



# Laconia Links

*April 8, 2016 - Edition #231*

*An eagle seen near Paugus Bay  
(Photo compliments of Paul Merritt)*

## Recycling Update

2 Week Total - March 14, 2016 through March 25, 2016					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,084.00		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$162,600.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$39,310.50	
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		27.83			
Monday	23.65	5.78	24.4%	7.09	\$196.50
Tuesday	37.17	9.54	25.7%	11.15	\$241.50
Wednesday	40.25	8.04	20.0%	12.07	\$604.50
Thursday	35.56	8.04	22.6%	10.67	\$394.50
Friday	34.00	6.82	20.0%	10.21	\$508.50
	Total = 170.63	Route Total = 38.22	Curbside Ave = 22.3%	Total = 51.19	Total = \$1,945.50
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 23.1%	<b>Recycling Saves \$\$</b>	

**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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

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



**LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS**  
May 7 and 14, 2016  
8 am to Noon

**FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD.**

**LACONIA RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY  
NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.  
Proof of Residency Will Be Required.**

**ACCEPTABLE:** APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, PAPER BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES (limit 6 tires per customer). **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic waste **WILL NOT** be accepted free of charge at this event.  
If you bring in e-waste, normal fees for disposal will apply.

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Maker Play Afternoon Tuesday, April 12 at 3:15 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall: Pre-teens and teens are welcome to join us for an afternoon playing with technology kits.

Spend some time with Snap Circuits, Ozobots, our Recon Programmable Robot, LEGO® Mindstorms, or Makey Makey.



Blackout poetry focuses on rearranging words to create a different meaning. Also known as newspaper blackout poetry, the author uses a permanent marker to cross out or eliminate whatever words or images that seem unnecessary or irrelevant to the effect he's seeking to create.

## Teen Scene

**Teen Blackout Poetry**  
Thursday, April 14  
3:30 Laconia Rotary Hall

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to create their own blackout poetry!

*We hope you can join us!*



## 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

### City Council

April 11, 2016, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### Agenda

### Technical Review Comm. I:

April 13, 2016, 10:00 am  
Central Fire Station

### Heritage Commission

April 13, 2016, 5:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### Conservation Commission

April 13, 2016, 6:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

### Water Commission

April 14, 2016, 8:00 am  
117 Stark St., Water Treatment  
Facility Conference Room



## Children's Authors Tea

Monday, April 18, 2016  
5:00 to 7:00 PM  
Belknap Mill  
25 Beacon St. East  
The Mill Plaza, Laconia

You are cordially invited to attend the 2016 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 Blosser, Kathy Brodsky, Jennifer Carson,  
Richard Lennon, 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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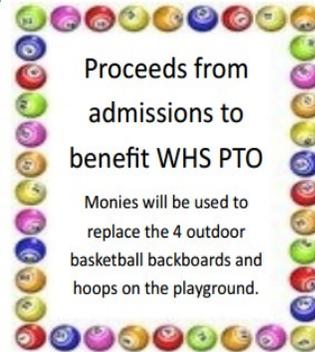
For more information please call Family Resource Center at 581-1560.



## VENDOR Bingo Night April 19, 2016 By: THE GIVE BACK DIVA'S

Doors Open 6PM  
Games @ 6:30PM

VFW Post 1670  
143 Court St  
Laconia NH 03246



Proceeds from  
admissions to  
benefit WHS PTO

Monies will be used to  
replace the 4 outdoor  
basketball backboards and  
hoops on the playground.

**\*\$10 Donation at the Door**  
**\*Additional Card - \$5 Donation**  
**\*10 Different Vendors**

ThirtyOne, Origami Owl, Norwex plus many more

**FREE**

class for Laconia parents  
of children birth to age  
five, learn games to share  
with your child

**FREE**

toys and games

**FREE**

childcare

**Where: Woodland Heights School**  
**When: April 20, 2016**  
**Time: 5:30-7:30\***

\*First time attendees need to arrive by 5:30p.m. to receive a READY! Notebook, bag, and orientation.  
All returning parents need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Register by calling Kaitlyn at the Laconia School  
District at 524-5710 or online at  
[www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia](http://www.readyforkindergarten.org/laconia)

Register early as enrollment is on a "first come, first served"  
basis!

Returning parents-please re-register each season.



## LHS Track and Field VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Laconia High School Track and Field team is in need of their annual track meet  
volunteers to help them run smoothly. We only have two home meets this year!

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 (meet starts at 4pm)

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 (meet starts at 4pm)

A background in track and field is helpful, but not needed. Proof of your volunteer hours can  
be made available! Parents, alumni, faculty, staff and community partners are all welcome to  
contact the Head Coaches to sign up! Contact information below! Thanks to all that help this  
run so well!

Head Girls' Coach: Michael Schofield [mschofield@laconiaschools.org](mailto:mschofield@laconiaschools.org) C: 783-1227

Head Boys' Coach: Matthew Towle [mtowle@laconiaschools.org](mailto:mtowle@laconiaschools.org) W: 528-8693 x4827 C: 998-3625

Have you  
had *The  
Conversation?*

# NINE TO NINETY

**Free Screening of *Nine to Ninety*  
an Award Winning Documentary Film**

The film *Nine To Ninety* challenges the taboo of talking about death through the family of 89 year-old Phyllis Sabatini as she wrestles with tough decisions in her search to grow old with dignity.

## WE GOTTA TALK ABOUT IT

*Nine to Ninety* is not your average love story. But it is a story for our times. Phyllis and Joe Sabatini have been together 65 years. At ages 89 and 90, they live at home with their daughter Sarah and nine year old granddaughter Jacqueline. But as the family struggles to make ends meet and the grandparents' health problems escalate, they are forced to make a difficult decision that will surprise viewers. The choice leads them all to consider: *What does it take to live, love, and die with dignity and grace in the modern age?*

**Two Screening Locations: Laconia and Wolfeboro  
TO REGISTER VISIT [www.centralvna.org](http://www.centralvna.org)  
Light Refreshments will be provided**

April 14, 2016  
5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Huggins Hospital  
Medical Arts Building  
Wolfeboro, NH

April 20, 2016  
5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Beane Conference Center  
35 Blueberry Ln  
Laconia, NH

Sponsored By:



LRGHealthcare  
CARE. COMPASSION. COMMUNITY.



## CITY OF LACONIA HILLIARD ROAD BRUSH DUMP

The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 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. Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required  
Questions? Call Ann at 528-6379, Ext. 300





## WildQuest Spring Camp At Prescott Farm

Monday - Friday, April 25-29, 2016; 9:00-3:00

\$47/\$235 (per day/week) or \$37/\$185 for Members  
For children ages 6-12. Extended care is available.

Spring is here—time for mud, new green shoots, and salamanders. There are so many changes happening this time of year—what an exciting time to get outside and explore our gardens and woods!

Depending on the weather, the week will be a mix of:

- Gardening projects
- Cooking projects
- Woods Time!
- Playing "Hungry Forest" (a predator-prey game)
- Epic off-trail hiking adventures
- Ponding & exploring vernal pools

**Still a few spots open!**

Please bring your mud boots, backpack, water bottle and a change of clothes!

### NEW! Kids' Long Sleeve T-shirt

Moss green with Prescott Farm logo across the chest  
Please see reverse for ordering information...



Click [here](#) for Registration Form!



*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

# Assessing

[Click](#) for Assessing Department or call 527-1268

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!



## LACONIA ROTARY CLUB'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

# WIN THIS HARLEY!



2016 HARLEY-DAVIDSON STREET GLIDE FLHX<sup>®</sup>



Only 3,000 Tickets to be sold!



\$20 ea. Need not be present to win.



MSRP \$23,699



Sponsored in part by Heritage Harley-Davidson Concord, NH

All net proceeds raised will go towards Laconia Rotary Club's Charities  
Drawing: June 19, 2016 - 4:00pm  
Laconia Rotary Club booth, Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, NH  
For more information and results visit us at [www.laconiarotary.org](http://www.laconiarotary.org)



New Hampshire  
**FISH AND GAME**  
Connecting you to life outdoors

Join us on Saturday, April 16 from 10 am to 3 pm on the grounds of the Fish and Game Dept. at 11 Hazen Dr. in Concord for this year's:

**Discover WILD New Hampshire Day!**  
Admission is free!  
Lots of family fun!

Click [here](#) for additional information



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!





# Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

## THE BIG NIGHT FOR AMPHIBIANS (Walk & Talk)



Friday, April 8; 6:00-7:30  
\$10 (\$8 Prescott Farm Members)  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Every spring, on the first warm rainy night of the year, a mysterious ritual takes place: many species of amphibians (including spotted salamanders and wood frogs) emerge from the forest and migrate *en masse* to vernal pools to lay their eggs. Join us to learn more about this intriguing phenomenon and how you can help salamanders and frogs reach their destination when the Big Night arrives! All ages welcome. *\*Edited 3/21/16 – The Big Night came very early this year – significant amphibian migrations were noted the week of March 14. So while we had*

*originally planned this program to be a PRE-Big Night walk & talk, now it will be a POST-Big Night walk & talk. The good news is that we have a good chance of seeing frog and salamander egg masses in the vernal pools!*

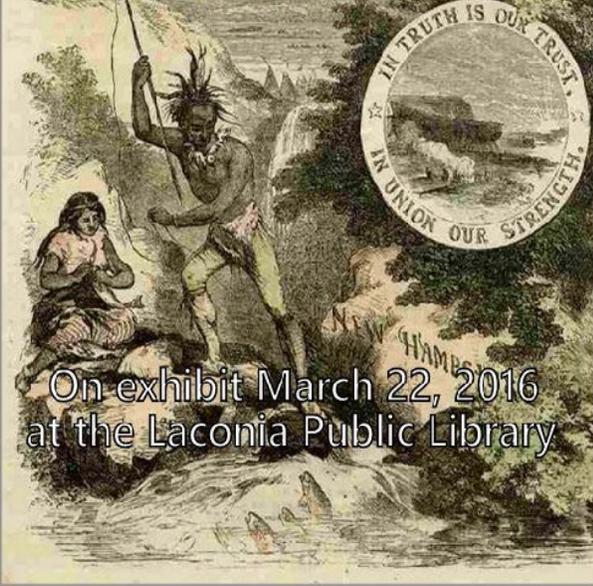
April Vacation... In a library right here in Laconia...The Force  
will be with you



Teens! Join us for a Star Wars Film Festival Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>! Films begin at 1:30 pm each day in Rotary Hall. Popcorn and drinks provided. Open to teens grades 6-12. Admission is free.

For more information about this or other teen programs, contact Teen Librarian Diane at 524-4775 ext. 12.

## Aqueductan: An Indian Nation on Laconia's Shores



On exhibit March 22, 2016  
at the Laconia Public Library

The public is invited to view this exhibit hosted by the  
Laconia Historical and Museum Society  
from now to June 6 at the Laconia Public Library.

Gale to Goss



Do you know **HOW**  
you can **increase**  
**your chances** of  
winning a Kindle at  
the Gale to Goss  
Annual Library  
Walk?

Annual Library Walk

By attending the awesome events (dinner included) in partnership with

**Project EXTRA** and the **LRCFS Family Resource Center**,

you automatically receive **5 EXTRA** tickets per family!

April 6<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Street School — April 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Heights School

April 21<sup>st</sup> at Elm Street School — May 5<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Heights

All events begin after dinner is served at 5:00 pm

*The Annual Goss to Gale Library Walk is Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to Noon.*

*You must be present to win one of two KINDLES*



## CITY OF LACONIA 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*The public is  
welcome to  
attend!*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

6:30PM

TRAINING ROOM AT LACONIA FIRE STATION

### AGENDA

1. FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES
2. ELECTION OF SECRETARY
3. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET/FUNDRAISING IDEAS
4. SHARE IDEAS AND VISIONS FOR THIS CELEBRATION
5. SET UP MEETING SCHEDULE GOING FORWARD
6. OTHER

CONTACT PERSON:

PAM CLARK

603 387-1285

P2PCLARK@YAHOO.COM

## 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.

# Laconia Parks & Recreation

Did you know?

## Spring chores to do!

After the cold winter that doesn't want to end, I'm sure some of you are itching this spring to get out and look to see if your trees and shrubs survived the frigid wind and cold. Observations through walking around in the yard will give you a clear understanding of what spring chores need to be attended to first. Make note of spring cleanup chores that need to be done in the next two months to keep your garden growing and healthy!

Observe winter-killed branches and prune away dead, damaged and diseased limbs after the last winter storm unless there is a pending hazard.

Pull up old annuals and spent perennials to tidy up.

Cut back ornamental grasses to two to three inches to allow for new growth to emerge.

Cut back rose canes below the blackened area (winter damage) by one inch.

Divide select perennials and transplant after the soil thaws.

Rake leaves and dead foliage that could foster diseases, mold and smother grass seeds.

After threat of frost is over, fertilizing and mulching can resume.

Collect soil samples to test the soil's pH level.

Spread pre-emergent for broadleaf weeds at forsythia bloom time.



# Happy Sounds

Join us for  
music, movement, and laughter!

**Wednesdays 9:00-9:45am**

**At the Family Resource Center**

**719 North Main St. Laconia, NH**

**For more info, call Trish T. at 528-0391**

**or email: [tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org)**



LRCCS  
**FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER**  
Empowering People



Looking for gently used children's clothing  
toys and furniture at an affordable price?

### LRGH Nursery Guild's Annual Spring Children's Boutique Saturday, April 9

9am - 2:30pm at the Laconia Community Center  
Donations/Consignments of gently used  
Spring & Summer children's clothing (NB-size 16)  
toys, books and children's furniture.

**We are unable to accept  
car seats, cribs and stuffed animals.**

Donations/Consignments accepted at the  
Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue

Wednesday, April 6 • 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday, April 7 • 9:00am - 6:00pm

Proceeds from this event support women's and children's  
services and organizations in the Lakes Region communities.  
LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

For more information contact us at:  
524-3211 x3018  
or [nurseryguild@lrgh.org](mailto:nurseryguild@lrgh.org)

# Reminder!



The next recycling  
collection week  
begins Monday  
April 18, 2016!



**NH HUMANE SOCIETY**  
Laconia • New Hampshire

**Pet of the Week:  
Blossom**



Meet Blossom, aged two years young. Vital, active, sweet as can be and vastly overlooked at New Hampshire Humane Society.

Life is such a beauty contest, and in spite of a name that makes you smile our Blossom, a tiny terrier mix, is judged instantly – her bulldog-like jaw has not elicited the right response in our adopting public.

A great little family dog, she’s portable at only 15 lbs making her the constant companion anyone would love to have by their side, ready for the next road trip, jaunt to the Post Office or anywhere you might be going.

In true little dog fashion, she has a big ego; underneath the bluster, a more affectionate dog you will not find. Come and see Miss Blossom, you will fall in love!

[www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org) 524-3252 [facebook.com/nhhumane](https://facebook.com/nhhumane)

And don’t forget the low-cost rabies and microchip clinics at the New Hampshire Humane Society on Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, April 23rd!

All rabies vaccines will be one year unless your pet is current and you bring proof of prior vaccination (then you can get a 3 year vaccination). Rabies vaccine is \$15; microchip is \$25. Cash only. In an effort to make it less stressful for your pets, cats are from 9 am to 10 am and dogs from 10 am to noon. For your pet’s safety, cats must be in cages and dogs must be leashed.

**Laconia Housing Authority**  
is accepting applications for  
**The Tavern Inn Apartments**  
(The Stafford House)  
**Church Street, Laconia, NH**

The Tavern is centrally located in the Lakes Region within a few blocks of downtown Laconia shops, restaurants, pharmacies, a grocery store, and the Laconia Clinic. The property shares a corner with the local Post Office, Public Library, and Senior Center.

This accessible property features elevators and on-site laundry facilities. Heat, hot water and electricity are included in the rent.

On-site resident amenities – including housekeeping, prepared meals, laundry, and regional services coordination – are available.

Applicants must meet income guidelines and be **62 years of age or over** to qualify for admission.

Applications are available online at  
**[www.LaconiaHousing.org](http://www.LaconiaHousing.org)**  
or at 25 Union Avenue in Laconia



LHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap, national origin, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity.  
25 Union Avenue, Laconia NH 03246 | [www.LaconiaHousing.org](http://www.LaconiaHousing.org)  
Ph: 603.524.2112 | Fax: 603.524.2290 | TDD: 800.735.2964



**EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

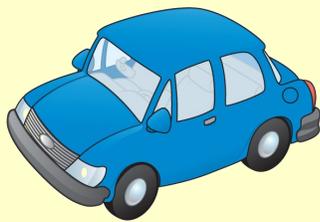
From time to time there are openings in various City departments; these vacancies are typically advertised in the local newspapers and posted on our City website.

Check our website’s **“Job Openings”** section periodically to see if there are job opportunities that may be of interest to you.



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

**VOLUNTEER  
 DRIVER PROGRAM**



If the Laconia Senior Center Bus schedule doesn't accommodate your needs, this program just might!

Rides are available weekdays from 5 am to 6 pm. Call the Volunteer Driver Coordinator at 224-8043, or if you are interested in becoming a driver call the Senior Center at 524-7689. Drivers are needed in the Belmont/Gilmanton area.

*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](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)



*Have a great weekend!*

Scott Myers, City Manager  
 City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://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

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Visit the City's website at:  
[www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)