

Laconia Links

February 5, 2021 - Edition #474



*An aerial view of Weirs Beach in the winter!
(photo compliments of Aerial Photo NH)*



Payments,
Renewals, and
Estimates

Did you know that there are numerous ways to take advantage of our on-line services and save yourself a trip to City Hall?

Just click on the "Payments, Renewals, and Estimates" section on our [website](#) (or the green icon, left). See the list below for things you can accomplish on-line without leaving home!



- Parks & Recreation Registrations
- Police Department
- Property Tax Payments
- Public Works
- Sewer Bill Payments (Sewer Users Only)
- Vital Record Request
- Water Department Utility Bills

- Accounts Receivable - Pay Invoices
- Dog Licensing
- Event/Vendor Licensing
- Motorcycle Week Vendor License Payments
- Motor Vehicle Estimates
- Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals

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!*

February is American Heart Month



This year marks the 57th consecutive American Heart Month! President Lyndon B. Johnson first issued an American Heart Month proclamation in 1964 and since then, U.S. presidents have annually declared February as American Heart Month. Please visit the American Heart Association's [website](#) for helpful information.

EVENTS and Programs

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



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
String Art**
February 1- February 28, 2021

Choose from two adorable designs!
Pick a fox or a penguin to create
hangable art. All materials provided,
sign-up required as supplies are
limited.



**Family Craft:
Paint Scraped
Flamingos**
February 9,
2021, 3:30 PM

Fall in love with
this sweet
flamingo! Pick
up the supplies
for this family
craft project ahead of time, and join us
on Facebook Live to see how to make
it. For children ages 3-12.

Teen & Tween Programs –to-Go!
February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021

Make a sticker masterpiece!
Designs are limited to those available at
the desk. For teens and tweens ages 9
through 19. Call, text, or email the
Library to reserve one of our limited
number of kits.



Family Craft: Valentines Love for the
Birds! Join Gail on Facebook Live
Monday, February 8 at 3:30. Create a
Valentine's heart-shaped birdfeeder
you can hang up in your yard. Or, you
can put it on the ground for squirrels!
This craft contains peanut butter. For
families with children, and children
under 18.

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 be-

You can also contact any of the City's departments for addi-
tional 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

City Council

February 8, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee

February 9, 2021, 3:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

February 10, 2021, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

February 11, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

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

Updated: 1/14/2021



Click [here](#)
for larger
image

PHASE 1

PHASE 1A

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

PHASE 1B

- People ≥ 65 years old
- Medically vulnerable at *significantly* higher risk with 2 or more conditions
 - Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons, ≤ 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*



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 for updates.



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

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Phase 1B vaccinations for eligible individuals are underway. If you are Phase 1B eligible, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19 to schedule your vaccination. Any updates will be posted on the www.nh.gov/covid19 website. You can also call 2-1-1 with questions Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 8 AM to 5 pm.



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.

Be sure to check out the second issue of "New England Pet & Home" published in partnership with the New Hampshire Humane Society.

Click on the image (left) and choose the Fullscreen option  to view the publication.

**YOUR LOVE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES**

Click [here](#) for more info on this series of classes!

COOKING MATTERS[®] AT HOME

Do you live in Belknap County? Are you parenting children? If so, please sign up for a FREE online education series via Zoom.

Eight topics to choose from to help you with healthy eating in your home.

Contact Brenda Carey to schedule (weekdays or weekends)
brenda.carey@unh.edu

Call or Text: 630-8303

Receive a \$10 Hannaford gift card for every class you attend.

(Income restrictions apply)

If you qualify for SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance, then you qualify to participate at no cost to you. Language assistance is available at no cost. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda Carey at 603-630-8303 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

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Extension
Nutrition Connections



I love the Belknap Mill because...

Why do YOU love the Belknap Mill?

The Belknap Mill wants to hear why **YOU LOVE** the Mill. Send an email to the Mill, post a comment to their Facebook page, or stop in! They can't wait to add your love to their wall!



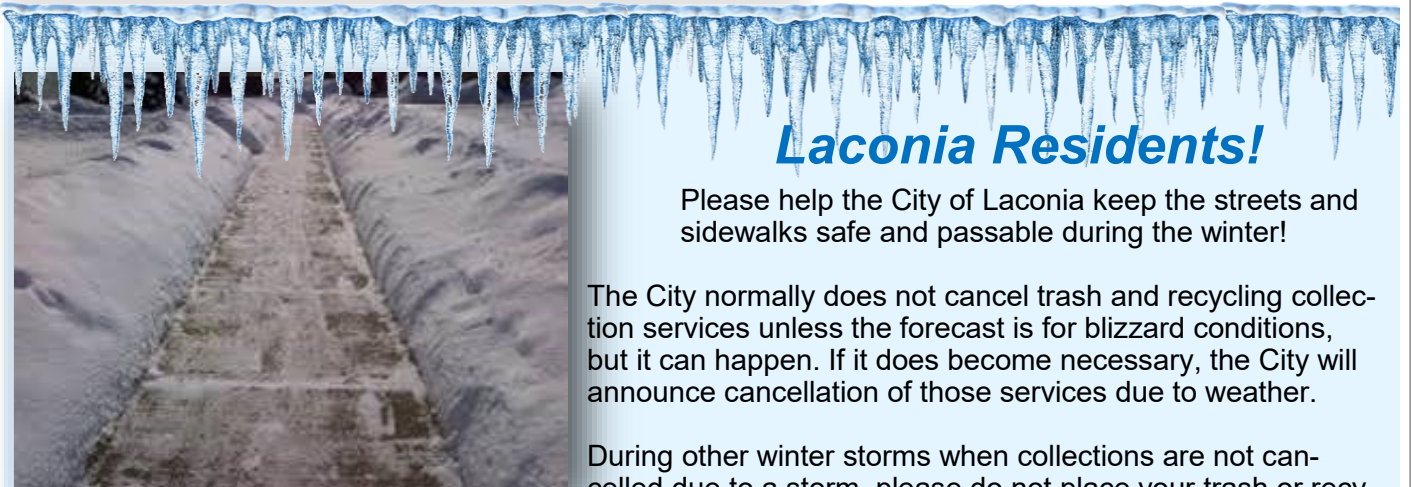
Alerts and Notifications

Did you know that there is an easy way to find out about important notices and items affecting residents in our community?

Just log onto the City's website at www.laconianh.gov and click "Alerts and Notifications" on the left hand side of the screen (or click on the Alerts and Notifications image above).

You can choose which items you wish to have e-mailed or texted to you...everything from weather related closings, trash pickup delays, City job opportunities, agendas as they are posted on our website, and much more!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or email NBrown@laconianh.gov



Laconia Residents!

Please help the City of Laconia keep the streets and sidewalks safe and passable during the winter!

The City normally does not cancel trash and recycling collection services unless the forecast is for blizzard conditions, but it can happen. If it does become necessary, the City will announce cancellation of those services due to weather.

During other winter storms when collections are not cancelled due to a storm, please do not place your trash or recycling containers on the sidewalk or at the curb. Your containers may be inadvertently damaged or knocked over by the plows or the snow coming off from the plows.

During storms Casella, the City's collection contractor, will empty containers that are left in areas behind sidewalks. Please consider putting them in your driveway. Thank you!

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

We appreciate your cooperation!

Upcoming Lakes Region Events!

*12th Annual New England
Pond Hockey Classic!
February 5-7, 2021
Lake Winnepesaukee
Meredith, NH*

Check out the website [here](#)



Great Meredith Rotary



Ice Fishing Derby

The 2021 Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby is on!

Dates Confirmed: February 13-14, 2021!

Click [here](#)
for website

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center



Winter Survival Day at Prescott Farm

Saturday, February 6

10 am – 2 pm

FMI visit: prescottfarm.org



Assessing

The abatement filing period is now open until March 1st. This is the process by which taxpayers can dispute their final 2020 value. Applications for abatement are available in our office or can be mailed upon request, by calling 527-1268. We always recommend that property owners get a copy of their Property Record Card to verify its accuracy and confirm if any changes have been made.

Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 527-1268.



Laconia Sledding Hill



Sledding Hill Updates are posted on Parks and Recreation [Facebook](#) page. Thanks to the recent snowstorm, the lights have been turned back on from 4:30 until 10:00 pm! Laconia Sledding Hill is located on South Street, which is just after the cemetery on Academy Street. Questions? Please call Parks and Rec at 524-5046. Have a great winter!

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 ...

As of Feb. 4, 1971, the brick ell at the far left of the Busiel Mill, on Mill Street, Laconia, was being razed by contractor Warren Spears. 'It is believed that this was built several years after the original mill building was constructed,' The Citizen commented, 50 years ago this week. The counting house, in foreground at right, was another casualty of Urban Renewal in the late 1960s-early 1970s. During World War II, the Gilbert Clock Co. occupied these buildings; from early 1959 until late January 1966, the Kinsman (later Seeburg) Organ Co. was located here. (Laconia Public Library)



... AND NOW

In the early 1970s, a new Municipal Building was built, partly on the site of the Busiel Mill ell, and opened in late January 1972. The original flat roof was replaced by a gable in 1985-1986 and the building's name reverted to City Hall. As with many other places within the city, the grade in this vicinity was considerably lowered. (Adam Drapcho/ The Laconia Daily Sun)

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Monday, February 8th from 12:00-2:00pm

(While supplies last)

Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



*City Hall will be closed
all day on Monday,
February 15th
in observance of
Presidents' Day.
We apologize for any
inconvenience.*



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 15th, Presidents' Day

Monday's collections (and collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.



Any questions, please
call DPW @ 528-6379

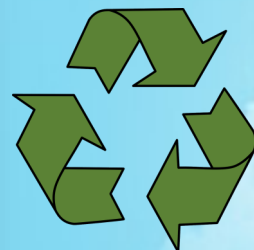
Reminder!

Curbside recycling
will be picked up the
week of February
15, 2021



WHEN IN DOUBT, **THROW IT OUT**
(IN THE **GARBAGE**).

"Glass is Trash"



City Manager Updates

A new update has been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

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!



Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us

Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during this icy 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. Questions? Please call 528-6379.

Thanks and have a safe winter!



Bell & BRICK

virtual coffeehouse concert series

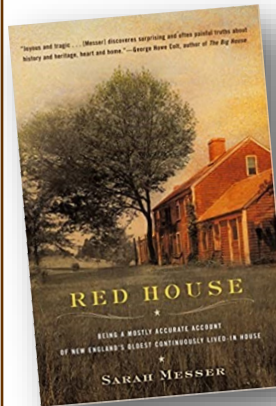
February 28th, 2021

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Bob McCarthy



contact us at operataions@belknapmill.org | 603-524-8813



The *Belknap Mill Virtual Book Club* is growing! We are excited to be combining with a like-minded group of history inspired readers, *The Page Turners*. This collaboration has created *The Belknap Mill Page Turners*. The club meets currently via Zoom, on the last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. The next meeting is scheduled

for Feb. 24th. The book selection for February, *Red House* by Sarah Messer, explores America's fascination with history, family, and great houses. Her Massachusetts childhood home had sheltered the Hatch family for 325 years when her parents bought it in 1965. The will of the house's original owner, Walter Hatch, which stipulated *Red House* was to be passed down, "never to be sold or mortgaged from my children and grandchildren forever", still hung in the living room. In *Red House* Messer explores the strange and enriching consequences of growing up with another family's birthright. Answering the riddle of when shelter becomes first a home and then an identity, Messer has created a classic exploration of heritage, community, and the role architecture plays in our national identity. For more info or to join please email: bookclub@belknapmill.org

**REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS:**Online at www.nepassage.org/calendarE-mail at Northeast.Passage@unh.edu

Phone at 603-862-0070

February Recreation & Arts Events

We are continuing to monitor COVID-19 spread in our communities. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as scheduled event details may change, particularly with indoor events. Please remember that face coverings are required during Northeast Passage programming. We are limited to smaller groups, so please pre-register for each event and cancel if you cannot make it. **There is no cost for these events.**

SPORTS & RECREATION EVENTS

These events are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERAN WELLNESS LAKES REGION: PICKLEBALL AND BOCCIA - Laconia, NH

It's getting cold but we can still have fun! Come join us at the Laconia Community Center for a socially distanced game of Pickleball and/or Boccia in a large open indoor space!

This program is offered to individuals of all abilities, inviting standing and seated players alike. Review rule variations for seated Pickleball players here on the USAPA.org website!

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10:30AM-12:00PM

NEP will provide staff, instruction, and a selection of sport wheelchairs for these events.

VIRTUAL ARTS EVENTS

Arts programming is part of a Veteran Wellness Series funded by Operation Hat Trick.

NEEDLE FELTING – Virtual via Zoom

We'll be using felt, colorful tufts of wool, and needles instead of paintbrushes to create your art. Researchers have been able to show a connection between doing things with our hands and the neurochemistry of our brains linked to happiness.

Tuesday, February 9 from 12:00-2:00PM

No experience necessary. Tools and materials will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. Check out this [video](#) to learn more about it! To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 2. These materials will be yours to keep!

VETERAN FAMILY ARTS PROJECTS – Virtual via Zoom

For these events, we invite the whole family to be involved. All ages and family structure welcome, no experience necessary. Supplies will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. These materials will be yours to keep. Zoom link will be included in your registration confirmation. Space is limited to 4 families, so sign up today!

Wednesday, February 17 from 4:00-5:00PM

Join us to create your own Family Crest. We'll be using multi-media art supplies. We will send out some basic supplies and encourage you and your family to utilize items and supplies from around your home to create a unique, artistic representation of your family values and beliefs. To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 9th.

Wednesday, February 24 from 4:00-5:00PM

Join us to have some family fun while collaborating with each other and exploring alternative perspectives. We'll be using acrylic paints for this project, all skill levels encouraged to attend. We will send out some basic supplies and encourage you to use your own supplies if you would like in addition (sparkles, buttons, beads glitter, stickers etc). To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 16th.

VETERAN FAMILY PUPPET MAKING SERIES – Virtual via Zoom

Join us for family fun creating your very own puppets! All ages and family structure welcome, no experience necessary. Supplies will be shipped to you prior to the date of this event. These materials will be yours to keep. Zoom link will be included in your registration confirmation and we'll walk through the process together.

Friday, February 19 from 6:30-8:30PM - We'll make Sock Puppets. To receive your materials in time, you must register by February 11th.

Saturday, February 20 from 9:30-10:15 AM - We'll play games with our puppets and practice some improv puppet theater. Bring your coffee (and your kids) and settle in for some fun!



University of
New Hampshire
College of Health
and Human Services

Northeast Passage
121 Technology Drive
Suite 161
Durham, NH 03824
603.862.0070



PARKS & RECREATION

Laconia Parks & Recreation announces a new fun activity, Trivia Night! The first Trivia Night will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at 7 pm and will end no later than 8 pm. Please check the Parks and Rec Facebook page for details and a Zoom link to join the fun!

Participants will need to have paper and a writing utensil on hand.

Questions? Please call the Parks and Rec office at 524-5046.



Isaiah 61 Café has a need for gloves and thermal underwear (men's and women's of all sizes). for the

ISAIAH
61Café

local homeless community. We ask that if you are able you purchase an item and either personally deliver to the Café, or that you have it delivered there. If you wish to make a purchase on-line and have it delivered, please have it sent to Isaiah 61 Café, 100 New Salem St., Laconia, NH 03246, Attention: Dawn Longval. Donations may be dropped off Monday - Friday during the hours of 9 am to 2 pm. However, the Café asks that items not be dropped off during lunch which is from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

This is a community effort of the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia. Our little white church is located at 172 Pleasant Street in Laconia.

For further information please go to our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/UULaconia/>



Did you know there's a quick and easy way to search for information included in the City's Charter and Ordinances? Just click [here](#) to access this section of our website.

The City's Code is updated periodically; however, as new legislation is enacted by the City Council it will be posted in the "New Laws" section of this page on our website. Topics are also searchable by using key words.

We hope you find this service helpful! As always, if you have any questions we are happy to help. Just call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

Bulky Item Pickup!

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6.00 per item you can have bulky items that are eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6 per item) at the City Clerk's office or at our Public Works Department. Please call 528-6379 with questions.

Winter Hints from the Department of Public Works

How to “clean up” your property after a snowstorm:

During Tuesday’s storm, Public Works received many complaints about how property owners and their snow removal contractors were clearing their driveways of snow after the storm. Public Works is addressing any complaints that it finds valid after checking the area with the property owner.

As a reminder to property owners:

- To protect vehicle occupants and pedestrians, please do not blow or shovel snow onto the street or sidewalk. Also, please do not plow snow from a driveway across the street or pile snow from the driveway onto the sidewalk or adjacent to the road. These practices create untreated areas on the road and sidewalk which could cause an accident.
- Please do not pile snow near the intersections of roads as this may block a driver’s view of oncoming traffic.

The City has an Ordinance prohibiting these practices and residents or property owners could be fined.

Best practice for clearing snow and preparing for the next storm:

- When you are clearing your driveway of snow, throw or blow your snow in the direction vehicles travel (or “downstream”) as this will keep the snow that you have just removed from your driveway from being plowed back into it. Remove the snow along the street “upstream” of your driveway and create a pocket in the windrow so that some of the snow on the snow plow can fall off from the plow in the pocket and not in your driveway.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at 528-6379.



WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT

*No parking on any public street between
the hours of 12 midnight and 6:30 am*

The City of Laconia’s winter parking ban is now in effect!

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.

We appreciate your help!



KINSHIP CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12PM-1PM VIA ZOOM

UPCOMING DATES:

DECEMBER 28

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22



MARCH 29

Parenting is tough; parenting a second time can be even harder. This group aims to bring grandparents and other relative caregivers together to celebrate successes, mourn losses, problem solve for the hard times, and give support to one another. We hope you can join us to hear from other kinship caregivers and learn more about resources and opportunities that are available in your community.

This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center of Central NH and the Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center.

For more information, please contact:

Melissa Shadden-Cyr

(603) 460-5285 or Melissa.Shadden-Cyr@LRCS.org

Or

Patricia Eisner

(603) 286-4255 or PEisner@GTA-FRC.org

To Register, please follow this link: <https://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/>

**ARE YOU RAISING
A GRANDCHILD,
NIECE OR NEPHEW,
OR OTHER
RELATIVE?**

**ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
LEARNING ABOUT
RESOURCES
AVAILABLE IN
YOUR
COMMUNITY?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO CONNECT WITH
OTHER RELATIVE
CAREGIVERS IN
YOUR AREA?**

**DO YOU
NEED
SUPPORT?**

**YOU ARE NOT
ALONE**

**We hope you'll
join us for this
monthly lunch
hour group.**

 **LRCS
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**
Engage. Empower. Inspire.





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

Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. This year, some VITA/TCE sites are not operating at full capacity due to COVID, and others are not opening.

Please visit the [IRS website](https://www.irs.gov) and follow the instructions to locate an open site near you by using the [VITA/TCE Locator Tool](#). The list of available sites will be updated frequently, so be sure to check back often.



*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
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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Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
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Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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