



Laconia Links

June 26, 2015 - Edition #191

Ready for summer at Weirs Beach!



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD Here](#)

2015 Motorcycle Week is in the books!



Chief Adams would like to express his sincere gratitude to the men and women of the Laconia Police Department as well as the New Hampshire State Police and other agencies who assisted in the success of this event. Even though there were a large number of people in the area, no major incidents were reported.

The Chief would also like to extend a special thank you to Lieutenant Alfred Lessard, seen in the photograph below, for his dedication and service to the community during his tenure with the Department. Congratulations to Lieutenant Lessard on his retirement and his "LAST" Motorcycle Week!

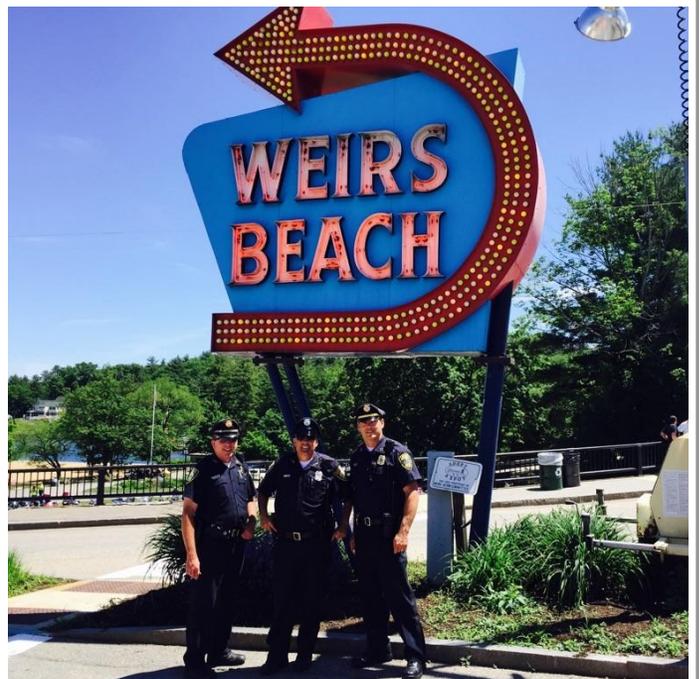
Pictured below are (left to right): Captain Clary, Lt. Lessard and Chief Adams.

Welcome to *Laconia Links* a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

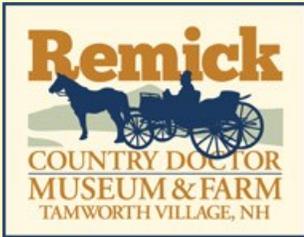
Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

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



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



Museum Passes Now Available!

The Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm is a museum and working farm that explores 200+ years of self-sustained living. The Farm is located in Tamworth and is open year-round, Monday through Saturday. Each pass provides free general admission for a family.



*The Library will be closed
on Friday, July 3rd*



Herbal Skin Care & Spa Treatments with Melissa of Dragonfly Botanicals Thursday, July 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us to learn how to create high quality, all natural spa treatments for yourself and friends to revitalize your body and soothe your spirit!

Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Please stop in or call 524-4775, Ext. 12 to sign up by July 7th. Students need to bring a towel, a hair band and wear clothes they don't mind getting wet & "herby"!



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

Public Hearing - Colonial Theatre Renovation Project

June 29, 2015, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Special Events/Licensing

Public Meeting - Bike Week
Wrap-up
July 1, 2015, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

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

Lakes Business Park

July 2, 2015, 4:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

City Hall Closed

Friday, July 3, 2014
For 4th of July Holiday

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

6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3
<i>Naturally Curious Summer Program and NH Aquatics @ LMS all week</i>				
<i>Build sandcastles on the beach</i>	<i>Make popsicles in fancy flavors</i>	<i>Go fly a kite</i>	<i>Go to a farmers' market</i>	<i>Go on a nature hike</i>
				

Click [here](#) for online calendar



WELCOME DR. PHIL MCCORMACK INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

The Laconia School District is pleased to announce that Dr. Phil McCormack will become our Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. McCormack was most recently an Interim Superintendent for SAU #4 in Bristol, NH during the 2012-2013 school year. Prior to the Bristol position he was Superintendent of Schools for SAU #2 in Meredith from 2004-2012 and Superintendent of Schools in the Keene School District from 1990-2004. Throughout his career he has been a teacher, a teaching principal, assistant elementary school principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent and a superintendent.

Dr. McCormack has been part of the Plymouth State University adjunct faculty since 2007 where he has been involved with mentoring and developing new superintendents. He lives in the Holderness area with his wife Dr. Louise McCormack. He is excited to get started in the Laconia School District and will begin on June 22nd.

We invite you to join us in welcoming Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Phil McCormack to this leadership position in the Laconia School District community.

SUMMER PREP FOR INCOMING LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

Become acquainted with the high school environment and staff, develop relationships that will help you succeed, sharpen your math skills to prepare for high school expectations, and receive support with the 9th grade summer reading requirements. Monday through Thursdays beginning July 6th to July 30th from 8 am to 11 am. Free breakfast and snack to start your day! **Jump start your Laconia High School experience!** For more information contact Mr. Schnerberger, LMS Guidance at 524-4632 or Mr. McCollum, LHS Principal at 524-3350.



ATTENTION LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Pay close attention to the following announcement about school-wide summer reading:

Remember, every student from Foundations to AP must complete a summer reading assignment to prepare for writing activities and class discussions during the first week of school.

Please note that students who are taking an English or Humanities course during the spring semester must complete the summer reading and assignment(s) before the start of the school year.

The assignments are posted on the LHS Library website [here](#). Happy Reading!

PSS STUDENTS PAY IT FORWARD

PSS students are "paying it forward" by collecting gently used books for the Got Lunch program. Books will be distributed with lunches this summer.



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PAWS for a CAUSE AUCTION

CHURCH LANDING
Meredith, NH

Thursday,
July 30, 2015
6pm



Click [here](#) for
more
information!

Silent Auction with Dinner & Cocktails
followed by Entertainment & Live Auction

Bid On... Datura Villa, Montego Bay, Jamaica stay for up to 10
Holland America 7 day cruise for two, choice of Alaska,
the Caribbean, Mexico or Canada/New England
Gary Shepard winter town scene watercolor
Private Scotch Tasting for 6
Cape Cod Stay, Dine and Seal Tour



Tickets are available now, visit www.nhhumane.org
or email molly@nhhumane.org



Morgan Stanley

LOVERING
VOLVO



Are you looking for some
fun, low cost or no cost
activities to enjoy with
your family and
children this summer?

Just click [here](#) for a
comprehensive listing of
things to do to keep you
busy this summer and
enjoy everything the
Lakes Region
has to offer!



GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Since the inception of Got Lunch! Laconia in 2011 the Lakes Region Healthcare Nursery Guild has given amazing support to the program and thus the children of Laconia. They were one of our earliest financial supporters understanding the great need to fill the gap when children lose the school lunch program for the summer.

This year it will cost Got Lunch! Laconia \$120 to feed one child lunch for the entire summer and the Nursery Guild's donation alone will provide healthy lunch fixings for 30 children! We and those 30 children we feed can thank the kind and caring people of the LRGH Nursery Guild. We cannot express how much it means to us when we receive donations from non-profits, businesses and individuals.

Rev. Paula Gile
Advisory Board Member
GOT LUNCH! Laconia
www.gotlunchlaconia.com





New Hampshire's Hands Free Law will take effect **July 1, 2015**

Link to Laconia PD [here](#)

- No use of **hand held electronic** devices while driving or temporarily halted in traffic for a stop sign or traffic signal or other momentary delays
- This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods, iPads or other devices that require data entry
- Emergency calls to 911 will be allowed
- Bluetooth or other **hands-free** electronic devices will be allowed
- **One hand** non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed
- Teen drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use **any** electronic devices except to report an emergency

If your vehicle is not equipped with Bluetooth functionality, after-marked systems can be installed or a Bluetooth speaker or over the ear device can be purchased at many retail stores including cell phone carriers and online distributors.

Penalties for Violations

1st Offense - \$100 fine 2nd offense - \$250 fine

3rd Offense within 2 years - \$500 fine

Penalty assessments will be added to the fines



www.handsfreeNH.com



City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the 4th of July holiday.



Laconia City Council Budget Schedule



July 13, 2015, 7 pm:
Proposed Budget Adoption

Meetings are open to the public -
Questions? Call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or e-mail brownn@city.laconia.nh.us

Assessing Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms are now available in the Assessing Office. The deadline for filing is June 30. This form applies to the Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit.

This program offered by the State refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying owners. Call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 for questions or additional information.





NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

PET OF THE WEEK
MAX



Getting older can be tough – for people, and their pets.

Meet Max, a lovely if opinionated, elder gentleman who is not entirely sure where to lay his weary head. Arriving back in April at New Hampshire Humane Society, he was surrendered after family members could no longer keep him. While this move upset the order of Max's life, it was a good move, since we were able to treat him for the fleas and ear mites he came to us with. It's true, he is deaf as the proverbial post. Stone deaf. That doesn't make him any less adoptable - only more vocal for attention really. Max talks a lot, asking for a kind touch and a warm accommodating lap to snuggle in. He looks at you with the wizened countenance of a cat that has experienced much in his long life.

Max is part of our June Adopt a Shelter cat promotion; check our Facebook site, you'll see him dapperly appointed wearing a cute little cat hat. Max is a bit of a showman after all!

Could you not, kindly reader, provide the retirement home Max seeks? Please visit him – he's front and center in our lobby.

Call 524-3252 or check www.nhumane.org



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2015
7:00 P.M.
LACONIA CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 200A
AGENDA**

Public Hearing under RSA 33:3, the finding of benefit of the Colonial Theatre Renovation Project for the public purposes of redevelopment of an underutilized structure, the benefit of having civic auditorium space, improvement of the local tax base and creation of employment opportunities.



NOTICE

**LACONIA
TRANSFER
STATION**

**WILL BE CLOSED
Saturday, July 4th in
observance of the holiday**

**TRASH COLLECTION WILL
BE COLLECTED ON THE
NORMAL SCHEDULE
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

Any questions, please call Ann at
528-6379, ext. 300.

You could win **\$5,000** NH Humane 50/50 Raffle!

**Drawing
July 30**

\$5 per ticket

Tickets on sale at
NH Humane
Society in Laconia
and the
Etcetera Shoppe
in Meredith

for additional purchase
information contact

molly@nhhumane.org or call

524-3252 x 309



City of Laconia "Front Porch" Award

The Mayor and City Council have initiated a program to encourage residential and commercial property owners to help improve the City's appearance, one property at a time!

The "Front Porch" Award recognizes citizens who show pride in their neighborhood and community by improving the appearance of their property.

Do you have a neighbor or a property in mind that should be considered for this award? Just fill out the Nomination Form ([click here](#)) or call 527-1270 to have a form sent to you, and return to the City Manager's office, City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246.

Photos of the property are helpful, but not required. Property improvements can be (but are not limited to): General Property Appearance, Landscape Appearance, General Clean-up of a Property, Improvements to Property Appearance such as Painting, Window Replacement, etc.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or e-mail info@city.laconia.nh.us





Construction is Underway!

Construction is underway for Laconia Area Community Land Trust's (LACLT) affordable rental units. River's Edge consists of 32 permanently affordable and fully accessible units for person of modest means.

Scheduled for completion in May 2016, River's Edge will consist of 32 one- and two-bedroom permanently affordable apartments nestled between Union Avenue and the Winnepesaukee River. With downtown just a short pedestrian bridge away, the location offers uniquely walkable living opportunities for future tenants. Significant site work is being completed, including the mitigation of hazardous materials that were a threat to the land and water. The property will boast a number of green features including hydropower, a daycare, and 500 linear feet of River Walk. Units will be ready for occupancy in June 2016.

Financing for this \$7.8 million project comes from NH Housing Finance Authority, Raymond James Tax Credit Fund and Citizens Bank, NH Community Development Finance Authority and Belknap County, City of Laconia, NeighborWorks America, Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and LACLT.

The building was designed by the late George Hickey Architect. Warren Street Architects will see the project through construction which is being managed by Ekman Construction.

Laconia Area Community Land Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a member of NeighborWorks® America, and is supported in part by membership donations and the Granite United Way. Its mission is to assist low and moderate income families achieve economic self-sufficiency through the development of permanently affordable housing opportunities and associated support programs. For more information about LACLT and its programs, call 524-0747 or visit www.laclt.org.



Pictured from the left:
Jason Hicks, Vice Chair LACLT Board of Directors; Kevin Flynn, Director of External Relations and Communications CDFA; William Ray, Managing Director, Policy, Planning & Communications NHHFA; Mayor Edward Engler, City of Laconia; Eugene Clerkin, SVP Citizens Bank; Andy Saaverdra, Senior Program Officer Rural Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC); and Judith Rose, Real Estate Relationship Manager, NeighborWorks America.



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!

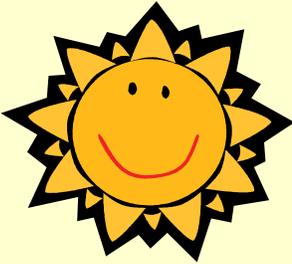


NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

Click [here](#)
for City
Clerk's website

Resident Beach Stickers Now Available!



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 now available 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. A fee of \$15.00 will apply (\$25.00 for two stickers if they are purchased at the same time).



Beaches are open from June 27 through September 7, 2015. 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 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.

The City Council is seeking members for these Boards. All Board members shall own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts. A majority of each Board must be Laconia residents. Terms begin September 1, 2015; the deadline for receipt of applications is July 22, 2015.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or e-mail brownn@city.laconia.nh.us for further information or to request an application.



Join us at the
Laconia Main
Street Outdoor
Marketplace!



Thursdays
June 4th to September 24th, 2015
3pm 'til 6pm

Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia

Laconia Farmers'
Live Free and Eat Local Market
Every Saturday
8 am to noon
City Hall Parking Lot



As seen on NH Chronicle and Yankee Magazine

Fred Marple

Yankee humor, music and assorted nonsense for the whole family

At the new Weirs Community Park Amphitheater, June 27, 7 pm. Bring your lawnchairs and your sense of humor!

Here's what people are saying:

"laughed so hard my face hurt..."

"a great evening enjoyed by all!"

"a hoot!"

"Fred shows potential of being the voice of New Hampshire as Bert & I once were to Mainiacs."



**Sponsored by
Parks & Rec.
Call 524-5046
for additional
information.**

Weirs Beach

Summer Fireworks Schedule!

4th of July! Starting at 11:59 pm on July 3rd— sponsored by City of Laconia

July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14 and August 21 at 10 pm —Sponsored by Weirs Action Committee

Labor Day Weekend! September 6 at 10 pm —Sponsored by Half Moon Enterprises

Raindates for the regular Friday shows are Saturday. An announcement of the rain date will be posted at the Weirs Beach arrow sign.

Note: Weirs Action Committee is a 501(c)4 organization that accepts corporate (tax deductible) contributions. [Click here](#) to make a donation!

Main Street Bridge Construction



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

Good News!

The Main Street Bridge is back to its regular traffic pattern as of June 11! Activity at the bridge site will be very limited and traffic flow through the bridge site should be largely uninterrupted with occasional lane closures to accomplish the remaining work such as bridge railings, drainage work, lighting, sidewalk ramps, etc.

Check the Main St. Bridge Construction website for information on Phase 5 of the project. The website is updated periodically with information regarding construction progress, detours, 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).

Click [here](#) for Public Works website

Questions about the construction project?

Contact Paul Moynihan at Public Works (528-6379, Ext. 301) or Shanna Saunders in the Planning Department (527-1264).

Reminder!

The next recycling collection week begins Monday, June 29, 2015!



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.



Learn About Lakes Region Disabled Sports on July 8th



Laconia Historical and Museum Society hosts a presentation to introduce attendee to Lakes Region Disabled Sports (LRDS), an Adaptive Snow Sport School located at Gunstock Mountain Resort.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. To RSVP, please call 524-5600 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

LRDS is a nonprofit program providing recreation and fitness for individuals with disabilities in a safe, supportive, independent and fun environment. Instruction includes skiing, snowboarding and sit-ski.



A Rockin' 50's Fundraiser at Pitman's

Saturday, August 1 ~ 7pm

featuring
Host Pat Kelly &
The Rockin' Daddios



Advance Tickets ONLY \$20!*

NOW! Buy tickets ONLINE at
LaconiaMulticulturalFestival.org
or at Greenlaw's Music in Laconia
*\$22.00 at the door

JOIN US FOR A FUN FUND RAISER WITH SURPRISE GUESTS, GAMES & PRIZES!!

Light refreshments provided. B.Y.O.B.

Tickets \$20 - Buy tickets at LaconiaMulticulturalFestival.org!
Pitman's Freight Room, New Salem St., Laconia
Proceeds support Laconia Multicultural Festival

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.

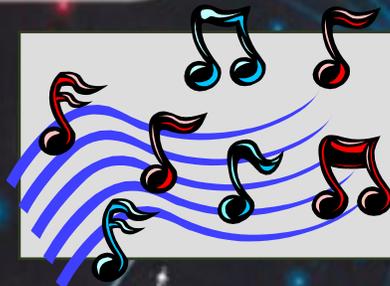
We hope you find this report helpful and informative!



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

Laconia's 4th of July Celebration Held on July 4th

**Parade starting at Wyatt Park
and going through downtown to
Opechee Park - starting at 4:30 p.m.**



**Two Bands at
Opechee Park!
Playing from
5:30 to 10:00 pm**

**Vendors and games
available**

**Fireworks will be set off
in the middle of Smith Track.
Best viewing is from
Opechee Park!**

**Fireworks at 10:00 pm
Sponsored by the City of Laconia**

**If you are interested in being a
vendor or be in the parade, contact
Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046**



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



The Laconia Sr. Center would like to thank the AARP Taxaide Team for providing free tax help to 283 people, saving them an estimated \$56,000!

This represents a 37% increase from last year. It has been the Laconia Senior Center's pleasure to host this wonderful group of people and they look forward to working with them again in 2016!

*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
Assessor - Jon Duhamel
- City Clerk..... 527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds
- City Manager 527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers
- Code Enforcement..... 527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Finance 524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman
- Licensing 528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Hilary Young
- Planning & Comm. Dev. 527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders
- Tax 527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen
- Welfare..... 527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman
- Fire Dept. (Central Station) 524-6881
- Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) 366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson
- Library 524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough
- Parks & Recreation..... 524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy
- Personnel 524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel
- Police (Administration) 524-5257
- Police (Crime Line) 524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams
- Public Works (Main Office) 528-6379
- Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan
- Water..... 524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman

City Council Contact Info:

- Mayor Edward Engler 630-4484
- Ava Doyle (Ward 1) 393-6533
- David Bownes (Ward 2)..... 524-4330
- Henry Lipman (Ward 3) 528-0191
- Brenda Baer (Ward 4) 524-6349
- Robert Hamel (Ward 5) 524-6360
- Armand Bolduc (Ward 6) 524-2514
- E-mail: citycouncil@city.laconia.nh.us

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www.city.laconia.nh.us