



Laconia Links

March 27, 2015 - Edition #178

Paugus Bay docks ready and waiting for spring...just add boats!

Recycling Update

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

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,067.28		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$160,092.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$32,616.00	
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		23.12			
Monday	20.22	4.57	22.6%	6.06	\$ 223.50
Tuesday	36.85	9.85	26.7%	11.05	\$ 180.00
Wednesday	38.64	8.43	21.8%	11.59	\$ 474.00
Thursday	32.25	7.18	22.2%	9.69	\$ 376.50
Friday	31.15	6.56	21.0%	9.34	\$ 417.00
	Total = 159.11	Route Total = 36.59	Curbside Avg. = 23.0%	Total = 47.73	Total = \$1,671.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/14 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 23.2%	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!

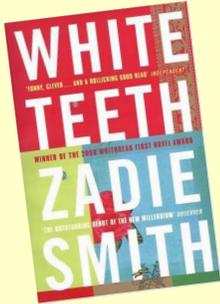


HEY LACONIA!

We want to know: What headline would you like to see in the newspaper that would help you feel proud of Laconia?

Text your answer to:
603-217-5136

Laconia Public Library **Upcoming Events.....**



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

Second in our discussion series is "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith. "White Teeth" focuses on the lives of two wartime friends - the Bangladeshi Samad Iqbal and the Englishman Archie Jones - and their families in London. It illustrates the dilemmas of immigrants and their children as they are confronted by a new, different society.

*Please join us at 7 pm on Tuesday,
April 7th in Laconia Rotary Hall.*



Teen Movie

Tuesday, April 7th at 3:00 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall, "Big Hero 6" rated PG. Action packed comedy adventure about the special bond that develops between Baymax, a plus sized inflatable robot, and prodigy Hiro Hamada.

When a devastating event befalls the City of San Fransokyo and catapults Hiro into the midst of danger, he turns to Baymax and his close friends adrenaline junkie Go Go Tomago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon and fanboy Fred. Determined to uncover the mystery, Hiro transforms his friends into a band of high-tech heroes called "Big Hero 6." Admission for teens in grades 6 thru 12 is free.



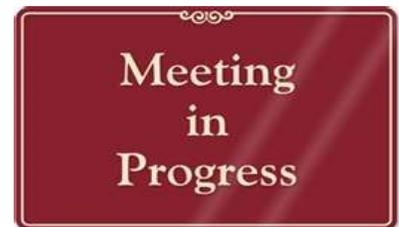
Upcoming Meetings...

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.



Motorcycle Technical Review Committee/Special Events Review Committee/Licensing

April 1, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

April 1, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

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

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

03/30	03/31	04/01	04/02	04/03
		Grades 3, 4 & 5 Music Show 6:30 pm @ PSS		 City Wide Chess Tournament—Saturday, April 4th @ 9am @ Huot Cafe

14TH ANNUAL CITY WIDE CHESS TOURNAMENT



COMING TO MVSB CULINARY ARTS CENTER

The 14th Annual Project E.X.T.R.A. City-Wide Chess Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, April 4th** at the Huot Career Technical Center in the Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary

Arts Center at 9:00 a.m. Last year, there were approximately 200 students who entered qualifying rounds in the six schools! There are 16 students in the finals of the Grades 3-5 Division, 8 students in the Grades 6-8 Division and 4 students in the Grades 9-12 Division. They will play to have Champions in each Division. Please join us to cheer on these players!



PSU ALL NEW ENGLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who represented Laconia High School on Tuesday, March 24th at Plymouth State University for the All New England Jazz Festival. These students were selected from among the New England area. They rehearsed during the day under the guidance of 2 guest conductors, one for a big band setting and the other a

Pictured: back row – Mitchell Bailey - Trombone, Mikey O'Brien - Bass, front row – Andy Emanuel – Tenor Sax, Sebastian Huot – Trumpet, Bryson Haddock - Trumpet

jazz combo. That evening, family and friends were invited to attend a concert in the Hanaway Theatre. Congratulations again to these students!! The Big Band included Sebastian Huot and Bryson Haddock on trumpet, Mitchell Bailey on trombone and Mikey O'Brien on Bass and in the Jazz Combo, Andy Emanuel on tenor sax.

HUOT CENTER APPRECIATES COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Business support of education is alive and well at the Huot Center. The regional career center located in Laconia recently received significant donations from Tractor Supply in Tilton and Eptam Plastics of Northfield.



Tractor Supply has donated material several times in the past with this year's donation consisting of well over a \$1000 in power equipment. The equipment, mostly hand tools, was part of a product-line switch over. A variety of brand new saws, drills, impact drivers and grinders will be put into immediate use across the center.

Eptam's donation of tooling specific to CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machines are capable of cutting various metals e.g. steel, aluminum, stainless steel, and many classifications of plastics. Because many of the tools are made from a solid-carbide material, they can cut materials at much greater speeds and can last much longer. In addition, some tools have a diamond particle coating for machining abrasive plastics; something Huot students have never been able to experience because of the tool cost which can range from \$300 and up for each tool. Dozens of these tools were donated to the center's Manufacturing and Engineering programs.

The Huot Center is fortunate to receive many donations of both material, time and scholarship money each year from a variety of local businesses and individuals who support the school's mission.

SCHOOL DISTRICT STEM HIGHLIGHTED IN BOSTON

On March 19th Whitney McCallum, Sonya Roberts, Cori Smith and Kirk Beitler attended the Gateway Symposium at the Boston Museum of Science.

We were the only NH School District in attendance and there were several other Massachusetts School Districts represented. The three teachers did an outstanding job representing Laconia School District and showcasing STEM related lessons and the collaboration they have used in their classrooms. The Symposium was an excellent opportunity to learn from other educators and highlight our outstanding work in Laconia School District.



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Children's Authors Tea

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Belknap Mill

25 Beacon St. East

The Mill Plaza, Laconia

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Children's Authors Tea!

This wonderful, free event is organized by the LRCS Family Resource Center to promote the importance of early literacy. Come celebrate "Strengthening Families and Communities Month" with us!

Special Guests and New Hampshire Authors:

Cheryl Blöser, Jennifer Carson, Shawn Middleton, Robbie Neylon & Denise Ortakales

Evening events: Book signing and sales by authors, storytelling, light snacks, and tea.

This is a free family event. Every child will receive a free book!

Generously Sponsored By:



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For more information please call Child Care Resource and Referral Family Resource Center at 581-1558.



Lakes Region Community Services
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



NOTICE



City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump

The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **April 1, 2015** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Materials accepted are as follows:

- Clean Wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- Branches of Trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length)

NOTE: Leaves are **NOT** accepted.

REMINDER - Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

PET OF THE WEEK: SWEET PEA



The kitty that came in from the cold, that's Sweet Pea. Her name perfectly describes her personality, just adorable, and pretty as a picture for an older girl.

This little black and white cat lived for many years in a barn on a farm in Belmont. The owner of the farm had his own calamity earlier in the year, and by the onset of winter he realized this demure feline really shouldn't have to exist in a drafty barn anymore.

Sweet Pea has been staying at New Hampshire Humane Society for about three months now. It's warm and cozy, with regular food, a nice soft bed, and tidy surroundings; better than a bit of straw to lay on in the dank cold of living in the elements, but not quite the home she deserves.

We know she's older, wiser, perhaps resigned to what life brings her. Could the reward for being such a sweetheart be a loving indoor forever home at last? Please visit Sweet Pea. We are sure you will find her irresistible!

Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org

2. COMMUNITY VALUES

Which are most important to you?

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Place your three sticky-dots in the boxes below to indicate which are most important to you.
2. On a sticky-note, add your own thoughts about what we may have missed for each value.

VALUE	When we say this, we mean:
COMMUNITY CHARACTER	Our Community will strive to protect, create and revitalize places important to us, including neighborhoods, commercial centers, rural areas, historic buildings, recreation areas, and the routes we take between them.
SENSE OF COMMUNITY	Our Community will maintain our small city feel, be supportive of locally owned businesses and strive to welcome caring, friendly, diverse people, including a range of income levels and ages, into a community that supports safety, health and wellness.
CONNECTIVITY	Our Community will encourage ways for members to be connected in all ways by supporting and growing our information resources, communication venues, and community building events. Our Community will also encourage physical connectivity throughout the community by providing access to our natural resources, public transportation, and investment in infrastructure.
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT	Our Community will ensure that our lakes, mountains, open spaces and recreational opportunities are protected and integrated into our economy.
STRONG ECONOMY	Our Community will be a City that educational institutions, non-profit organizations and businesses seek out as a place to grow and succeed and a destination for all ages of people to find good, high paying jobs and a high quality lifestyle. We will advance economic development opportunities for Laconia that honor the City's natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and rich history.
RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT	Our Community will ensure that our government leadership and government employees engage with, be responsive to and serve in our citizens, neighborhoods, local businesses, infrastructure, and amenities.
DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY	Our Community will foster opportunities for youth from birth through high school, college and beyond including quality education, finding a job, finding a home and finding meaningful, fun activities in Laconia.
QUALITY OF LIFE	Our Community will offer opportunities for and investment in a culture of safe, entertaining, diverse, lifestyle choices including four seasons options for both nightlife, cool events and support for local vendors.
POSITIVE STORY	Our Community will recognize, advocate for and build on our assets and image. We value the people, arts and culture, recreational opportunities, scenic mountains, pristine waters, historic neighborhoods and destination events.
SAFE COMMUNITY	Our community will provide safe streets and neighborhoods by working cooperatively to offer quality police, fire, code enforcement, school, and other community programs to assure community safety.

Are there other values that you think are missing? Write them on a sticky note and add them here:



Re-Imagine Laconia held our March Community Open House last week, where over 90 community members came out to share their ideas! Were YOU there?

Here is another opportunity to get involved!

Each week we will be featuring different posters down at City Hall!
Stop by to share your ideas!
This week we are featuring **Laconia's Community Values.**

Check out our website www.reimaginelaconia.org to read more about the Community Values, take our **survey**, and comment on our **Facebook page!**

3. COMMUNITY VALUES

What actions can we take as a community to make progress on these values?

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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. In this report you will find everything from road projects proposed for 2015 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
40th
Celebrating a
Milestone
1975-2015

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Dan Habib
presents 'Creating a Culture of Inclusion'
Award Winning Documentary Filmmaker
The Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire



Thursday, April 9, 2015

JOIN US!

Beane Conference Center
35 Blueberry Lane
Laconia, NH

Dan Habib

University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, filmmaker Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Creator of the award-winning documentary films *Including Samuel* and *Who Cares About Kelsey?* and others, Habib will share how inclusive education is preparing Samuel for an adult life of community inclusion, as well as the powerful impact that inclusion has on students without disabilities

LRCS 40th Anniversary Celebration Program Schedule

- 4:30 pm Opening Reception
- 5:00 pm Welcome - 40 Years in the Community
Recognition and Appreciation
- 5:30 pm Keynote Presentation: Creating a Culture of Inclusion
- 6:15 pm Closing Reception

Seating is limited!
Please RSVP
by April 3, 2015 to:



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Tom Hayes
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MTV & Dave Letterman



Matt Barry
Winner NH Best Bar Comic

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH
VFW HALL 143 COURT ST
LACONIA, NH

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Show starts at 8:00 PM
Kitchen will be open

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DOOR PRIZES....RAFFLES.....50/50

Tickets: \$20.00

Available @ Café Déjà Vu, All My Life Jewelers,
Studio 23 and Patrick's Pub & Eatery
For more info Call (603)998-1418

For Comedy info: www.RENTACOMIC.com

NH Humane Society

Rabies & Microchip Clinic

Saturday April 18 2015

10a.m - 12 Noon

\$12 Rabies Vaccine
\$25 Microchip service
Bring proof of prior vaccine



Dogs must be leashed

Cats must be transported in a carrier



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
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1305 Meredith Center Road
Laconia NH
www.nhhumane.org

Lakes Region Art Association

75th Anniversary **Special Exhibit**

March 30 - April 6
at
Laconia Public Library
695 N. Main Street
Monday - Thursday 9 to 8
Friday, 9 to 6 Saturday 9 to 4

LAKES REGION ART ASSOCIATION lakesregionartassociation.com

fusion BUSINESS EDUCATION PHILANTHROPY **THOUGHTFAUCET**

HOW TO IMPACT CHANGE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

MEET THE PANEL



Chase Hagaman NE Regional Dir. The Concord Coalition
Ed Engler Mayor City of Laconia
Kate Bishop Hamel Moderator Community Matters Gilford Library Trustee
Rebecca Perkins Founding Member 603 Initiative
Scott Myers Manager City of Laconia

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST
5:00PM

This interactive session will leave you with all the information, contacts, and know-how you need to interact with local government and impact change in your community! Though located in Laconia, our panelists have experience across the state so this discussion will be applicable to all areas of NH.

5:00 pm: Networking Social Hour with light appetizers by Fratello's Laconia

6:00 pm: A panel discussion about what's going on in local government, opportunities to interact, and why it's important to have your voice heard!

PLEASE RSVP BY RESERVING YOUR FREE TICKET THROUGH EVENTBRITE

THE COMMONS AT LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 379 BELMONT RD. LACONIA, NH 03246

www.FusionNH.org f t i in

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

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)



Special Appearance By The *Easter Bunny!
(*Bring a camera or phone to take your photos with the Bunny!)

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

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, April 6th!



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!



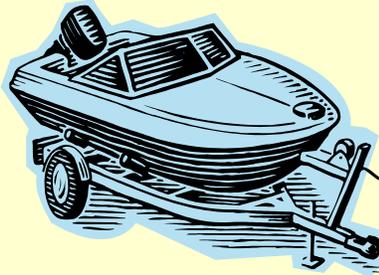
NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office



It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2015 Boat Registration!

Did you know you can process your boat 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 so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!



No waiting for your registration to be 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 \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

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



Main Street Bridge Construction



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

Spring is here, and work on the Main Street Bridge project has resumed!

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!



CITY OF LACONIA LAKEPORT AND WEIRS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) ADVISORY BOARDS



The Lakeport and Weirs TIF Advisory Boards were established on August 8, 2011 and February 25, 2013, respectively, to advise the City Council on planning, construction and implementation of the development program and maintenance and operation issues within the Lakeport and Weirs TIF Districts.

In order to bring the Lakeport and Weirs TIF Advisory Boards' makeup in line with the Downtown TIF Advisory Board and other City Boards and Commissions, the City Council recently voted that the Boards should consist of five members appointed for 3-year terms. All Board members shall

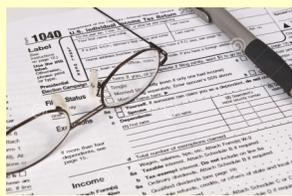
own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts.

Initial staggering of terms shall be two 3-year terms, two 2-year terms and one 1-year term, with a majority of the Board being Laconia residents. Terms will then each be three year terms upon reappointment going forward. Terms will begin July 1, 2015.

If you are interested in applying for a position on either the Lakeport or Weirs TIF Advisory Board please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at brownn@city.laconia.nh.us) for further information or to request an application. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 22, 2015.



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



Hurry in! Only two more free tax help days left. The wonderful team of tax preparers from AARP have assisted hundreds of people to date. April 2nd and April 9th are the last days. Call 524-7689 for your appointment!

Easter festivities at the Senior Ctr. on 4/2 from 10 am to noon! Easter bonnet contest, Easter egg hunt & more. Be sure to sign up for our Easter ham dinner with all the fixin's. Call 524-7689. Hop on in!



*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!*

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
<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:

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:
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