



Laconia Links

April 14, 2017- Edition #283



Summer is coming! Please consider participating in the City's [Adopt-A Spot program](#).



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)



Chief Adams and Lieutenant Simmons recently met with residents of the Tavern and Normandin Square Apartments, during two recent Coffee with a Cop presentations.

The two were joined by dozens of residents, who posed questions about the drug epidemic, safety, policing in America, and department Goals and Objectives.



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@laconianh.gov

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



If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact Captain Matthew Canfield, at 524-5257, ext. 226, or Mcanfield@laconiapd.org

Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



We all think we know the story of Benedict Arnold, the American Revolutionary War general who fought for the Continental Army but then defected to the British. Recalled mainly as a traitor for his 1780 defection, Arnold had risked his life and fortune for American freedom in courageous exploits between 1775 and 1778, when the dream of independence was at its most fragile. This lecture is generously sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities.

**Benedict Arnold:
Patriot and Traitor?
Thursday, April 20 at
7:00 pm**



**SOIL HEALTH:
THE WORLD AT
YOUR FEET**
**Tuesday, April 18
@ 6:30 pm**
Laconia Rotary Hall

Learn more about the world beneath your feet! Celebrate Earth Day by learning about soil! If you'll be caring for a lawn, planting flower boxes, or growing a vegetable garden this presentation is for you!

**EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION**
Friday, April 21 @ 4pm
Selig Storytime Room



Plant a tree seedling to take home and grow. All materials are supplied. Free for families with children.

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**

**Please see below for
meetings scheduled
for the week of
April 17 - April 21, 2017:**

Trustees of the Trust Funds

April 17, 2017, 10:00 am
City Hall, Mayor's Office

Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

April 17, 2017, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Parks & Rec Commission

April 17, 2017, 7:00 pm
Community Center

Conservation Commission

April 19, 2017, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

Weirs TIF Advisory Board

April 20, 2017, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Room 200B



What would you do if someone was bleeding, choking, having a stroke or heart attack?

Are you prepared to use a fire extinguisher?

Are you prepared for a power outage, fire or weather emergency in your home?

You can learn all this and more at the

FREE

Community Emergency Response Classes

1st Class: Thursday, April 20th, 6:00-9:00pm

Laconia Central Fire Station

N. Main Street, Laconia, NH

Classes to continue weekly for 9 weeks

For more information and registration, contact Kathleen Merriam, Coordinator of Volunteers at 528-2145 or email to: kmerriam@lrpph.org

Check out our web site on the www.pphnh.org/volunteer opportunities page

After classes are completed, there is an opportunity to apply for membership with the *Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team (LR-CERT)*

Recently LR-CERT:

- Provided fire and police departments with food, water and traffic control in the vicinity of fires and hazmat situations
- Provided disaster preparedness educations to citizens in the Lakes Region
- Worked with EMS personnel at the Timberman Triathlon providing first aid and triage in the medical tent
- Assisted school based Flu Clinics in local school districts

A program of:



67 Water St, Suite 105, Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 528-2145 www.lrpph.org

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

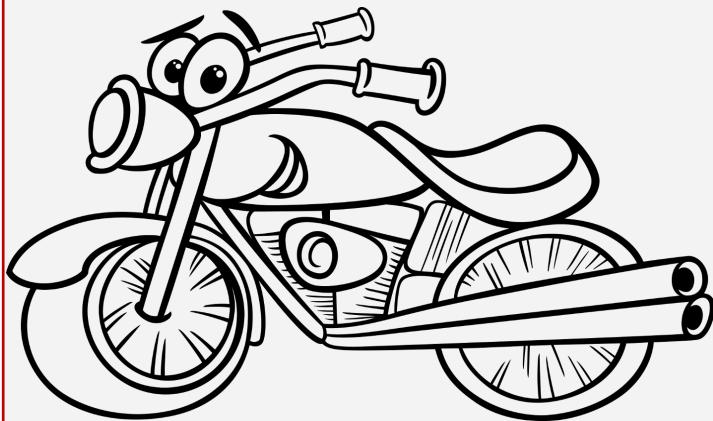
First, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@laconianh.gov



REMINDER...



The last deadline for Site Plan approval of any Motorcycle Week proposal is **April 21** to be heard at the May 3 Special Events meeting. So get those applications in to the Planning Dept!

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.

LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



A Request to our Community Members.....

In just a short while the 8th grade students will be celebrating a big step in their lives as they graduate from middle school and look forward to becoming high school students. It has been tradition in the past for the parents/guardians of these students to host a post-promotion celebration dance for them. This is a bittersweet time for parents but especially for the students as they celebrate each other by reminiscing about the past and looking forward to their futures.

We want to put on an amazing 8th grade promotion celebration for our students, and to do so requires some serious fundraising. If you have an 8th grader in your life, or if you just wish to support the youth in our community, please consider donating to this great cause by filling out the [fundraising form](#) and returning it with whatever you can afford. Your help raising money for a fun night for our students is very much appreciated!



Hearing Aid Questions and Answers, April 26 at Taylor Community

Laura Robertson, Au.D. is dedicated to providing quality professional services with special attention to her customers' personal needs. She will present an informative program on Hearing Aids, including answering your questions, on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Licensed in both New Hampshire and Rhode Island, Doctor Robertson has earned the following degrees in Audiology: BS from the University of New Hampshire; MA from University of Connecticut and her Doctorate from the School of Audiology at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (now known as Salus University).



Dr. Robertson's expertise and quality of service have earned her numerous American Council on Education and Scholar awards from the American Academy of Audiology and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She frequently attends continuing education programs to stay current with the ever-changing developments and advancements relating to hearing healthcare.



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!



Spring Programs

at Prescott Farm

Polliwogs Preschool Program

Wednesdays, May 3-31 and June 7, 2017; 10:30-12:00

\$10/adult-child pair (\$8 for Members) + \$3 per additional child

A fun group for the littlest explorers amongst us! Bring along your favorite grown-up and join us to explore the forests, fields and gardens around Prescott Farm in all their spring glory! Spring is a time for renewed energy, and these sessions are designed to keep children active and engaged. For children ages 3 to 5.

May 3—Signs of Spring

May 10—Exploring Shapes

May 17—Bugs and Worms and Salamanders, Oh My!

May 24—A Morning in the Garden

May 31—Let's Get "Cooking"

June 7—Colors in Nature

Please see our website for descriptions of each program. Polliwogs will be offered rain or shine!

Please dress for the weather.

See inside for more information on camps, workshops, tours, and ways to get involved!



Now enrolling for Fall 2017!

Fledglings Preschool

For ages 3-5; 2-day, 3-day and 5-day options

At Fledglings, we are excited to offer your 3-5 year old a fully licensed educational program that will promote a developmentally appropriate foundation of skills, while immersing them in the natural world and all it has to offer. Your child will enjoy exploring the wonders that nature provides in the surrounding fields and forests. Our hope is for your child to become a life-long learner and make meaningful connections to nature as they continue to increase their understanding of the world around them.

Join us for an Open House: Thursday, April 13th from 3-4PM & 6-7PM.

For more information, please visit our website.

Prescott  *Farm*

Environmental Education Center

"Through preservation and education, Prescott Farm celebrates the interconnections between our community and the natural systems that sustain us all."

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH 03246 · (603) 366-5695 · Fax: (603) 366-5720 · info@prescottfarm.org

www.prescottfarm.org



MAY 13TH 9:30-4 RELAX, RENEW & REJUVENATE DAY

Everyone is affected by some sort of stress, which can impact the mind, body and health. Please join us and take some time for yourself to breathe, laugh, and connect with others.

Presented by:



Purchase Tickets through Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/relax-renew-rejuvenate-day-tickets-33549540579>

Sponsored by:



Where:
Inside Leavitt Park Clubhouse
334 Elm Street Laconia NH

Presenters:
Clare Person
Introduction
Gina McGuire
Moving Beyond Hardship
Rick Hochsprung
Laughing Meditation
Emily Clement
Life coach / goal setting
Judy Cook
Nutritionist
Russ Jones
Tai Chi
Trish Weatherbee
Vision Boards
Carol Wallace
Om Circle
On site Chair Reiki and massage
Lunch provided
Limited seating
\$20 advance / \$25 door
(Scholarships available)
Contact Clare
603.387.4270 or
perssonclare@gmail.com

News From the Laconia Water Department



NORTH MAIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

The Laconia Water Department will be relaying approximately 2,600 feet of water main on North Main Street, from Busiel Street to County Drive, beginning in the middle of April and lasting approximately six to eight weeks.

Two-way traffic will be maintained, but we suggest that you seek alternate routes to avoid delays.



The Laconia Water Department would like to thank anyone inconvenienced by this traffic detour for their cooperation and understanding.

Please stay tuned for further updates.

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!



Laconia School District Office of School Wellness

Early Childhood Educator Winter Series - Part 3

Reaching the Seemingly Unreachable Jeanine Fitzgerald

April 15, 2017

8:00 am - Noon

Huot Career & Technical Center, 26 Dewey Street
Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Café

8:00 - Noon **Reaching the Seemingly Unreachable - Jeanine Fitzgerald**
Many resources are available for working with and supporting the children who thrive within the traditional system and follow the expected developmental pathway. But what about those children who are not thriving? This session examines a comprehensive survey of common challenges and provides a holistic approach, grounded in child-centered values that offer hope to children who appear to be unreachable.

To register please go to Eventbrite <https://laconiatickets.eventbrite.com>
For questions please contact Janet Brough @ jbrough@laconiaschools.org



Reminder! Recycling Made Easy

The next recycling collection week begins
April 17, 2017!



3rd Annual Lakes Region Inter-Faith Prayer Breakfast

"Many Voices, United in Prayer"

St. André Bessette Parish Hall
31 Gilford Avenue
Laconia, New Hampshire
(Located on Sacred Heart Church Campus)

Thursday, May 4th, 2017

~ National Day of Prayer ~

Buffet Breakfast Served from 7:30 a.m.
Program Begins 8:15 a.m.
Program Concludes 9:30 a.m.

Main Speaker - Sarah Durfey,
Director of the Abolitionist Network
Topic: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Net proceeds to support LOVE146.org (founded to end child trafficking and exploitation).

Tickets are \$12 per Person.

Contact: Your church/synagogue or Chris Ray at 603-528-2920
or by email: crayjr@gmail.com.

Philosophy

The National Day of Prayer enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

The Lakes Region Inter-Faith Prayer Breakfast was started as a means of bringing together people of different backgrounds and affiliations to celebrate the blessing of the year and join in inclusive fellowship for the spiritual renewal of community, state and nation.



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



Starr Lawton and Bob Lawton of Funspot and Lissa Mascio, NHHS Development Director.



Laconia Historical &
Museum Society
Presents

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017



Hosted by: The
Laconia Antique Ctr.
601 Main Street
Downtown Laconia
Sunday, April 23rd
1 pm to 4 pm

Expert appraisers offer verbal estimations of value on items including stoneware, clocks, coins, toys, silver, rugs, collectibles and general antiques. Items are limited to 3/participant for \$5 for each item. Proceeds will benefit the Laconia Historical and Museum Society.

Any questions please contact LHMS at 527-1278, or lhmslpl@metrocast.net

13th Annual Funspot Indoor Triathlon a Smashing Success!

The 13th Annual Funspot Indoor Triathlon, which took place on Saturday, March 25, 2017, showcased the sporting prowess of 43 four-person teams in classic events such as bowling, mini-golf and arcade games (skeeball, pinball and darts) as they raised a record-breaking sum of nearly \$50,000 for the NH Humane Society. Funspot, Northeast Communications (Mix 94.1FM, 100.1 the Planet, WSCY 106.9, and Oldies 92.9), and the NH Humane Society once again teamed up to put on this famously fun day of games, with the support and sponsorship of: the Union Diner; Miller-Coffman Productions; Franklin Savings Bank, Aavid Thermalloy; Mainstay Technologies; Shady Maple Farm; Chippers, and the American Legion, Post #33 in Meredith, along with donations from Piche's, 603 Brewery, and Celebrations Awards and Trophies. More details regarding points, team rankings, best dressed and other awards can be found at the NH Humane Society blog on nhhumane.org.

Streetcar Company

Production of
Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

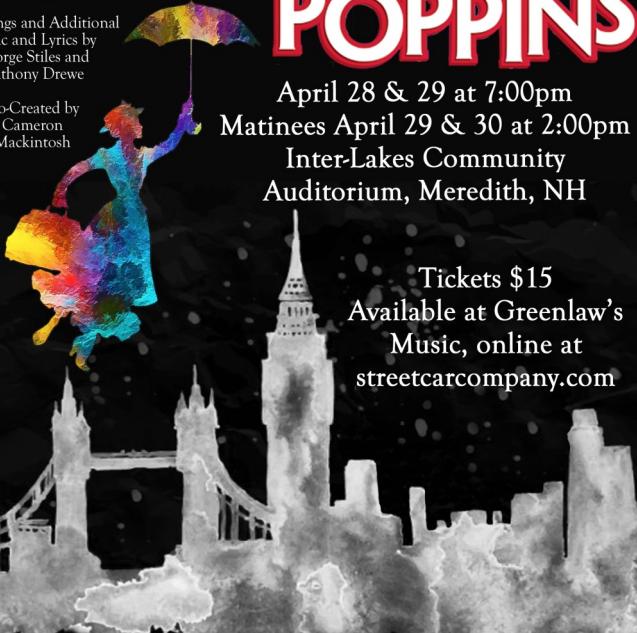
New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

MARY POPPINS

April 28 & 29 at 7:00pm
Matinees April 29 & 30 at 2:00pm
Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium, Meredith, NH

Tickets \$15
Available at Greenlaw's
Music, online at streetcarcompany.com



Mary Poppins is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Tel: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com

You are invited to the UUSL

Traditional Southern Dinner
and
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY!

May 6, 2017 from 5-8 pm

The Beane Center, Blueberry Lane
Laconia, NH

Take a chance on a horse -
Watch the Derby live -
Traditional Derby refreshments

Live Music with the Tom Robinson Trio

Silent and Live Auction!
hat competition for ladies & gents

Call 848-2469 to reserve your \$15 ticket
To benefit the UUSL





*New Horizons Band of the Lakes
Region at Taylor Community April 23*



The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region will perform a concert Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The Mission of the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is to promote "music for life" by creating band performance opportunities for mature adult musicians who seek to make beautiful music together, for the enjoyment of members and audiences alike.



Click [here](#) for more info!

CONNECT

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Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

REGISTER ONLINE at:
www.prescottfarm.org

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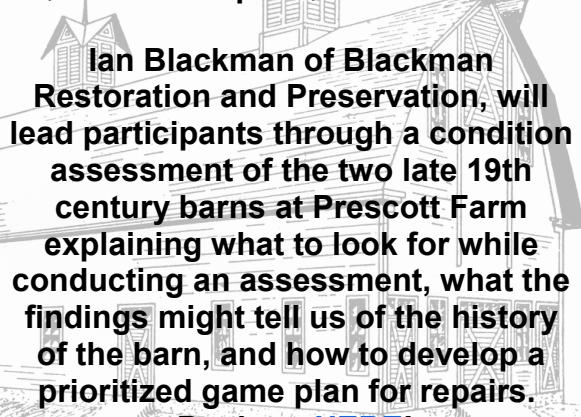
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Environmental Education Center

**Assessing Old Barns:
Setting a Game Plan for Repairs**
Saturday, April 15, 2017
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Non-members: \$25/workshop or \$65 for all three

Members of Prescott Farm or NHPA: \$20/workshop or \$50 for all three



 Ian Blackman of Blackman Restoration and Preservation, will lead participants through a condition assessment of the two late 19th century barns at Prescott Farm explaining what to look for while conducting an assessment, what the findings might tell us of the history of the barn, and how to develop a prioritized game plan for repairs.

[Register HERE!](#)

Friendly Reminder!

Dogs are due to be licensed by April 30, 2017!

**Questions?
Call the
Clerk's Office
at 527-1265**

Please come into the City Clerk's Office or use our convenient online service ([click here](#)). We will also be at the NH Humane Society Rabies Vaccination Clinics on April 29th from 10 am until noon accepting registrations!

Failure to register by April 30th is a violation of RSA 466:13 and subject to a Civil Forfeiture of no less than \$25 in fines and court fees plus any late fees. Fees for animal licensing are in accordance with RSA 466:4 as follows:

Altered dog (or puppy under 7 mos. old): \$6.50



Replacement tag: \$1.00

Unaltered dog: \$9.00



Late charge per month as of June 1: \$1.00

Senior (1st dog for owners over 65): \$2.00



Civil fine for failure to register by 4/30: \$25.00

Low-Cost Rabies & Microchip Clinic



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

April 29 9-Noon

1305 Meredith Center Rd, Laconia

CASH ONLY

**Microchip \$25
Rabies \$15**



Cats 9 - 10am Dogs 10am - Noon

Rabies shots are 1 year unless proof of prior vaccine. Dogs must be leashed, Cats must be in carriers.

nhumane.org



Authors Tea

Monday, April 17, 2017

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Belknap Mill

25 Beacon St. East

The Mill Plaza, Laconia

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Children's Authors Tea!

This wonderful, free event is organized by the LRCS Family Resource Center to promote the importance of early literacy.

Come celebrate "Strengthening Families and Communities Month" with us!

Special Guests and New Hampshire Authors:

Robbie Neylon, Marty Kelly, Kathy Brodsky, & Richard Lennon

Evening events: Book signing and sales by authors, storytelling, light snacks, and tea.

This is a free family event. Every child will receive a free book!

Generously Sponsored By:



Curl's
Caterers, Inc.



For more information please call Tricia Tousignant
at the Family Resource Center, 528-0391 or email tricia.tousignant@lrcc.org



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center



**Wild Foods of Spring
Saturday, April 22;
10:00-12:00**

**\$10 (\$8 Members)/person
with pre-registration;
\$12 at the door**

*"What is a weed? A plant
whose virtues have not yet
been discovered!" –Emerson.*

Join us to explore the woods, fields and pond surrounding Prescott Farm and meet some wild "weeds" which are also extremely nutritious and delicious foods.

Basic plant identification, ethical harvesting and safety will also be addressed.



Important Message
from the Laconia
Fire Department



Permits to burn brush
or have a campfire are
now required!

Permits can be
obtained at the Central
Fire Station on North
Main St. or the Weirs
Beach Fire Station on
Lucerne Avenue.

**There is no charge for burn
permits.**

**Call 524-6881 (Central Station) or
366-2229 (Weirs Beach Station)
for additional information.**

Laconia Parks & Recreation



Spring has sprung, and the Parks & Recreation facilities are beginning to open!

Check out the Parks and Rec [website](#) often to see a complete and updated list as each park and facility opens up for you and your family's enjoyment.

Questions?
Call 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.**



**April 24th-28th is
Volunteer
Appreciation Week!
Mark your calendar to
join us at the Senior
Center on Wednesday,
April 26th for an ice
cream social in honor
of our wonderful
volunteers!**

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

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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@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
<i>Airport Manager: Marv Everson</i>	
Assessing	527-1268
<i>Assessor - Deb Derrick</i>	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
<i>City Clerk - Mary Reynolds</i>	
City Manager	527-1270
<i>City Manager - Scott Myers</i>	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Conservation	527-1264
<i>Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn</i>	
Finance	524-3877
<i>Finance Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
Licensing	528-6331
<i>Licensing Clerk - Cheryl Hebert</i>	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
<i>Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen</i>	
Tax	527-1269
<i>Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen</i>	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
<i>Fire Chief - Ken Erickson</i>	
Library	524-4775
<i>Library Director - Randy Brough</i>	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
<i>Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy</i>	
Personnel	524-3877
<i>Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumol</i>	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
<i>Police Chief - Christopher Adams</i>	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
<i>Public Works Director - Wes Anderson</i>	
Water.....	524-0901
<i>Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman</i>	
Welfare.....	527-1267
<i>Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack</i>	
<i>Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman</i>	
<u>City Council Contact Info:</u>	
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

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov