



# Laconia Links

May 2, 2014 - Edition #132



Laconia Public Library



A "before" picture of the Community Center Gym Floor.

## LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



### Gym Closure

Please note that the Community Center gym will be closed from May 1st - June 6th, reopening June 7th for most regularly scheduled programs. The gym floor is being completely redone; check future issues of the newsletter each week for pictures of the work in progress!

We are sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. Questions? Call 524-5046.

**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!*



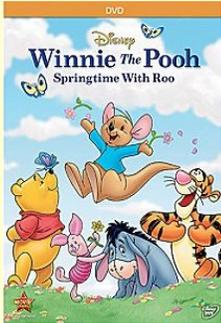
## LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

**MAY 3 and 10, 2014, 8 AM to NOON**  
**FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE  
TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CTR RD**  
**Proof of Residency Will Be Required**  
**Laconia Residential Households Only**  
**NO Commercial Enterprises or Haulers**

**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, there will be a nominal fee for its disposal.**

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

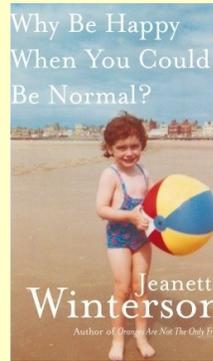


### **Movies & More for Kids!**

Friday, May 9th @ 3:45 pm in Laconia Rotary Hall: "*Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo*" rated PG. Admission is free. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 yrs. of age or older.

### **Make-And-Take Mother's Day Card**

Tuesday May 6th, available in the Children's Room all day are card supplies to make a beautiful Mother's Day Card for a mother you love. Free, for ages up to age 12.  
(Not a supervised activity)



### **"Memoirs: A Peek Into the Lives of Others"**

The fourth book in the winter book discussion series will focus on "*Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal?*", by Jeannette Winterson, and will be held on Tuesday, May 6th @ 7pm in Laconia Rotary Hall. The book is a memoir about a life's work to find happiness. It is a book full of stories about growing up in a northern England industrial town and the search for Winterson's biological mother. It is also a book about other people's literature, one that shows how fiction and poetry can form a string of guiding lights, a life raft that supports us when we are sinking. Witty, acute, fierce and celebratory the memoir is a tough-minded search for belonging—for love, identity, home and a mother. The discussion leader will be Jennifer Lee. Copies of the book are available for loan at the Library's Main Circulation Desk.

For more information please call 524-4775 ext. 12.

# Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting  
in  
Progress

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!*

**Water Commission**  
May 8, 2014, 8:00 am  
117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conf. Room

#### **Planning Board**

May 6, 2014, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A  
[Agenda](#)

#### **Main St. Bridge Informational Session**

May 7, 2014, 8:00 am  
City Hall, Room 200A

#### **Special Events & Motorcycle Tech. Review Committee**

May 7, 2014, 12:00 noon  
City Hall, Room 200A

#### **Lakes Business Park**

May 7, 2014, 4:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

# 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

5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9
<p><b>VIPSS Meeting @ 6:30 @ PSS</b> Daycare will be provided</p>	<p><b>Laconia School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ SAU 30</b></p>			<p><b>LMS Dance @ LMS 6:00 - 9:00 pm</b></p> 

## PSS STUDENT KAYLA THRASHER HONORED



*One Pen Can Change the World Writing Contest* was sponsored by the National Writing Project in New Hampshire for New Hampshire K - 12 Grade Students. Awards were given to the First Place and Runner Up for the different grade levels.

The student entries were received from NH students from across the state. In the 5th/6th Grade Category Kayla Thrasher, of Pleasant Street School, was the Runner Up to First Place. The One Pen Can Change the World Celebration was held on Wednesday, April 9th at Plymouth State University.

## ESS AUTHOR VISIT

Marty Kelley is a children's author and illustrator. In the past he has been a second grade teacher, a baker, a cartoonist, a newspaper art director, a drummer in a heavy metal band, a balloon delivery guy, and an animator. He has written *Joe and The Frog*, *The Messiest Desk* and *Crustacean Vacation*



just to name a few. He visited with all of Elm Street School's students and taught them about the process of creating and illustrating a book. We thank our VISTESS group for bringing Mr. Kelley to our school!!!



**"UNMASQUE THE NIGHT"**



Junior/Senior Prom Tickets  
on Sale @ Lunch  
April 1<sup>st</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Cost is \$100 per couple  
or \$60 per person

The **Grand March** Will Begin at 5:30pm at **LHS**  
Prom is Immediately Afterwards at  
**Winnepesaukee Expo Center**  
@ Lake Opechee Inn & Spa  
Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>

## HUOT SENIORS LEARN LIFE LESSONS

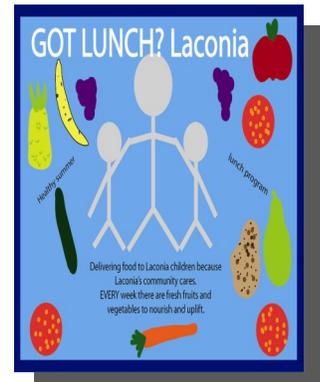
On Friday April 4th, the Huot Technical Center hosted its First Annual Senior Conference: "This Is It!" designed to help students with the daunting transition from high school to the world of work or further education. The seminar was attended by 150 students from Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Inter-Lakes, Laconia and Winnisquam Regional High Schools. Click [here](#) for more of the story.



## GOT LUNCH LACONIA!

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR APPLICATION**

[Got Lunch Laconia](#)



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## Line Dancing Demonstration at Taylor Community

Bonnie Deutch will present a Line Dancing Demonstration, Friday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Bonnie, who is an instructor, has been dancing for several years and brings her students with her to show people how fun and easy it can be. This activity is great for singles because a partner isn't necessary – you can just go out and join in.

"People think line dancing is all country [music], but it's Irish; old time and waltzes, as well as being a lot of fun," she added.

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP and ensure seating, please call 524-5600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or email [rspv@taylorcommunity.org](mailto:rspv@taylorcommunity.org).

### New Beginnings Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale

The tradition of honoring one's Mother with carnations on Mother's Day started in 1906.

Celebrate someone special. Honor the mothers in your life. Support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Give them the gift of carnations.

May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Thurs-Sat)

Handmade Full Bouquets: \$10.00

Single Stem with Greenery: \$1.25

Purchase your carnations at:

Meredith Village Savings Banks  
Meredith & Laconia Branches

Bank of New Hampshire  
Laconia Branch

Sunflower Natural Foods  
390 SO Main St., Laconia

SunDay's Salon & Spa  
676 Main Street, Laconia

Meredith Mobile Gas Station  
294 DW HWY, Meredith

Coldwell Banker  
348 Court St, Laconia

Annie's Book Stop  
1330 Union Ave, Laconia

Or call New Beginnings at 603-528-6511  
to place an order for pick-up.



NEW BEGINNINGS  
Without Violence & Abuse

Main Street Bridge Construction



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

The Main St. Bridge Construction Website is updated periodically with information on construction progress, detour timing, special alerts and other pertinent information. The image (left) contains a link to a webpage relating to the project. 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).

Please remember to support our downtown merchants during this project!

*Thank you for your patience!*



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!

Questions? Call the Laconia PD at 524-5257





# Laconia Fire Department

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



The National Weather Service declared the week of April 28th through May 2nd, **SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK** in New England. The severe weather in the past few days in the South and Midwest should serve as a reminder of the destructive and deadly power that severe weather can bring.

During *Severe Weather Awareness Week*, the National Weather Service encourages the public to become more aware of the threats associated with thunderstorms, so they can act appropriately when severe storms threaten.

New England will soon be transitioning from early spring-like weather to a more summer-like weather pattern. With the warmer weather comes an increasing threat of thunderstorms. By definition, every thunderstorm contains lightning and is, therefore, a potentially deadly storm. In addition, certain thunderstorms present other threats as well. These threats include high winds, hail, tornadoes and flash flooding. Tragically, in Maine and New Hampshire in 2008, two people were killed by lightning, one person was killed by a tornado and one person drowned in a flash flood. Laconia residents experienced flash flooding first hand when the Weirs Boardwalk was severely damaged that year.

The National Weather Service uses a WATCH and WARNING program to alert the public to potentially threatening weather. In the summertime, watches and warnings are issued for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash flooding, and special marine warnings are issued for gusty winds in marine areas. Here are some basic definitions:

A **WATCH** indicates that the atmospheric conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. If a WATCH has been issued for your area, keep an eye on the sky, and monitor NOAA Weather Radio or your local broadcast media for any possible warnings.

A **WARNING** indicates that severe weather is imminent or is already occurring. If a WARNING has been issued for your area, be prepared to seek a safe shelter if you are in the path of the storm.

Here are some basic definitions of the events for which WATCHES and WARNINGS are issued:

**SEVERE THUNDERSTORM:** A thunderstorm that produces damaging wind gusts of 58 mph or more, and/or hail 1 inch or greater in diameter.



**TORNADO:** A violently rotating column of air that extends from the cloud to the ground.

**FLASH FLOOD:** Flooding that occurs very rapidly, usually due to very heavy rain from a slow moving thunderstorm.



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One of the best ways to monitor these conditions is by purchasing an alert-activated NOAA Weather Radio for your home or business. If you are within the broadcast range of a NOAA Weather Radio transmitter, tone activated NOAA Weather radios can be set to automatically turn on when a Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado, or Flash Flood Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. In addition, alert-activated weather radios can be programmed to activate only if the warning has been issued for the county that you are interested in. For more information on purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio, contact the National Weather Service. NOAA Weather Radios can often be purchased at stores that sell small electronic equipment.

Finally, if you are caught in a severe thunderstorm or tornado, know what to do to minimize the risk that you or someone with you could be killed or seriously injured from the storm. And, after the storm, be sure to report storm damage to local law enforcement or fire service agencies and ask them to relay the information to the National Weather Service.

#### For further information contact:

Gray National Weather Service  
1-800-482-0913

NEW "Emergency Managers Self Briefing" <http://www.weather.gov/gyx/EMhome>

<http://www.weather.gov/gyx>

<https://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.Gray.gov>

<https://mobile.twitter.com/nwsgray>



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region  
proudly presents

## Spring Fling

Saturday, May 10th  
7 to 10 pm

at the Boys and Girls Club  
888 North Main Street, Laconia

Join us as we celebrate our 1st year at our new location  
with music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, desserts,  
a cash bar and a live auction!

\$30 Per Person

For reservations or more information, please contact Melanie  
at 603.528.0197 or [melanie@lakeskids.org](mailto:melanie@lakeskids.org)



## 4th Annual DOWNWOW FEST

May 3, 2014

7:30-11am—WOW Trail

Lake Opechee Inn  
Parking Lot



Come and  
join the fun!



Questions? Call Claire Hebert at  
524-4535. Registration forms at

[www.wowtrail.org](http://www.wowtrail.org).





# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

## Guardians of the Flame



The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. At its most basic level the Torch Run is an actual running event, in which officers and athletes run the Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions and State and National Games. Annually, more than 85,000 dedicated, compassionate and volunteer law enforcement officers participate in the torch run throughout 35 nations, 12 Canadian provinces and 50 US states, raising more than \$46 million USD for local Special Olympics programs and more than \$461 million since its inception in 1981.

The man behind the first Torch Run in 1981 was Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyan. He conceived the Torch Run as a way to involve local law enforcement personnel in the community and to support Special Olympics. The Torch Run was quickly adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) now recognized as the founding law enforcement organization for the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics.

Today, the Torch Run is more than just a run and encompasses a variety of fundraising vehicles such as T-shirt and merchandise sales, special events to include Polar Bear Plunges, Tip-a-Cop and Building Sits and a host of other events that have local, state and national appeal. The Law Enforcement Torch Run transforms communities by inspiring people to open their minds, to accept and include people with intellectual disabilities, celebrating differences among all people ... recognizing and respecting the similarities we all share. For athletes and officers alike, the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is a story of success, love, respect and commitment between law enforcement officers and Special Olympic athletes.

Officers throughout the Lakes Region, including Laconia, will be participating in the Torch Run on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Runners will start in Meredith and end at the Franklin High School. The Laconia Police Department is proud of its ongoing relationship with Special Olympics of New Hampshire.



AUTISM CENTER  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER  
WALKATHON

### 4th Annual Autism Center WALKATHON

Sunday, May 18, 2014 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Check-in begins at 9:30 am

719 N. Main St., Laconia, NH • [www.lrcs.org](http://www.lrcs.org) • 603-524-8811



# **OnGoal Soccer Camp**



Improve your game in a professional, positive, and FUN environment

**Date:** June 24 - 28 (Tues - Sat)

**Location:** Leavitt Park

**Time/Cost:**

Full Day Camp (Grades 2-8)  
9:00am - 3:00pm / \$155

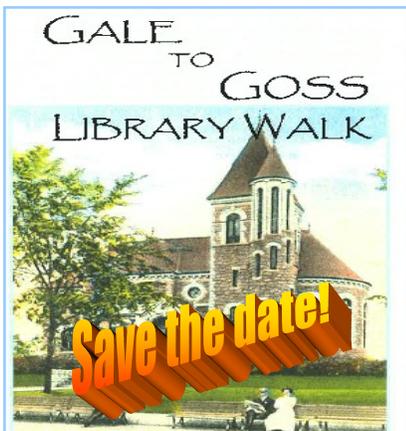
Half Day Camp (Grades K-1)  
9:00am - 12:00pm / \$135



**Hosted by: Evangelical Baptist Church**

**Learn More or Register Now at [ongoal.org](http://ongoal.org)**

Competitions - Skill Sessions - Professional Coaching - Games - Assemblies - Family Day - Awards Ceremony



On May 17th we will celebrate the love of reading and our community as we walk the WOW Trail from the Laconia Public Library to the Goss Reading Room starting at 10 am. More info to follow!

## ***Laconia Fire Department***



The Laconia Fire Department would like to remind residents that permits are required to burn brush or have a seasonal campfire. If you are a renter you must have written permission from the owner to receive a permit.

Permits are available at the Central and Weirs Fire Station.

Questions? Please call 524-6881.

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

## **Public Works Department**

### **PLEASE HELP SAVE THE SEWER SYSTEM**

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.

***Your assistance is greatly appreciated!***



### CITY OF LACONIA BUDGET SURVEY

All Laconia residents are invited to become involved in how the City spends its tax dollars! Click on the image above for a brief survey and set your priorities to help create a budget that reflects your vision.

Click [here](#) to view updated responses to the survey (as of April 16, 2014). If you haven't already done so, please be sure to take the quick survey (*above*) to be sure your comments are included and your voice is heard. Survey responses will be accepted until June 1st.

*Thank you for being involved in our community!*

### LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



May 7th is  
National  
Bike to  
School Day!

## Assessing Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms are now available, with a filing deadline of June 30. This form applies to the low/moderate income homeowner's property tax credit. Forms can be printed from the Assessing website by clicking [here](#) or picked up in the Assessing Office in City Hall.

Questions?  
Please call 527-1268.



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

As we work on improving our roads, you may have noticed significant activity on Union Avenue. Work at that location during this construction season includes water main, natural gas, sewer, road and sidewalk upgrades.

The project will be in two phases, currently anticipated to be as follows: Phase 1-Messer St. to approx. Walker St., roadway and utilities: April 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 23<sup>rd</sup> (sidewalk and curb work continuing until June 13<sup>th</sup>); Phase 2-Walker St. to Gilford Ave.: July 7<sup>th</sup> thru October 10<sup>th</sup>. During the construction day, traffic will be northbound only; southbound traffic will be detoured (see [Phase 1](#) and [Phase 2](#) detour plans). On weekends and evenings Union Avenue will be open to two-way traffic.

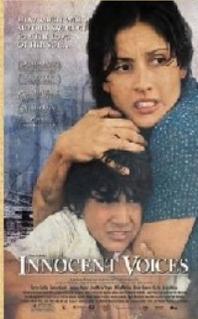
Please continue to visit the many businesses on Union Avenue and, as always, if you have questions or concerns please call DPW at 528-6379. Thank you for your cooperation!

Laconia Human Relations Committee  
and Laconia Public Library sponsor  
International Film Series

Date: **MONDAY, May 5, 2014**  
Time: **6:30pm**  
Venue: **Laconia Public Library**

## Innocent Voices

A true story  
of village life  
in 1980 El  
Salvador



A 12 year old boy and his  
family fight for survival

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world in which we live. For more information, contact Len Campbell at [lcampbell@nh-cc.org](mailto:lcampbell@nh-cc.org) or Carol Pierce at [newdynam@aol.com](mailto:newdynam@aol.com)

Free and open to the public. Informal discussion to follow the film. Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a comfy chair or cushion.

**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



**DONATE YOUR BICYCLE  
FOR A WORTHY CAUSE**

**LACONIA AREA BICYCLE  
EXCHANGE. LOCATED AT  
229 MESSER ST., NEXT TO  
THE BIG BANANA STORE**

**DROPOFF OR PICKUP  
PLEASE CALL JOHN  
ROGERS, 603-630-7571**

The first official opening of the Bicycle Exchange is Saturday May 3rd at 229 Messer Street, next to the Big Banana Store.

Please come visit us! Get a tour of our location and see how the Exchange works. Donations of bicycles, tools and accessories are always encouraged and much appreciated. The next meeting of the Bicycle Exchange will be May 22nd at 4 pm at the Laconia Middle School Library.

*Please plan to join us!*



**Arbor Day  
Celebration  
2014!**



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



### SENIOR/SENIOR PROM

May 8, 2014 4:30~7:30  
pm at Laconia Commu-  
nity Center. FREE!!!!  
Senior citizens and sen-  
ior class members have  
dinner and dance to-  
gether during a spectacular evening of fun and  
food. Meal sponsored by the Laconia Rotary Club.

Call Parks & Rec at 524-5046 to register.

*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
<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 &amp; Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders</i>	
Finance .....	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing .....	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
<i>Planning &amp; 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. (Lakeport) .....	524-7777
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 &amp; 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: <a href="mailto:citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us">citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us</a>	

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