



# Laconia Links

April 16, 2021 - Edition #484

Recent photo of Lake Winnipesaukee at dusk  
(photo compliments of View From Above NH)

**Prescription Drug Take Back Day!**  
**APRIL 24, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**Located at the Laconia  
Police Department  
Parking Lot.  
This is a Drive-Thru  
Event!**

**This event is brought to you by the Laconia Police Department in  
partnership with Laconia Youth Alliance, Stand Up Laconia/Stand Up  
Sachems and The Partnership for Public Health.**

## Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email us at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).



**ATTENTION!  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be a scheduled power outage at the Department of Public Works building (located at 27 Bisson Avenue) on Thursday, April 22 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The DPW phone lines will not be working during this time. In the event of an emergency, please contact the Laconia Police Department at 524-5257.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. You can access the DPW webpage for information about trash, permitting, road work and much more at [Public Works | Laconia, NH](#)



LA CONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



# Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



**Adult Takeaway Craft:  
Save the Bees!  
April 1 - April 30, 2021**

Save the bees! There are TWO crafts to make this month: create a cute bee watering place, and plant some bee-friendly flowers. All materials provided, although supplies are limited, so please reserve a kit. (flowerpot in the kit will be larger than the one pictured).

Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Phone 524-4775, Text 556-4666 or email [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org)



**Family Craft: Tree Snacks  
April 20, 2021  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Make a quick, easy, healthy snack that's fun to do and eat!  
Families with children, and children under 18.  
On Facebook Live.



**Teen & Tween Programs to Go! Tissue Paper Painting  
April 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021**

Create a multi-colored masterpiece complete with wax relief design!  
For teens and tweens aged 9-19.



**NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
MORE THAN A CENTURY CARING FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

**Meet This Week's Featured Pets!**

**Meet Wren: A 1-year-old spayed female -  
Domestic Short Hair**

Wren is slowly learning to trust people! She spent the first year of her life living outside, but is realizing that those strange things that walk on two legs aren't so bad! Wren would prefer to live in a house with another cat (or two!) to show her the ropes. She has made progress! She now, dare I say, enjoys being pet (especially on her chin!). Wren would prefer a quieter home with no small children. She may do well with a cat-savvy dog with a slow and proper introduction.



**Meet Phoebe: A 2-year-old spayed  
female mixed breed**

Phoebe is a very special dog, and is a favorite among staff. She loves to play fetch, zoom around our outdoor pens, cuddle with us, and nap! Like many dogs that enter shelters, Phoebe found life in a kennel overwhelming and all the new faces to be scary. The last couple of months Phoebe has been working hard on skills such as: looking at people and getting treats, looking back at her handler when she sees someone and getting a treat, getting treats tossed to her by new people, and

overall learning that people aren't so scary! Phoebe has been able to make several new friends, and is looking so much more comfortable around them! Phoebe has made great improvements but she will need a special person to help her continue to make strides in the outside world. Phoebe is looking for a foster home with adult humans and no other dogs or pets. She is looking for a foster who is able to read her body language, is willing to visit multiple times to help Phoebe feel comfortable before taking her home, and be willing to follow Phoebe's behavior plan to help her succeed. We know Phoebe will need someone very special and dedicated, if you think you may be that person, please reach out!

**Are you interested in Wren or Phoebe? Please complete and submit an  
application on-line!**

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



RESIDENTIAL LIVING

SUNRISE TOWERS | THE TAVERN INN APTS. | SUNRISE HOUSE

## RESET...RESTART!

Community  
Healthcare  
Team Members  
Are Welcome

**Laconia Housing** has been working diligently over the past several months to keep our residents and staff safe. We have teamed up with **Partnership for Public Health** to offer vaccine clinics and have been successful in getting 80% of our residents and 95% of our staff vaccinated safely and efficiently.

Our service buildings: **Sunrise Towers**, **Sunrise House** and **The Tavern Inn** Apartments are open to any and all outside medical service needs for our residents and we encourage your return to our facilities to meet the needs of our residents. As always, masks are required at all three properties, as well as practicing social distancing.

Currently our staff at Laconia Housing have been introducing community events back into the facility for residents to enjoy and we will continue to offer more in the coming months with safety and social distancing in mind. We hope to see you soon!



Many thanks to John Beland and his team from Partnership for Public Health for their hard work and flexibility attending to our tenants and staff in our vaccine clinics in a such a patient manner.



Follow Us On:



# Community Education Classes

**These classes will be offered online**  
*You will need internet access and an email address*

## EVERYDAY LIVING & DIABETES

*(3 SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM)*

**Mondays, May 17 - June 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays, June 8 - June 29, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

## BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

*(Guest Speaker: Susan Patz, RN, MSN)*

**Thursday, May 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Registration Required. Please call: 527-2948**



## **LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!**

Please remember to register your dogs for the 2021 year. To renew **online**: Go to [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov), Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

**By Mail:** City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of 6/1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

***All dogs are to be  
registered by April  
30<sup>th</sup> each year.***

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



The City Clerk's Office needs your help! We are looking for a Moderator for Wards 2 and 3 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. These are paid positions. You must be a resident of Ward 2 or 3. If you are interested in one of these positions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

*Thank you!*

## **Winter Parking Ban**

**It's a sure sign of spring!  
As of 5:00 pm on April 16,  
2021 the Winter Parking  
Ban will be lifted!**

**Thank you for your  
cooperation this past  
winter in allowing our  
Public Works crews to  
more easily plow the  
streets and keep  
us all safe.**

# Our yesterdays

*Our sincere 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 ...

A diesel locomotive of the Wolfeboro Railroad approaches the Union Avenue crossing at Black Brook in Lakeport, in the early spring of 1976 — some 45 years ago. Earlier on that run, it had been necessary to use a bucket loader to clear snow piled on the tracks behind the Laconia Water Dept., off-photo at right, to permit the train to pass. The photo was taken from inside the Burger King restaurant, which had opened, May 20, 1974 and which closed, April 20, 2008. The rails over Union Avenue (just off-photo at left) were removed in the fall of 1991 in conjunction with a major Union Avenue repaving project. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Davison)



## ... AND NOW

By the 1970s, the Lake Shore Railroad (which ran from Lakeport to Alton) had become a spur line, serving Grossman's Lumber on Blaisdell Avenue, about a quarter mile off-photo at left. The last rail traffic over this spur is believed to have occurred sometime in the 1970s, although sections of the rails were still there until a couple years ago when the portion running through the Irwin Marine property was taken up. Vestiges of the tracks are still to be seen behind T-Bones and adjacent to the Blaisdell Avenue Industrial Park. The Burger King sign was located just behind the utility pole (see arrow) but was removed for construction of the condominiums just to the left of the former Burger King building (now Watermark Marine Construction), which is glimpsed at extreme right. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

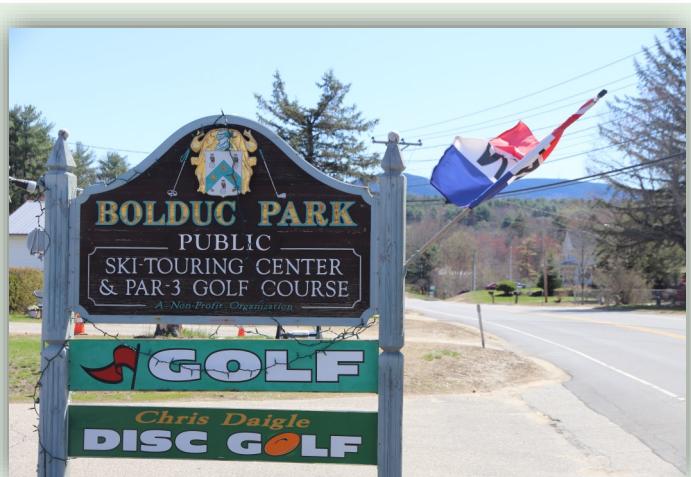


## BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPPORTS TAYLOR COMMUNITY MUSIC SERIES

Bank of New Hampshire is the presenting sponsor for the 2021 Taylor Community Music Series. Since 2013, Bank of New Hampshire has helped Taylor Community, a nonprofit continuing care retirement community, provide free monthly concerts with high caliber musicians for the enjoyment of both Taylor residents and the greater community.

"We are grateful for Bank of New Hampshire's continued partnership," said Michael Flaherty, Taylor Community's President & CEO. "As a local bank with local roots and ownership, they have a unique understanding of the people and businesses they serve. With limited opportunities for social engagement and entertainment in the past year, they have stepped up in a significant way to help us bring music programming back to our Laconia campus and also to our new campus at Sugar Hill in Wolfeboro. And as we begin the slow march back to normalcy here at Taylor and throughout the state, we look ahead with optimism that we will be hosting this socially distanced concert programming this summer not only for Taylor Community residents, but also our friends in the greater community."

*Pictured in photo: Chris Walkley, VP-Commercial Banker, Bank of New Hampshire and Michael Flaherty, President/CEO, Taylor Community.*



**BOLDUC PARK GOLF COURSE IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON!  
Daily, 7am – 7pm**

**Average Donation for 9 holes of golf - \$9.00, Disc golf - \$5.00**

**We are located at 282 Gilford Avenue at the Laconia/Gilford Town Line**

**We look forward to seeing you!**



### **Important Notice from the Department of Public Works.....**

**Recycling containers should not be used for trash!**

Please do not use recycling containers for disposing of your trash at any time.

During recycling week the trash collection crew will not check any container marked "Recycling". When the recycling crew finds trash in a recycling container they will not collect it. That means your trash will not be collected for that week as the crew will not go back in this situation to collect the trash that was in the recycling container.

During non-recycling weeks, the crews will skip over and not empty any recycling container as it is not a recycling collection week. The trash crew in this situation will also not go back to collect the trash. Please contact DPW at 528-6379 for more information or answers to any questions you may have.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

# 2021 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 3 - May 7, and May 17 - May 21 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks on your normal trash day. All materials must be placed in paper compost bags.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

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



**Rotary Club of Laconia**  **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Raffle** **Sponsored in part by:**

 **Bank of New Hampshire**  

**You Could WIN THIS HARLEY!**

**2021 Harley-Davidson FLHX Street Glide®**



**Only 3,000 tickets to be sold! \$20 each**

**Need not be present to win.**

**Scan the QR Code below to buy your ticket!**



**MSRP: \$23,752**

All net proceeds raised will go towards Laconia Rotary Club's Charities  
Drawing: The last Sunday of Motorcycle Week - 4:00pm  
Purchase your tickets at [www.laconiarotary.org](http://www.laconiarotary.org)



# Growing Gracefully



*How does your family grow healthy, mentally & physically?  
What makes you resilient?*



## Parent Café



*Conversations to Keep Your Family Strong*

Share ideas, Make new friends, Reflect on what makes your family strong!

*Join us via Zoom on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6pm*

*Register at: [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)*

Brought to you by:



#MYPARKMYWHY



**The 11th Annual  
Kids to Parks  
Day is  
May 15th, 2021!**

Celebrate Kids to Parks Day this year by joining the National Park Trust's #MyParkMyWhy social media campaign.

This campaign aims to highlight the importance of parks and outdoor spaces in our daily lives and why they are special. You can start by posting a 30-second video to share your own park story and by encouraging your friends and family to do the same.

## Don't Miss the Premier of the Zoom Play Festival!

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is kicking off its 2021 season with a new play Zoom Festival which premieres on Friday, April 16 on the Belknap Mill's YouTube channel and is available to watch anytime through April 25th. Produced in collaboration with the Community Players of Concord, NH, seven teams have been hard at work creating theatre magic designed to be performed on Zoom.

Written by NH playwrights in our Fall 2020 playwriting workshop, plays by Chuck Fray, Doug Schwarz, Doreen Sheppard, Sharleigh Thompson, and Brenda Wilbert will be directed by Doris Ballard, Ken Chapman, Lauren Shelby Douglas, Katie Dunn, Katie Griffiths, Joel Iwaskiewicz, and Judi Rogato.

While there is nothing particularly inappropriate for younger viewers, the subject matter of the plays is more geared towards older teens and adults. The Festival is generously sponsored by Taylor Community and Chisholm, Persson and Ball PC.

The Zoom Festival will be available on the Belknap Mill's YouTube channel.

The link will be available on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's and the Community Players of Concord's FB or website pages. There is no fee to watch the plays, but if a viewer is inspired to help Powerhouse and the Players raise money for future productions, donations to both organizations will be gladly accepted via their websites.

Powerhouse's 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live. For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor, visit [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org) or email [powerhouse@belknapmill.org](mailto:powerhouse@belknapmill.org).





## MEETING NOTICE

THE MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS  
TASK FORCE  
WILL MEET ON THURSDAY,  
APRIL 22, 2021 AT 4:00 PM

Due to the Covid-19 crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 and Executive Order 2020-04 this meeting is to be conducted electronically. The public has access to listen to and participate in this meeting by using the following link:

[Zoom Meeting](#) and entering  
Passcode: 795787

Or Telephone: 1-646-558-8656  
Webinar ID: 886 4350 4254  
Passcode: 795787

For problems, please call Glenn Smith at  
603-524-3877, Ext. 225  
or email [Gsmith@laconianh.gov](mailto:Gsmith@laconianh.gov)



## Recycling Collection

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of April 26, 2021**



*It's almost gardening time!*

Are you interested in having a gardening spot at the Community Gardens on State land across the street from the former State School property in Laconia? Please email Lisa Morin at [lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net](mailto:lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net) and use the subject line "Community Garden Plot", or call 527-5880 for more information.





## "Send a gift to our Earth": Earth Day is celebrated World-wide on April 22nd

On Saturday, April 17th members of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, in partnership with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, are collecting recyclable plastic from 12 noon until 4:00 pm in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street.

We can all help this recycling activity now by starting to save soft plastics and not throw them into the trash. We ARE collecting clean plastic bags and wrappers, plastic grocery bags, pet food bags, vegetable bags (potatoes, carrots, celery, rice, etc.), bubble-wrap, air packing bags, bread bags, wraps from around 6-pack cans of juice and dry-cleaning bags. We ARE NOT collecting hard plastic, for example rigid containers.

Why is this important? Plastic bags that are not recycled end up in landfills or in the sea contaminating our drinking water with microplastics and dangerous chemicals. Plastics also are burned releasing toxins into our atmosphere.

Thanks to you, our greater Laconia community, this past November we collected just shy of 200 lbs. of soft plastics which were sent to a manufacturer of composite decking and outdoor furniture in Maine to be repurposed. Every bit helps. Let's surpass our previous number of collected pounds of plastic!

Collection will follow COVID-Safe practices: Collectors will be wearing masks and socially distanced. Drop offs need to be done by "mask wearers."

*We appreciate your help!*



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, Click [here!](#)

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).



*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.*





**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MAY 18TH, 2021 - 4:30 - 6:00 PM**

## *Watershed Planning Virtual Public Workshop*

**Join your neighbors to discuss...**

What do you value about the Winnisquam Watershed?  
What is a Watershed Based Plan and why are we developing one?  
How can we protect our lakes and streams for the future?

Visit our [website](#) to register for the meeting (Zoom link will be sent once you register)

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



Cohosted by NHDES and EPA

**Please take a moment to fill out our [survey](#) so we can understand what issues are important to you!**





Just Announced!

## Painting at Prescott Farm

Spring: May 22 (10-12 PM)  
Summer: June 26 (10-12 PM)  
Fall: October 2 (1-3 PM)



For more information or to register visit  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)



Just Announced!

## Fire Ecology

Saturday, April 27  
10-12 pm

Join a naturalist to learn about the fire adaptations of local plants and how the frequency of weather events like droughts affects fire in our area.



For more information or  
to register visit  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)



*This year's Spring Clean-Up Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th.*

Please click [here](#) for details and more information about the event.

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

**HISTORIC LACONIA Scavenger HUNT**

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH  
REGISTER YOUR TEAM  
TODAY!

**5th Annual Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt**  
**Team Registration now open!**  
**Fee: \$30/team (up to 6 participants)**

Gather your team, grab your phone (with camera/video storage capacity) and get ready for a historically fun afternoon following clues and learning about the history of Laconia!

**Register your team today!**





## CITY OF LACONIA SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 from 7-7:30 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making corrections/changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

**Marilyn Brown**, Ward 1

**Marie Clark**, Ward 2

**David Stamps**, Ward 3

**Amber Flanders**, Ward 4

**Christine Callahan**, Ward 5

**Lynda Brock**, Ward 6 (chair)

The Belknap Mill's  
Drive Thru

# CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

#candyforcommunity

Find the Golden Ticket  
WIN A SPA GETAWAY PACKAGE!



Details:

\$5.00/candy bar

May 1, 2021

12PM-3PM

Belknap Mill

25 Beacon Street East

A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction



## THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

*are looking for help this summer!*

## SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

- STARTING at \$13.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- SHIFTS begin as soon as April 5th!
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!
- LANDSCAPING EXPERIENCE PREFERRED
- MUST BE 18+ w/ VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- CALL 524-5046 or EMAIL Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to apply!

# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday



## Social Security

**What should I do if I get a call claiming there's a problem with my Social Security number or account?**

Don't fall for the latest scam using robocalls or live callers claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.

Just click [here](#) to access the Social Security Administration's website and learn how to protect yourself and your family!

## SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center  
(603) 528-6945 is the first number to call for senior services.



## 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 Tech. - 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 Baumol	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax.....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water .....	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	



## City Meetings



Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's website. Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

April 19, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Board of Assessors

April 22, 2021, 5:00 pm

### Parks and Rec Commission

April 19, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Police Commission

April 21, 2021, 3:00 pm

### Conservation Commission

April 21, 2021, 6:00 pm



### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer .....	496-2078
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:  
[citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)