



Laconia Links

September 4, 2015 - Edition #201

Daydreaming at Gale Avenue Docks

Recycling Update

Two Week Total - August 3, 2015 - August 14, 2015

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 259.49		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$38,923.50		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$10,210.50	
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Tonnage Required to Reach 30% Target	2 Week Lost Savings By Not Reaching Target
Remote Sites		30.71			
Monday	46.39	11.43	24.6%	13.92	\$373.50
Tuesday	44.37	11.97	27.0%	13.31	\$201.00
Wednesday	44.61	10.03	22.5%	13.38	\$502.50
Thursday	42.15	9.45	22.4%	12.64	\$478.50
Friday	43.09	7.64	17.7%	12.93	\$793.50
	Total = 220.61	Route Total = 50.52	Curbside Avg. = 22.8%	Total = 66.18	Total = \$2,349.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 21.3%	<i>Recycling Saves \$\$</i>	

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!



City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7th, 2015 in observance of Labor Day

We apologize for any inconvenience!

A complete list of 2015 City Hall closings can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

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



September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Teen Scene Cover Style



Tuesday,
September 8th
@ 3: 15 pm in
Laconia Rotary Hall

Teens in grades 6-12 can cover their new school books or their own favorite books in style.

We provide the materials and snacks.
You bring books for covering!



September is Library Card Sign-up Month - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Today's public libraries are thriving technology hubs. They help people start businesses, create resumes, search and apply for jobs online. Libraries help people connect with government and their communities, and use online government services. So, if you don't have a library card, get in to Laconia Public Library and GET ONE! If you live, work, go to school, or pay taxes in Laconia the card is free. If you are a non-resident, it's only \$30 a year ... the average price of ONE book!

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.

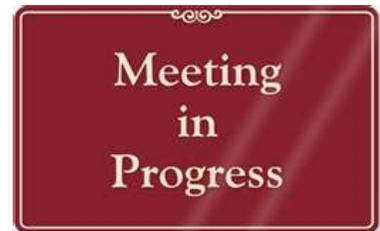
You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

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!*



Technical Review Comm. I

September 9, 2015, 10:00 am
City Hall, Room 200A

Heritage Commission

September 9, 2015, 5:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

September 9, 2015, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Board of Water Commissioners

September 10, 2015, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

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](#)

1:1 Digital Learning

On August 26th Laconia Middle School implemented its 1:1 Digital Learning Program. Every student in the 2015/2016 eighth grade class received a new HP Stream computer to use at school and home. Read more [Here](#).



Welcome Students



Laconia School District welcomed over 2,000 students to the 2015-2016 school year on Monday, August 31st. The classrooms in Laconia School District are filled with engaged learners, halls are buzzing with excitement for the new school year and our athletic fields are in full use with fall sports.

It was a great first day of school in Laconia and the beginning of a great year for teaching and learning!

Pictured: WHS 5th graders Keira Sanborn, Zaria Aninsworth, Phoebe Townsend, and Mia Lynch

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR ONLINE CALENDAR

Pre-School at Pleasant Street School

We are excited to announce that Pleasant Street School will have a Title I Pre-School Program!

- Students must be 4 years old as of September 30, 2015
- Students need to live in the Pleasant Street School zone
- Enrollment is limited to 16 students
- Screenings will take place at the end of September

For more information, please contact Pleasant Street School's Pre-School Teacher, Mrs. Foster: kfoster@laconiaschools.org



Warm Woodland Appreciation

Ben Phillips, Custodian at Woodland Heights School, received recognition for 20 years of service! Ben is also a Woodland Heights School Alumni.



Santa Fund of the Lakes Region

With the help of the Santa Fund, every student at Pleasant Street School received a new water bottle for their desk on the first day of school.



MAIN STREET INITIATIVE OF LACONIA
PROUDLY PRESENTS

NH COFFEE FESTIVAL 2015

SATURDAY 12:00PM DOWNTOWN RAIN
9/19 TO 4:00PM LACONIA OR SHINE

Join us and 40+ vendors, games, and more in a celebration of all things coffee in Downtown Laconia!!!

12:00 - 4:00 Jonathan Lorentz Jazz Trio on the Main Stage

12:30 - 1:00 "From Our Farm To Your Cup: Three Generations On Our Coffee Plantation in Peru"
- Eddie Giunta of Café Monte Alto

1:30 - 2:00 "Latte Art Demonstration"
- Emeran Langmaid of A&E Roastery

2:30 - 3:00 "Getting Started As A Home Roaster"
- Ben Bullerwell of Wayfarer Coffee Roasters

3:00 - 4:00 Latte Art Throw-down. A competition like no other!!!

Made Possible By:



LAWSON PETERSON & WELDON FRANKF, PC



Laconia Multicultural Festival

September 12, 2015 ~ 10 am - 4 pm



14th Annual Celebration of Diversity

Hosted by Laconia Human Relations Committee, Laconia Multicultural Festival & The Belknap Mill

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA



Aaron Lichtenberg of Winnepesaukee Woods Farm delivering food to GOT LUNCH! Laconia

Entering its fifth year of providing healthy food for families in Laconia, GOT LUNCH! Laconia formed a new partnership this year with four CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farms in the area to provide fresh produce to the children that we serve. The proceeds from our successful "Eat Out For GOT LUNCH! Laconia Week" subsidized our cooperative venture with these CSA farms.

These farms provided us with fresh from the field vegetables every Monday morning which in turn were given to our families along with the usual bags of healthy food. Thank you to the following farms: [Beans & Greens Farm](#) of Gilford, [Red Manse Farm](#) of Loudon, [Still Seeking Farm](#) of Gilmanton, and [Winnepesaukee Woods Farm](#) of Alton/Gilford.

If you wish to help these farms by participating in a CSA sponsorship, please contact these farms directly for fresh, local and sustainably raised products or to sign up for CSA for you family.



Emily's Wish

Click [here](#) for additional information on how you can help!



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire

\$5 - \$25 of all cat adoptions covered during September

Join us at the
Laconia Main
Street Outdoor
Marketplace!



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

Municipal Parking Lot, Downtown Laconia



The Laconia Public Library
will be closed on Monday, September 7,
2015 in observance of Labor Day.
We apologize for any inconvenience!

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



Weirs Beach
Labor Day Fireworks!

September 6, 10:00 pm
Sponsored by Weirs Action
Committee

Belknap County Public Safety Day

Saturday, September 5, 2015

10:00 to 2:00 at Gunstock Mountain Resort

FREE ADMISSION



Featuring:

- Apparatus Displays & Demonstrations
- K-9 Demonstrations
- NH State Police Explosives Unit
- Local and State Police, Fire, and EMS
- Utility Companies
- Food – Family Fun
- Face Painting by the Streetcar Company



*Kudos to
Laconia City
Councilor for
Food Donation*

The NH Gleans-Belknap County program would like to thank Laconia City Councilor Robert Hamel for his generous donation of over 100 lbs. of fresh Bosc pears he grew in his home orchard to a local food pantry. Councilor Hamel also donated his time by assisting in the harvesting and packaging of the pears for transport. If you are a home gardener and/or have a few fruit trees in your yard that produce more than you can use, please consider letting NH Gleans-Belknap County do the work of harvesting and transporting your fresh produce to a local food pantry to make a donation in your name. Call 603-527-5880 or email lisa.morin@nh.nacdn.net.

NH Gleans-Belknap County is a program of NH Farm to School through the UNH Sustainability Institute and is administered locally by the Belknap County Conservation District. For more information on the statewide program please visit www.nhfarmtoschool.org or like them on Facebook at NH Gleans.

**International Film
Series sponsored
by: Laconia Human
Relations Comm.
& Laconia Public
Library**

The Road Home **Monday, September 14, 2015** **Time: 6:45 P.M.** **Laconia Public Library**



■ **1950's China -- a love story
in Mao's time**

- ◆ **Free and open to the public**
- ◆ **Informal discussion follows the film**
 - ◆ **Light snack provided**
- ◆ **Bring a chair cushion for comfort**

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell
lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

PRESENTS

One of the Original Irish Tenors,



John McDermott

Join beloved Canadian tenor, John McDermott,
as he makes a stop at
Sacred Heart Church in Laconia,
Friday, September 11th at 7:00pm.

Admission is FREE.

First come, first seated no tickets required

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



Main Street Bridge
Construction

DETOUR



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

Great News!

Work on the Main Street Bridge (which began approximately two years ago) is now substantially complete!

If you haven't visited that part of downtown recently, make a special trip to see how great the project turned out. Final striping, etc. is underway and fall plantings will soon enhance the area.

Completion of the project is set for no later than September 21st. Plans are being made for a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held in late September...stay tuned for details.

We are all looking forward to celebrating a wonderful project and an enhanced gateway to the downtown. The patience shown by our visitors, residents and downtown merchants during the lengthy construction period has been greatly appreciated!

Questions about the Main Street Bridge 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 Tuesday,
September 8, 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.

Tenant 101: A 4-Week Workshop Series

Evening classes
 from 6:00-8:00
 Free dinner served from
 5:30-6:00



4-Week Series Begins
 September 17, 2015

Interested participants
 should contact Tricia T. at
 the Family Resource Center
 528-0391
 tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org

*This workshop series is free.
 Limited on-site childcare and
 assistance with transportation
 available upon request.*

Tenant 101 is held at The
 Family Resource Center
 719 No. Main Street
 Laconia, NH

**Do you have poor or negative
 landlord references?**

**Do you want to work on changing
 them?**

**Come learn how to be the best
 tenant you can be!**

Many landlords have agreed to accept this
 Tenant 101 Certificate as your willingness to
 be a better tenant, and this may offset a prior
 poor or negative reference from another
 landlord.

Topics Include:

- What do I look for in an apartment?
- What do I expect in an interview?
- Is this apartment affordable?
- What are my tenant rights?
- What is the eviction process?
- How can I be a good neighbor?



Let it Shine! New Hampshire's 25th Annual PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



Details Coming Soon!

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2015
 DOWNTOWN LACONIA, NH**

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



DOG OBEDIENCE

The next dog obedience class will begin Sept. 9th and continue through October 7th at the Laconia Community Center. Beginners from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, advanced 7:00 – 8:00 pm running every Wednesday. The cost will be \$50.00 for the 4 weeks. Dogs must have all of their shots before joining our class. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. For questions and registration, please stop by the Laconia Parks & Recreation Department's office at the Community Center, 306 Union Avenue, or call 524-5046.



Guitar Lessons For Donations

Laconia Parks & Rec. would like to announce a new program - Sonic Wallpaper Guitar Lessons! These lessons are paid for through donations. The donations will be split between the Laconia Community Center and the Laconia Police Department. Classes begin September 9th at 6:00pm and run through November 11th.

We want anyone who has the desire to really learn to play to have a chance to try the instrument. The lessons are for those 8 years old and over. Guitars are available to practice with during office hours at the Community Center. Guitars may also be purchased for a fraction of the actual cost.

To register fill out the registration form which is online at www.cityoflaconianh.org or come into the Laconia Community Center. Space is extremely limited, so sign up quickly! This is a first come first served program.

Call 524-5046 with any questions.



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
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Pet(s) of the Week: Bud and Howey



Sons of the long and winding Road, Bud and Howey have been waiting since April for the comfy, cozy forever home they dream about.

These boys are littermates, aged about two. Life has been tough for them having originally arrived in 2014 after their humans lost their home...the economic upturn has been slow for some, you see.

Luckily the brothers were adopted about six months later, but returned because they just didn't feel this new home was *their home*.

Howey especially has internalized the stress of all this coming and going. We've treated him for some medical issues and watch him carefully. Bud may have already made his feline mind up that humans are not to be depended upon. But through the upheavals, staff and volunteers continue to lavish love and attention on these boys – but shelter life just isn't home!

To kick off our September campaign, Bud and Howey are the first two cats to benefit from Emily's Wish.. to learn more see page 5 of this newsletter, check nhhumane.org or call the shelter at 524-3252 to hear more about this special promotion.

Music ^{on the} River
Concert Series

THURS, SEPTEMBER 17TH
6:00PM TO 8:00PM
BLUES, POP AND ROCK

Noah Lis FROM **the Voice** SEASON 6

Belknap Mill
ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION

Rotary Riverside Park & Gazebo
Historic Belknap Mill
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

3rd Floor
Rose Chertok Gallery



BUSY CORNER FARMSTAND

Tuesday, July 7
 Tuesday, August 11
 Tuesday, September 8
 4:30 - 6pm
 Laconia Early Learning Center
 Stafford Street, Laconia

- Fresh, local produce from Red Manse Farm, Loudon
- Food tasting and recipes
- Free gift for children (while supplies last)

Sponsored by the
 Lakes Region Food Network
 and
 Lakes Region Child Care
 Services

PUBLIC WELCOME!

Assessing

Verification of Data

Our field personnel are now in the northern Gilford Avenue area, going down the side streets (Sanborn/Carver/Morrill, etc.) verifying data that is on our PRC's (Property Record Cards).

Postcards are being mailed in advance of our visit.

Property owners' cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Questions?
Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.



LABOR DAY



NOTICE
LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED
Monday September 7th
in observance of
Labor Day

TRASH COLLECTION WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

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



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!





Laconia Fire Department

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

Renovation Update!



The Fire Department administrative and fire prevention offices have temporarily relocated to the Opechee Parkhouse. There is ample parking at our new temporary home! Please call the Fire Department at 524-6881 with questions.

Interior renovations at the old fire station are now underway...please see the pictures (left and below):

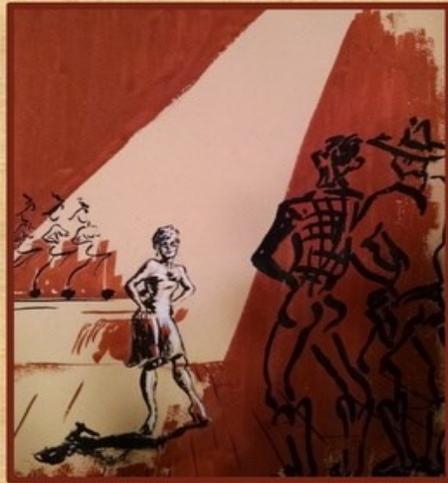


Laconia Fire Department
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"Treading the Boards"

A look back at how community and professional theatre fostered the growth and prosperity of post WWII Gilford.

In the mid to late 1940s Gilford grew by leaps and bounds with the influx of many spirited and talented young adults who brought leadership and energy, a strong sense of collaboration, and fresh new ideas on behalf of their growing families and the prosperity of their community. JUDY SIMONDS BUSWELL who moved with her family to Gilford Village in 1947 shares from her experiences, observations, and research on how the innovative and grassroots Gilford Gaslight Players and the summer tourist-oriented Lakes Region Playhouse helped to build Gilford as a vibrant and productive community.



When: Monday, September 21, 2015 - 7pm
Where: The Belknap Mill, Downtown Laconia
What: The Annual Meeting of the
Laconia Historical & Museum Society and the
Thompson Ames Historical Society in collaboration with
The Belknap Mill Society

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Laconia Historical and Museum Society at (603) 527-1278, lhmslpl@metrocast.net, or www.laconiahistorical.org.





COOKING MATTERS™ for

Families

A 6-week Cooking and Nutrition Series for Families with Children Ages 5 and up

- Learn basic cooking skills necessary to prepare healthy, low-cost meals.
- Develop healthy eating habits at home, at school, and when eating out.
- Prepare and share meals together!
- Families will receive a bag of groceries to re-create the meal at home.

WHEN
Mondays September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 19, 26; 5:00-7:00pm

WHERE
Laconia Middle School
150 McGrath Street, Laconia

TO REGISTER CONTACT
Brenda Carey
Brenda.carey@unh.edu 603-527-5475
Income Guidelines Apply

This is a FREE program!



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Laconia Area Bike Exchange

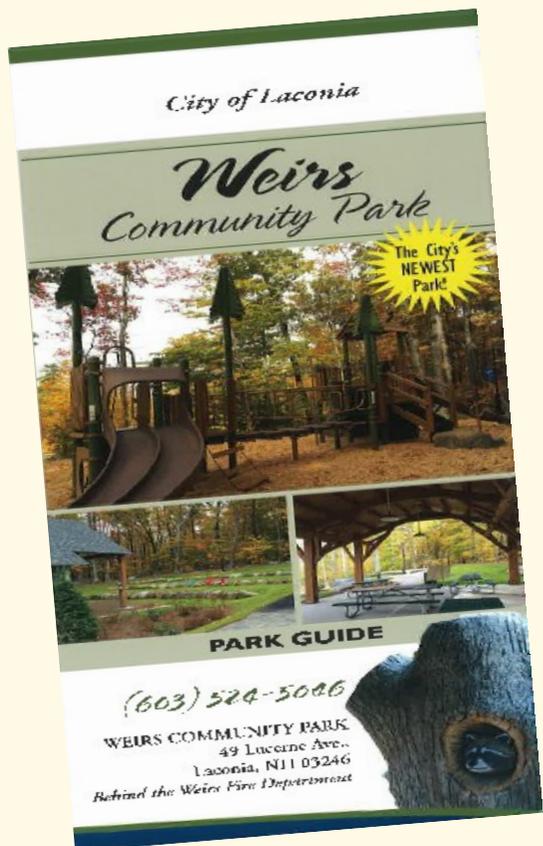
Please join us at the next "Better Together" meeting on Thursday, September 17th at 4 pm at the Huot Center on Union Avenue. The main topic of discussion will be the "Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets".

Adult men's and women's mountain bikes are most needed at this time. We are currently not accepting children's bikes.

We need volunteers at the Bike Exchange to help organize the many parts and accessories that have been received! We also need help organizing the inventory of bikes on hand.

We hope to see you at the Bike Exchange at 343 Court Street in Laconia, or at our meeting on September 17th!

For questions or additional information, please contact John Rogers at 630-7571, or email labe2014@yahoo.com.



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Have you had a chance to visit the City's newest park? Weirs Community Park, located at 49 Lucerne Avenue in the Weirs, is a beautiful facility offering a covered pavilion, amphitheater with sound system, naturalistic playground, 22 acres of walking trails, pet friendly paths, bathroom facilities, free parking and more!

The pavilion and amphitheater are also available to reserve for special events! Hours of the Park are 7 am to 10 pm. Questions? Call the Parks and Rec Department at 524-5046.

Click on the image of the brochure (left) for more details and information.



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



Non-perishable Food Drive for the month of September is being held to support the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Collection boxes are located in the Laconia Senior Center.



Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day! Don't forget that the Senior Center will be closed on September 7, 2015.

*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

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	

Visit the City's website at:
www.city.laconia.nh.us