



NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Laconia Links

January 15, 2021 - Edition #471

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Please see [page 3](#) for details on the January 17th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee

### **REMINDER: Dumping Snow into Waterbodies is Prohibited**



Snow cleared from roads and parking lots contains debris, trash, sand, salt and other contaminates that are harmful to water quality. While snow can be stored by surface waters at least 25 feet from the high water mark, it should NEVER be dumped into waterbodies. Due to the contaminates and debris snow contains, dumping snow into waterbodies without a permit is illegal. RSA 485-A:13,I(a) prohibits discharging wastes to surface waters without a permit. For more information about proper snow removal and disposal, please review the [NH Department of Environmental Services Fact Sheet on Snow Disposal Guidelines, 2020](#) and contact the Laconia Conservation Technician at 603-527-1264.

**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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



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



Spring & Summer  
Camp Registration is  
now open!

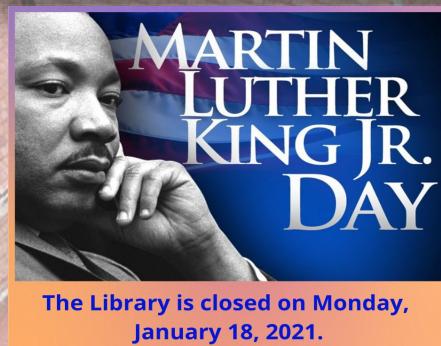
WildQuest Camps 2021  
Let the Outdoor Adventures Begin!



**Teen & Tween Programs-to-Go! Squishies**  
Through January 31st

Back by popular demand. Take home everything you need to paint your own Squishie Keychain! Each kit includes 2 squishies, a 6 strip of fabric paint pots, a paintbrush, and a keychain clip. For teens and tweens ages 9-19.

The Library is open to the public! Check the Library's [home page](#) for updated information.



**Penguin Painting!**  
January 19, 2021,  
3:00-3:45 pm

In this craft program, we'll be making "cool" paper penguins and painting with watercolors to make a beautiful wintery background for them. Call ahead of time to pick up all of the materials needed for this craft, and join us on Facebook Live for step-by-step instructions! For children 3-12.

# 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 additional information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any public meeting 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

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

January 19, 2021, 6:30 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### **Parks & Rec Commission**

January 19, 2021, 7:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### **Police Commission**

January 20, 2021, 3:00 pm

### **Conservation Commission**

January 20, 2021, 6:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### **Board of Assessors**

January 21, 2021, 5:00 pm

### **Laconia Airport Authority**

January 21, 2021, 4:00 pm

# LACONIA HOUSING

We put our residents first.

Laconia Housing will hold its' monthly board meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 Noon. The specific dates are posted on our website. Changes to the meeting time and schedule will be posted & announced here, the town hall and on the Agency website.

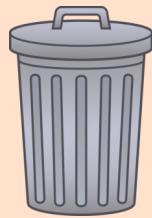
The Zoom invite link to join is on the website at:

[www.laconiahousing.org](http://www.laconiahousing.org)

in the "about" section of the site.

Questions? Please call us at:

603-524-2112



## Public Works Department

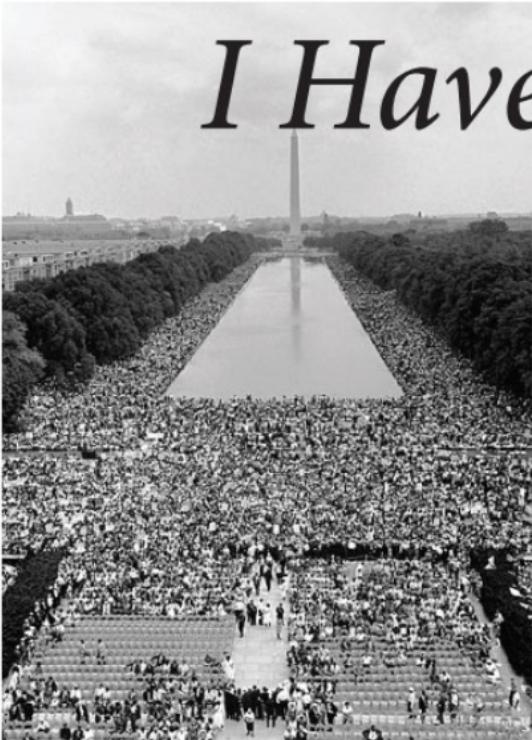
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 18th**

### Notice to Residents on Curbside Collection Routes

**There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Jan. 18th,  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  
Collections for the entire week will be on their regular schedule.**

**For questions or additional information, please call Department of Public Works at 528-6379.**

# *I Have A Dream ...*



**Annual Celebration  
of the Reverend  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Sunday January 17, 2021**



**~ featuring panel & community discussion ~**

Sponsored by Laconia Human Relations Committee. Please join us via Zoom on Sunday, January 17, 2021 for our Annual MLK Day Celebration beginning at 3:00 pm (you may begin joining the celebration at 2:30 pm). To attend the celebration virtually, connect via the [Zoom link](#) and use Passcode 882328. To listen only, call 1-301-715-8592, enter Webinar ID 842 2958 4087 and Passcode 882328.

*Information can also be found on the City's website at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)*



Our community discussion on tolerance continues with another virtual panel:

## **Listening Across the Divide: Building Bridges or Walls?**

**Wednesday, January 20, 5:00 to 6:30 pm**

This diverse and balanced panel includes people who may be best known for their politics. But this forum is intended to move beyond divisive partisan debate and dive deeper into issues of free speech and respectful disagreement.

### **The Panel**



**Peter Spanos** is a lifelong resident of Laconia. He served three terms in the NH House and is now county commissioner.



**Carlos Cardona** is a local business owner and father of two. He served on Franklin School Board and has been a candidate for state representative.



**Mike Bordes** is a resident of Weirs Beach and was recently elected to the N.H. House of Representatives.



**Mo Baxley**, a resident of Laconia, and former member of the NH House, served as deputy political director for Bernie Sanders presidential campaign.



**Gretchen Gandini**, a member of Gilford School Board, is a lifelong resident of the Lakes Region.

Moderator is **Mike Seymour**, a 30-year resident of Laconia who served two terms as mayor and was chair of the school board, is currently a Senior Vice President at Bank of New Hampshire.

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Hosts are **Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Senator Harold French** and **SUN Publisher Adam Hirshan**.

The public is invited to participate. Visit [laconiadailysun.com/tolerance](http://laconiadailysun.com/tolerance) to join.

**the**  
**Bell &  
 BRICK**  
 virtual coffeehouse concert series  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Dwayne Haggins**

**Belknap Mill**  
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 NH MUSIC  
 COLLECTIVE

**The GREENHOUSE**  
 recording studio

contact us at [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org) | 603-524-8813

**Dwayne Haggins to perform for the Belknap Mill's Virtual Coffeehouse Concert Series  
 Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6-8pm**

The Belknap Mill is pleased to be offering three live streamed concerts in our upcoming Bell & Brick Coffeehouse Concert Series. The series will begin Thursday, January 28th with Dwayne Haggins, followed by Bob McCarthy on February 25th and March 25th will feature Green Heron. To ensure a high-quality music experience we are pleased to be working with The Greenhouse Recording Studio and NH Music Collective. The concerts can be found on the Belknap Mill's Facebook and YouTube channel. Dwayne Haggins has been described as "the love child of Hank Williams and Sam Cooke." "The John Legend of rockabilly." And even, "the 'what-took-you-so-long?' fusion of Elvis Presley and Marvin Gaye." At every performance, Dwayne is always at work...adding new subtleties to an obvious melody line, or reinterpreting a time-worn lyrical cliché to imbue it anew with genuine feeling. His distinctive sound delivers a brand new take on the traditional country-blues and soul that he loves, and has generated a rare sense of excitement and possibility throughout the musical community. For more information you can email [operations@belknapmill.org](mailto:operations@belknapmill.org) or call (603)524-8813.

## Disposal of Christmas Trees



**The City of Laconia does not pick up Christmas trees curbside. This allows the Department of Public Works to more efficiently and effectively utilize personnel and equipment time. Laconia residents can bring their Christmas trees to either the City's Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road during its hours of operation (Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to Noon) or bring them to the designated area in the parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive (near its intersection with West St.) by Memorial Park. The Park is located at 31 Lindsay Court and is available every day.**

**Christmas trees may also be taken to the Brush Dump on Friday or Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm unless it snows. In the event of a snowstorm the Brush Dump will be closed to allow all Public Works personnel to work on snow removal.**

**There is no charge to dispose of a Christmas tree at any of these locations. If you are planning to go to either the Transfer Station or the Brush Dump to drop off your tree, please be sure to bring a document showing you are a resident of Laconia.**

**For more information call DPW at 528-6379.**



LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENTS

## (PART 1) HOME COMPOSTING: THE BASICS

CO-HOSTED WITH  
TAMWORTH RECYCLING PROJECT  
&  
COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

JANUARY 29, 2021  
2:00 - 3:30 PM

This virtual workshop will cover information about the basic science of composting, the benefits of diverting food waste, and system considerations for your home composting site.

Join via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/compostingpartone>

Join via Phone: 1 (929) 205-6099      Meeting ID: 899 2379 2705  
Passcode: 611762

To RSVP and for more information, please contact Paige Wilson by  
email: [pwilson@lakesrpc.org](mailto:pwilson@lakesrpc.org) or phone: (603) 279-5342



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# Protect Yourself AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins,  
here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

 **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

**!** If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG Hotline: **1-800-HHS-TIPS** | [tips.hhs.gov](http://tips.hhs.gov)
- FBI Hotline: **1-800-CALL-FBI** | [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov)
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: **1-800-MEDICARE**



For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit:

[oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus](http://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus)  
[fbi.gov/coronavirus](http://fbi.gov/coronavirus)  
[justice.gov/coronavirus](http://justice.gov/coronavirus)



HHS  
Office of  
Inspector  
General



Federal  
Bureau of  
Investigation



Department  
of Justice



# Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Plan ahead for outdoor fun & adventure...

*Programs fill up fast!*

**Saturday, January 30**

Smartphone Snowflake Photography 10–12 pm  
Snowshoe Big Tree Tour 1-3 pm

**Saturday, February 6**

Snowshoe Yoga 10 – 12 pm  
Winter Survival Day 10 – 2 pm

**Saturday, February 13**

Snowshoe Yoga 10 – 12 pm

For more information or to register visit

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

# Reminder!

Curbside recycling will  
be picked up the week  
of January 18, 2021

## "Glass is Trash"



Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our Sled Dog Race this year. We hope to see you all next year!



Registration is open for the NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity & Health Challenge. The Granite State

90 Day Winter Challenge is to be physically active for 30 minutes or more every day in the months of January, February and March. Grab a buddy or a family member and walk, snowshoe, ski, build a snowman, join an online fitness class – move however you like for 30 minutes!

Join the challenge and you will have access to our 3 month Activity Calendar and online classes (Zumba, Yoga, Meditation, Cooking, etc.). Register today at <https://nhmoves.org/>

## When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?



**PHASE 1**

**PHASE 1A**

- High-risk health workers
- First responders
- Older adults living in residential care settings

**PHASE 1B**

- People  $\geq$  65 years old
- Medically vulnerable at *significantly* higher risk with 2 or more conditions
  - Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons,  $\leq$  16 years old not eligible for vaccine
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

**DECEMBER - MARCH\***



**PHASE 2**

**PHASE 2A**

- K-12 school and childcare staff

**PHASE 2B**

- People 50 - 64 years old

**MARCH - MAY\***

Updated: 1/14/2021  


**PHASE 3**

**PHASE 3A**

- Medically vulnerable  $<50$  years old at *moderately* higher risk with 1 or more conditions

**PHASE 3B**

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

**MAY and BEYOND\***

Additional details are coming soon.  
 Contact 2-1-1 for more information and visit [nh.gov/covid19](http://nh.gov/covid19) for updates.



**ReadyNH.gov**  
 TAKE ACTION.



\*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.



**On January 14, 2021 Governor Sununu announced that the Phase 1B vaccination plan is now adjusted to include any individuals 65 and older.**

On January 22, 2021 Phase 1B eligible individuals will be able to schedule vaccinations. If you are Phase 1B eligible, please visit [www.nh.gov/covid19](http://www.nh.gov/covid19) on or after January 22, 2021 to schedule your vaccination. If you need to know which vaccination phase you fall under, please visit [www.vaccines.nh.gov](http://www.vaccines.nh.gov).

Any updates will be posted on the [www.nh.gov/covid19](http://www.nh.gov/covid19) website. You can also call 2-1-1 with questions Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 pm.

# 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 . . .

Intersection of Court and Academy streets, Laconia, is seen in the late 1890s. Sign in foreground advertises the City Hotel Stables and the photo was probably taken from the hotel, which stood approximately where today's Walgreens is located. A watering trough for horses is located in the intersection, in front of a horse and sleigh. Belknap County Court House is located off-photo at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## . . . AND NOW

With replacement of horses by automobiles, by the 1930s the watering trough was no longer needed and was removed. By 1932, the Laconia Service Station Co. was operating a filling station at the intersection. Later operators included Robert C. and John H. Richdale in the 1940s, Gilmartin's and, later, Don Barney's Esso in the 1950s. After Fred Lamere's Exxon gas station closed, the building was remodeled into the Color Amber Salon in 2006 and, later, My Coffee House, which opened in July 2009. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



## CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have current vacancies:

- Board of Assessors (1 alternate position)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (4 alternate positions)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 alternate positions)
- Conservation Commission (1 alternate position)
- Personnel Advisory Board (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (2 alternate positions)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Planning Board (1 alternate position)
- Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) \*
- Downtown TIF District Advisory Board (2 regular positions) \*

\* Members of the TIF District Advisory Board above must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)

Some terms on the following Boards and Commissions will be expiring as shown below. Current Board and Commission members now holding these positions may request to be reappointed; however, members of the public are also encouraged to apply if they are interested:

- Conservation Commission (1 regular position)
- Heritage Commission (1 alternate position)
- Library Board of Trustees (2 regular positions, 1 alternate position)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1 regular position)
- Putnam Fund (1 regular position)
- Trustees of the Trust Fund (1 regular term)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at 527-1270 (or by e-mail at [Nbrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:Nbrown@laconianh.gov)) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov). A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2021.

# POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE



## Meet the Colonial! Informational Zoom Meeting Tuesday, January 19th 11:00 am Pre-registration required

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, a new program of the Belknap Mill, will be hosting the second of two "Meet & Greet" opportunities to introduce Spectacle Management to the local arts and culture community. Spectacle is the management company for the Colonial Theatre.

Advanced signup is required. It is requested that groups choose one or two individuals to represent their organization to ensure ample time in each session for groups to introduce themselves and have their questions answered.

To register for the January 19th virtual meeting click [here](#) or check out the Colonial or Powerhouse on Facebook. Questions about the event can be addressed to Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative via [powerhouse@belknapmill.org](mailto:powerhouse@belknapmill.org)

**Please note!**  
City Hall will be  
closed all day  
on Monday,  
January 18th for  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr Day.

*We apologize for  
any inconvenience  
this may cause.*



# Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



# Reminders from Laconia City Hall Staff...

## Did you know?

...that you can renew your vehicle registration online? Visit our website [here](#) to start your on-line vehicle registration.

**Skip the lines and have your registration mailed to you!**



## Do you need a birth, marriage, death, or divorce certificate?

Apply for it through the City of Laconia website [here](#).



Follow the instructions and we will mail your document to you at the address you provide. If you have questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265.

## Do you want to register your dog online?

Visit our website's Dog Licensing page [here](#)

Do you need to update your dog's rabies vaccination information? Simply e-mail us a copy at [cityclerk@laconianh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@laconianh.gov)

**Remember that dog licenses are due by April 30<sup>th</sup> of every year.** If you would like an e-mail reminder please call or email us with your email address. (603) 527-1265



**Do you need to change your mailing address for tax bills and other general correspondence?**

Just fill out and submit our ["Change of Address Form"](#) on-line and we will be happy to correct our records.



## 2021 Transfer Station Stickers

2021 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office, 527-1265.

## Department of Public Works

The Laconia 2021 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available!



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.



**NEW Beginning 12/10/20**

## THE LAKES REGION PARENT & CAREGIVER GROUP

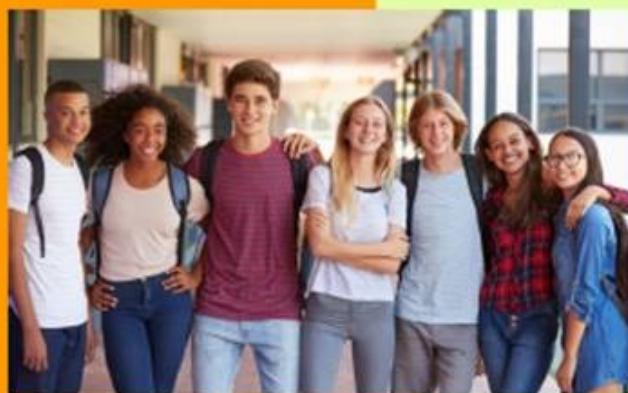
2nd Thursday each month

10:30-11:30am

Virtual until further notice

For more information and to receive  
the Zoom link, contact:

- Tricia Hunt
- 603-581-1567 or  
[patricia.hunt@lrcs.org](mailto:patricia.hunt@lrcs.org)



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**Do you struggle  
with your child's  
or teen's  
behavior?**

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**Please join us:**

- To learn strategies on  
how to deal with  
challenging behavior
- To learn what  
resources are  
available to help you
- To meet other families  
who understand your  
situation
- To know that you are  
not alone in this  
journey

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**NAMI** New Hampshire

National Alliance on Mental Illness

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ServiceLink  
Resource Center  
(1-866-634-9412 or  
528-6945) is the first  
number to call for  
senior services.



Click on the image above for some expert tips provided by AARP for staying warm and motivated as temperatures drop!

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

*We hope you have enjoyed this  
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments  
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the  
City Manager's office, 527-1270,  
or by e-mail at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

*Have a great weekend!*

Scott Myers,  
City Manager  
City's Website:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://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 Baumoel	
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	

### City Council Contact Info:

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Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) .....	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2) .....	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

General Council E-mail:  
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[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)