



Councilors Lipman and Hamel enjoying the 4th of July parade in style

# Laconia Links

July 12 2013 - Edition #92

## Recycling Update

2 Week Total - June 24 thru July 5, 2013					
Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 1,297.86 tons		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$194,679.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$110,385.60	
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		26.36	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monday	40.44	9.57	23.7%	12.13	\$384.00
Tuesday	42.17	11.10	26.3%	12.65	\$232.50
Wednesday	47.91	9.15	19.0%	14.37	\$783.00
Thursday	42.74	7.84	18.3%	12.82	\$747.00
Friday	37.78	5.52	14.6%	11.33	\$871.50
	Total = 211.04	Route Total = 43.18	Curbside Avg = 20.4%	Total = 63.30	Total = \$3,018.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/12 - present			Prior 2 weeks = 16.8%	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](mailto: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, July 15!**

### Congratulations Laconia!

As shown above, recycling percentages increased overall from 16.8% to 20.4% over a two-week period with mandatory recycling now in effect. We still have a long ways to go to reach the 30% goal, but we're off to a good start!

*Let's keep up the good work!*

### Photos Wanted!

If you have a great photograph of Laconia to share, e-mail it to [brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us), and you just might see it in an upcoming newsletter!



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



### Bedtime Stories

Mondays at 6:30 pm  
on July 15, 22 and 29  
in the Selig  
Story Time Room!

Come in your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed friend and blanket, hear some great bedtime stories, and have cookies and milk. Then go home and dream sweet dreams full of books! Free for families with kids through third grade.

*Don't miss this upcoming "Wednesday Special"!*

July 17: Critters 'N Creatures

See and learn about fascinating underground animals. Wednesday Specials held at the

Laconia Community Center, 306 Union Ave. at 1:00 pm, free for families!



Check out the  
Library's website  
Click [here!](#)

## Wild Herb Walk

Are you curious about weeds sprouting up in your lawn and those you may see around town on your walk? Can these weeds actually be beneficial herbs? For answers to these questions and how to identify what's right here in the neighborhood join us at the Laconia Public Library on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-12 noon.

Melissa Morrison, Master Herbalist of Dragonfly Botanicals will lead us on a walk starting in the gardens at the library. Melissa will introduce you to the bounty of wild herbs growing around us. She is committed to teaching people how to use plants for health and healing through apprenticeship courses and classes.

For more information about Melissa please visit her website at [www.dragonflybotanicals.net](http://www.dragonflybotanicals.net). For more information on this program or to sign up contact Deb Ross at 524-4775 X15 or X12.

## 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

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

July 15, 2013, 7:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

### Trustees of the Trust Fund

July 15, 2013, 10:00 am  
City Hall, Mayor's Office

### Conservation Commission

July 17, 2013, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

### Police Commission

July 18, 2013, 3:00 pm  
Laconia PD, Community Room

## LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way*



[Laconia High School Website](#)



[Laconia Middle School Website](#)



[Elm Street School Website](#)



[Pleasant Street School Website](#)



[Woodland Heights Website](#)

### **New Assistant Superintendent Hired for Laconia School District**



The Laconia School District community is pleased to announce that Kirk Beitler will become Assistant Superintendent for Laconia School District. Mr. Beitler has worked in the lakes region previously in both Franklin and Gilford School Districts. Most recently, he has spent the last seven years as the Principal for Raymond High School in the southern region of New Hampshire.

Kirk Beitler has demonstrated leadership skills in curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, professional learning communities and technology. He has strong communication skills as represented in his newsletters to staff and parents. Mr. Beitler has been a part of the i3 grant process in Raymond; this is one of the grants that has been ongoing in our high school for over two years. He has experience supporting the change process with an educational community in the areas of standards based assessment and reporting. Mr. Beitler's current supervisor described him as being "an excellent mentor, a highly effective teacher and a valued staff member". Our interview committee was impressed by his professional presence and his focus on what is best for students.

Mr. Beitler lives in Concord with his wife, Christine, and three daughters, Alison, Lauren and Lucy.

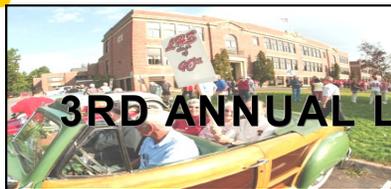
We invite you to join us in welcoming Assistant Superintendent Kirk Beitler to this leadership position in the Laconia School District community.

### **Pleasant Street School Welcomes Dave Levesque as Principal**

The Laconia School District community is pleased to announce that **Dave Levesque** will become Principal for Pleasant Street School. Mr. Levesque has worked in the Laconia School District since 1999; he is a strong leader who has enormous energy and shares our vision to support outstanding teaching and learning opportunities with our students. Dave Levesque has demonstrated leadership skills in our school community as our high school Assistant Principal and through his work on school and district level committees. He has been at the forefront for bringing PBIS (positive behavior intervention systems) to our high school. His areas of strength are seen in his energy and leadership as part of district initiatives such as professional learning communities, safety processes and bullying procedures. Mr. Levesque attended Plymouth State University for his undergraduate and graduate study programs. As he transitioned from Guidance to Administration, it was noted that his "work is very valued by his colleagues." Mr. Levesque is eager to begin connecting with the staff, students and parents in our Pleasant Street School community this summer.

Mr. Levesque has a daughter, Jordan, who will be entering fifth grade at Inter-Lakes Elementary School this fall.

We invite you to join us in welcoming **Principal Dave Levesque** to this leadership position at Pleasant Street School and the Laconia School District community.



Inspired by Jim Carroll, LHS Class of 1965, this event is to benefit Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. The 1st super reunion was held during LHS 2011 homecoming on September 30th. There was \$10 admission fee which included the homecoming parade and football game, as well as a video stroll down memory lane and homecoming dance with music of each decade starting with the 1930's. Classmates from several decades gathered to share memories, munchies and music and help future students towards their postsecondary education expenses.

The third annual Alumni Reunion is scheduled for September 27, 2013...Please save the date! The new Bank of New Hampshire Stadium and James Fitzgerald Athletic Field will be dedicated at this time. Don't miss this gala event! More details to follow.

**For more information please call Janet at 603-524-5710 or email at [jbrough@laconiaschools.org](mailto:jbrough@laconiaschools.org)**

# Public Works Department



## MANDATORY RECYCLING BEGAN JULY 1ST!



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### LACONIA RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Changes to the curbside collection program take effect July 1, 2013:

- All trash **MUST** be bagged in a container (aka trash can).  
Single family homes/duplexes limit of (2) 30-gallon cans
- Commercial/Multi Family Residential limit of (7) seven 30-gallon cans
- As of July 1, 2013 residents are required to separate recyclables from their trash
- **NO LOOSE BAGS OF TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED**

If you are NOT participating in MANDATORY RECYCLING, your trash will NOT be picked up.

There is no limit on the amount of curbside recycling the City will pick up. City DPW has 18-gallon recycling containers free of charge. City DPW is selling 64-gallon wheeled toters for \$25 (for the 1<sup>st</sup> one) and \$45 (after the 1<sup>st</sup> one).

If you exclusively use the Remote Recycling Drop Off Centers, call Ann Saltmarsh (528-6379, ext. 300) for an explanation of procedure.

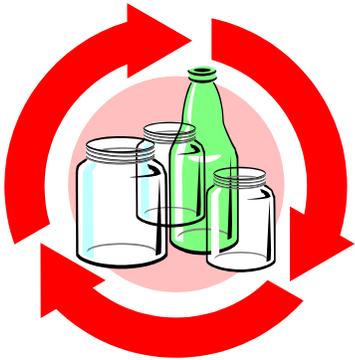


Questions? Call Ann  
at DPW, 528-6379, Ext. 300

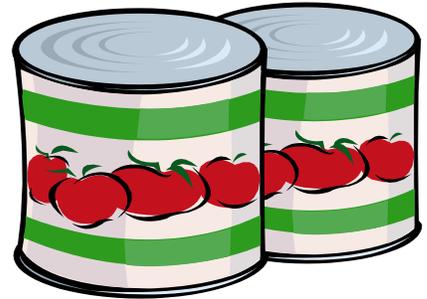
# How easy is it to recycle in Laconia?

.....You might be surprised!

## What Can I Recycle?



Glass Bottles & Jars – all colors of glass are OK  
Wine bottles, beer bottles, pickle jars, jelly jars, etc.



Steel & Aluminum Cans  
Beer & Soda Cans, Veggie, Fruit, Pasta Sauce  
Cans, Pet Food Cans – All Cans  
Please Make Sure They are Rinsed Clean



Any Plastics with Numbers 1-7\* in the  
Recycling Symbol on the Bottom

WE DO NOT RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM

\* Click [here](#) for examples of what the recycling numbers mean



All Cardboard and Paper –  
Old Mail, Magazines,  
Newspapers, Cereal  
Boxes, Pizza Boxes

**REMEMBER – SORTING IS NOT NECESSARY – EVERYTHING IN ONE CONTAINER!!**

*Recycling is simple and easy, and doesn't take much effort at all.  
It's just as easy to throw a recyclable product into a recycling bin  
as it is to throw it into a trash can!*

Questions about recycling? Please call Ann at DPW, 528-6379



# Laconia Fire Department

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

## WARNING!!



It has been a tragic holiday period in New Hampshire with several people drowning in rivers. We warn all people to stay out of the rivers.

Due to the heavy rains of the past month the water levels in lakes, ponds and rivers are very high. The water is moving very fast; it is also very deceiving how strong the currents actually are. The water is moving faster and stronger than a person can swim.

*So please stay off the bridges and out of the rivers!*

**IT'S MARKET TIME AGAIN!  
Laconia Main Street  
OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE**

**Thursdays  
June 6 to September 26, 2013  
3pm 'til 7 pm**

**Municipal Parking Lot Downtown Laconia**

*Laconia Farmers' Market*  
**Live Free and Eat Local**

**Beacon St. East, City Hall Parking Lot,  
Every Saturday, 8-12**

*Your Help is Needed*

**Laconia Multicultural Festival** *Mark Your Calendar!*

Don't miss this year's Multicultural Festival on August 3rd!

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation or signed up for an ad in the brochure. Donations are still needed as the organization is only half-way to its budget for the event. If you would like to have an advertisement in the brochure, please contact David Stamps at [dbstamps@dbstamps.com](mailto:dbstamps@dbstamps.com)

This year's Festival promises to be the best ever with music and dance groups, artist workshops, ethnic food tables, craft booths, demonstrations and more!

Watch for additional info as we get closer to August 3rd, and check for updates posted on the event's [website](#).

*Up on the roof...*

Enjoy the sunset from the top of the downtown parking garage with your friends and neighbors at a Sunset Party! This is a family-friendly event, complete with hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and the occasional ukulele performance and dessert!

*Meet approximately 45 minutes before sunset!*

**July 16: Sunset 8:25 pm Aug. 27: Sunset 7:31 pm**

In the event of rain, meet on the second floor of the garage.



# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

*September 10<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

- Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a police officer?
- Would you like to find out more about your police department?
- Why not consider attending the Laconia Police Department's *Citizen Police Academy*?

The Laconia Police Department will be hosting its first ever Citizen Police Academy to afford its citizens the opportunity to experience our department in a fun and unique way. Through the Citizen Police Academy, citizens are exposed to many facets of law enforcement that have never been offered to citizens before. Topics of interest are taught by members of the department for the purpose of enlightening attendees to how their police department works. Many of the classes provide "hands-on" experiences that provide an element of excitement and participation. Subjects include operational information, physical interaction, demonstrations, ride-a-long and field trip experiences. The class culminates with a graduation ceremony.

### What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy will provide community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. The purpose of the academy is to increase understanding between the citizens through education and interaction with members of the Laconia Police Department. The Academy gives citizens the opportunity to learn why we "can" and/or "can not" do certain things. It is hoped that the instruction will increase police awareness to dispel suspicions and misconceptions, and to increase police/community rapport through this educational program.

### How is the Academy Structured?

The class is made up of a cross-section of the Laconia Community. The Department will conduct one Academy per calendar year usually in the fall. The Academy will meet once a week on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Laconia Police Department unless otherwise noted. During the twelve week curriculum, students will be taught by police executives, veteran police officers, civilians and volunteers from the law enforcement community. The participants will have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and staff members. Students are encouraged to participate and ask questions and express ideas and concerns to their instructors. Applicants will be asked to commit to full attendance of all scheduled classes.

### Selection Process

Anyone over 18 years of age who resides, works, or attends school in the City of Laconia may apply to participate.

Citizen Police Academy participants are selected on a first come, first serve basis. Classes are limited to no more than 15 people per class.

Due to the sensitive nature of some of the information that will be taught, background investigations will be conducted on all participants. No past Felony or Domestic Violence Convictions. No violent Misdemeanor convictions. No probationers or parolees.

The Academy is not an accredited course. It is for Informational Purposes Only. At no time will you act as a Law Enforcement Official.

After completion of the course, a graduation ceremony is held with Command Staff participation. For more information contact: Lt. Rich Simmons at 524-5257 Ext 332 or Sgt. Gary Hubbard at 524-5257 Ext. 504

### Topics

During the Academy, students will be introduced to a variety of topics to include:

**Search and Seizure**  
**Use of Force**  
**Internal disciplinary process**  
**Domestic Violence**  
**Criminal & Traffic laws**  
**Criminal Investigations/Crime Scene Processing**  
**Weapons/Tactics**  
**Police K-9 Demonstration**  
**Numerous other law enforcement-related topics**  
**Tour of the County Jail**  
**Tour of the State 911 Communications Center**  
**Tour of Laconia District Court**

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Laconia Police Department at 524-5257, or dial 911 in an emergency.*

## Laconia Historical & Museum Society

## The Historic Homes of Pleasant Street



Pleasant Street in Laconia, New Hampshire is certainly picturesque with its many stately, historic and architecturally interesting homes. The Laconia Historical & Museum Society, volunteers, friends and residents of Pleasant Street worked to gather historical information about these homes such as the names of the original owners, what role that person played in the City of Laconia as well as any other historically important facts.

First presented in June of 2012 – we are excited to share our research again. Join us for this photographic presentation through history on Monday, July 15 – 7:00 pm at the Laconia Public Library. Admission is free and open to the public – Refreshments will be served - Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information about this lecture, please call the Laconia Historical & Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, email us at [lhmspl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmspl@metrocast.net) or visit us online at [www.laconiahistorical.org](http://www.laconiahistorical.org)



### CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions either have current vacancies or terms of current members will be expiring and up for renewal at the end of August 2013:

- Planning Board (2 alternate positions)**
- Board of Assessors**
- (1 regular and 2 alternate positions)**
- Zoning Bd. of Adjustment**
- (1 regular and 2 alternate positions)**
- Library Board of Trustees**
- (2 alternate positions)**
- Conservation Commission**
- (1 regular position)**

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at [brownn@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:brownn@city.laconia.nh.us)) for further information or to request an application. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. The deadline for receipt of applications is July 16, 2013.



### U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Laconia!

DATE: **July 17, 2013**  
(Third Wednesday of each month)

TIME: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 200B  
45 Beacon Street East  
Laconia, NH

Please call the City Manager's Office at  
527-1270 or e-mail  
[info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)  
for questions or additional information.



## Free First-time Homebuyer Seminar Offered by Laconia Area Community Land Trust and Franklin Savings Bank



Have you been dreaming of buying a home? Would-be homeowners can learn everything they need to know about buying a home in a full-day seminar offered by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT), a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. The seminar is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

So far, 278 first-time homebuyers have graduated from LACLT's program, representing nearly \$42 million in local home purchases.

This month's seminar takes place Saturday, July 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lakes Region Community Services Conference Room, 719 North Main Street, Laconia. Topics include:

- Credit and Budgeting
- Qualifying for a Mortgage
- Working with a Realtor®
- The Home Inspection Process
- The Closing Process



The First-time Homebuyer Seminar is free and open to the public; advance registration is required, and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Register by calling Debra Drake, LACLT's Homeownership Director at (603) 524-0747 or by emailing [d Drake@lact.org](mailto:d Drake@lact.org). LACLT's full seminar and workshop schedule is available online at [www.lact.org](http://www.lact.org).

Lakes Region Rotary

# Car Show



Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

10 am - 2 pm

## Weirs Beach Lobster Pound

Click [here](#) for registration form & details!

Endicott Road, Rt 3., Weirs Beach, NH

Presented by



## Laconia Skate Escape Needs a New Home NOW!

Join us on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

at 6:30pm at the

Laconia Public Library Rotary Hall

We are working hard to make this happen,

but we need your help!

Please join us!

[Laconiaskateescape@gmail.com](mailto:Laconiaskateescape@gmail.com)

This is a Call to action!

Will you answer the call?

556-7383 ~ 161 C



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](#)



Shown (left) are Laconia Firefighters Captain Kirk Beattie, Dan Doucette, Brian Keyes and Andy Francis participating in a large scale disaster drill recently.

More than 30 firefighters from 12 departments worked in a simulated tornado collapse drill. The photo shows them working to extricate a victim from a collapsed building. Deputy Pendergast and Deputy Roffo were key developers of the drill. The entire operation was funded through New Hampshire Emergency Management.



*Photo taken in downtown Laconia, courtesy of Max Lovisek*

## Assessing



All abatements have now been addressed by the Board of Assessor's. The last group was addressed on June 27th. If you applied and have not heard the results, please call our office at 527-1268.

We will now be working on the 2013 update, which will be finalized for the final bill in November.

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

# GOT LUNCH!

## LACONIA



Join us each Monday from June 24th through August 19th as we begin packing healthy lunches for families in Laconia! Meet at 8:30 am at the Congregational Church of Laconia, Veteran's Square.

*Interested in Volunteering?*

Contact John at: [jwredlabel@metrocast.net](mailto:jwredlabel@metrocast.net)



Opechee Garden Club  
**AWESOME BLOSSOMS!**



**GARDEN TOUR  
& LUNCHEON**

**BOUTIQUE & VINTAGE TREASURES  
PLANT SALE (Herbs to Perennials)  
& RAFFLE**

**SAT. , JULY 13, 2013 • 9 AM - 3 PM**

**Seven Selected Gardens in Gilford & Laconia  
Fairy Houses Display by L.R. Boys & Girls Club**

**Tickets: \$25.00** Includes Luncheon

**In Advance:** Appletree Nursery, Beans & Greens,  
Cackleberries, Kitchen Cravings, Petal Pushers,  
Sawyer's Dairy Bar, Gilford Library, Laconia Library

**Day of Tour: 9 AM - Noon** Laconia Library  
**9 AM - 3 PM** Gilford Community Church,  
Potter Hill Rd., Gilford

**Contact: 630-9219**

**Opecheegardenclub2012@gmail.com**

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and suggestions!*

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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
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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 - Katie Walsh	
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. (Lakeport) * .....	524-7777
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	

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Matthew Lahey (Ward 2) .....	524-4283
Henry Lipman (Ward 3) .....	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4) .....	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5) .....	524-6360
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