



Laconia Links

June 20, 2014 - Edition #139

Bike Week 2014! More photos page 7...

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - May 26 - June 6, 2014					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,383.07 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$207,460.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$40,707.00	
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		30.36			
Monday	33.01	8.25	25.0%	9.90	\$247.50
Tuesday	41.42	11.80	28.5%	12.43	\$94.50
Wednesday	45.60	8.83	19.4%	13.68	\$727.50
Thursday	38.02	8.95	23.5%	11.41	\$369.00
Friday	37.29	7.48	20.0%	11.19	\$556.50
	Total = 195.35	Route Total = 45.31	Curbside Ave = 23.2%	Total = 58.61	Total = \$1,995.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/13 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 24.3%	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!



The next recycling collection week begins Monday, June 30, 2014!

Laconia Farmers' Market
Live Free and Eat Local

Opening Day, Saturday June 21st!



**45 Beacon St. East City Hall Parking Lot
8:00 am - Noon**

See you there!

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



Anime Club

Join the Anime Club on Thursday, June 26th@ 3:30-4:30 in Laconia Rotary Hall. Watch Anime films and make

suggestions for new Anime for the Library's collection. For teens in grades 6-12.

Friday June 27th
@3:30-5:00 in Laconia Rotary Hall. Kids ages 5 -12 are invited to come to the LEGO Club!



We'll supply the LEGOs ...
you supply the imagination !



FIZZ BOOM READ! What kids don't like THOSE noises? Signup began June 16th for kids from birth through 6th grade to sign up for an explosive summer of exciting reading. Come in to either Goss Reading Room in Lakeport or Laconia Public Library, sign up (it only takes a minute!) and you're off to start exploring the fascinating worlds of science and reading. Read anything you'd like (or it can be read to you,) write the titles on your reading log, and bring it in to either library for great prizes beginning July 8.

**READY, SET, SHAKE IT UP,
AND FIZZ! BOOM! READ!**

Kids can get prizes until Friday, August 14th! Visit the library all summer for cool books and programs, all FREE! Have an experimental summer, reading and visiting the libraries for programs all summer!

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.

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

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.

City Council

June 23, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan

June 25, 2014, 2:00 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](#)

HUOT STUDENTS RECEIVE LNA LICENSES



For an unprecedented fourth consecutive year, the Huot Career and Technical Center has earned a 100% pass rate on the state

Licensed Nurse Assistant (LNA) examination. This year sixteen students from schools across the Lakes Region took part in the Nurse Assistant program at the Huot Center. The program prepares students for a variety of health careers with the Nursing Assistant (NA) curriculum being a cornerstone of the program. Instructor Gina McGuire could not be more pleased with her students, "I'm so honored to be a part of this program that allows me to not only give back to the profession of nursing that I love so much, but to be a guiding force for students to realize their potential that leads them to a career in health care right out of high school."

Students choosing to pursue NA licensure must follow a more rigorous schedule than typically required of high school students. This includes coming in early and on weekends to complete sixty-five required "clinical hours". Unlike typical high school classes, the Nurse Assistant program must follow the strict guidelines of the NH Board of Nursing. Additionally, many of the clinical sites where students work require them to pass additional screenings before interacting with patients. For these students the benefits of becoming an LNA far outweigh the extra work required. These jobs typically start at an hourly wage of \$11-\$12/hour, which is much above the typical minimum wage earned by recent high school graduates. Many program alumni will also use this certification to help pay their way through nursing school in pursuit of becoming a registered nurse or other health career professional.

ELM STREET SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT DONATES TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Elm Street School Student Government presented St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Director Jo Carignan with money and food raised during their car wash on May 29th.



SUMMER TIME.. PERFECT TIME TO LEARN FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Learning is a year long commitment. Prior to the start of each English and Humanities course, every student is expected to complete a summer reading assignment to prepare for writing activities and class discussions during the first week of school. Please click [here](#) for summer reading information.



The Laconia Summer Studies Program operates at Laconia High School to provide high quality remedial coursework for Lakes Region high school students. Courses are designed for high school students who need additional course work to complete credit requirements for the school year. Click [here](#) for more information on this program.

JAG SUMMER GARDENS GROW!



The LMS JAG program will meet for a summer day program including garden care, community service at Prescott Farm, summer reading support and field trips to the White Mountains and the beach. At left, Samantha Jenness and Ashley Olisky LMS JAG students plant cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, corn, watermelon and more.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 school year in Laconia School District was full of amazing events that involved both our students and staff as well as our community partners. The year began with the opening of the Bank of New Hampshire Athletic Stadium, the Richard A. Dearborn Science Center, Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center and the James Fitzgerald Stadium as well as the new Huot Career Technical Center. Our students excelled in all that they were involved in and our staff members continued to



"ensure success with every student, every day, in every way". We are very proud of our school community and would invite you to take a few moments to watch this [video](#) that highlights a few of these events. Thank you for sharing your children with us.



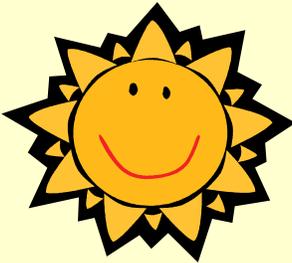
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NEWS

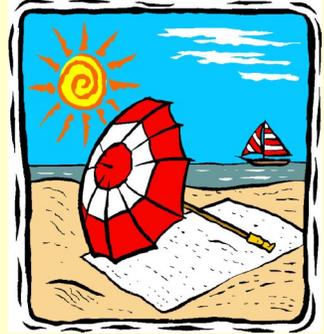
From the City Clerk's Office

Click [here](#)
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Resident Beach Stickers Available June 23rd!



The summer season is upon us and it's time to hit the beach! If you would like to go to Bond Beach or park in the Weirs Beach parking during the summer you will need a resident beach sticker. Stickers are available beginning June 23 at the City Clerk and Tax Collector Offices. Stickers are assigned to a vehicle and you will need to provide your vehicle registration, with a maximum of two stickers per household, and a fee of \$15.00 will apply (\$25.00 for two stickers if they are purchased at the same time).



Beaches will be open from June 28 through September 1, 2014. For beach rules please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 524-5046 or visit them on the web at <http://www.cityoflaconianh.org/parks.htm>.

City Manager Updates

A new, updated version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#) has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City.

This report contains info pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



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

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





**FINANCIAL STABILITY
PARTNERSHIP**
creating pathways to community success
an initiative of the Granite United Way

Granite United Way's Financial Stability Partnership
is proud to present:

AMERICAN WINTER

Wednesday

June 25, 2014

4:00 p.m. Opening Remarks

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. Screening

5:45 – 6:30 Small Group Discussion

Lakes Region Community College

379 Belmont Road

Laconia, NH 03246

Free showing open to the public. Refreshments provided.

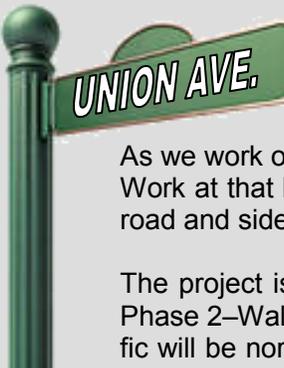
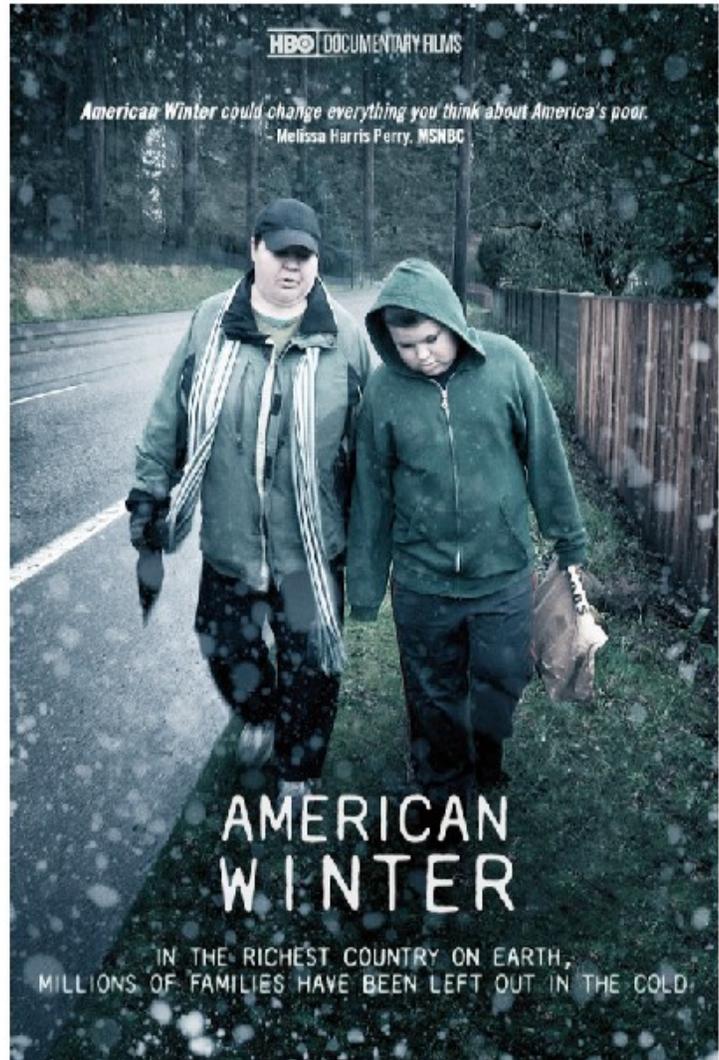
For additional information contact Val Guy at 603.224.2595 x226

About the FINANCIAL STABILITY PARTNERSHIP

The Financial Stability Partnership is a partnership of organizations and individuals from all sectors of the community working to reduce poverty in Belknap County by 20% by the year 2020.

About AMERICAN WINTER

Directed by Emmy award-winning filmmakers Jo and Harry Gantz *AMERICAN WINTER* is a documentary feature film that documents the experiences of eight families struggling to meet their basic needs and turning to social services for assistance after facing unforeseen financial setbacks. Through the stories of these eight families, the impacts of rising poverty and economic insecurity for families are explored.



Union Ave. Construction Project

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 is planned in two phases, with the second phase currently anticipated as follows: Phase 2—Walker St. to Gilford Ave.: July 7th thru October 10th. During the construction day, traffic will be northbound only; southbound traffic will be detoured (see [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!

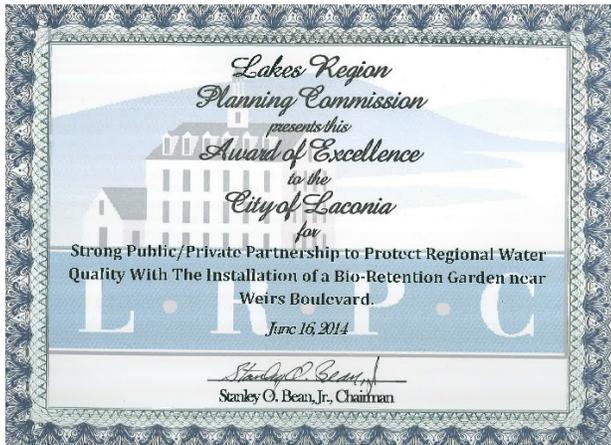
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Dept. website

Bike Week 2014



Public Works Department

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City of Laconia Receives Award of Excellence for Stormwater Project!

At their annual meeting held at Church Landing in Meredith, the Lakes Region Planning Commission recognized the City of Laconia with an **Award of Excellence** for the construction of a bio-retention basin at the intersection of White Oaks Road and Weirs Blvd.

The Department of Public Works identified several areas where simple changes to the stormwater system could help improve stormwater management and water quality protection. The first inch of rainfall (first flush) in a storm event carries most of the nasty materials including brake dust, oil and gas drips, bird droppings, anything you can think of that is on the land surface. Treating that first inch of rainfall makes a significant impact on water quality.

The pre-existing stormwater system discharged onto private property bordering Paugus Bay without any treatment other than catch basin sumps. The intent of the project was to inject a disconnection into the system and provide an opportunity for the first flush to be treated before discharging to the lake.

Bio-retention basins are capable of removing between 80% to 90% of petroleum hydrocarbons, sediment, and bacteria, and up to 70% to 80% of nutrients like nitrogen and metals like copper and zinc.

The project was partly funded through a NH DES grant secured by Lakes Region Planning Commission. The remainder was funded through capital improvement funds dedicated to City wide drainage improvements. The bio-retention basin was engineered by Loureiro Engineering Associates and constructed by the Department of Public Works.

The Paugus View Condominium Association partnered in the project by granting an easement that accommodated the size of the system. The condo association's environmental stewardship is a great example of how working partners in the watershed can make a difference.

October 2013: Department of Public Works crew in action while building the bio-retention basin.





Laconia Fire Department

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



Friday June 13 at 7:00 pm Laconia, Gilford and Belmont Fire were dispatched to an automatic fire alarm activation at 25 Union Avenue - Sunrise Towers. This is a high hazard occupancy structure – a 7 story non-sprinkled apartment building with 112 apartments. Many occupants are handicapped.

On arrival Captain Landry reported smoke showing from the 7th floor and requested a 2nd alarm, which calls back off-duty Laconia firefighters, additional units from Gilford and Belmont, and Meredith, Tilton-Northfield, and Franklin.

The Central Station crew consisting of the captain and three firefighters headed to the 7th floor with hose packs, forcible entry tools, air packs, thermal cameras, and portable extinguishers. There was still no report of what was burning. However, occupants were exiting the building. The Captain chose the south stairwell for attack and advised occupants to use the north stairwell for evacuation.

On the 7th floor the firefighters encountered heavy smoke in the hallway banked down to within three feet of the floor. The Captain advanced down the hall to the fire apartment and found the door open and fire showing on the stove extending to the cabinets. He requested a portable extinguisher to hold the fire while the crew worked to connect the hose. The remainder of the crew was connecting the hose pack to the Fire Department valve, which is in the stairwell. Simultaneously, the engine operator and ladder operator were stretching a four inch line to the outside fire connection so they could pressure the standpipe system. The building has no sprinklers but does have standpipes, although the system operates on City pressure. For a fire in the upper floors we must pump the system to 150 pounds pressure.

The next due fire truck was from Gilford. This crew headed to the 7th floor with an additional hose pack and spare air cylinders. Chief Carrier went to the floor below to set up a forward staging area. Chief Erickson set up a Command Post in the street. Captain Canfield from the Laconia Police Department was in charge of securing the perimeter and traffic control. The Belmont crew staged at the Command Post and the Weirs crew set up air blowers to pressure the stairwell and evacuate the smoke. Several apartments on the 7th floor had smoke inside and each had to be vented. The occupant was unable to stay in the apartment due to the damage.

The operation went very smoothly according to our standard operating procedures. We have conducted hi-rise training and a walk-thru of this building with our neighboring departments. This paid great dividends at this fire. Fortunately the fire was on the top floor. This is the ideal location as there are no occupants above the fire and fires generally do not burn down. Had this fire been on a lower floor the operation would have been much different as many residents would have been exposed to the smoke. We know from training that a serious fire in one of our hi-rises will require at least 50 firefighters.

Always Call 911 In An Emergency!

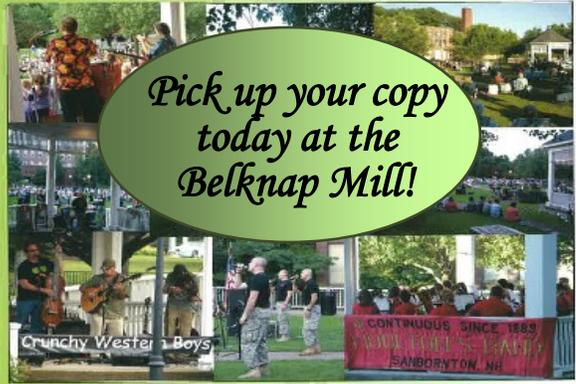
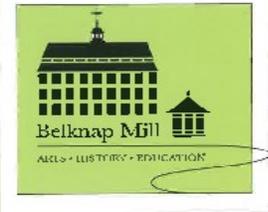


NOTICE

**City of Laconia
Hilliard Road Brush Dump
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MOTORCYCLE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20th and
SATURDAY, JUNE 21st**

Summer Events Program 2014



*Pick up your copy
today at the
Belknap Mill!*

The Belknap Mill

NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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It's Time to Get Your 2014 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 head to the lake!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office and get out on the lake! We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

****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 .**



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!



Laconia Youth Soccer League
SIGNUPS FOR THE FALL 2014 SEASON
sign up online at:

www.LYSL4U.com

Look for us in the July 4th parade and at our
Registration Table from 5-7 PM at Opechee Park



\$ 30.00 per child* or \$ 50.00 per family*



NO LATE SIGN UPS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 11TH

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR ALL LEAGUES:
YOUNGEST - 4 YEARS OLD BY AUGUST 1, 2014
OLDEST - 18 YEARS OLD ON AUGUST 1, 2014

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW HIGH SCHOOL (AGE 15-18) LEAGUE!!!

Players from all NH towns now eligible to play!

Players 4-7 years old - 2 Events per week
Players 8-14 years old - 3 Events per week
Players in the High School League - 1-2 Events per week

Any questions please call 455-6572



www.LYSL4U.com



Thursdays
June 5th to September 25th, 2014
3pm 'til 7pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

Vegetables ~ Bread ~ Local Meat ~ Eggs
Raw Milk ~ Flowers ~ Wine ~ Wool ~ Candles
Embroidery ~ Crafts ~ Soaps ~ Jewelry
Coffee ~ Treats ~ Seafood ~ Plants ~ Herbs
Live Entertainment

Watch for these guest chefs on the second
Thursday of each month:

Brenda Carey from UNH Cooperative
Extension

Ana Gourlay from Sunflower Natural Foods
Kevin Halligan from Local Eatery & Village
Bakery

Leslie Judice from Tavern 27



Come & enjoy the fun!



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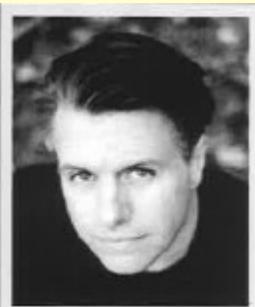
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Phone: 524-8813
25 Beacon St. East



Randy Armstrong
June 25th, 6:30 pm

Hailed by the Boston Globe as a "sure-fingered guitar virtuoso", Randy Armstrong is a composer and performing artist with Do'a World Music Ensemble. With a collection of over 200 instruments from around the world he has amazed audiences throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska and India. He has performed at Carnegie Recital Hall and festivals at Lincoln Center in New York City.

His music has been acclaimed as "a marvelous kaleidoscope of shifting melodies, rhythms and instrumental colors". Do'a's fifth album, World Dance, released in 1988, reached the top 10 of several national charts including #7 in Billboard. We hope you can join us!

Watch for news about our "Live Lunch" musical performances on Fridays beginning in July!



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



Summer begins June 21st, and now is the time to take preventative action to protect yourself from the harmful rays of the sun. You can help prevent skin damage by always wearing sunscreen!

AARP has a very helpful article entitled "Skin Cancer - Don't Ignore the Signs". Just click [here](#) to read about the warning signs of skin cancer and new technologies and treatments that are helping doctors save lives.

Stay safe in the sun and enjoy the summer!

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

*We hope you have enjoyed this
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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 - Katie Walsh</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. (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 & 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>	

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