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Laconia Links

December 21, 2018 - Edition #367

Happy 1st day of Winter! (December 21)

Disposal of Christmas Trees!

In an effort to more efficiently and effectively utilize DPW personnel and equipment time, Christmas Trees are NO longer picked up curbside by Laconia DPW in the weeks immediately following the holidays. Laconia residents can transport and drop off their tree(s) at the following locations for ultimate disposal by DPW:

1. Laconia Transfer Station, 385 Meredith Center Road. Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to Noon. Place trees in the specifically marked/designated area ONLY. PLEASE PULL ON SCALES FIRST!
2. Memorial Park Softball Field off Pearl St (on Memorial Park Drive). Please place trees in the specifically marked/designated area ONLY.



Please call the Dept. of Public Works with any questions at 528-6379.

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!



Please note!
City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day and Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause!



Upcoming

EVENTS



HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed Christmas Day
Closed New Years Day



BONUS MOVIE "FROZEN"

Friday, December 28
2pm
Laconia Rotary Hall



When the newly-crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse her home in infinite winter, her sister Anna teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to change the weather condition.

G. 1hr 42min.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver 14 or older. All adults must bring a child.

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. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated information and changes.

Meetings

All meetings are held in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in City Hall (formerly Room 200A) unless otherwise noted

City Council

December 27, 1028, 7:00 pm

Become involved in your City and make a difference!

City Manager Update

The new [Financial and Operational Trends](#) report has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

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!



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

Merry Christmas!



Ballin' for Big



Tournament for Hope



Please join us in helping Bob in his
fight with cancer.

Bob Dassatti, who was recently honored at Laconia City Council as the co-recipient of the Bienarz Award for his work with Laconia's youth, is in a battle with cancer. This December he has been in Houston at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. This tournament is being organized and run by his family, friends, church and community members. The goal is to help defray the cost of his medical bills.

You can sign up and get more information on Facebook: "Ballin 4 Big Bob Tournament for Hope". You can also contact Matt Dassatti at MDassatti5@gmail.com or by phone at 581-4678.

Based on registrations, we plan to have three overall divisions: Middle School, High School and Adult. We will provide a bracket for any age/grade/gender that has four or more teams sign up. The cost of a team of 3-5 players is \$30. Some scholarships are available. Also, if a team pays \$50, they will get a total of 3 tourney shirts.

Gold Sponsors: Our goal is to get 10 \$500 sponsors. So far we have Lou Athanas Youth Basketball League or LAYBL. If you know a business or organization who would like to help, please contact Joe Cormier at jocor49@yahoo.com or by phone at 520-5195.

We will be having a bake sale during the tournament. If you would like to contribute a baked good, please call Karin Salome at 524-7448 or Marcia Presher at 455-7723.

Concessions will be sold during the tournament and there will be a Silent Auction with some great items.

When:
January 19, 2019

Where:
Laconia High School

Time:
Noontime Start

Laconia's Curbside Single Stream Recycling Process

Where do your tax dollars go and how you can help save them

After Casella, the City's contractor, collects recycling from the curbside, they take it to their transfer station in Belmont. In Belmont they dump it out of the trucks and onto the floor of their recycling area where it is mixed with loads from other recycling trucks from other municipalities. It is then loaded into semi-trailers to be hauled to their material recovery facility (MRF) in Charlestown, MA. There it is sorted and packaged for sale to plants who use the material to make new goods.

The MRF does its best to remove any non-recyclable material which is then taken to a landfill. Contaminates that are still in with the recyclables reduce what the plants are willing to pay for the material.

The City pays to have the materials transported from Belmont, sorted at the MRF, the disposal cost of any non-recyclable material and the cost of transporting it to the purchaser. Revenue Casella earns from the sale of the materials helps defray the City's recycling costs. Presently, the City pays over \$90/ton to process its recycling.

Your efforts at reducing the amount of non-recyclable items helps reduce our costs by:

Reducing the City's recycling tonnage
Reducing disposal costs once it is at the MRF

Please help the City manage its cost by not putting non-recyclable products in with your recyclables. We appreciate your assistance!



Department of Public Works

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solid Waste Collection Delay
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

New Year's Day is Tuesday, Jan. 1st

There will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in curbside collection of trash for this week. Monday's collections will be as normal; Tuesday's collections will be on Wednesday. Every other day will be moved ahead by one day that week. Any questions, please call 528-6379.



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Department of Public Works



The Laconia 2019 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is here!

Click on the image (left) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.

Copies of the calendar can also be picked up in City Hall or at Public Works on Bisson Avenue.

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week on Dec. 28th. Watch for the first issue of 2019 coming your way soon!

In the meantime, we all wish you a wonderful Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year!



GUNSTOCK

LACONIANS LOVE TO DOWNSHILL SKI, HIKE, ZIP,

AN EXHIBIT CELEBRATING
THE HISTORY OF GUNSTOCK -
LACONIA AND BELKNAP COUNTY'S
FAVORITE RECREATIONAL AREA

JUMP, TUBE, PLAY
SWIM, SNOWSHOE
CYCLE, SNOWBOARD, CROSS-COUNTRY SKI,

DEC 20 - MAR 21
LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPONSORED BY THE LACONIA
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM SOCIETY
WWW.LACONIAHISTORY.ORG | 603.527.1278

Whiskey Barrel

546 Main St, Laconia
PRESENTS

Proceeds to benefit
NH Humane Society!

Wrap-A-Thon

Come on down on Dec. 22 to the Whiskey Barrel in downtown Laconia between 6 and 8pm and our elves would love to help you finish up wrapping gifts for your family!

Donations Will
Receive Matching
Whiskey Bucks



Dec. 22, 6-8pm



Proceeds benefit

www.nhhumane.org



CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE



Mousetrap Cars

Saturday, January 12, 19, 26

Saturday, February 2, 9, 16

10 AM - Noon

The Belknap Mill
Beacon St. Laconia NH

In this workshop, youth will design, build, and race mouse trap powered cars. Youth will also have the opportunity to race the cars at a 4-H Maker's Expo in April.

Cost: Free

Open to 4-H and non 4-H youth ages 8 and older.



Belknap Mill

ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION

LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP:

Please contact Karen Delghan at

603-527-5475, email:

karen.delghan@unh.edu or Belknap Mill
at 603-524-8813.

Space is limited. Registration is required
for planning purposes.

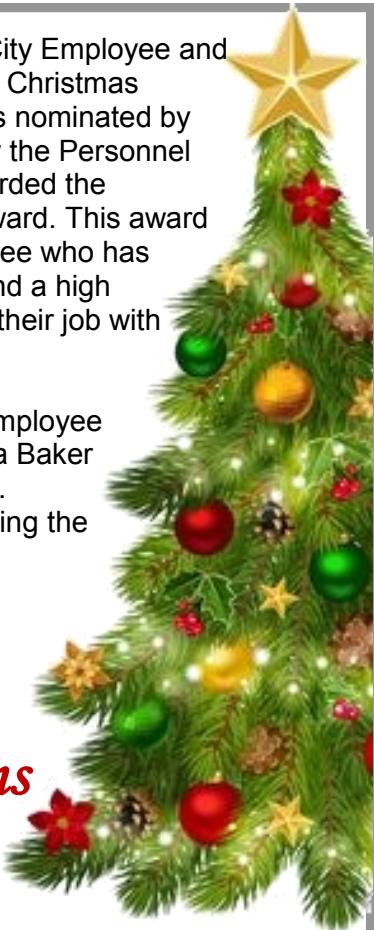


Each year at the annual City Employee and Boards and Commissions Christmas Luncheon, an employee is nominated by their peers and chosen by the Personnel Advisory Board to be awarded the Employee Recognition Award. This award is presented to an employee who has shown great dedication and a high degree of commitment to their job with the City of Laconia.

The winner of the 2018 Employee Recognition Award is Tara Baker from the Assessing Office. Tara is shown (left) receiving the award from Mayor Engler.

Click [here](#) to read what Tara's coworkers had to say about her!

***Congratulations
Tara!***



Department of Public Works



NOTICE

Residents are no longer required to call Public Works to have the brush dump opened at 1:00 pm. The Brush Dump will be open every Friday during the winter from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM unless it is snowing.

All Public Works personnel are involved with snow removal. In the event of a major snow storm the City's priority is clearing the roads, and the brush dump will not open until the Department completes clearing all city streets of snow. Questions? Please call DPW at 528-6379.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Knit, Pray, Crochet



Please join us monthly to knit prayer shawls and blankets for the LRGHealthcare Community. **ALL FAITHS WELCOME!**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019
(First Friday of Every Month)
6:00 - 7:30 PM
LRGH Senior Services Dayroom
(80 Highland Street, Laconia - 1st floor)

- No knitting or crocheting experience necessary!
- All levels of knitters are encouraged to attend.
- Please bring your own yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks (some will be available).

What is a prayer shawl / blanket?
These shawls and blankets are made for the care and comfort of others. When being made, the person knitting the piece has prayed for healing and peace every time it is picked up.

LRGHealthcare
care. compassion. community.

For more information, please call Deb Hoffman, Spiritual Care Coordinator, at 524.3211, ext. 3528.



Granite United Way

graniteuw.org

Volunteers are needed in Franklin and Laconia for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, or VITA, provides free income tax preparation for low-to-moderate income working people.

- **Who does the program serve?**
 - Your neighbors! Working people with an average household income of about \$24,800/year;
- **Why is it important?**
 - Many people go to commercial tax preparers when they do not need to, paying between \$200-\$300 for a simple tax return;
 - Many people are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), however according to IRS and estimated one-in-four eligible filers don't claim this support for working families.
- The EITC and Child Tax Credit combined to lift more than 16,000 NH residents, including more than 8,000 children, out of poverty in each of the last three years, according to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

Granite United Way (GUW) operates VITA sites in Franklin and Laconia as well as in Manchester, Salem, Concord, Littleton and White River Junction and needs your help to serve more people. Last year, a GUW-led effort helped more than 5,000 filers claim their full refund. We are limited only by the number of volunteers who give their time to this effort.

Our specific needs are for:

- **Intake Specialists**—Greet tax filers, conduct an intake review to make sure all documents are present for a complete and accurate tax return, and offer resources for other financial needs filers may have;
- **Tax Preparers**—No previous tax or finance experience necessary, just a computer aptitude and a willingness to learn. Training and software are provided.

Volunteers are expected to complete standards of conduct certification, and commit about 3-5 hours every week or every other week from January until early April. For more information, please contact Cary Gladstone, cary.gladstone@graniteuw.org or (603) 625-6939, ext. 128 and please pass along to your colleagues, or otherwise share this need in your network. Thank you.

WOW Trail Holiday Brick Offering



Bricks are \$100 and can be purchased on the [WOW Trail website](http://www.wowtrail.org). Upon purchase, we'll give you a colorful certificate that you can box and wrap in time for the holidays. Your special loved one will appreciate opening this little package, knowing your thoughtful gift is supporting the efforts of the WOW Trail. In the Spring, honorees will be invited to an Installation Celebration at the Lakeport end of the trail, where a beautiful garden park overlooking Lake Opechee exists and where the engraved bricks will be placed.



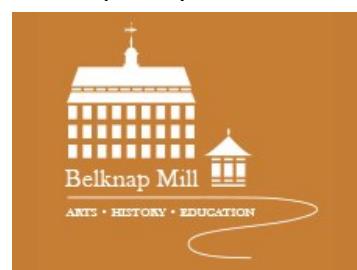
From Left to Right; Jared Guilmett & Sonya Misiaszek from Misiaszek & Turpin, LLC and Matthew Lahey & Tammy Emond from Matthew J. Lahey Law Firm take a moment, in the cold, to pose with the new sign at the Belknap Mill.

- Friends at One Mill Plaza
- Matthew J. Lahey, Attorney at Law
- Mitchell Municipal Group
- Byron Rooks, Northeast Planning Associates
- Dr. Derek and Jennifer Guarino, Eye Logic, LLC
- Special thanks to Wes Anderson, Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of Laconia and his team for their efforts.
- Thanks also to longtime Belknap Mill volunteer Peter Ellis. It takes the coordination and dedication of many to build community. Thanks to all who donated and participated!

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement. To learn more about the Belknap Mill Society, to make a donation or to learn about becoming a member, visit www.belknapmill.org or email operations@belknapmill.org. #belknapmill#wherethecommunityhappens

The Belknap Mill: Our New Look

The Belknap Mill is proud to announce the installation of its new sign. Supported by two NH granite posts, repurposed from our old sign, the new sign is bold and beautiful! Thanks to the great design efforts by Kelley at The Sign Shop in Tilton, the Mill's new sign incorporates the heritage of the Mill and complements the design of the Busiel Mill's sign located next door at One Mill Plaza. Both the Belknap Mill and the Busiel Mill were rescued from demolition during urban renewal by dedicated community citizens. Today, both Mills stand tall against the community landscape alongside the Winnipesaukee River and serve as a reminder of Laconia's rich history and a commitment to a vibrant future. We are grateful to the following donors who helped to make the new sign at the Belknap Mill possible:



Nurturing Skills for Families

THURSDAY MORNINGS – 11:00AM TO 1:00PM OR THURSDAY EVENINGS – 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

Four 5-6 week modules, plus a one-time orientation



Module dates:	Module Focus
Jan 10 (Orientation) Jan 17 Jan 24 Jan 31 Feb 7 Feb 14	Developing Empathy & Self-Awareness The importance of empathy and techniques for managing feelings anger and stress. (5-week module)
March 7 (Orientation) March 14 March 21 March 28 April 4 April 11	Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques Discipline is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.
May 2 (Orientation) May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30 June 6 June 13	Developing Personal Power & Keeping Kids Safe Learn positive ways to manage behavior and examine choices that keep all members of the family safe and healthy. (6-week module)
Fall 2019	Understanding Children's Growth & Development Overview of children's growth and development; understanding the importance of nurturing, predictable family routines. (5-week module)



Attend one module or all 4! You can start with any module and still complete the series.

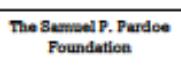
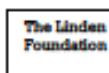
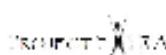
Choose day or evening classes!

Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm, lunch included OR Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm, dinner served at 5:30.
 Participation is free. Satisfies court-mandated parenting class requirements.

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.

Orientation, pre-assessment & post-assessment surveys are part of the series.

To register: Contact Tricia T. at 528-0391 or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org



Each year City of Laconia employees and Board/Commission members are honored for their years of service at the City's annual employee and Board/Commission Christmas Luncheon. This year's luncheon was held on December 14th honoring the following employees and Board/Commission members:

5 Years:

Trevor Greene	Fire Dept.
Raymond Bushey	Fire Dept.
Brennen Lorden	Fire Dept.
Nathan Mills	Fire Dept.
Donald Pickowicz	Fire Dept.
Kyle Jepsen	Police Dept.
Richard Bassett	Police Dept.
Amanda Fritzen	Police Dept.
Anna Brewer-Croteau	Police Dept.
Megan DeNutte	Police Dept.
Brian Moynihan	Police Dept.
Lori Gardiner	City Clerk Dept.
Jon Neal	Public Works
Jeffrey Storey	Public Works
Nick Cantara	IT
Kenneth Malone	Housing Authority

10 Years:

Shawn Riley	Fire Dept.
Peter Horan	Police Dept.
Michelle Cardinal	Police Dept.
Wayne Peirce	Parks & Rec.
James Ruggles	Public Works
Seth Sturgeon	Water Dept.
Dean Anson	Cons. Comm.
Dorothy Duffy	Heritage Comm.
Mary Jane Hoey	Heritage Comm.
Mitch Hamel	Parks/Rec. Comm.
Orry Gibbs	Zoning Board
John Perley	Library Board
Richard Landry	Putnam Fund

15 Years:

Brian Keyes	Fire Dept.
Deann Hunter	Library
Liza Kelleher	Parks & Rec.
David Willey	Water Dept.
Andrew Johnson	Public Works
Olie Anderson	Library Board

20 Years:

Lucas Lamos	Public Works
Tara Baker	Assessing
Linda Peary	Putnam Fund

25 Years:

Robin Moyer	Police Dept.
Joan Barnett	Water Dept.
Charles Bradley	Putnam Fund

30 Years:

Lori Marsh	Police Dept.
Betty Ballantyne	Putnam Fund

Our sincere thanks to all!



Christmas Carolers in City Hall!

Earlier this week City Hall employees were treated with a visit from Pleasant St. Elementary School and Laconia Middle School students bringing Christmas cheer!

**Thanks to all of you for
brightening our day!**



Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Remember: "Glass is Trash"

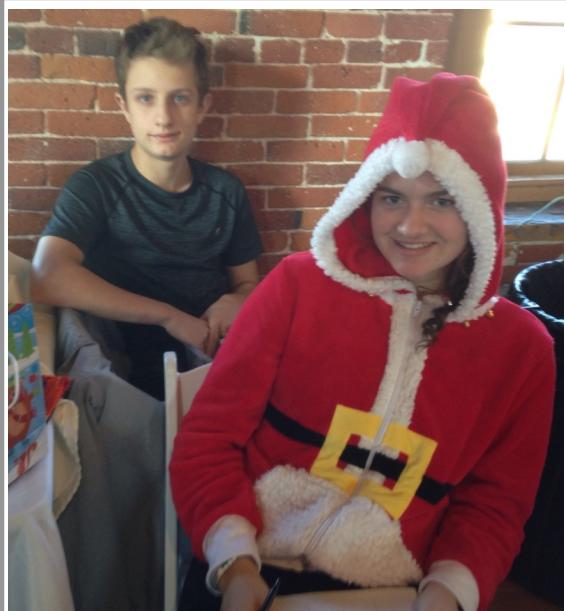


Photo (above), left to right, Interact members Lucea Santos and Nicole Turpin sell raffle tickets to benefit the Belknap Mill at the Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar.

Thank you for your help!

Laconia High School Interact Club spreads holiday cheer!

Photo (below), left to right: Interact members Jacob Mello, Camden Harriman, James Stafford and Interact Advisor Amanda Stefanik serve lunch to benefit the Salvation Army at the Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar.



Winter Art Workshop

Lakes Region Community College

Your Community College!

Explorations in Printmaking

Explorations in Printmaking takes a look at a variety of printmaking techniques and the unique possibilities that they provide. This workshop will introduce monotypes, collagraphs, and relief prints, as well as the materials and tools used to create them. Experimenting with these processes, students of all backgrounds will explore 2D design, pattern, and personal expression. Cost: \$200 (includes \$20 materials fee)

Register: over the phone: (603) 524-3207; Or, Print Registration Form from www.lrc.edu. Registrar and fax to: (603) 524-8084; Or in person at:

Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Rd.
Laconia, NH 03246

Four-Day Workshop:
January 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Course #: NCWK 1102L
CRN: 24201

Center for Arts & Technology
Building, Room 118

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 12/3/18!

Property tax bills were mailed on Monday, December 3, 2018.

[They are due on January 2, 2019.](#)

Payments are accepted by mail and at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30. There is a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We are now accepting credit cards over the counter and online (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). Convenience fees apply.

Please call 527-1269 with questions.



Cooperative Co-Parenting

A free four-part series for non-married, separated, or divorced parents, and other caregivers, raising children together from separate households.



Discussion Includes:

- *Coping through Separation and Transitions*
- *Skills Training for dealing with stress and anger*
- *Positive Communication Strategies*
- *Tools to reduce conflict in the life of your child, and yours*
- *Negotiating Agreements*
- *Mediation and Guardianship*
- *Conflict Resolution*

When: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, Dinner served at 5:30pm.

4 week series begins January 8, 2019

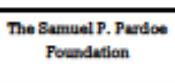
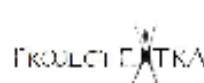
Where: The Family Resource Center, 719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

Lead Facilitator: Tammy Emery

Presenters: Jay Apicelli, MS, Family Mediator and Human Services Educator,
Rob Hunt, Attorney At Law
Shauna, New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse

To register: Contact Tricia T. at 528-0391 or e-mail tricia.tousignant@lrcts.org

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.





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

Monday, December 31st, 11:30 am: Let's Ring in 2019! Celebrate with us as we dine on Roast Pork with Gravy, Applesauce, Stuffing, Roasted Potatoes, Harvest Blend Vegetables and a Fun Dessert! We will also enjoy some great musical entertainment. And on Tuesday, January 1st, we will all share our New Year's Resolutions!

*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
Airport Manager: Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Evan Rathburn	
Finance	524-3877
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumol	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	

City Council Contact Info:

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Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	491-8946
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Andrew Hosmer (Ward 6).....	496-2078
E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov	

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