



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links

August 14, 2020 - Edition #451



*The "Sophie C." mail boat docked in Weirs Beach.
(Photo compliments of Rich Tilton Photography)*

Information about obtaining an

ABSENTEE BALLOT



application, the date your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the Clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Please contact the City Clerk at 527-1265 if you have questions regarding the information on tracking your ballot.

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!*



Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

The State Primary date is set for September 8, 2020. Absentee ballots can be requested through the City Clerk's Office, or by clicking [here](#). Completed applications can be dropped off to the Clerk's Office, faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cyclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm on the day of the election in order for your vote to count. Visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website to track your ballot. You can verify receipt of your



17 and 18 year olds can apply!

We are looking for election workers for the State Primary and General Elections. These are paid positions. If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.



Thursday, August 13!
Join us on Facebook
Live for new stories
each week! For
children, birth through
age six.

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



It's Shark Week! Stop by the
children's room to see the cool
shark books we have.



Congratulations to the grand prize
winner and all the other winners for
the conclusion of our teen and
tween summer reading program!

We're Open!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW HOURS

Monday and Wednesday: 9-5

Tuesday and Thursday: 9-8

Closed Friday

Saturday: 9-1



Guidelines

FOR VISITING THE LIBRARY

Please wear a face covering.

Please observe social distancing and
remain 6 feet apart.

You are welcome to visit the library one
time per day, for up to 45 minutes.

Please, no food or drink inside.

Please check in at the welcome station.



MEETINGS

Please note important information
included on the agendas below
regarding viewing and participating
in City meetings electronically.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

August 17, 2020, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec Commission

August 17, 2020, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

August 19, 2020, 3:00 pm

Water Commission

August 20, 2020, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Airport Authority

August 20, 2020, 4:00 pm

[Airport Conference Room](#)

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





6th Annual Golf Tournament Registration Form



Golf this summer to help a family.

Due to Covid-19 we can only accept 72 players. A grilled lunch will be offered on the course. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be notified via email and prizes delivered to team captain. BECOME a team captain and form a team!



Fee of \$125.00 per person or \$475 for a Foursome

*Includes Cart, 18 hole scramble team, hole awards, and lunch.
Driving range available.*

Team Captain _____

Team Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

*Golfer _____

Belknap House

For More Information

CALL Colleen Garrity
603-387-6598

EMAIL

President@belknaphouse.org



Return To: Belknap House, 200 Court St, Laconia NH 03246

Please make checks payable to *Belknap House*, TAX ID #: 47-1916189



**6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
SPONSORSHIP FORM**
HELP SUPPORT A FAMILY!

**CLICK HERE TO
BECOME A
SPONSOR!!**



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



Meet Miles! Miles came to us as a stray. He is a sweet, but timid boy. He would love a home where he can play lots and get plenty of chin scratches! Miles would benefit from someone who is willing to be patient with him, until he builds his confidence living in a home.

Interested in making Miles a part of your family?
Email an application to adoptions@nhumane.org.

To ensure the safety of our staff, the public, and the animals in our care, visitation is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. In order to schedule an appointment, you must submit an application in advance and can do so via fax or by emailing it to adoptions@nhumane.org.

Our adoptions team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Applications can be downloaded at www.nhumane.org/adopt/application.

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Meet Charlie! Charlie will be available soon - he is an 11 month old handsome mixed breed boy who would make a great addition to your home and family.
More information coming soon!

Check our website at www.nhumane.org for more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, you can email an application to adoptions@nhumane.org.



Press Conference

A City of Laconia press conference regarding the COVID-19 virus was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The press conference was live streamed by Lakes Region Public Access Television and was a joint conference between the City of Laconia departments and the Laconia School District. You can view the press conference on LRPA's website by using this [link](#), or on Channels 24 or 25 if you are a Laconia Atlantic Broadband subscriber.

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 with questions.

Reminder!

'When in doubt,
THROW it out'

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of August 17, 2020



Remember:
"Glass is Trash"



Cybercrime is on the rise, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch out for these types of scams as well as anyone trying to use your Medicare information for testing, supplies, PPE equipment, or any other reason. If you believe you have given out your Medicare number to someone other than your doctor, please contact Senior Medicare Patrol at 877-808-2468 or visit smpresource.org to learn more.

Click on the image (left) for helpful information on the various scams that are popping up to gain access to your data or money as everyone is scrambling for information and help. Learn how to protect yourself as well as identify the scams!



'Arts in the Park' 2020 Summer Concert Series

Pink Houses | Friday,

August 28th - 6:00 pm

Sponsored by: Laconia Putnam
Fund, 104.9 The Hawk and 101.5
Lakes FM

The Belknap Mill is delighted to welcome Pink Houses to the Arts in the Park Concert Series for 2020! Show begins at 6pm on August 28th. Arts in the Park is sponsored by The Laconia Putnam Fund, 104.9 The Hawk, and Lakes FM 101.5.

Pink Houses is a group of professional musicians that have devoted years to writing, recording and performing music. They authentically reproduce the sound of John Cougar Mellencamp's roots in Rock 'n Roll and bring a high energy show, filled with all the familiar hits.

NH Safety Guidelines will be followed. Please see the next page for guidelines related to attending our Summer Concert Series in Rotary Park.

We hope to see you there!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

NEW! ADVENTURE PACKS

A perfect way to explore our fields, trails and gardens while you learn, play and enjoy 160 acres of nature.



FMI visit: prescottfarm.org



Take your Prescott Farm experience to the next level.

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Wild Medicinal & Edible Plant Walk

Saturday, August 15 9 – 11 am

NH Mushroom Company - Wild Mushroom Walk

Saturday, August 22 10 – 12 pm

Soapmaking 101

Saturday, August 29 9 – 11 am



Online advanced registration is required.

FMI visit: prescottfarm.org

2020 Summer Concert Series

The Belknap Mill is excited to bring you the 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series! We are grateful to the Laconia Putnam Fund, our Founding Sponsor, and to all of you who support the Mill.

We have worked closely with the Laconia Police and Fire Departments and the City of Laconia to find the safest option for hosting this year's 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series. With the recent updates to the State of New Hampshire's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines we are now able to offer the concerts in Riverside Rotary Park. We ask that you follow the simple guidelines below in an effort to ensure that all attendees are able to safely enjoy the concerts.

The Belknap Mill is delighted that we are able to bring our 2020 'Arts in the Park' Summer Concert Series to the Laconia and Lakes Region community! Enjoy!

Arrival

Enter the park from any direction while practicing social distancing. Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Seating

Socially distanced areas (6' apart) will be marked by a chalk outline for family groups to sit inside of. Please choose any area that is not already taken. If all areas are filled when you arrive, please consider sitting, with appropriate distance along the river walkway or sidewalk. Sitting in-between marked areas will not be allowed.

Food/Beverage

Patrons are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy while listening to the concert. Please take all trash with you upon departure. Alcohol is not permitted.

Restrooms

The Belknap Mill will be staffed and restroom facilities will be open and available. No more than two patrons will be allowed into the building to use the facilities at any one time. Restrooms will be disinfected by Belknap Mill staff after each use. When entering the building please wear a cloth mask. Add'l patrons waiting to access the facilities will be asked to wait outside practicing 6' of appropriate social distancing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted within any City of Laconia parks. Smoking is permitted 5 feet from the front of the Belknap Mill building, on the parking lot side.

Donations

We hope that you enjoy the 'Arts in the Park' Summer concert series. Your donations help to support our high quality programming. Thank you!

State of NH Guidelines regarding Performing Arts:

- Capacity is limited to the number of people where social distancing is able to be safely maintained with at least 6 feet of separation between individuals and between groups at all times. Close household contacts (e.g. a parent and child) are allowed closer than 6 feet to each other.
- Where possible, clearly mark physical distancing spaces/guidelines with floor/ground markings, seat markings, or signs
- When outdoors, performer group sizes are limited to 10 people total (excluding other support or media streaming staff), and performers should be seated or positioned more than 6 feet apart.



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 . . .

With 'regret and disappointment that no alternative could be found to save the structure,' the Heritage Commission, Aug. 10, 2010, approved demolition of the historic home of industrialist Perley Putnam. The three-story Victorian style home at 52 Church St. was owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester and the newly-formed Parish of Blessed André Bessette 'wants to raze it to make way for a playground for Holy Trinity School.' The city's Putnam Fund, a bequest received in 1967 from their daughter, Nellie Putnam Chamberlin, is named in memory of Perley and Ellen M. Putnam. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

The Putnam House was moved closer to Messer Street, glimpsed in right corner, to permit construction, in 1924, of St. John School — later home to Holy Trinity School until this year. The old Victorian, used as a convent for many years and later home to the Jack and Jill Nursery School, was demolished in 2010 and a playground, which has now been relocated to the parish's Sacred Heart Campus, was installed on the Messer Street side of the site. (Alan MacRae photo for The Laconia Daily Sun)



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Plans for Laconia Parks & Recreation

Summer of 2020 in Laconia certainly looks very different from past years at all of our City parks. All parks & beaches are open (and have been throughout the Governor's Stay at Home Order.) Please feel free to visit our beaches and parks, and be conscious of appropriate social distancing for everyone's safety. We appreciate your willingness to follow these guidelines for everyone's health, and we hope you will continue to do so.

Playgrounds and Courts are now open. Please see samples of signs (right) and (below) that are posted at each facility.

The Leavitt, Weirs Community, and Tardif Park Houses are available for rent again! Any group of 50 people or less may rent the facilities being sure to pay attention to the current state guidelines.



The Playground is open for use, but please know the following:

- This playground is **NOT SANITIZED** as chemicals may harm the playground equipment. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please stay home if you are sick
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups



The Basketball Court is open for use, but please know the following:

- This Basketball Court is **NOT SANITIZED**. So please **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**
- Please note that New Hampshire currently has a "Safer At Home" Advisory
- Please note that under the current advisory, all activities must be **NON-CONTACT**
- Please continue to practice Social Distancing
- Please continue to wear face coverings when unable to maintain social distancing
- Please avoid large groups
- Please stay home if you are sick

For any questions, please feel free to contact Laconia Parks & Recreation at 603-524-5046 or email parks@laconianh.gov



PANEL DISCUSSION | AUGUST 20, 2020

7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Watch the movie between August 7th and August 20th and then join us to hear from local experts and talk with other families about *Growing up in the Digital Age*.

*The movie will be available for viewing until August 22nd.

Door prizes will be awarded during the panel discussion!

REGISTER HERE:

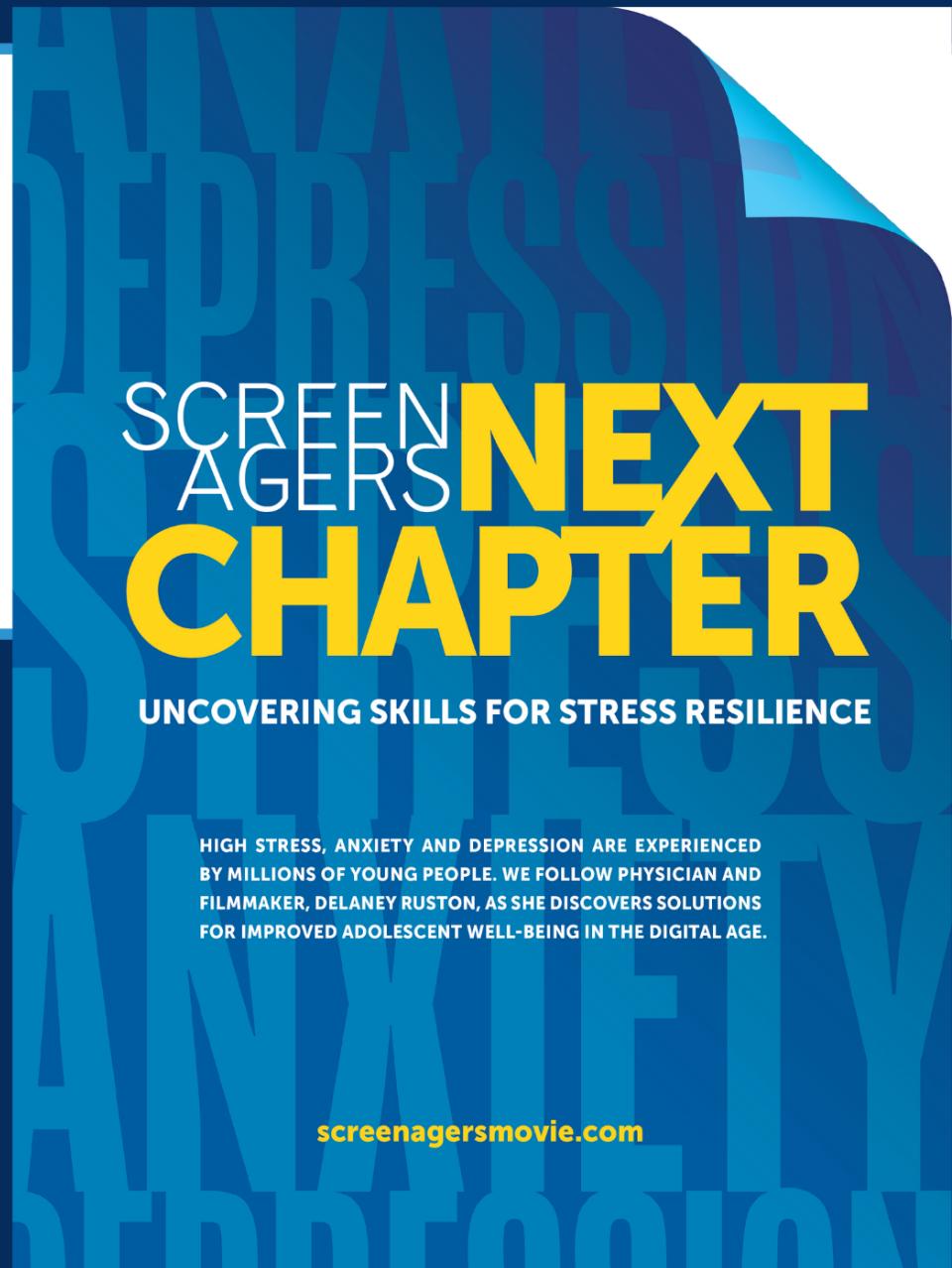
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WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM OUR FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Tilton House of Pizza

Lakes Region Community Services

Partnership for Public Health NH



Partnership for
Public Health





Filing period for the November 3, 2020 Election for the **Board of Education in Ward 4 and Ward 5 and One Police Commission position** will be held from August 5, 2020 through August 14, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Cheryl M. Hebert
City Clerk

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 between 7 pm and 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. No changes will be accepted **after** this session.

Supervisors of the Checklist:
Marilyn Brown, Ward 1
Sam Brickley, Ward 2
David Stamps, Ward 3
David Hough, Ward 4
Christine Callaghan, Ward 5
Lynda Brock, Ward 6 (Chair)



Colonial Theatre Updates...



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

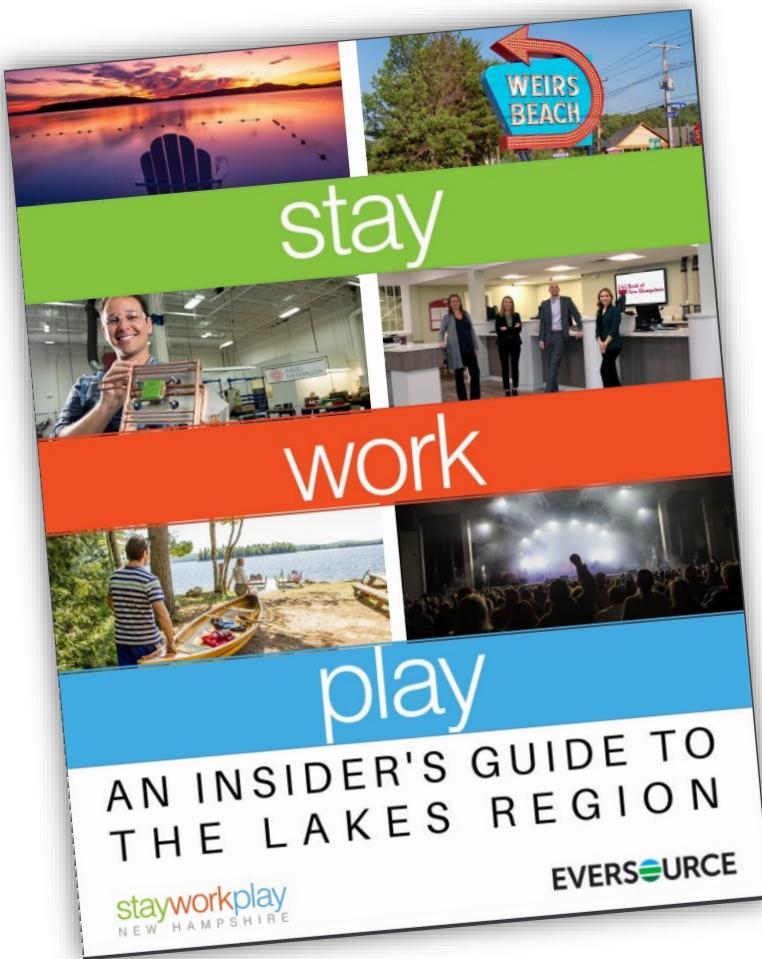




Shown above (left to right): Brian Lamontagne, Gilford Branch Manager-Franklin Savings Bank; Barbara Laros, VP Business Relationship Manager-Franklin Savings Bank; Randy Annis, Bolduc Park Golf Tournament Director; Bob Bolduc, Bolduc Park Course Superintendent; Jessica Beane, AVP Gilford Lakeshore Branch Manager-Bank of New Hampshire

Register in advance to play by calling 524-1370. Entry fees are \$25 for ages 16 and up and \$20 for ages 15 and under.

The tournament will be played on the nine hole, par 3 course at 262 Gilford Avenue, right on the Laconia/Gilford town line. All proceeds will help support the Bolduc Park Association, a non-profit, all volunteer group that runs Bolduc Park for the benefit of the community.



27th Annual Bolduc Park Golf Tournament August 21 - 23

A hole in one will win an amateur golfer a \$10,000 prize in the Bolduc Park Annual Golf Tournament August 21 - 23.

Major tournament sponsors include Franklin Savings Bank and Bank of New Hampshire. Both youth and adults are invited to play with prize categories for various age groups. Closest to the pin, a shoot out and a putting contest round out the tournament action.

An awards ceremony and refreshments for all participants takes place Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 pm. PGA approved COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

“Stay Work Play NH” has developed a 56 page guide to help us all....natives, newcomers and visitors.... learn more about the Lakes Region. Just click on the image (left) and start exploring!

Whether you are new to the Lakes Region or have lived here all of your life, you’re sure to find interesting facts, things to do and places to visit in this beautiful area that we call home.



Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families Understanding Children's Growth & Development

A 6-week Zoom Series

Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm beginning August 11, 2020



Join Parent Educators,
Trish Tousignant & Amanda Lewis
from the Family Resource Center of Central NH

as we discuss

**"Understanding Children's Growth &
Development"**

in an interactive Zoom series.

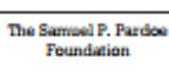
This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on
understanding the stages of growth and
development and on establishing nurturing
routines.



This six-week series is open to anyone...
parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.

All are welcome!

To attend, contact Trish for the Zoom link
(603) 528-0391 or tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org





National Senior Citizens Day – August 21, 2020

Do you have an senior citizen in your life that you love and appreciate?

Mark your calendar! National Senior Citizens Day, August 21, is the day to let them know how much you care and it's an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this holiday to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life. For all they do and have achieved for the good of their communities, seniors deserve our thanks.

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



ServiceLink Resource Center (1-866-634-9412 or 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 Technician - Ashley Ruprecht	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

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

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov

