion DANCE and 25% of your bill will go towards their promotion dance!

Assessing

[Click](#) for
Assessing
Department

We are in the process of verifying data on our PRC's (Property Record Cards). Our field personnel are in the Gilford Avenue area of the City (including side streets).

Also, we will be in the northeast area of Elm Street, including the Anthony Drive and Leigh Court areas. Post cards are being mailed in advance of our visit. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.

Reminder!



The next recycling collection
week begins Monday
March 21, 2016!

Antique Appraisal Day

Saturday, April 16, 1-4 p.m.

Laconia Antique Center
601 Main Street
Downtown Laconia

Appraisals \$5.00 per item

Benefit Laconia Historical & Museum Society
Call (603) 524-1278 for more information.

You're invited to....

Moonlit Walk

Saturday, March 26, 6:00-7:30PM



Our environmental educators will guide you on a moonlit walk and encourage you to use your senses to explore Prescott Farm in a different and special way. You will learn to identify several constellations in the night sky, discuss the habits of several nocturnal animals, and practice your own night vision abilities. Please wear boots and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome.

Cost: \$10 (\$8 Members of Prescott Farm)

Reservations are required -

Call 366-5695 or go online to save your spot today!

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Through preservation and education, Prescott Farm celebrates the interconnections between our community and the natural systems that sustain us all.

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH 03246 · (603) 366-5695 · Fax: (603) 366-5720 · info@prescottfarm.org
www.prescottfarm.org

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Just a reminder that the deadline for scholarship applications for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is coming up soon!

All applications are due by April 1st!

Applications are available on line at our website:

www.lrscholarship.org



LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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*Celtic Music with the
O'Brien Clan*



Join us for a musical presentation by the O'Brien Clan Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

Siblings Benjamin, Johnathan, Timothy, Michael and Susannah form the O'Brien Clan. Lead Vocalist Benjamin plays guitar and has a background as a professional musician entertaining, teaching and leading performances at local restaurants, churches and schools. The Clan will perform traditional Irish jigs, waltzes and folk songs as well as more contemporary Celtic music by bands such as Gaelic Storm.

News

**From the
City Clerk's Office**



***It's Not Too Early to Get Your
2016 Boat and Jet Ski Registration!***

Did you know you can process your boat and/or jet ski registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way. No waiting for your registration to get mailed back to you!

Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office.

We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please make checks payable to **City of Laconia** In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$6 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .



*Questions? Please call
the City Clerk's
office at 527-1265.*



Laconia Parks & Recreation

Did
you
know?

Be Aware of Ticks!



Please be aware of ticks while working outdoors. There have been a number of reports recently of individuals encountering ticks in the landscapes. It is possible to speculate that prolonged mild temperatures this winter along with little snow cover have reduced tick mortality. However, ticks as a general rule are resilient and can be active anytime that temperatures are above freezing. Furthermore, the same unseasonable conditions that have increased tick activity have also increased the activity of people in and around tick habitats which greatly increases the potential for tick bites to humans and pets.

The most notorious offender is the Black-Legged Tick (Deer Tick). This tick is most well known as a carrier of Lyme disease.

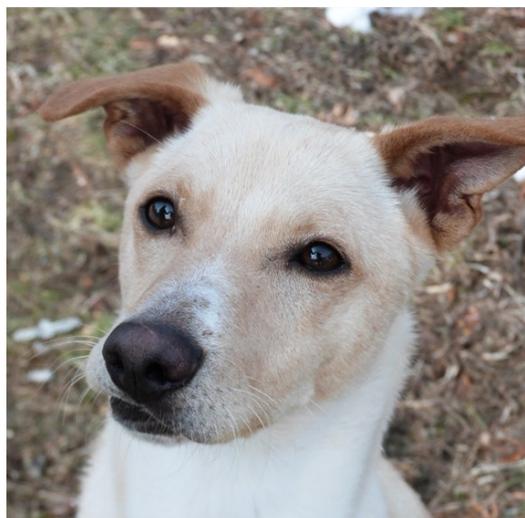
Please be careful to check yourselves, your children and your pets when coming in from outdoor play or work.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



Pet of the Week:
SONNY



Looking for a super smart, energetic dog, who is hardly more than pocket sized? If you checked yes then little Sonny is the dog for you!

Sonny is just a kid, aged about one year old. Small of stature weighing in at under 40lbs, smooth, short coat that could be of Labrador extraction, but he's slim and trim – like a whippet. He's a handsome little fellow with a big, big brain. If he were a person, he'd in Advanced Placement classes and fast tracked to greatness. We hope that in a forever home he can flourish and blossom learning as many tricks and commands as his new owners are willing to teach him... which won't be difficult as he is very food motivated!

Life is pretty good for Sonny now, but he has a tale to tell. We can only guess at happened to him *before* he took the trip

north. He has suffered trauma to his mouth - the proof noted by vets both before his journey and here at New Hampshire Humane Society. Was he kept in a cage and chewed his way out? Was he hit? Only Sonny knows. We concentrate on happy interactions, lots of love, kindness and a gentle touch. Sonny deserves a second chance. Please come and see this sweet dog, you will fall in love! Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



MPO Jon Howe (left) shows off his car at the Boy Scouts' Soap Box Derby held recently at the Holy Trinity School.



MPO Howe participates in the event every year and had a strong fifth place finish!



City of Laconia Spring Leaf Pickup!

During the weeks of May 9th and May 23rd, the City's solid waste contractor (Casella Waste) will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves/yard waste during these 2 weeks – on your normal trash day. Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck **NOT** the normal trash collection truck.

All materials must be placed in paper compostable bags. Please place bagged yard waste at least 3 feet away from your trash.

Laconia residents may also bring leaves/yard waste to the composting area at the Laconia Transfer Station FREE of charge. Hours of operation are: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. Questions? Please call Ann at 528-6379, ext. 300.

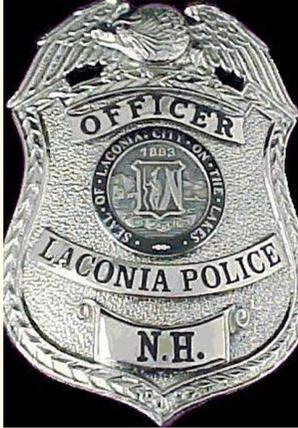


Jeanne Shaheen United States Senator for New Hampshire

Dear Friends,
One of my most important responsibilities as a United States Senator is assisting New Hampshire residents who need help navigating federal agencies and identifying federal resources. My staff is equipped to help individuals with issues related to the federal government such as veterans' benefits, social security and citizenship.

As part of my office's outreach effort, one of my staff members will be visiting Laconia City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH (Room 200B, 2nd Floor) on the date below:

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 from
11 am to 12 noon**



Laconia Historical & Museum Society
Rotary Hall, Laconia Public Library
Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m.
hosts a presentation on the
History of the Laconia Police Department
Robin Moyer

Presentation by guest speaker Robin Moyer, a 22-year LPD veteran and now with MIS/Administrative. Robin has gathered data since the start of the Laconia Police Department at the town meeting of 1855 when Laconia voted in their first Constables.

The public is invited to attend this free event. Call 527-1278 with questions or for additional information.



**Rabies Clinics at the New
Hampshire Humane Society**
March 26, April 9 and April 23
(all Saturdays)

It's time for spring vaccinations! Bring your cat(s) and dog(s) to one of our low-cost clinics at the New Hampshire Humane Society to help keep them healthy and make it easier for them to find their way home with a microchip.

All rabies vaccines will be 1 year unless your pet's vaccination is current and you bring proof of prior vaccination (then your pet can get a three year vaccination!) **Rabies vaccine \$15, Microchip \$25. CASH ONLY.** In an effort to make it less stressful for your pets, cats should come between 9:00 and 10:30 and dogs between 10:30 and noon.

For your pet's safety, **CATS MUST BE IN CAGES AND DOGS MUST BE LEASHED.**

Dog Licenses are due by April 30! Representatives from the City Clerk's Office will be on hand to update your dog's rabies information and license your dog(s). Cash and check only for licenses at this event.

Public Works Department

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM
Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

All Laconia households play a vital role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. Please do your part to protect and maintain the City's significant investment in the sanitary sewer collection system. Click [here](#) to find out what is not allowed to be disposed of in the toilet or down the drain, and the proper way to dispose of such items. Questions? Please call Matt Mooney, DPW, at 528-6379, Extension 303.

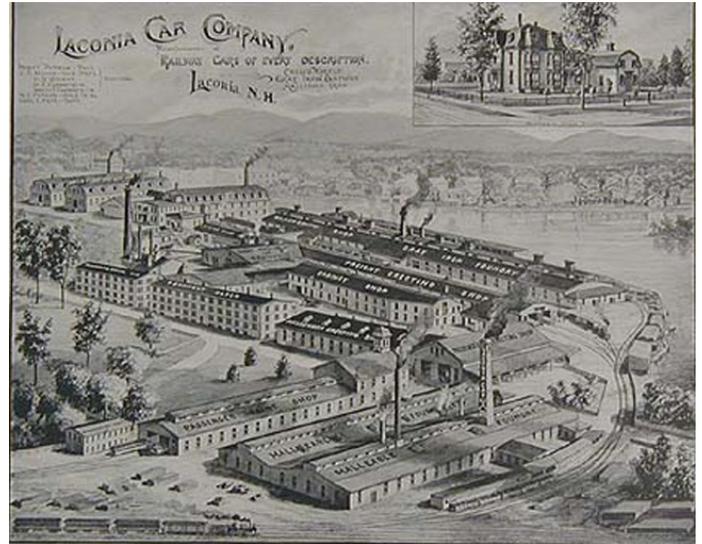


The Laconia Car Company - A Lecture

It began in 1844 as the Ranlet Manufacturing Company, building horse-drawn wagons, carriages and stagecoaches. In 1882 the company was reorganized as the Laconia Car Company, occupying seven acres in downtown Laconia.

Local Historian and Author Warren D. Huse will present a lecture covering the history of the Laconia Car Company, [Monday, March 28 at 2 p.m.](#) in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public, but seating reservations are requested by calling 524-5600.

Laconia Car Company manufactured railway cars from 1882 to 1923. At its peak, Laconia's workforce reached 1,000 men and manufactured electric railway cars at the rate of one per day. Their products could be found operating as far away as the Los Angeles Railway. After specializing in building early 20th century streetcars, the company went out of business when automobiles replaced electric cars.



Laconia Fire Department

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

Permits to Burn Brush Now Required!



Permits to burn brush are now required as open burning is restricted because there is no snow cover.

Per [RSA 227-L:17](#), the state of New Hampshire requires anyone who wishes to burn clean, ordinary combustibles such as leaves, brush or untreated lumber, or have a camp or cooking fire to have written permission from the landowner *and* a written fire permit from the local forest fire warden or local fire department in the town or city where the fire will be kindled.

If you do not own the property you must get the owner's written permission. A campfire (Category I) must be at least 25' from any structure; all other permitted fires must be 50' from a structure. A campfire may be kindled at any time (with a permit). Campfire permits are usually issued for the entire season. Brush fire permits are restricted by weather. Permits can be obtained at Central Fire Station or the Weirs Fire Station from 8AM to 7PM seven days a week. We suggest calling first as follows: Central Fire Station - 524-6881; Weirs Fire Station - 366-2229. If no one answers the phone or door, then the firefighters are out training or at an emergency.

Go to New Hampshire Division of Forests and Land (www.nhdfi.org) for information and regulations pertaining to open burning.



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

**COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS WEEK IS
MARCH 21ST—25TH!**



Laconia Senior Center
invites members of the
community to learn more
about their Meals on Wheels
and Nutrition Programs!

Call 524-7689 for further information
on upcoming events!

*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

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 - Hilary Young	
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. (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	

City Council Contact Info:

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