

Laconia Links

February 28, 2020 - Edition #427



Kian and Neve Hart took advantage of the snow and school vacation by building an awesome snow dragon in their grandparents' yard!

Sorry!

**THE CARDBOARD SLED RACE
AND THE SLEDDING PARTY have both
been CANCELED for Friday, Feb 28th
due to lack of snow and unsafe conditions.**



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!*



News

**From the City
Clerk's Office**



We need your help! We are looking for a Ward Clerk for Ward 3 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. The Ward Clerk position is a paid position.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

Thank you for your help!

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



Adult Program: Craft Supply Swap!

Is your craft room overflowing with remnants of projects past? Have you been wanting to try out something new, but don't want to invest in supplies you may only use once? Join fellow crafters for our first ever craft supply swap!

What it is:

Between March 2 and March 6, bring your *unused or very lightly used* craft supplies to the Circulation Desk and receive a special early bird ticket. On Saturday, March 7, come to the Library between 9:30 and 10 am to swap your ticket for a new-to-you supply. Receive an extra ticket by donating directly to the Library from our wish list of craft supplies. Doors open for the general public (non-ticket holders) at 10 am. Click [here](#) and scroll to page 3 of the Library's newsletter for more details.

TEEN (AGES 13-19) & TWEEN (AGES 9-12 PROGRAMS)



Paper Cranes!

March 4
2:30 pm
Laconia
Rotary Hall

Join us for an origami classic!

Read Across America: Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party

March 4, 4 pm,
Selig Storytime
Room

It's a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss! Join us for stories and a birthday snack. For families with children.



Adult Book Program - Spring Book Discussion Series: Forgotten New Hampshire Women

"Hanging Ruth Blay" by Carolyn Marvin
Tuesday, March 3, 7 pm, Laconia Rotary Hall

The eighteenth-century hanging of a school-teacher for concealing the birth of a child out of wedlock has appeared in local legend over the last few centuries, but the full account of Ruth's story has never been told. Discussion led by Chris Benedetto.

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 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.

*Become involved in
your City and
make a difference!*

MEETINGS

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

Planning Board

March 3, 2020, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

March 4, 2020, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

March 4, 2020, 6:00 pm

Water Commission

March 5, 2020, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room

[Agenda](#)



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Meet sweet Joan!

Joan came all the way from Lubbock, Texas to find her forever family. She is a two year old boxer mix ready for adventure. Joan is currently learning quite a bit at our shelter. She is food motivated and willing to train!

Currently Joan knows sit, down, is learning leash skills such as 'with me' aka heel, and loose leash walking. Joan would do best in an active adult only home as the only animal. No cats for this sweetheart. If prospective adopters have

another dog, we are happy to try them, however Joan has been a little over the top with her doggy friends. For more information, call 603-524-3252 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org



Clyde is an adorable boy who came to us recently in search of his forever home.

He sometimes needs a moment to warm up but once he does he is a sweet boy and very cuddly.

He is available for adoption this week, so come meet Clyde and find out if he's the love of your life! For more information, call 524-3252 or email adoptions@nhhumane.org

CONSIDER SAVING A LIFE TODAY!

Please visit our website to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their "forever" homes! Also visit our Facebook page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.

What should you do with your extra day in 2020?

Snowshoe yoga, of course!



Leap Day —
just added!

Snowshoe Yoga
Saturday, February 29

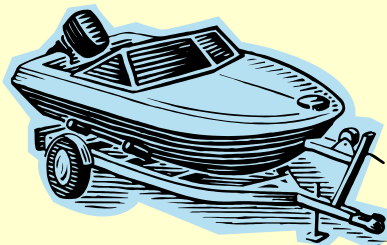
10—12pm
prescottfarm.org

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

News

From the
City Clerk's Office

**It's Not Too Early to Get
Your 2020 Boat
Registration!**



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when the ice melts!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (We are also open late until 6 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.)

****Please make checks payable to
City of Laconia****

In accordance with
RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5
will be collected for each registra-
tion processed as an
authorized agent .

Questions? Please
call the City
Clerk's office
at 527-1265.



PICKLEBALL LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Promptly at 9:00a—10:00a

Stay for 10:30 Open Pickleball

Start Date: TBD

Price: \$50 for 6 lessons

Each Practice will
consist of:

- Warm Ups
- Consistency Drills
- A new skill introduction
- TIME ON COURT

Maximum of 10 participants so please REGISTER SOON

To Register: fill out Registration Form Online at laconia.gov

or In Person at 306 Union Avenue

Call 524-5046 for questions

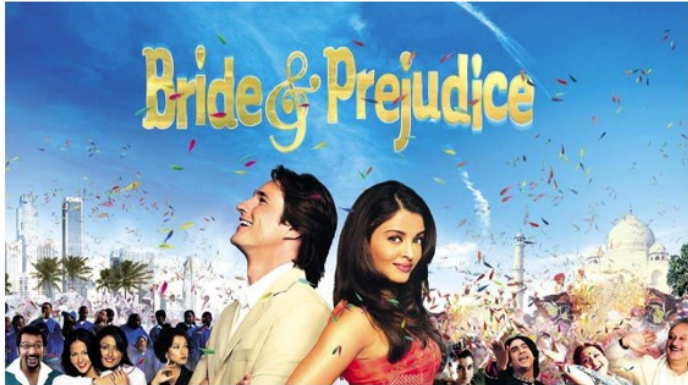
International
Film Series
sponsored by:
Laconia Human
Relations Comm.
& Laconia
Public Library

International Film Series
BRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Monday, March 2

Time: 6:15 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



■ **A Rollicking, Fun Film**

Recast in India's Bollywood!

- ♦ Free and open to public ♦ Brief discussion after film
- ♦ Light snack provided ♦ Feel free to bring chair cushion

For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell Lsoup03@gmail.com

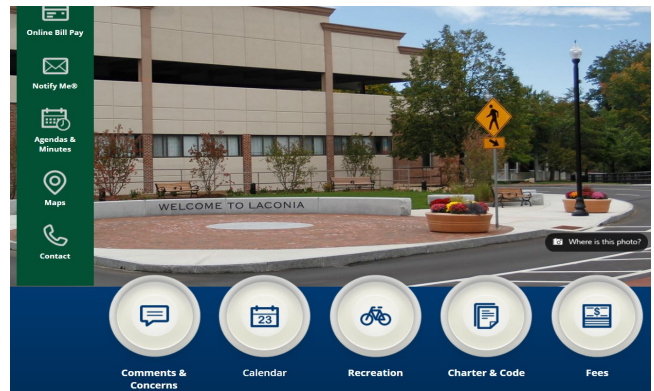


Thinking of Spring Cleaning?

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6 per item you can have bulky items eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items will be picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6/item) at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or at our Public Works Department at 27 Bisson Avenue.

Please call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 with questions.



Did you know you can easily submit requests or items of concern to the City from any desktop computer or mobile device?

Our website offers you the opportunity to report problems or issues on a timely basis and allows us to respond to you more quickly. Your submission will get immediately routed to the correct person or department and will be tracked until resolution, allowing easy and simple two-way communication between residents and their local government.

Just click on the image of our website homepage above to bring you to the "Citizen Request Tracker" page.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.





Apply now. Applications are available on line at lrscholarship.org.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Graduates of Laconia High School, Gilford High School, or Belmont High School in New Hampshire
- Legal residents of Laconia, Gilford, or Belmont, New Hampshire
- Those qualified for a specific donor preference or requirement; [some local clubs and civic organizations offer awards to a wider range of students who are residents of Belknap County. Check out our website for more details.](#)
- The scholarship foundation donors often follow students through their years of college or trade school, so if you have applied when you graduated high school, you can apply again now that you are in college.
- If you are returning to school as an adult, and are a resident of Laconia, Gilford or Belmont, you are eligible as well.

Only one application is necessary to apply for all the scholarship funds administered by the

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Application deadline April 1, 2020

Reminder!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of March 2, 2020

Remember: "Glass is Trash"

'When in doubt,
THROW it out'



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

**4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**

Fratello's Laconia - 603-528-2022

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - 603-527-3533



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Fratello's is donating 25% to support
Lakes Region Scholarship
Foundation Operating Fund
of orders placed when you mention
us!*

eat in or order take out- mention lakes region
scholarship foundation

Monday Blues with the Ken Clark Organ Trio, March 9!

The Ken Clark Organ Trio

The Ken Clark Organ Trio have been performing around New England and the eastern U.S. for the past 15 years. According to Owen Cordle, *Jazz Times*, "Organist Ken Clark, guitarist Mike Mele, and drummer Steve Chaggaris lean on the beat, (high stepping funk, shuffle boogaloo back beat ballad), build dynamic climaxes, sprinkle in jazz solos and deliver the goods."

Cordle continued his high praise of this group, "Clark controls the B3 like a master: hip bass lines, sizzling chordal washes, feel-good riffs, funky blues lines and syncopated accents figure in the mix. The groove, the sonic power of the organ and a soulful message are a forceful combination for reaching the people, all the way from the church to the dance floor. Can't beat the feeling."

Join us for this free public concert, Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Aging Workshop Presentation, March 10



Growing old is an inevitable part of life. Because aging is a gradual process, it often becomes an inactive thought until an unexpected decline or loss occurs. Aging only becomes an active thought when it is necessary, and such unexpectedness is often accompanied by shock and unnecessary stress.

Join us as Gerontologist Dr. Khanh Lai, presents an interactive discussion on the common losses associated with aging, and hear her suggestions on ways to adapt and cope with aging declines. This free, public event will be held Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Doctor Lai was born in Vietnam, immigrating to the U.S. when she was nine years old. She resided in Nebraska most of her life prior to coming to Plymouth and joining the Social Work faculty at Plymouth State University. She obtained her Bachelor's in Social Work at Creighton University and earned her Master's in Social Work and Doctorate in Gerontology at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She worked as a Medical Social Worker, attending to older adults, at healthcare facilities for more than seven years.

Doctor Lai's research focuses on cognitive aging among older married couples, examining the influence of lifestyle activities, personality traits, psychological health, and memory outcomes. Currently, she is working on a cluster project with the Psychology and Nursing Programs at PSU on the "Music and Memory" project at Glencliff Home.



**Free Tax Help - Federal Income Tax
Assistance Available
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program to be
offered at Laconia Senior Center
17 Church Street**

Free assistance in preparing and electronically filing your Federal Income Tax Return is available at the Laconia Senior Center! For those 60 years of age and older, and taxpayers with low and moderate income.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, thru March 26
Thursdays only, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm from April 1 thru April 9
Please note that April 9th is the last day for AARP Free Tax Help at this location!

The service will be offered on an appointment basis. **Call the Laconia Senior Center at 524-7689 to make an appointment**, and be sure to bring a photo ID, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, any 1099 forms, dependent care provider info, proof of itemizing deductions, health insurance documents and Social Security cards or documentation for yourself and all dependents.

LACONIA'S LIFEGUARDS ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST



- STRENGTHEN YOUR RESUME
- WORK OUTSIDE
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND BE A PART OF A TEAM
- STARTING AT \$11.00/HR
- UP TO 40 HOURS A WEEK
- GET CERTIFIED FOR FREE!

**CONTACT LACONIA PARKS
& REC TO LEARN MORE**

603-524-5046

PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV





The Belknap Mill's 'Threads of Evolution' exhibit takes you on a visual journey of the Mill from 1823

to the present day. A restored version of the 'Belknap mini-Mill' has taken on a whole new look thanks to the countless hours of Peter Ellis, the Mill's 'master tinkerer' who dedicates so much of his time to our Museum. Both of these exhibits are visually delightful and take you back in time as well as depicting a vision for the future. We invite you to come visit this incredible walk through time and history!



Riverside Gallery is open Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Sat. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 13, 2020

Proceeds Benefit
The Belknap Mill
Children's Programs

\$10 Tickets includes 4 Auction Paddles of your choice, snacks, drinks and fun!

Contact the Belknap Mill at 524-8813 today to get your tickets. Only 50 tickets will be sold!



Doors open at 6PM
Auctions start at
6:30PM

Save Your Quarters!



Join us on March 4, 2020!

Enjoy your lunch while observing Artist in Residence Larry Frates create an original work of art on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch. This event will be held in Riverside Gallery on the 1st floor of the Belknap Mill, and is free to the public!



Our yesterdays

Our thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past....



THEN ...

The Weirs Beach Smokehouse, just beyond the bridge over the railroad at the entrance to Weirs Beach, had been sold by DLT Realty, owner for the past 11 years, to Brandi Baldi and, after extensive renovations, would open in April 2010 as the Wide Open Saloon & Family Style Restaurant (above). The three-story building — extensively remodeled from its original 1886 hotel configuration — included a full-service restaurant, lounge, outdoor courtyard bar overlooking the lake and a fully equipped commercial kitchen. The inn included 14 rooms and a 10-room motel was located to the rear of the building, seen here sometime during 2010. Built as the Aquedoktan House, the hotel was later also known as the Pleasant View, Park View, Dragon Villa, Sandy Bar Beach Resort and Eden Roc. (Courtesy WeirsBeach.com)



... AND NOW

The Wide Open Saloon operated for one summer season but was destroyed by fire, Sept. 17, 2010. The ruins were eventually removed in 2012. A parking lot now occupies the site. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Help us pick recipients of our Front Porch Award! Nominate someone in our City who has shown pride by positively impacting and improving the appearance of their property. Photos (before and after) are appreciated but not required.

Contact the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or email Nbrown@laconianh.gov for more information.



Nomination forms are available [here!](#)

Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during this winter weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.



Laconia City Hall Extended Hours!

City Hall is now open for extended hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month!

The offices of the City Clerk, Tax Collector/ Licensing and Planning, Zoning & Code will be open until 6 pm for these two days. We hope you find these extended hours convenient. For questions or more information, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

The next "City Hall Extended Hours" will be on Tuesday, March 3!

OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

your job is to

BE OUTSIDE **HAVE FUN** **BE A ROLE MODEL**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



It's time for the Belknap County Conservation District's annual Tree and Shrub Fundraiser!

Just click [here](#) to download information and order forms.



Orders must be prepaid and received by BCCD by March 4 for best availability. Orders will continue to be filled after that date while supplies last.

Colonial Theatre Updates...

Demolition and environmental remediation work continues at the Colonial Theatre! Below are several photos showing some of the work that has been done to date. Check future issues of the newsletter as progress continues!



*Our thanks to City Councilor
Robert Hamel for providing
these photos!*



City Manager Updates

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

First, 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 to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

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.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!



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

ROCK STEADY BOXING

and

THE DOWNTOWN GYM

LAKES REGION PRESENTS

5K RUN & WALK

TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST PARKINSONS!

SATURDAY, MAY 2 @ 9AM
 @THE DOWNTOWN GYM
 171 FAIR STREET, LACONIA, NH
 MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
<http://tinyurl.com/rsblaconia>
 CALL (603) 581-9392

\$20 PER ENTRY

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Invites you to join us for...

Open Gym

At the

Laconia Community Center

306 Union Ave. Laconia, NH



Run! Jump! Toss! Climb! Play with Us!

For more info, call Trish T. at 528-0391
 or email: tricia.tousignant@lracs.org

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH @ 6:00PM

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (719 N MAIN ST, LACONIA, NH)

(Two movies will be shown: while parents enjoy their movie with popcorn and baked goods, the kids will be enjoying crafts, snacks, and a movie of their own)

FOR CHILDREN:



FOR ADULTS:



Water and Popcorn (provided free of charge)

Baked Goods: \$.50

Raffle Tickets: \$.50

Limited to the first 75 people. Please RSVP to Alyssa Tandy
 (603-581-1577 or alyssa.tandy@lracs.org)
 before Friday, March 6th, 2020

E-cigarette Use: Prevalence, Interventions and Treatment Options for Teens

Symposium for the Winnepesaukee Public Health Region

E-cigarette use is surging among American teenagers, with millions of kids risking health complications and nicotine addiction by regularly vaping.

About 1 of every 10 middle school students (10.5%) reported in 2019 that they used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days—an increase from 0.6% in 2011.

More than 1 of every 4 high school students (27.5%) reported in 2019 that they used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days—an increase from 1.5% in 2011 (CDC).

Join local and statewide experts, including Susanne Tanski, MD, MPH, from Dartmouth-Hitchcock to learn more about the changing landscape of nicotine addiction.

Audience: Medical providers, physicians, treatment providers, behavioral health professionals, school district staff, prevention specialists, parents, caregivers, community members and anyone interested in learning more about this topic.



**Partnership for
Public Health**



DATE:

Tuesday 3/24/2020

TIME:

9:00am to 12:00pm

LOCATION:

**Lakes Region
Community College
379 Belmont Road
Laconia, NH 03246**

*Light refreshments
will be provided*

**Please RSVP by:
2/28/2020**

Kelley Gaspa
by email
kgaspa@ppnh.org
by phone
603-707-5854



WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS

JOIN THE PARKS & REC TEAM FOR THE SUMMER,
AND HELP MAINTAIN SOME OF THE STATE'S BEST PARKS,
call 603-524-5046 or e-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective March 6, 2020 at 6:00 am, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited the use of all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. A map of posted City streets can be found on the [City's website](#). Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works.

Permits are granted in two types of situations:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that authorized on the permit.

One-Time permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

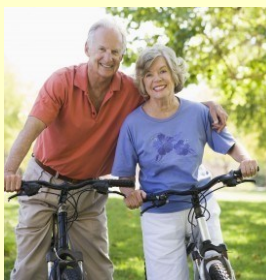
- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture
- Roll-off solid waste containers
- Automobiles to dealerships

More detailed information and permit forms may be found on the City of Laconia website at www.laconianh.gov. Questions – please call the Laconia DPW Office at 528-6379.



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

Exercise and Physical Activity:



Staying physically active is important for everyone, no matter what your age happens to be! Click [here](#) to read a publication from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services...it contains

information on four ways to stay fit, the importance of physical activity, who should exercise and safety tips for everyone. Have fun!

*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@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
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
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 - Ashley Ruprecht	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
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 - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
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 - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

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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
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	524-7185

E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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