

Laconia Links

March 5, 2021 - Edition #478



Approaching the finish line at the 2021 Cardboard Sled Race! See more photos on [page 4](#)....



BOLDUC PARK IS OPEN FOR CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING AND DISC GOLF

Looking for a COVID-19 safe and fun activity in the outdoors? Come to Bolduc Park! Disc golf, snowshoeing or cross country skiing is offered 7 days a week for a \$5 donation. The non-profit Bolduc Park is located at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. This spring, golf lessons will be offered on the 9 hole golf course. Volunteers are needed to staff the clubhouse or help with course maintenance. Volunteer benefits include use of the park's facilities. Call Bob at 387-4208 to volunteer. For more information on Bolduc Park please call 524-1370.

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!*

NEW HOURS



MONDAY + WEDNESDAY 9-5
TUESDAY + THURSDAY 9-8
CLOSED FRIDAY
NOW SATURDAY 9-4

EVENTS and Programs

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



Adult Takeaway Craft



Woven Bookmark

Adult Takeaway Craft: Woven Bookmarks March 1 - 31, 2021

Weave a pretty and practical bookmark out of yarn. Loom, yarn and instructions are provided with each kit. Limited quantity available so registration is required. Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Call 524-4775, text 556-4666, email info@laconialibrary.org



Teen & Tween Programs –to-Go! March 1- 31, 2021 “Acrylic Painting”



Paint a mini-masterpiece on this travel-sized canvas complete with a mini easel. The kit also includes a paintbrush and a selection of acrylic paints. For teens and tweens ages 9-19; sign-up is required.

FAMILY CRAFT: Pompom Sheep and Snowballs



Family Craft: Pompom Sheep and Snowballs March 9, 2021, 3-3:45 pm

Since March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, we're making pompom sheep in hopes of a nice and easy month! Don't want to make a sheep? You can make your own indoor snowballs instead! We'll provide the materials needed to make these crafts, and you can join us on Facebook Live to see how to put

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 & changes.

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

MEETINGS

City Council

March 8, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Committee

March 9, 2021, 3:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

March 10, 2021, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

March 11, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)



Please join us at “The Compassion Tournament”
An annual golf tournament benefitting NH Humane Society’s Emergency
Animal Fund - Providing lifesaving care for homeless animals in need

Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Laconia Country Club
Space is limited! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets and for more information.

GOT LUNCH! **LACONIA**

Got Lunch! Laconia Selected as a
“Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag
Program” Beneficiary by the
Meredith Supermarket

Reuse.
Recycle.
Give Back.



During the month of March, as you make a trip to the Meredith Hannaford’s, you can purchase a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag and **Got Lunch! Laconia** will receive \$1 donation. Got Lunch! Laconia is a non-profit organization committed to providing healthy food to Laconia’s children throughout the summer.

Prescott Farm
 Environmental Education Center

Maple Season is here!

Tap into Maple at Prescott Farm
begins Saturday, March 6.

Ninety minute sessions begin at the top of the hour (10 am—3 pm) every Saturday in March.
Space is limited—don’t delay!



FMI: prescottfarm.org

Cardboard Sled Race 2021





Think Twice Before Buying Easter Chicks

With Easter coming soon, you'll be seeing ads for Easter chicks. Aww...aren't they cute? However, the City considers chickens, even the cute little chicks, to be livestock and NOT pets. In most areas of the City, livestock including chickens, are not allowed to be kept on the property.

Chickens, ducks, guinea hens, pigs, goats, and other agricultural animals are not permitted in most districts in the urban/suburban districts in Laconia. Agriculture and agricultural animals are permitted in the RR1 (Residential Rural), RR2 (Residential Rural Corridor) and AI (Airport Industrial) districts. In the CR (Commercial Resort) district, agriculture and the animals typically associated with agriculture are only allowed by Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you're not sure what zoning district you live in, check your tax card on the City [website](#) or call the Planning office at 524-1264 to find out.

A good idea is to keep your chick purchases to the pink marshmallow kind!

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Tuesday, March 9th from 12:00-2:00pm

(While supplies last)

**Weirs Community Park
49 Lucerne Ave. Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of central NH.

*This event is open to all. Proof of residency or income is not needed.
This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.*

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



Reminder!

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

"Glass is Trash"



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



Cooking Matters For Parents in Belknap County

6 Week Cooking and Nutrition Class - FREE and Online!
Mondays on Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 pm starting March 8th

Together we will explore...

- Making meals more nutritious
- Tips for grocery shopping
- Healthy and kid friendly recipes
- Cooking skills
- And much more!



**For each class you attend, receive a
bag of groceries to practice a new
recipe with your family!**

**To register and learn
more email:
brenda.carey@unh.edu**



- 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. Language assistance is available at no cost

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'Bell & Brick' Coffeehouse Virtual Concert Series

Thursday, March 25th | Green Heron
Concert begins at 6:30 pm and is Live Streamed on
our Facebook page or via our YouTube Channel

For our 3rd and final concert of the *Bell & Brick Coffeehouse series*, we are pleased to welcome Green Heron on **Thursday, March 25th at 6:30 pm**. Ensuring a high quality musical experience, we are pleased to be working with The Greenhouse Recording Studio and NH Music Collective. **You can Livestream this concert on the Belknap Mill's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.**

The music of Green Heron stretches across the entire folk landscape. Old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Irish and blues music are all represented as the band brings the back porch to the stage. Featuring Betsy Heron on fiddle, banjo and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo and vocals, the duo has been sharing stages together since 2016. With two albums to their name, the two songwriters weave the contemporary with the traditional and deliver high energy live performances. Check out their website to learn more about their great music!

Wayfarer Coffee Roasters and *Hermit Woods Winery* will offer special concert promotions the day of and during the show that will be available through the following weekend. The code for the specials will be streamed during the concert.

Find a comfy spot on the couch, grab your favorite tea, Hermit Woods wine, brew or Wayfarer coffee and enjoy the show!



TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm on ZOOM!

Find the Link on our Facebook Page

Questions? Call the Laconia Parks and Rec Department at 524-5046 for details.

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



Photo by Cheryl Semler



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

A student trains to be a millwright as part of White Mountains Community College's one-year Industrial Mechanics Certificate program

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is the largest provider of publicly available scholarships in New Hampshire

Each year, the Foundation awards more than \$6 million in scholarships to help New Hampshire's most promising students with the greatest financial need realize their educational goals, whether it's a two- or four-year college degree, a certificate, or professional license.

The Foundation has pledged to make significant investments in supporting students who are attending community colleges. Students enrolled in certificate or associate degree programs for the 2021-2022 academic year are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are open, and available online at www.nhcf.org/scholarships.

To complete your online application, you will need:

- Electronic copy of FAFSA filing
- Electronic copy of high school transcript
- Email addresses for individuals who agree to write a letter of recommendation

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR
UNDERGRADUATES ENROLLING IN:

**4-YEAR PROGRAM
BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

DEADLINE: APRIL 16, 2021 5:00 PM ET

**2-YEAR PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

**DEADLINE: OPEN ENROLLMENT
THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2021**



Drawing Us Together Fundraiser With Larry Frates

Monday, March 15th
Irish Landscape
Draw Along
\$10/family



Join Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates via Zoom for an evening of drawing from the comfort of your living room. All materials can be found at home: a pencil, paper, and tissue for smudge work.

The photo above will be your inspiration and Larry will be your tour guide as he whisks your inner artist to the hills of Ireland just in time for St. Patrick's Day!

All proceeds help the Belknap Mill continue to provide high quality, mission driven programming for the Lakes Region community. To register, click the link below, Zoom links will be sent out to all registered via email on March 15th.



Link for Irish Draw Along



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

ISAIAH For further information please
61Café go to our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/UULaconia/>



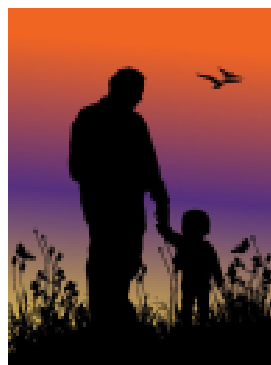
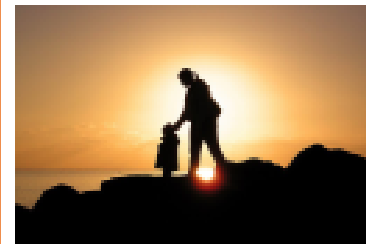
Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday evening, March 13!

Parenting the Second Time Around

An 8-week ZOOM series that addresses the unique challenges faced by grandparents, relatives, & others who are parenting again.

Topics include:

- *Child Development**
- *Discipline & Guidance**
- *Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver**
- *Rebuilding a Family**
- *Living with Teens**
- *Legal Issues**
- *Advocacy**



Series begins

March 17, 2021

from 6:00-8:00pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org



CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective March 8, 2021 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 [here](#).

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 as shown below:

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

Please call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 for more detailed information.



BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING -- NH SBDC SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY ACADEMY

Attendees of these sessions will walk away with the tools they need to develop individualized resiliency plans. Such plans help businesses anticipate their response to the next six+ months -- and the next six+ years. The Resiliency Academy takes place over five sessions, 9 to 11 am via Zoom. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

- **April 7, 2021**, Session 1: Threats
- **April 21, 2021**, Session 2: Assessment
- **May 5, 2021**, Session 3: Visioning
- **May 19, 2021**, Session 4: Planning
- **June 2, 2021**, Session 5: Action

HFA LIVE CHAT: PARENTING IN A PANDEMIC WITH DR. KELLY FRADIN

MAR 10, 2021 • 10:00 AM

Join us for a Live Chat with Dr. Kelly Fradin for her advice and tips on parenting during a pandemic.

A graduate of Harvard College and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Kelly Fradin is a pediatrician and mother of two from NYC. As an advocate for children, she wrote *Parenting in a Pandemic* which provided calm, realistic, and evidence-based advice to families during this stressful time.

You can learn more about Dr. Fradin at her website: adviceigivemyfriends.com or find her on Instagram.

This Live Chat is open to all helpers in NH or families enrolled in family support services. Registration in advance is required. Please submit any questions you have for Dr. Fradin in the registration form: <https://bit.ly/3qKF4yi>

Register here!



"TYPICALLY WHAT
MY FRIENDS WANT
ISN'T REALLY
MEDICAL ADVICE
– IT'S PARENTING
GUIDANCE, RELIABLE
INFORMATION AND
REASSURANCE."



The City Clerk's Office needs your help! We are looking for a Moderator and Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 2 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. These are paid positions. You must be a resident of Ward 2.

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!



Meets virtually once a week for 5 weeks! Date and time to be decided by participants! Call 603.528.6511 ext 103 or email aa@newbeginningsnh.org for more information and to sign up.

Sleep issues are common after trauma, but they don't have to be permanent. Learn more with us!



Everyday Living & Diabetes

FREE 4 WEEK CLASS FOCUSING ON:

Managing Blood Sugar Levels • Healthy Eating
Stress Management • Exercise • Goal Setting

These class will be offered online

You will need internet access and an email address

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Tuesday's, Apr. 7 – May 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

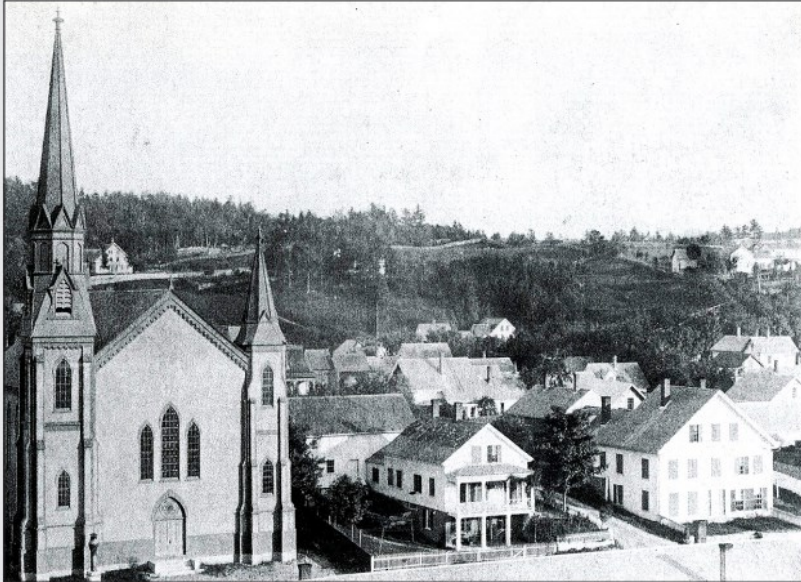
Wednesday's, May 4 – May 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required. Please call: 527-2948

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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 gothic revival 'Brown Church' on Union Avenue in Lakeport replaced an 1833 'New England' edifice (with a 'pepper-pot' belfry), Aug. 23, 1871. Its parsonage was next door, at right, next to Chestnut Street and the house at far right was the longtime home of Dr. Edwin P. Hodgdon. Following merger of this church with the Park Street Church (as today's United Baptist) in 1920, the Brown Church was eventually torn down in 1940. On March 2, 1946 — 75 years ago this week — ground was broken for construction of a store and apartment building on the site for Ferdinand LaPointe, Lakeport grocer. (Laconia Public Library)



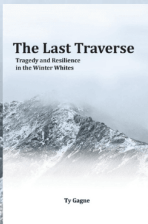
... AND NOW

Lapointe used the first floor at 855 Union Ave. for his store, with three apartments on the second floor. In the 1960s, Lakeport Dry Cleaners and in the 1970s the Craft Shop of Robert and Anita Fortier also occupied the space. Case N' Keg has been the occupant since the mid-1970s. The parsonage was torn down some years ago, but the Dr. Hodgdon House remains, though somewhat modified architecturally. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)


**Laconia Public Library presents a Book Discussion and Author Talk coming soon:
The Last Traverse by Ty Gagne. You can pick up copies of the book at the library.**

The Last Traverse
Tragedy and Resilience
in the Winter Whites Ty Gagne

Book Discussion



THURSDAY, APRIL 15
6 PM



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Author Talk

The Last Traverse Ty Gagne
Tragedy and Resilience
in the Winter Whites

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 7
5 PM





LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY



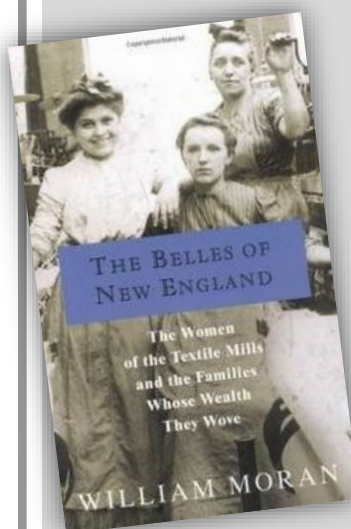
BELKNAP MILL
WHERE ART AND HISTORY COME TO LIFE

25 Beacon Street East Laconia NH 03246 (603) 524-8813



Belknap Mill Page Turners Virtual Book Club Meeting

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 31st,
6:00 pm via Zoom**



The Belles of New England is a masterful, definitive, and eloquent look at the enormous cultural and economic impact on America of New England's textile mills. The author, an award-winning CBS producer, traces the history of American textile manufacturing back to the ingenuity of Francis Cabot Lodge. The early mills were an experiment in benevolent enlightened social responsibility on the part of the wealthy owners, who belonged to many of Boston's finest families. But the fledgling industry's ever-increasing profits were inextricably bound to the issues of slavery, immigration, and workers' rights.

William Moran brings a newsman's eye for the telling detail to this fascinating saga that is equally compelling when dealing with rags and when dealing with riches. In part a microcosm of America's social development during the period, *The Belles of New England* casts a new and finer light on this rich tapestry of vast wealth, greed, discrimination, and courage.

The Belknap Mill Page Turners meet on the last Wednesday of the month currently via Zoom at 6:00 pm. Please email Cathy and Heidi at: bookclub@belknapmill.org to join and receive the Zoom meeting invite.

Colonial Theatre Updates...



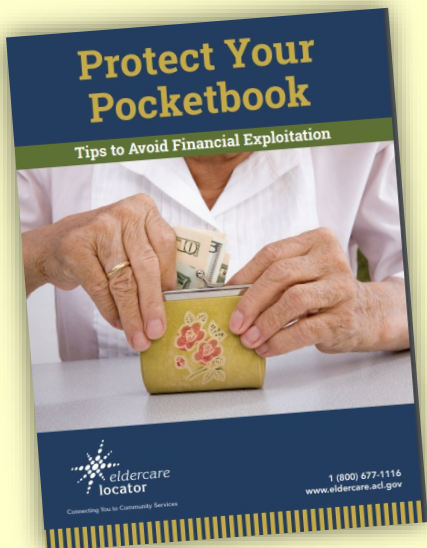
*Our thanks to
City Councilor
Robert Hamel for
providing
these photos!*

Also be sure to check the
Colonial Theatre's
Facebook page [here](#) for
renovation updates!





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



Click on the
image (left) for
information on
how to avoid
financial
exploitation
and tips on
how to stay
safe!

*(Presented in cooperation with the U.S.
Administration on Aging)*

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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 Baumoe	
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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Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

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www.laconianh.gov