



Laconia Links

January 29, 2016 - Edition #221

Belknap Range from Parade Road

Recycling Update

2 Week Total - January 4, 2016 through January 15, 2016

Fiscal YTD Recyclables Collected = 836.80		Savings to Taxpayers Fiscal YTD * (@ \$150/ton) = \$125,520.00		Lost Opportunity Dollars Fiscal YTD = \$30,612.00	
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		30.42			
Monday	28.13	5.91	21.0%	8.44	\$ 379.50
Tuesday	42.66	11.36	26.6%	12.80	\$ 216.00
Wednesday	42.59	8.97	21.1%	12.78	\$ 571.50
Thursday	36.98	8.05	21.8%	11.09	\$ 456.00
Friday	33.82	6.29	18.6%	10.15	\$ 579.00
	Total = 184.18	Route Total = 40.58	Curbside Ave = 22.0%	Total = 55.26	Total = \$ 2,202.00
*Fiscal Year to Date: 7/1/15 - present			Prior 2 Weeks = 25.7%	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!



Laconia Parks & Recreation

Did you know?

Laconia Parks & Recreation wants to make sure you are all safe this winter. We are offering a few tips on something most of us do every day this time of year....walking in the snow and ice!

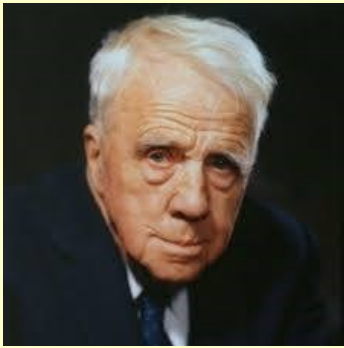
- Wear proper footwear.
- Avoid smooth soles and heels.
- Anticipate ice. It is better to assume ice is present and walk appropriately.
- Walk slowly with small steps.

BE CAREFUL

**SLIPPERY CONDITIONS
EXIST ON STEPS,
SIDEWALKS, STREETS
AND PARKING AREAS.**

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

An Evening of Frost with Stephen Collins Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.



An Evening of Frost is a unique, interactive performance that begins with a short biographical introduction into the poet's life. Robert Frost is greatly misunderstood. Certain people, some academics and politicians included, have tried to pigeonhole him, however the man is far more complicated than the surface indicates. This is, after all, a man who voted for Eugene Debs, one of the best known Socialists of the United States, but was vehemently opposed to Franklin Roosevelt and "The New Deal". It is this man that is seen in his poems that are often dialectic between chaos and order.

As part of the performance, an open discussion of the following poems will include:

"A Tuft of Flowers", "Mending Wall", "Birches", "After Apple Picking", "Acquainted with the Night" and "Desert Places"

Stephen is hoping that people will come having read these poems, willing to discuss them.

The performance closes with a dramatic reading of Frost's masterful use of blank verse in the hauntingly memorable "The Death of the Hired Man". Admission is free!



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**

Planning Board

February 2, 2016, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Licensing Bd/Special Events Review Comm./Motorcycle Technical Review Comm.

February 3, 2016, 12:00 noon
City Hall, Room 200A

Conservation Commission

February 3, 2016, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

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](#)



Disclosure from Laconia School District's Afterschool Program, Project EXTRA. The funding source for Laconia School District's Project-EXTRA requests Youth Surveys be administered twice per year as part of the after school evaluation process. Please see samples of the surveys below:

[Older Youth Survey](#)

[Younger Youth Survey](#)

186:11 Duties of State Board of Education. – The state Board of Education shall, in addition to the duties assigned by RSA 21-N:11:IX-d. Require school districts to adopt a policy governing the administration of non-academic surveys or questionnaires to students. The policy shall require school districts to notify a parent or legal guardian of a non-academic survey or questionnaire and its purpose. The school district shall make such surveys or questionnaires available, at the school and on the school or school district's website, for review by a student's parent or legal guardian at least 10 days prior to distribution to students. The policy shall also allow a parent or legal guardian to opt out of the non-academic survey or questionnaire either in writing or electronically. In this paragraph, "non-academic survey or questionnaire" means surveys, questionnaires, or other documents designed to elicit information about a student's social behavior, family life, religion, politics, sexual orientation, sexual activity, drug use, or any other information not related to a student's academics. Parents/Guardians have the opportunity to opt out of their child(ren) participating in this process. **Please feel free to contact your school's Afterschool Site Coordinator if you choose to opt out or if you have any questions.**

ESS: [Aja Montague](#)

PSS: [Patricia Quinn](#)

WHS: [Jake Colby](#)

LMS: [Nick Resca](#)

LHS: [Ken Martin](#)

**Due to the Presidential Primary Elections on Tuesday, February 9, 2016
LMS and WHS will not offer PEAKS tutoring and Project EXTRA afterschool programming.**

1st Annual

Bip Boppity Boutique

A charitable formal wear program for teen girls

This boutique started because we believe every girl deserves the opportunity to experience the magic of her first prom.

We collect new, and gently used items, then donate them to local high school girls in need. We are currently accepting the following items for donation:

- ✧ Prom / formal dresses
- ✧ Dress shoes
- ✧ Jewelry
- ✧ Accessories



Donations will be accepted **until March 25, 2016** at the

Laconia Community Center
306 Union Ave.
Laconia, NH 03246

Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM
(closed from 12:00-1:00PM)

*If you own a business
and wish to donate
to the cause,
Please call!*

**If you would like to take advantage of this program
please schedule an appointment starting April 1st.**

For more info, or to make an appt. for donation pick-up (2/7/16 or 3/6/16)
Email Kim: kainsworth77@yahoo.com Find us on facebook!

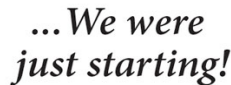
**Just a
reminder...**

**The next recycling collection
week begins Monday
February 8, 2016!**





What were you doing in 1956?



Watch and see our baby grow (he is 60 now!) over the next few months. You may be surprised by the faces you see and the stories you hear about supporters and recipients of this special Lakes Region staple.



**Do you recognize any of these local faces?
We will let you know who they are next month.**

www.lrscholarship.org

Are you interested in reading more about the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and the impact this organization has on our community? Just click on the image below.....

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Common Cents in Uncommon Times

**Two Part Series – Monday Evenings
March 7th and 14th 2016**

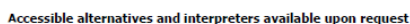
**Location: Lakes Region Community Services
719 North Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246**

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Topics covered in this FREE series:

- Create a Plan for Your Financial Goals and Freedom
- Maximize Your Income and Reduce Your Debt
- Establish, Repair and Improve Your Credit Report
- Recognize Benefits and Avoid Pitfalls of Borrowing
- Protect Your Identity and Avoid Scammers and Predators
- Realize the Benefits of Understanding Your Tax Return

Register Online at www.HOMETeamNH.org or Call 866-701-9097



City Manager's Office

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 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

We hope you find this report helpful and informative!





How would YOU Re-Imagine Laconia?

Did you attend the Re-Imagine Laconia Design Charrette this past August, the Open House in March of last year, or the Community Forum in October of 2014? Have you shared your ideas with Re-Imagine Laconia through our coasters found around town, or perhaps on our Facebook page, Instagram, or Twitter? Maybe you took a survey on our website? Perhaps you had an in-person interview with a neighbor or member of our Team?

Well, all of your hard work and input is shaping up into some really neat visions for the future of Laconia!

The Plan NH report from the Re-Imagine Laconia Design Charrette is finally here!

This report summarizes much of the work of the Charrette, which was in turn informed by the many, many outreach platforms and events we've engaged in leading up to the Charrette.

Examples of the Team's recommendations included:

- A focus on walking and biking infrastructure in the nodes of tourist area in the Weirs.
- Location of new buildings, along Endicott North with setbacks from the street or wide sidewalks to allow Motorcycle Week vendors to co-locate with new development.
- In lieu of new development along that same corridor, the installation of porticos or canopies or solar arrays that could act as sun cover/rain cover for parking, vending or recreations sites (such as an ice rink).
- Growth of tourist based business such as hotels, small grocery or deli, coffee shops and bike or motor scooter rentals.
- Historic overlay district in the Weirs and potential form based codes or protects and perpetuate the tourist heritage.
- Updates to the Downtown Parking Garage to add aesthetics, signage and erase the perceptions regarding safety.
- Traffic calming on Beacon St. East, including pedestrian scale lighting and plantings.
- Traffic realignment on Beacon St. West, particularly at Veteran's square to erase driver confusion, reduce speeds and enhance pedestrian safety.
- Consider listing buildings in the National Register, which adds no restrictions but allows access to federal Historic Tax Credits and grants programs for rehab and restoration projects.

The report can be found in its entirety on the Re-Imagine Laconia Website (www.reimaginelaconia.org) and will be presented at forums and meetings across the City in the coming weeks. Check back for dates and times! **Your input is still needed as feedback from the report will help inform the final Land Use chapter of the Master Plan.**

Assessing

[Click](#) for
Assessing
Department

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2015 value.

Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268.

We always recommend owners get a copy of their PRC (property record card) to verify its accuracy and to be able to compare on a year-to-year basis to monitor what changes have occurred.



Please call the
Assessing Office
at 527-1268
with questions.



Save Lives & Build a Stronger Community! Come to a Mental Health First Aid Training!

Tuesday, February 9th and Wednesday, February 10th, 2016
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM each day
Laconia Public Library
\$25 for course materials

Who Should Attend?

- Educators, school administrators, guidance counselors, coaches
- Police, first responders, security personnel
- Public officials, community leaders, clergy
- Clients and family members
- Caring citizens

Registration Information:

- Class size is limited! Please register early to ensure your seat.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old.
- Call Linda Hagan at 524-1100 x120 by 2/1/16 to register.



Party Favors • Scavenger Hunt • Prizes!!

February 9
6-8:30pm

Come get

unleashed

mardi gras with a mission

Wine & Tapas Tasting
Live New Orleans Music with
Jim Tyrrell
\$54/pp advanced tickets
Plus Tax and Gratuity
\$63/pp day of event
Tapas & Wine Tasting

CLICK [HERE](#)
FOR TICKETS!



tavern27

Get your tickets now, we will sell out!!! 528-3057



2016 Registration Dates for Laconia Little League



Register to play baseball for Laconia Little League's 65th Season!

When: Saturday, February 13 8 AM – 12 PM Laconia Community Center
Thursday, February 25 6 PM – 7:30 PM Funspot – Birthday Area
Saturday, March 5 8 AM – 12 PM Laconia Community Center

Who: Boys and Girls who **live or go to school** in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton, and Meredith

Mark your calendars with these dates and times! More information to follow!

How can I pay? Checks payable to Laconia Little League or cash. Or visit www.LaconiaLL.org to register and pay online. The fee is \$50 for one player. Family discounts are available.

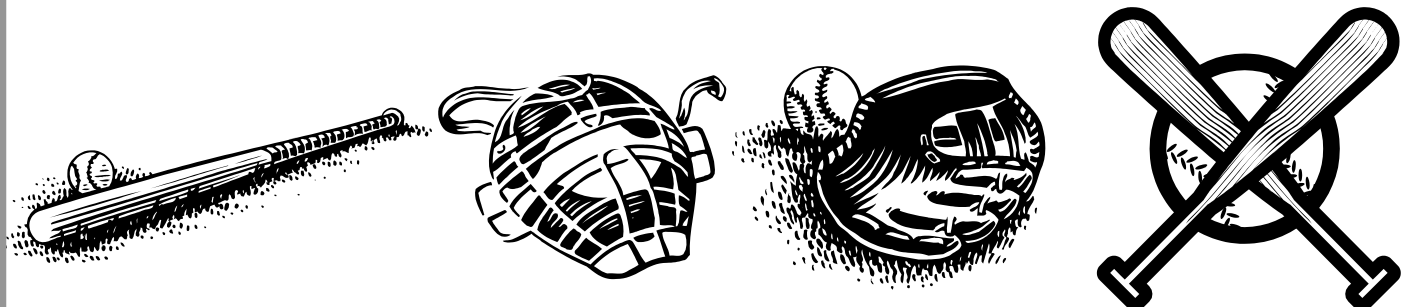
What if I am registering a new player? Please bring a copy of the player's birth certificate along with three proofs of residency or proof of school enrollment in Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Bristol, New Hampton, or Meredith

Current Players - Visit our website: www.laconiall.org to register online – for the first time we now accept credit card payment online for all returning players

What age must my child be? Players must have turned 4 by December 31, 2011
Players must be no older than 12 on April 30, 2016

Winter Warm-Up Clinics: Saturday, February 6 and Saturday March 5
FREE TO ALL! 4:00-6:00 PM at Laconia Middle School
Bring gloves, bats, and helmets, no cleats

If you have any questions, please email Laconia Little League at LaconiaNHLL@gmail.com





Taylor Concert Features Dan Perkins and PSU Chamber Singers



The next concert of the 2016 Taylor Community Music Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, features Plymouth State University Music Director and Pianist Dan Perkins and the PSU Chamber Singers.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building.

This delightful group of young singers will perform Renaissance and 21st Century Motets as well as African American Spirituals, accompanied by Dr. Perkins on piano.

Their performance is free and open to the public and is generously being sponsored by Lois and Vincent Lunetta.



FREE WINTER WARM-UP CLINICS

Itching to play softball?! Not sure if softball is the sport for you? Lakes Region Girls Softball is hosting winter warm-up clinics on Sunday afternoons. This year, clinics will be held at Belmont Middle School. Clinics are open to ALL girls (ages 4 to 12) from Laconia, Belmont & Canterbury (you do not need to be an LRGS player to attend). The purpose of these clinics is to work on fundamental softball skills (throwing, hitting, catching) to prepare girls for the spring softball season.

Dates: Sundays - 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6 (Please note no clinic on 2/21)

Time: 3pm - 4pm - Ages 4 to 8 years old
4pm - 5pm - Ages 8 to 12 years old

Location: ****NEW LOCATION FOR 2016**** - Belmont Middle School!

Cost: FREE! Returning players and players new to LRGS or the sport of softball encouraged to attend!

Haven't signed up for the 2016 season yet? No worries! There's still time! You can register online anytime (www.lakesregiongirlssoftball.com) or in-person at our clinics. We will also have a registration table set up at Belmont Elementary School on Wednesday 2/10 & Wednesday 3/9. For more information, please visit us on Facebook - LRGSNH or email us at lakesregiongirlssoftball@gmail.com.



International Film Series
sponsored by: Laconia
Human Relations
Committee & Laconia
Public Library

CENTRAL STATION
Monday, February 1
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Laconia Public Library

The Laconia Human Relations Committee, in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library, will show the film, *Central Station* on February 1st at 6:30 pm. This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from September through June at the Library.

Dora, a retired schoolteacher, has become embittered with life. She works at Rio de Janeiro's Central Station, writing letters for illiterate customers in order to make ends meet. She is often impatient with her customers and sometimes does not even mail the letters she writes. Some end up in a drawer or even torn up.

Josué is a poor 9-year-old boy who has never met his father, but hopes to do so. His mother sends letters to his father through Dora, saying that she hopes to reunite with him soon. When the mother is in a bus accident just outside the train station, Josue is left alone.

Dora is initially reluctant to be responsible for the boy, but finally takes him in. However, the relationship is a difficult one on both sides. Both are set in their ways, leading to conflict, distrust, and hilarity. The question is, will Josué find his father?

The movie is set in Rio de Janeiro and Northeast Brazil. It has won many international awards including the 1999 Golden Globe Award and the 1998 Sundance Film Festival Best Screen Play Award. Make sure that you check the International Film Shelf at the Laconia Library for films shown over the past several years in this series. You can always order films from this International Film Series through your own library if you do not live in Laconia!

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

♦ **Free and open to the public** ♦ **Informal discussion to follow the film**

♦ **Light snack will be provided** ♦ **Feel free to bring a cushion for a chair**

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell
lcampbell@nh-cc.org

Carol Pierce
newdynam@aol.com



Laconia Police Department

Link to
Laconia
PD [here](#)

Law Enforcement Plan a Dip in Lake Winnepesaukee for Special Olympics

On the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, members of New Hampshire's law enforcement community will be jumping or "dipping" into the state's largest lake, all for a good cause. The 8th Annual Winni Dip is a fundraising event of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics New Hampshire. Each dipper will raise a minimum of \$250 to participate.

This year's event will take place on **Saturday, March 19th, 12 noon, at the Margate Resort in Laconia** and is open to anyone wishing to raise money in support of SONH.

Police Departments from throughout the state will participate in the 80's themed 2016 Winni Dip, including your very own "Team LPD", who will "Grin and Brr it" for Special Olympics.

Please come and support the Laconia Police Department as they take the plunge for Special Olympics New Hampshire. If you would like to sponsor one of the team members, please contact Chief Adams at cadams@laconiapd.org or 603-524-5257 ext. 324, or online at www.firstgiving.com/team/250234.



Saturday March 12 from 11:00 - 3:00 it's everyone's favorite Triathlon!
Trophies, T-Shirts, Prizes, Raffle, Free Pizza lunch!
Check in starts at 10, games start promptly at 11.



**BOWLING
GOLF &
GAMES!**

**SIGN UP
[HERE!](#)**



SAVING ANIMALS
FUNSPOT INDOOR TRIATHLON
SATURDAY MARCH 12

To Benefit the
NH Humane
Society
Laconia, NH



**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!**



Restore Your Spirit Resource Day

Because when your cup is empty, you have nothing left to pour



As you struggle with the behavioral issues associated with your child's, your loved one's or your own addiction, know that help is available and recovery is possible. Please join us on Saturday, February 13, 2016 for the 1st annual Restore Your Spirit Resource Day. Come get emotionally and spiritually connected to all the available resources. Learn how to take care of yourself and what the necessary steps towards your own recovery are and how to assist a loved one in getting the help they need. Counselors will be available on site to assist those looking to find resources ranging from individual/group counseling to residential treatment programs.

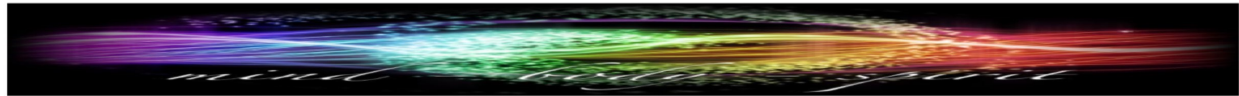
Concord Hospitals, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, N.H.

3rd floor Conference rooms A, B, & C

Suggested donation of of \$20.00 per person

includes lunch & soft beverages

on behalf of The S.T.A.R.S. Program Scholarship Trust for Addiction Recovery Services



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|------------------|---|
| 9:30 – 9:50 am | Welcome |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am | Expressive Art therapy – Building Strength - The Center for Expressive Arts, Therapy and Education, |
| 11:00 – 12:00 pm | Irest Nida Yoga - Jim Reedy. (bring a mat or a towel) |
| 12:15 – 12:45 pm | lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Lori Magoon - Self Care |
| 2:05 - 3:00 pm | Planning and Reaching Your Goals – Emily Clement |
| 3:05 - 4:05 pm | Emotional Freedom Technique - Barbara Belmont |
| 4:10 - 4:30 pm | closing & certificates of attendance |

The S.T.A.R.S. Program - <http://www.starsgrantrecovery.org/>

R.S.V.P. - the_starsprogram@comcast.net or 603-568-0533

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.



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

The first day of spring is March 20th....if cabin fever is starting to set in, you'll want to check out the many programs designed for seniors offered by the Laconia Parks & Rec. Department at the Community Center! There's something for everyone from line dancing and basketball to bingo and remote control airplane flying. For more information or questions, click on this [link](#) for the Parks and Recreation website, or call 524,5046.



*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:

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David Bownes (Ward 2).....	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Brenda Baer (Ward 4)	524-6349
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
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Visit the City's website at:
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