



Laconia Links

January 3, 2020 - Edition #419



If a fire hydrant is located near your home or business, please help us by clearing a 3 ft. perimeter around it, especially towards the street. Remember...seconds count in a fire! We appreciate your assistance.

Please plan to join us at the Inauguration of Mayor Andrew J. Hosmer and the Laconia City Council on January 9, 2019 at 7 pm at the Belknap Mill! This is an opportunity to thank outgoing Mayor Edward J. Engler for his leadership and service, and to welcome incoming Ward 6 Councilor Tony Felch.

Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 with questions, or email Nbrown@laconianh.gov

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!



Residents of Laconia

You are cordially invited to the Inauguration of

Mayor Andrew J. Hosmer

Councilors

Ward 1	Ward 4
Bruce Cheney	Mark Haynes
Ward 2	Ward 5
David Bownes	Robert Hamel
Ward 3	Ward 6
Henry Lipman	Tony Felch

**Thursday, January 9, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

**Belknap Mill - 3rd Floor
Laconia, New Hampshire**

~ Light refreshments will be served. ~

We hope to see you there!

INAUGURATION

EVENTS and Programs

Look what's happening at the Laconia Public Library!



Pre-School Storytime!
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29
Thursday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:00 am
Selig Storytime Room

Join us for stories, songs and
a craft. For children birth
through age six with a parent
or caregiver.



MOVIES & MORE FOR KIDS: "TOY STORY 4"



Friday, January 10
3:45pm
Laconia Rotary Hall

When a new toy called
"Forky" joins Woody and
the gang, a road trip
alongside old and new
friends reveals how big
the world can be for a
toy.

G. 1hr 40min.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver
14 or older. All adults must bring a child.



Drop-In Tech Help!

Mondays, 6:45-7:45 pm,
Periodical Room and
Wednesdays, 2-3:30 pm,
Volpe Room. Stop by and
we will have a staff member
or volunteer available to
help answer basic computer
and device questions.

Adult Program:
Soothing Stitches
Tuesday, Jan. 7 & 21, 4-6 pm
Volpe Room

Join us for social needle crafting,
classical music and tea! Knitters,
crocheters, cross-stitchers, all are
welcome. Create a moment of Zen with your yarn, a
hot cup of chamomile tea, and some Bach!



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 more information on a
meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the
public. You are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar"
page of the City of Laconia's
website. Please check the
"Calendar" page often for updat-
ed information and changes.

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

Conservation Commission

January 8, 2020, 6:00 pm

Water Commission

January 9, 2020, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Facility Conference Room
[Agenda](#)

MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the
Armand A. Bolduc City Council
Chamber in City Hall (formerly
Room 200A) unless otherwise noted

Laconia Human Relations Committee - Martin Luther King Planning Subcommittee

January 7, 2020, 3:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

January 7, 2020, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission

January 8, 2020, 5:00 pm

1-NIGHT CULINARY CLASSES AT LRCC

January 17th & January 24th

These single-night, professional cooking classes cover two of the essential skills any chef should possess. Chef Patrick Hall & Chef William Walsh will guide you through a combination of discussion, demonstration & hands-on preparation of the select menus shown below. Sharpen your culinary skills at LRCC!

Couples & individuals welcome! All ingredients & equipment provided!

CLASS COST:

\$65 for individuals

\$95 for couples

(Limited space for both events)

Soups, Stews & Chowders

Friday, January 17, 2020, 5:00 – 8:30 pm



A casual introduction to basic cooking skills, knife cuts & culinary terminology, including techniques for preparing different Soups, Stews & Chowders.

MENU:

- Pasta Fagioli —
- Kielbasa Cheddar Soup —
- Corn Chowder —
- Clam Chowder(s) —
- Beef Burgundy —

Call 603-524-3207 to register today!
Or click [here](#) to print and mail in your registration, or reserve your space on-line!

Sauté 101

Friday, January 24, 2020, 5:00 – 8:30 pm

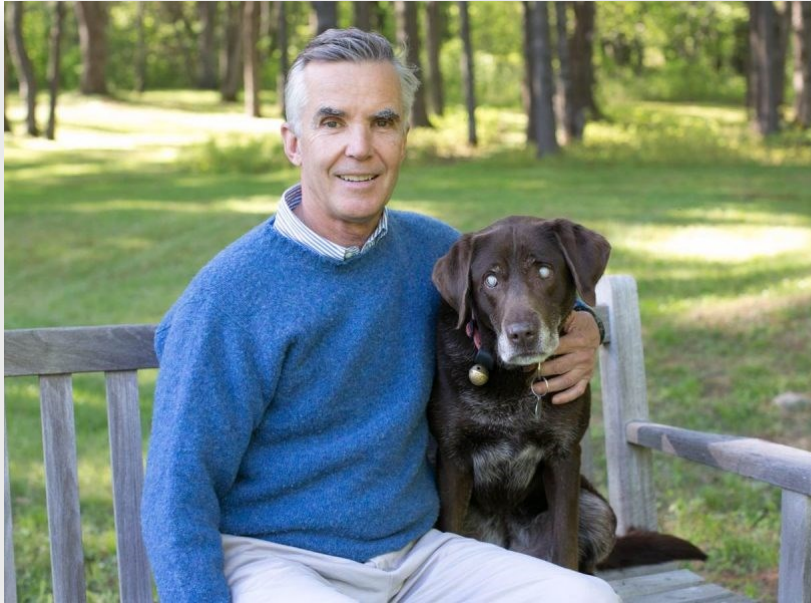


A casual introduction to basic cooking skills, knife cuts & culinary terminology, including classic sauté techniques using a variety of ingredients.

MENU:

- Chicken Marsala —
- Mediterranean Shrimp —
- Rice Pilaf —

Author Lecture: Watching the Lights Go Out



"Watching the Lights Go Out," in an inspiring story about a charming, brave, Chocolate Lab named Bessie, who gradually loses her eyesight. Author Thomas W. Farman leads the reader from the unexpected diagnosis of terminal blindness for his beloved 4-year-old pet through her two and a half year transition to sightlessness.

Join us Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building, as the author shares the story of how throughout the process, Bessie unwittingly becomes an expert mentor and teacher for the high wire act of growing older with grace and optimism. This free event is open to the public.

Laconia City Hall Extended Hours!

City Hall is now open for extended hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month!

The offices of the City Clerk, Tax Collector/ Licensing and Planning, Zoning & Code will be open until 6 pm for these two days. We hope you find these extended hours convenient. For questions or more information, please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

The next "City Hall Extended Hours" will be on Tuesday, January 7th!

Disposal of Christmas Trees

The City of Laconia does not pick up Christmas trees curbside. This allows the Department of Public Works to more efficiently and effectively utilize personnel and equipment time. Laconia residents can bring their Christmas trees to either the City's Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road during its hours of operation (Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to Noon) or bring them to the designated area in the parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive (near its intersection with West St.) by Memorial Park, which is available every day. Christmas trees may also be taken to the Brush Dump on Friday or Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm unless it snows. In the event of a snowstorm the Brush Dump will be closed to allow all Public Works personnel to work on snow removal. For more information call DPW at 528-6379.



**I commit to
donate in 2020.**



CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE



In this Special Interest Program (SPIN), youth will design, build, and race mousetrap powered cars. Youth who have previously made a car may bring their mousetrap car and learn how to make improvements. Youth will have the opportunity to race the cars at the 4-H Maker's Expo on April 18, 2020.

Class will be held at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street, Laconia, NH from 10am to 12noon on Saturdays, January 18th, 25th, and February 1st.

This event is open to youth aged 8 years old and up. Cost: FREE

For more information, please contact Karen

Deighan, karen.deighan@unh.edu, (603) 527-5475

[Register Here](#)

Department of Public Works

The Laconia 2020 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available! Click on the image (right) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.

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

Copies of the calendar can also be picked up in City Hall or at Public Works on Bisson Avenue.



News From the City Clerk's Office

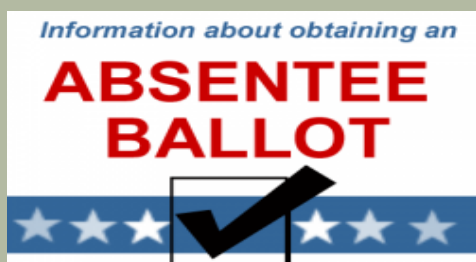
Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

The Presidential Primary date is set for February 11, 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 cityclerk@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 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.



BE A CENSUS TAKER

APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs

United States
**Census
2020**

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

2020 LACONIA SNOW MAN

BUILDING CONTEST!!!!



December 1st through March 1st!

Make a Snowman and send a photo to parks@laconianh.gov

Check Facebook and Instagram for submissions!

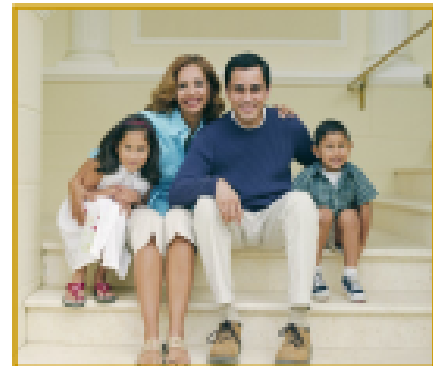


We will announce the winner on Wed March 4th!



Active Parenting for Stepfamilies

Learn how to create harmony & stability in your stepfamily while raising responsible, courageous children.



Topics Include:

- Blending family histories, traditions & values
- Coping with loss and encouraging healthy grieving
- Establishing parental authority using non-violent discipline techniques that work
- Improving communication and building new relationships based on respect & trust
- Teaching responsibility, cooperation & other important values
- Preventing or stopping problems such as loyalty conflicts, power struggles & more
- Coping with difficult topics such as drugs, violence & sex
- Setting boundaries that work for your whole family
- Encouraging your children to be their very best!

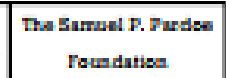
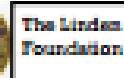
When: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, Dinner served at 5:30pm.

6 week series begins January 7, 2020

Where: The Family Resource Center, 719 No. Main Street, Laconia, NH

To register: Contact Tricia T. at 528-0391 or e-mail tricia.tousignant@lrsc.org

Limited on-site childcare and assistance with transportation available upon request.





Treat 'Em Right

CCPDT Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers

Dog Training Classes

at the Laconia Community Center

Wednesday Nights Jan 8th, 2020 to Feb 13th, 2020*

*- Class Cancellations due to weather will extend the session

\$100.00 per 6 week session

BEGINNER SKILLS FOR PUPPY 5:00p-5:50p (10 WKS - UNDER 5 MONTHS)

We will build name recognition & come when called, owner and puppy connection, focus on you, sit & down skills, beginning walking next to you, calm greetings, taking treats and toys gently, reinforcing good behavior and avoiding development of unwanted behaviors. Building social skills through play time.

FIRST WEEK OF CLASS IS NO DOGS as we will have Q & A and an overview of training how-to's.

LEVEL 1 MANNERS 6:00p-6:50p (5 MONTHS TO ADULT)

This class is for the dog that has had no training or is the next step for those that have attended puppy classes. This is not formal obedience, skills for the family companion are emphasized. Topics covered include Self control skills (leave it, wait, stay), loose leash walking, come when called, polite greetings, attention on you, targeting skills.

FUN-GILITY AND TRICKS 7:00p-8:00p (6 MONTHS TO ADULT)

Prerequisite is Beginner Puppy or Level 1 Manners or any dog that has solid basic manners.

This class mixes casual "just for fun" agility and tricks with obedience skills. This will be a no-stress class that will teach you and your dog to work together, build confidence and communication skills and provide mental and physical exercise to you both! Great skills for indoor days, easy for the whole family. This class is open to all breeds of dogs, active dogs to older dogs. Activities will be modified as needed and equipment set for safety and age-appropriateness.

To Register

Pre-registration is required and can be done via e-mail, call, or text.

Contact Diane Hanley at dhanley81@icloud.com or (603)387-3429



If you are unable to join us at the Inauguration of Mayor Hosmer and the Laconia City Council on January 9th (details on page 1), please note that you will still be able to watch this important event!

Lakes Region Public Access will be live streaming the Inauguration ceremony starting at 7:00 pm on January 9th! Please click www.livestream.com/lrpatv/laconia or www.facebook.com/LRPATV.

We appreciate LRPA's assistance in helping our community watch the ceremony and feel a part of this special event!

Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect! From November 1st to May 1st no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.



*Thank you
for your
cooperation!*

Reminder!

*Curbside recycling will be
picked up the week of
January 6, 2020*

**Remember:
"Glass is Trash"**



Look what's happening at the Belknap Mill!

Riverside Gallery Exhibit: Lindsey Tebaldi January 3rd-31st



Lindsey grew up in Saratoga, NY and moved to New Hampshire to attend college at Plymouth State University. She received a Bachelor's degree in fine art, with a concentration on copper etching and printmaking. She also received a Masters in Art Education, and is currently teaching art K-8 in Pembroke, NH. The love of the outdoors, and the magic of a still quiet forest have led to the inspiration of many natural themes in her work as well as the elements of copper etching being very prominent in the line of work. This collection is the culmination of the last 5 years of working during free time and vacations from school in the medium of pen and ink on paper, which is then scanned and colored digitally.

An artist reception will be held Friday, January 10th

Riverside Gallery is open
Mon-Fri, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Lunchbox-Paintbox With Larry Frates **Wednesday, January 8th, 12:00 noon**

Enjoy your lunch while observing Artist in Residence Larry Frates create an original work of art on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch.

This event will be held in Riverside Gallery on the first floor of the Belknap Mill, or outside in Riverside Rotary Park if weather permits. This event is free to the public!

Please join us on any or all of the following dates:

January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, September 2,
October 7, November 4 and December 2

Lobby Exhibit: **Presidential Candidates** **Caricature Face-to-Face** **January 3rd - 31st**

Only a few weeks left before the NH Presidential Primary and our Artist-in-Residence, Larry Frates, is bringing an election tradition to the Belknap Mill this January.

Known throughout New England for 50 years of caricatures, Larry has created a Presidential Primary Exhibit: Face-to-Face which includes sketches and completed caricatures of this year's candidates.



A special HOW TO CREATE CARICATURES Workshop will be held on **January 8th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am** for anyone who would like to try their hand at making caricatures of the candidates.

All supplies and instruction are included. Please call 524-8813 to reserve your spot. FREE!





Whether or not your home or business was entered in the Lighting Competition... our sincere thanks to everyone who spent their time and effort decorating to make everyone's holiday just a little bit brighter and our community festive, warm and welcoming to residents and visitors alike!



Thank you

To W. Stephen Loughlin for providing the photos!



A License is a...



Lost dog's ticket home.

Questions? Call
the Clerk's Office
at 527-1265



Friendly Reminder!

**Dogs are due to be licensed
by April 30, 2020!**

Failure to register by April 30th is a violation of RSA 466:13 and subject to a Civil Forfeiture of no less than \$25 in fines and court fees plus any late fees.

Please come into the City Clerk's Office, or use our convenient on-line service (click [here](#)). Tags for 2020 are available now! Fees are as follows for licensing:

Spayed/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Senior (1st dog for owners over 65)	\$2.00
Replacement tag	\$1.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil fine for failure to register by 4/30	\$25.00

For the comfort and safety of all, we ask that you leave your dog at home when you come into City Hall to conduct business. Although we enjoy seeing your four-legged family members, we would like to encourage you to be conscious of others. As always, certified service animals are welcome. We appreciate your cooperation!

International
Film Series
sponsored by:
Laconia Human
Relations Comm.
& Laconia Public
Library



International Film Series

DEPARTURES

Monday, January 6, 2020

Time: 6:15 P.M.

Laconia Public Library

**A film of transformation and beauty: a gripping story
of life, death, intimacy, and the spirit of love.**

♦ Free and open to public ♦ Light snack provided



For more information contact:

Leonard Campbell Lsoup03@gmail.com



Extension Nutrition Connections

Slow Cooker Meals Made Easy



Parents and their children prepare a slow cooker meal to bring home each week.

Family cooking and nutrition topics.

Brenda Carey, Nutrition Connections

Weekly topics:

Use a Slow Cooker Safely.

What's in a Whole Grain?

Be Active as a Family.

What's on the Food Label?

Test Your Soft Drink Knowledge.

Choose Your Fruits and Vegetables.

Language assistance is available at no cost.

For person with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact Brenda at 527-5475 within 7 days so proper consideration may be given to the request.

If you qualify for SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, Housing Assistance, or other types of financial assistance Please let us know for priority.

- Free slow cooker for each family (if needed).
- Taste test slow cooker recipes in class.
- Limited space - sign up today!
- No charge to attend.

Date: Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 (snow date)

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Place: Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region

To sign up: Email James Holmes: james@lakeskids.org or 528-0197

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Family Names: _____ Allergies? _____

_____ # of Adults _____ # of Children & ages _____ Phone number _____

Do you need a slow cooker? Yes ___ No ___ Can we text you with reminders? Yes ___ Cell _____

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 . . .

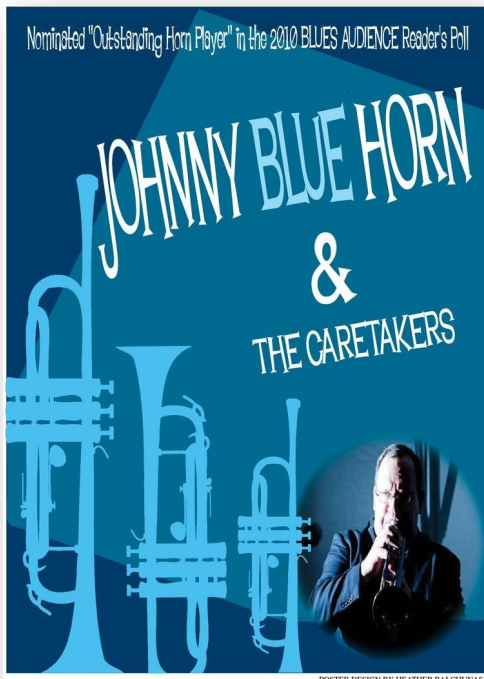
The Col. Thomas J. Whipple House at 144 Pleasant Street is seen in the late 19th century, before the street was paved. Whipple, an Army veteran of both the Mexican-American and Civil wars, was a lawyer and practiced here from 1849 until his death, Dec. 21, 1889. He is perhaps best remembered as having raised, with another officer, the 12th New Hampshire Regiment of Volunteers — 1,000 men — from Belknap County in only a week in 1862. These buildings remained on site until Aug. 23, 1922, when a 2 a.m. fire consumed the large barn — said to be 'one of the oldest buildings in the city' — but was stopped at 'the rear of the ell leading to the main part of the house.' The Whipple heirs owned the property until the early 1920s, when Dr. William A. King moved there from his former residence on Lincoln Street and continued to practice dentistry from his new home until 1945 and died in 1950. The structure glimpsed at the left was the barn attached to the Lewis S. Busiel House at 130 Pleasant St. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

Sometime in the 1920s, the Whipple House was either replaced or remodeled to create the stucco building that is there today and at which, as early as 1929 and perhaps earlier, Dr. King's dental office was then located. (Newspaper accounts in mid-August 1923 refer to remodeling and repair to the King residence on Pleasant Street but do not provide details.) Since Dr. King's death, the building has been home to law and accounting offices, among other occupants. The Christian Science Church, at left, was built in 1923, with first service held, Jan. 1, 1924. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Johnny Blue Horn and the Caretakers, Live at Taylor Community



Johnny Blue Horn is a veteran of the Northeast regional music scene, performing a variety of musical styles with many different collaborators.

He's been singing most of his life and has a dusky Blues, R&B voice reminiscent of Stevie Ray Vaughn, Bobby Blue Bland, and Clarence Carter.

As one critic writes, "He does things with his trumpet that few musicians do. He can take his instrument to the extreme; horn blasts with a lot of melody and texture and everything else in the colors and tones."

Join us Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m., in Taylor Community's Woodside Building for a rocking good time. This free event is open to the public.

New 2020 City Hall Holiday and City Council Meeting Calendars!

For your convenience, our 2020 City Hall Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

And please mark your calendars with the dates of [City Council meetings](#) in 2020! As always, we appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings.

Meeting agendas for the City Council, as well as other City Boards and Commissions, are available on our website [here](#).

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.

X-COUNTRY SKI LESSONS OFFERED AT BOLDUC PARK

Youth and Adult X-Country Ski lessons will be offered at Bolduc Park by instructors Stevens Hill, Paul Warnick and Van Shirley. Lessons are held four Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10am. Cost is \$40 if you have your own equipment and \$80 with equipment included. Call Bob at 387-4208 with questions about late registration or change in dates due to weather. Sign up with your town Parks and Recreation Department or call or visit the Bolduc Park Clubhouse at 524-1370.





Don't forget !
ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945)....it's the first
number to call for
senior services.



NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

The Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
has compiled a comprehensive guide
to services offered in New Hampshire to
adults age 60 and over, and to those
between 18 and 60 with a chronic illness or
disability. Click [here](#) for this very helpful
information!

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

*We hope you have enjoyed this
Edition of Laconia Links*

*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
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
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water.....	524-0901
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Gail Denio	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer.....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	491-8946
David Bownes (Ward 2)	524-4330
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	524-7185

E-mail: citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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