



May 28, 2021 - Edition #489

*Field of Flags commemorating Memorial Day in Laconia
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

News From the Tax Dept...



PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED MAY 28

Property tax bills will be mailed on May 28th. They are due on July 1st.

Payments are accepted on-line, by mail or at the counter in City Hall during our normal business hours which are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

For your convenience there is also a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We can accept credit cards for payments at the counter and online.... Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card and on-line transactions.

Please call the Tax Office at 527-1269 if you have any questions.

**Follow this link to our
Tax Department
for more information.**

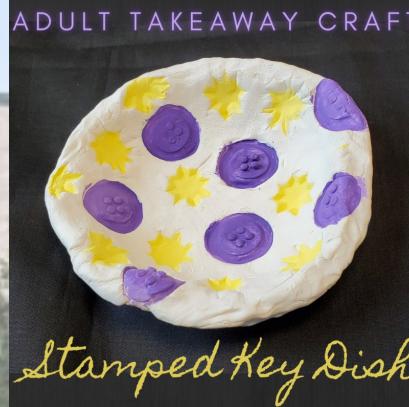


LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs

Preschool Storytime with Jamie
Thursdays at 10am
Facebook Live



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
Stamped Key Dish**
June 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021

Using air-dry clay, create a handy dish for keys, coins, or rings. All materials provided, however, sign-up is required as supplies are limited. Call, email, or text the library to reserve yours while they last!

Phone: 524-4775, Text: 556-4666,
Email: info@laconialibrary.org



June 1 - June 30, 2021

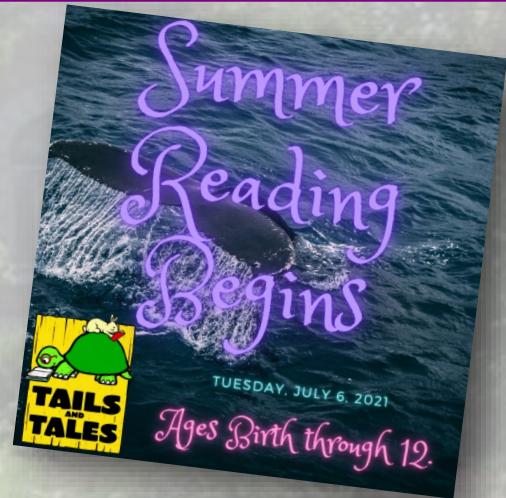
Make your own pendant! Choose one of the included designs, or use your own art or photo. For teens and tweens ages 9-19. Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Phone: 524-4775, Text: 556-4666, Email info@laconialibrary.org

Preschool Storytime with Gail
Wednesdays at 10am
Facebook Live

**Family Craft - Suncatchers
Program on Facebook Live!**
June 1, 2021
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Make your own ocean suncatcher! We'll be using markers, coffee filters, and cut-out silhouettes of our favorite sea friends to make an amazing decoration to hang in the window! Pick up all the supplies you need at the Library, and then watch Jamie on Facebook Live to find out how to put it all together.

Family Craft
Ocean Suncatchers



Summer Reading Begins!!

Summer reading begins Tuesday, July 6th! Click on the image (below) to find out all of the fun details!



You can also watch a quick YouTube trailer [here](#) to learn more about the program.



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

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Meet Kara: A 1-year-old spayed female domestic short hair

Just keep running! Just keep running, running, running!

Sound familiar? Because our favorite sea creature Dory and me have soooo much in common. I am all over the place, this world is so big and I need to see every little bit of it. I want to know what's on the couch, in the couch, behind the couch, below the couch and everything around the couch for that matter. I will not stop until I know every inch of your house, making sure nothing goes undiscovered. With that being said, I like to be a private investigator, reporting back to my owner the stories of my daily adventures.



Arlys

Meet Arlys: A 4-year old spayed female mixed breed

Arlys is a big girl who loves to be close to people! She loves attention and is playful and goofy! She is very food motivated and learning some basic manners and leash skills.

She may get along well with some dogs, but can be picky about her dog friends. Right now she thinks cats are really scary!

Arlys would do best in an adult only home that can continue her training.

Are you interested in Kara or Arlys? 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.

*Happy
Memorial Day*

from all of us at Prescott Farm!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center



MEMORIAL DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31st. There will be a **ONE-DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash this week. Monday's collections will be on Tuesday; all other days will be moved ahead by one day.

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

Laconia Scout Troop 68 is pleased to announce that Life Scout Benjamin Cone, in collaboration with the Belknap Mill, is in the final stages of completing his Eagle Scout project.

Ben approached the Belknap Mill in early 2020 regarding his idea for a Historical City Walk of Downtown Laconia. The design will share information about historically significant places and structures in and around the downtown area while enjoying a walk through the heart of the City.

A small committee was formed with Ben and staff and volunteers of the Mill. Ben focused on the creation of a stencil to mark the path of the walk, communication with

City officials, and the construction of an outdoor kiosk that will be located near the front entrance to the Belknap Mill. The kiosk will contain information about the Walk, acknowledge sponsors and give access to the Walk map when the Mill is closed.

Ben led a sponsorship campaign to raise funds for the project. He reached out to area businesses with sponsorship opportunities at several levels. Current sponsors include G.C. Engineering, The Belknap Mill, Laconia Housing, Lakes Region Community Services, Piedmont Print and Frame, The Studio, and RFS Engineering. He worked with Wes Anderson, Director of Laconia Department of Public Works, and Amy Lovisek, Director of Laconia Parks & Recreation, for approval to apply the stencil and placement of the kiosk. Ben received guidance from Ken Martin, LHS pre-engineering teacher, and Benjamin Schneeweiss, LHS building construction teacher, with the design and cutting of the stencils and design of the sign. Scout Troop 68 leadership and scouts have assisted Ben with distribution of sponsorship materials and guidance through the Eagle Scout project process.

Visitors and residents will be able to start a self-guided tour of the Walk at the Belknap Mill. A map will be available, and all locations will be marked on the street or sidewalk in front of the corresponding site from the map. The entire project is expected to be completed by June 1st and a grand opening of the walk is planned. If you would like to become a sponsor of this project or would like to learn more, please contact Ben Cone at cone.benjamin@yahoo.com



Laconia Youth Soccer League SIGN UPS FOR THE FALL 2021 SEASON

are now open @

www.lysl4u.com

\$ 35.00 per child or \$ 60.00 per family

All divisions will be playing this year:
U6, U8, U10 and U15

Any questions please email us at

laconiasoccer@gmail.com or call

Tony 603.455.9369

Deanna 603.520.2888

NO LATE SIGN UPS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 17TH

OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

your job is to

BE OUTSIDE

HAVE FUN

BE A ROLE MODEL

E-mail to apply: PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Lakeport Community Association



Saturday May 29th 5pm to 7pm \$10.00 donation.

15 Railroad Ave behind the old Lakeport Fire Station

All meals packed to go. ONLY 100 tickets available.



BEACH CARETAKERS

WANTED

\$13.00/HR

Must Work Weekends

Spend your summer OUTSIDE

Be a part of an amazing team

Plans this summer?

Be a BEACH CARETAKER for Laconia Beaches!



Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for more info

Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Virtual Meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet in person Wednesday, June 2, from 2 to 4 pm in the Upstairs Conference Room at 103 Main Street in Meredith. The public is welcome to attend, and those who prefer to attend remotely are invited to do so.

Congressman Chris Pappas, who represents New Hampshire's First Congressional District, will brief TAC members on the status of federal legislation to fund infrastructure, including highways and bridges. Rep. Pappas serves on the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

In addition, TAC members will hear a presentation from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service's (NHDES) Transportation Program Specialist Jessica Wilcox on the future of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations.

There are two ways for the public to access the meeting remotely: Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82136994663> or by telephone at 1-929-205-6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 821 3699 4663. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC website at www.LakesRPC.org. Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 603-279-5334 or email admin@lakesrpc.org for assistance. The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.

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 . . .

Left: Original Laconia McDonald's, seen in 1976, during probably the last rail excursion (above) over remaining tracks of the old Lake Shore Railroad, at the near end of the parking lot, behind the photographer. (Courtesy Bruce Davison)



. . . AND NOW

The original McDonald's opened, May 25, 1971 — 50 years ago this week and had no inside seating or drive-through at the beginning. Later, by 1974, a 100-seat dining room was added, and still later a children's Play Place. A new and larger McDonald's was built, 11 years ago, opening Oct. 26, 2010, immediately south of the original structure — which was then razed to become part of the patio and parking lot just beyond the new restaurant. Larry Johnston, the first manager back in 1971, still lives in Laconia. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



New Hampshire
Employment
Security

"We're working to keep New Hampshire working"

The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security is holding a series of virtual Job Fairs throughout the month of June!

The NHES is now requiring New Hampshire residents collecting unemployment benefits to prove they are looking for work. NH is ending the Federal supplement \$300 stipend on June 19 for those on unemployment. To help you find a great job opportunity, please click [here](#) to access the New Hampshire Job Fair and Recruitment Event Portal!

New Hampshire Job Fair and Recruitment Event Portal



Catfish Howl to perform for Belknap Mill Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series

Friday, June 4th at 6:00 pm, the five-piece band, Catfish Howl, will be the featured performer for the Belknap Mill's 2021 Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series in Rotary Riverside Park!

Catfish Howl plays Zydeco, a music genre indigenous to the Louisiana Creoles and the Native American people of Louisiana that blends Blues, Rock, and Country. There is a festive New Orleans feel to this New Hampshire band's music!

Led by Accordionist Glen Robertson, and featuring Guitarist Mark Michaels, the Catfish love to perform! There is no typical show with the Catfish. You never know what you might see and hear from them ... but one thing is guaranteed...we will all have a good time!

The Belknap Mill's 2021 Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by founding sponsors The Laconia Putnam Fund and media sponsors, Lakes FM 101.5, 104.9 The Hawk, and 107.3 The Pulse.

For more information about upcoming performances or our safety guidelines, please visit our website www.belknapmill.org.

We hope to see you there!

USTA
NET GENERATION
ADVANTAGE KIDS

JUNE 29 - AUGUST 5

FREE!
LACONIA
TENNIS + YOGA

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
GRADES 1-4 AT 6-7:30PM
GRADES 5-12 AT 6:30-8PM
WITH COACH GRANT
AT MEMORIAL FIELD TENNIS COURTS

JOIN ADVANTAGE KIDS FOR ANOTHER SUMMER TENNIS SESSION AT THE MEMORIAL FIELD TENNIS COURTS! TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM JUNE 29 TO AUGUST 5, KIDS GRADES 1 AND UP ARE WELCOME TO JOIN COACH GRANT FOR BEGINNER TENNIS AND YOGA PRACTICE.

REGISTER AT ADVANTAGEKIDS.NET

AS ALWAYS, BEGINNER LESSONS ARE FREE. WE ARE A 501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH A MISSION TO PAIR TENNIS + YOGA TO DEVELOP KIDS' PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH. WE RUN ON DONATIONS!

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, June 5**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot
9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	De-humidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pans	\$ 1

Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

*The item will be weighed on site and price determined.

NEW! We can now accept Teflon or other non-stick pots and pans, any size - at a cost of \$1 each!

Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Got Lunch! Laconia is now in its 11th season. If you have school-age children and would like to receive lunch groceries free each week throughout the summertime, please complete the **ONLINE** registration at www.gotlunchlaconia.com. Register by June 21st for the first delivery on June 28th. Any registrations received after that date will begin with a delivery the following Monday.



To Honor and Remember Field of Flags



Please be sure to drive by the inspiring "Field of Flags" located on the lawns of the Congregational Church of Laconia and around the flagpole in Veteran's Square. There will also be a brief ceremony of remembrance on Monday, May 31, at Veteran's Square at 11:00 am.

2021 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor:

Laconia Putnam Fund



Acoustic Trio | Friday, May 21st



CatFish Howl | Friday, June 4th



Tall Granite Big Band | Friday, June 18th



80's Dance Party | Friday, July 2nd



April Cushman | Friday, July 16th



Green Heron | Friday, July 30th



Dwayne Haggins | Friday, August 13th



Rebel Collective | Friday, August 27th



Sock Hop w/ Rockin Daddios
Friday, September 10th

All Concerts are Free & Open to the Public

Universal Best Practices will be followed to ensure patron and performer safety.

All concerts are scheduled to begin at 6pm

Connect us.

www.belknapmill.org | (603)524-8813 | operations@belknapmill.org

SAVE THE DATES!



2021 City of Laconia Budget Meeting Schedule

The City Manager presented an overview of the proposed 2021/2022 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 26, 2021.

Individual departments will now present details of their budgets on the following dates:

June 7, 7 pm: Police, Finance, Administration

June 14, 6 pm: Water, Library

June 21, 7 pm: Follow-up with depts/General discussion

June 28, 7 pm: Possible budget adoption during regular City Council meeting

All meetings are conducted remotely via Zoom at the present time, and we encourage and appreciate your questions and comments! Instructions on how to participate in the meetings on Zoom are included in each meeting's agenda posted on our [website](#) no later than the Friday preceding the meeting.

The [proposed budget](#) can be viewed on our website. Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 for additional information.



**Laconia City Hall Will Be
Closed On Monday,
May 31, 2021 in
observance
of Memorial Day.**

29th Annual Charity Raffle

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



THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

are looking for help this summer!

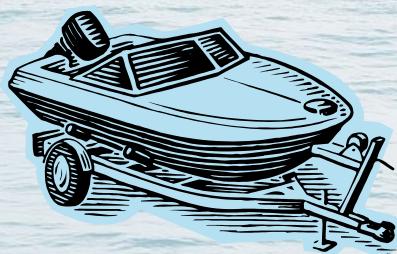


SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

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

News

From the City Clerk's Office
It's Time to Get Your 2021 Boat Registration!



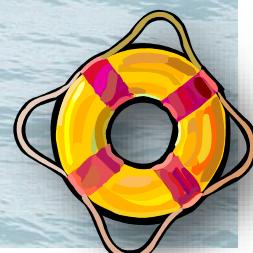
Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

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

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done easily and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

****Please make checks payable to City of Laconia**. In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .**

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



Park Play Festival Premieres This Weekend!

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative and Community Players of Concord, NH are ready to present the second part of their spring play festivals - the Park Play Festival performances will take place Saturday May 29th and Sunday May 30th at 3 pm each day in Rotary Riverside Park adjacent to the Belknap Mill in Laconia.

Written by NH playwrights in our fall 2020 Playwriting Workshop, plays by Doris Ballard, Betsey Cox, Joe Elcock, Chuck Fray, Sherry Gardner, Bryan Halperin, Tess Hodges, and Nora McBurnett will be directed by J. Alward, Lauren Shelby Douglas, Bryan Halperin, Kathleen Hill, Dorothy Piquado, John Piquado, Jim Rogato, and Doreen Sheppard. The plays feature over 20 actors and are a mix of comedies and dramas. While there is nothing particularly inappropriate for younger viewers, the subject matter of the plays is geared more towards older teens and adults. The Park Play Festival is generously sponsored by the Dow Realty Group and TS Event Productions who is also providing the sound design for the event.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative Producer, Bryan Halperin led the fall workshop. "We had a great time working on the Zoom Festival, held last month, and now with the weather warming up and vaccination rates increasing, we are happy to be able to step outside and bring people together to perform some live theatre in a safe manner," says Halperin. Socially distanced squares will be marked out in the park for audience members to sit with those they came with; the event will be managed similar to how the Belknap Mill's 2020 Arts in the Park series was handled for Covid-safety. Audience members should plan to bring their own chair or blanket to sit on the grass in their designated area. There is no fee to watch the plays, but if a viewer is inspired to help Powerhouse and the Community Players of Concord raise funds for future productions, donations to both organizations will be gladly accepted via their websites or in person at the Festival. Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live and we thank the Bank of New Hampshire for their sponsorship of the Mill Series, which includes the Park Play Festival . For more details on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor, visit www.belknapmill.org or email powerhouse@belknapmill.org



David Nelson and Nora McBurnett rehearse *Guilty as Charged* by Bryan Halperin

Assessing Property Tax Credit Forms



DP-8 forms are now available on-line at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm> or by calling the Assessing office at 527-1268. The deadline for filing the form is June 30.

This form applies to the Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit.



This program is offered by the State and refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying owners.

Call the Assessing Office at 527-1268 with questions or for additional information.

Colonial Theatre Updates...



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



Be sure to check the Colonial Theatre's Facebook page [here](#), and their website at www.colonialallaconia.com for upcoming events and to purchase tickets.

We hope to see you soon!



PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH

Beginning Saturday, May 29, 2021 vehicles parking in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in the Endicott Rock Parking Lot must pay to use the parking spaces. Parking in this area is "pay by space". Please ensure that you know your parking space number when you leave your car as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.

(Parking passes are available for purchase by Laconia residents for Bond Beach and Endicott Rock Park Beach parking lot - see information (right) for details

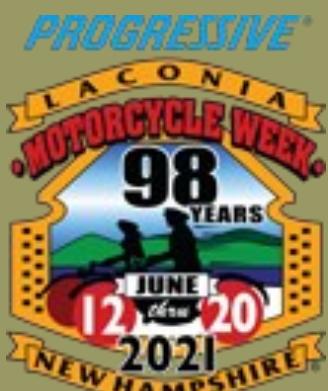


Resident Beach Stickers Now Available!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Endicott Rock Park Beach (Weirs Beach) are now available. Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). 65+ or handicapped - no cost.



Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 for instructions on how to purchase your stickers for this year's season.



This Year's
Laconia
Motorcycle
Week is
June 12 -
June 20!

Don't miss the fun!

Check out Laconia
Motorcycle Week
Association's website for
additional information!



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of June 7, 2021



City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



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

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Choosing when to retire is an important decision.

After all of your years of hard work, find out how Social Security can help you achieve your retirement goals:
<http://ow.ly/monD50Efvn5>



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.

Planning Board

June 1, 2021, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

June 2, 2021, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

June 2, 2021, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)



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	
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 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

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