


CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members
FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager 
DATE: Friday, April 4, 2014
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, April 7, 2014
City Council Agenda

5:30 p.m. - City Council Workshop

*Re: Presentation by Ian Penn, Sr. Analyst – SKEO Solutions of Virginia on
Landfill Solar Energy Feasibility Study (Renewable Energy Reuse Assessment)*

6:45 p.m. – Public Hearing

*Re: Resolution No. 38 -14 To Amend Resolution No. 8-13 To Increase the Number of HVAC Units
that can be Replaced in Somersworth Schools .*

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 13-14 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Tables 4.A.3.9, 4.A.3.10 and 4.A.3 to Permit Chickens in All Residential Districts Provided that Certain Minimum Criteria have been Met. (In Committee).**

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 29-14 To Demolish the Former Police Station and Establish a City Park. (Referred to Committee).**
- B. Resolution No. 36-14 Authorizing the City Manager to Sell City Tax Deeded Property at 116-118 Green Street.**
- C. Resolution No. 38-14 To Amend Resolution No. 8-13 To Increase the Number of HVAC Units that can be Replaced in Somersworth Schools. This action item will require a two thirds vote by City Council.**

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

- A. Resolution No. 39-14 Vote to Authorize a Comprehensive Study to Examine the Need for the Construction of a New Fire Station.** This action item emanates from the Council's annual Goal Session.

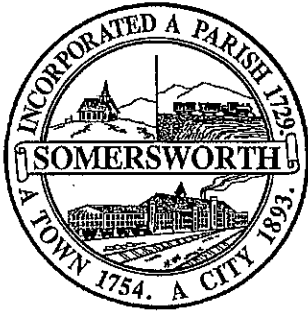
City Manager's Items (under section 10 of Agenda)

A. Information Items:

- 1. TE Grant Update.** Attached is a memorandum updating the Grant's projected schedule. With a little luck, we hope to complete the Transportation Enhancement Grant Project work concurrently with the Downtown Infrastructure Project.
- 2. New Hampshire's Emergency Notification System (NH-ENS).** Attached is a memorandum from Fire Chief Hoyle providing details of our decision to utilize the State of New Hampshire's Emergency Notification System (NH-ENS). Currently Somersworth uses Nixel, Channel 22, the City website and City Manager's e-Blast. This state system is another avenue for the City to get out Emergency messages to citizens at no cost to the City.
- 3. New Online Library Catalog and Library Cards.** Attached is a memorandum from Library Director Debora Longo describing the implementation of the new on-line Library Catalog and Library Cards. This new "nhailLOCAL" online catalog together with the new "Koha" borrowing system offer residents access to their Library account 24/7 through the internet. This is the culmination of a year's efforts to launch this program. Congratulations to Debora and her staff.
- 4. Police Department Intern.** I am pleased to inform you that we have another college intern, Lauren Baylor from Great Bay Community College. Lauren will be working on the PD website updating their content as well as researching the benefits for the department's possible use of social media.
- 5. Serve with Liberty.** Attached is a memorandum that provides details on the Serve with Liberty Program. Again, this year the City in partnership with Liberty Mutual will have the use of 50 volunteers to work on several City Projects:
 - Mast Point Dam
 - Noble Pines Ball Park
 - Willand Pond Trail.

B. Attachments:

1. City Attorney Certificates (2).
2. City Manager letter dated April 2nd to General Electric regarding GE's share for Somersworth's Superfund Site record of decision associated costs.
3. City Newsletters: City e-Newsletter; Somersworth Advantage-Business e-Newsletter; Recreation Department e-Newsletter; Employee Newsletter.
4. Vachon Clukay CPA Financial Statements FY Ending June 30, 2013.



Dave Sharples
Director of Planning and Community Development

March 26, 2014

To: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

Re: Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant update

I am writing this memorandum to provide you with an update regarding the TE grant. We submitted the attached Preliminary Design Report last week for NHDOT review. As you will note from the enclosed preliminary estimate, we are within the budget of the grant award. Moving forward, we anticipate the following schedule:

- Mid-April - Receive comments from NHDOT on Preliminary Design Report and Notice to Proceed to Final Design
- Mid-June – Submit Final Design to NHDOT for their review
- Mid-July – Receive comments from NHDOT and receive approval of Final Design
- Mid/Late July – Bid the project
- Early to Mid-August – Award the contract and start construction

Please note that the above schedule is a best case scenario and it depends on several factors out of our control such as NHDOT review time and the NEPA process. I have spoken with C.R. Willeke at NHDOT and Greg Bakos at VHB and they both agree that the above schedule is reasonable at this point. I will continue to move ahead as expeditiously as possible to be in a position to complete the TE work concurrently with the downtown improvement project.

Thank you.

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cc Greg Bakos

SOMERSWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 26, 2014

TO: Robert Belmore, City Manager
FROM: Keith Hoyle
RE: New Hampshire Emergency Notification System (NH-ENS)

As per your authorization, I contacted the state relative to their offer of a telephone emergency alert warning system for citizens in each city or town in New Hampshire during a public safety emergency. RSA 21-P:38 confers upon the state Division of Emergency Services and Communications (DESC) the responsibility to ascertain means for rapid and efficient communications during natural and man-made disasters.

The DESC established NH-ENS as an:

- automated computer-based system
- multi-line telephone messaging system and emergency alert warning system
- can be voice, text or e-mail based
- uses GIS and advanced "911" mapping for customer listings

The system is activated when an authorized official (Town or City Manager; Police Chief; Fire Chief; Emergency Manager; certain elected officials) from an approved community contacts DESC with an emergency message and DESC then transmits such message to residents in that community. Emergencies are considered to be immediate or imminent public safety threats such as:

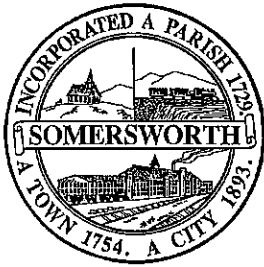
- tornado, hurricane, severe wind, hazardous materials incidents, evacuations, escaped prisoners, armed shooters, etc.

Non-emergency messages will NOT be broadcast, such as:

- school closings, No Parking announcements, notices of public meetings, etc.

Currently Somersworth uses Nixel, Channel 22, the city website and the City Manager's e-mail "Blast" network to get out announcements. This state system is one more avenue for the City to utilize to get out emergency messages to citizens and there is no cost to the City.

The state can have the NH-ENS system operational for Somersworth immediately after they receive all of our designated officials' "User Account" forms.



Debora Longo, Library Director
Somersworth Public Library
25 Main Street
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-4587
library@somersworth.com

MEMORANDUM

To: Bob Belmore, City Manager
From: Debora Longo, Library Director
Date: March 27, 2014
Re: New Online Library Catalog and Library Cards

The staff and I are pleased to announce the launch of the library's new nhaisLOCAL online catalog together with the new Koha borrowing system. This is the culmination of a year's efforts to build an accurate database of the library's items. The catalog may be found at this site: <http://somersworth.nhais.bywatersolutions.com>.

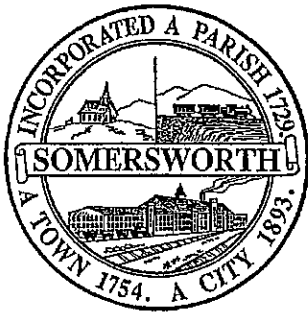
Some advantages of the online catalog are as follows:

- The full catalog is now available on three levels of the library
- Anyone has access any time, any where they can access the internet
- Items that are on order may now be shown in the catalog
- Browse the shelves near an item of interest
- Check to see the status of an item – if it is available, checked out, or in repair?

Some advantages of registering with new online borrowing system are as follows:

- Look at your account anytime to see what you have borrowed and when it's due back
- Place holds on items you want that you want to check out or that are checked out and you want to reserve
- Make suggestions for purchases for the library's collection
- Make lists of books you would like to read or films you would like view
- Keep your check out history so you have a list of what you have read or viewed
- Get e-mail reminders to bring your items back on time
- Renew your items anytime

We invite the Mayor and City Councilors to visit the library and register for a new library card and see the new catalog terminals.



Dave Sharples
Director of Planning and Community Development

April 4, 2014

To: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

Re: Serve with Liberty

This memorandum is in response to your request for an update on the Serve with Liberty program. As you know, Liberty Mutual has contacted us about this annual program that provides volunteers to perform a variety of community service tasks. As in prior years, we are taking advantage of this great program and will be completing the following projects during the week of May 5th:

- 25 people will be utilized to clear a trail network at the Mast Point Dam area (Team leader Dave Sharples);
- 15 people will be utilized to scrape and paint the concession stand, dug outs, and stairway at the Noble Pines. The features will be painted Royal Blue and Trimmed out in White (Team leader Nick Campion).
- 10 people will be utilized to complete last year's project of rebuilding the remaining boardwalk sections along the trail around Willand Pond. These folks will also provide assistance to repair the dug out seats at Noble Pines (Team leader Tim Metivier).

Since we will be utilizing 50 volunteers, Liberty Mutual will also provide the City a check for \$1,000 to help offset any costs associated with the projects such as paint, wood, etc. As noted above, City staff will serve as team leaders to guide the projects to completion.

Thank you.

SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878



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www.somersworth.org

April 2, 2014

Mr. Lewis Streeter
Sr. Project Manager
General Electric Company
319 Great Oaks Blvd.
Albany, NY 12203

Re: Somersworth Landfill Site Group

Dear Mr. Streeter: *Lew,*

Please accept this as the City's Annual request for funding related to activities performed at the Somersworth Landfill Superfund Site and services performed on behalf of the Somersworth Landfill Superfund Site Group. It is necessary to provide funding to the Landfill Site Group escrow account to allow payment of invoices for engineering services for this project and continued monitoring and reporting as required by the Consent Decree entered into with US-EPA as well as NH DES reporting requirements. At this time, I have estimated a budget of \$160,801.00 for services for the up-coming Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2015.

Therefore based on the City of Somersworth/General Electric Co. Agreement for the Remediation of the Somersworth Landfill, the GE share is 49.5% or a total of \$79,596. The City of Somersworth has budgeted its share at \$81,205.

Site: Somersworth Landfill Superfund Site, Somersworth, NH

Pay to: Somersworth Landfill Site Group
c/o City of Somersworth, NH
Attn: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Amount due: **\$79,596.00**

Due date: **30 Days**

Sincerely,

Robert M. Belmore
City Manager

Brenda Breda

From: Chris Davis Soutter <csoutter@somersworth.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:35 PM
To: Brenda Breda
Subject: To what lengths will you go to market your business?

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The Somersworth Advantage

Business E-News April 2014



Greetings,

I recently met with a very lucky business that doesn't have to invest an exorbitant amount of time and money on marketing. Their luck came from spending 26 years in business creating goodwill through consistent quality in both product and service. After many years in business they may not have to worry as much about newspaper or online advertising. They may not feel the need to network after work or continuously post compelling stories and thoughts on their LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

For those of us that are not yet lucky enough to have put in 20 + years of determined efforts we still need to consistently market our business. If we don't promote what we offer, we don't grow. Marketing opportunities are plentiful ranging from the traditional to the extreme.

Publicity stunts can draw a lot of attention to your business ("Dumb Starbucks" in LA and Warren Buffett's "\$1 Billion March Madness" come to mind) but don't assume they will work for you. The coffee shop, Dumb Starbucks, was quickly shut down by the health department and I haven't seen a headline since. Very few can afford Warren Buffett's gamble and quite frankly I just don't think he needs anyone else to know who he is. Perhaps there is something a little less extreme but still unique that a business can do to draw some attention. If you decide to go down this route there are a few things to consider:

1. If this is successful and grows my business, am I ready to handle that growth?
2. Will it show my business in a positive light?
3. If it works can I repeat it or will it lose its appeal?
4. What will it really cost me? Have I truly thought it out?

Think about shopping sprees that allow consumers to fill their carts with anything they can grab in a defined amount of time. Offer that at a BJ's forgetting that they sell electronics in addition to meat and toilet paper and

you just blew your marketing budget for the next five years. Laptops add up much quicker than even the finest cut of steak.

I do believe that some "publicity stunt" type marketing can be a fun and hopefully successful way to draw some attention to your business if done well and done sparingly.

Overnight successes often become one hit wonders so the truly lucky folks will be in it for the long haul. As an old friend of mine once said, "The harder I work the luckier I get."

Sincerely,

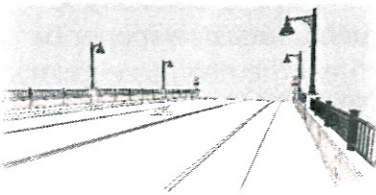
CJ Soutter

Christine J. Soutter

Economic Development Manager

City News

Yahoo! Spring is here and the construction crews are on their way. Their arrival means we are that much closer to



seeing our downtown completely revitalized.

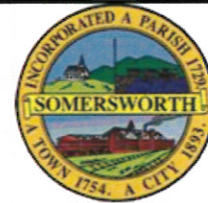
The **Somersworth/Berwick Bridge**

project begins the first week of April and will be finished in June of 2015. There will only be a couple of weekend closures with the first one scheduled for the weekend of April 11th. The

bridge will close around 9am on the 11th and reopen Monday the 13th around 2pm. **The Downtown**

Construction project will be starting on Market St. on April 7th. The road will be reclaimed followed by water and drainage work. Traffic will follow a one way pattern heading south on High St. between Main St. and West High St./Washington St.

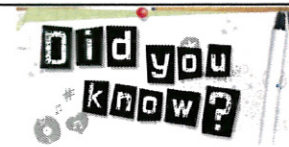
Up to date information will be posted on our website, www.somersworth.com.



The winter driving season may be behind us but traffic accidents still happen and interfere with our commutes and business activities. To avoid some of the headaches associated with traffic back ups you can sign up for **Nixle alerts** via text by signing up at www.nixle.com. If there is an accident you will be notified through Nixle texts from our police department.

Activities & Opportunities

BizEd Connect is a regional effort that matches high school interns with local businesses. If you would like to connect with quality high school level interns through the



Somersworth Career Technical Center please contact Christine Soutter at 603-692-9516 or csoutter@somersworth.com. You can also check out our recently launched website, www.bizedconnect.com to learn more.

Start-Up 2014, the 2nd annual business start-up competition is accepting applications until **April 8th**. The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize, plus more than \$7,500 in in-kind services and an interest-free \$10,000 loan from the Strafford Economic Development Corporation. High school students are encouraged to apply for the *Rising Stars* award. This year 5 students will be awarded a \$500 cash prize! Click [here](#) for details and an application or contact Mary Ellen Humphrey at 603-335-7522.

Join the [Somersworth Area Chamber](#) on Tuesday, April 29th for *Business After Hours* beginning at 5pm. Hosted by **Orthopedic & Sports Therapy Services** located at 388 High Street, this popular after hours event is an easy way to make new connections and catch up with familiar faces. Call 603-692-7175 or email info@somersworthchamber.com.

The **UNH CEO Forum** will be hosting Gene Geiger of *The Geiger Group*, on Thursday, April 17th at UNH. Gene is the CEO and Co-Owner of the *The Geiger Group*, a distributor of marketing and promotional products that was founded in 1878. Learn more about this breakfast event and the CEO Forum by visiting their website, <http://www.unh-ceoforum.org>.

The Manchester Young Professionals NH Start Up Challenge will be awarding around \$55,000 in cash and in-kind services to the winner of the 2014 competition. Applicants must be a NH resident with a business that has been in existence for under 3 years and funding and revenue under \$100,000 for 2013. Applications are due April 18th and can be emailed to startup@mypn.org

The **Small Business Finance Fair** will be held at Southern NH University on Thursday, May 28th from 1-4pm. Brought to you by the Small Business Administration, the NH Banker's Association and the NH Division of Economic Development. Topics will include:

- Creative Financing
- Export Financing
- Impressing Potential Lenders
- Who are the Angel Investors?

Call the SBA office at 225-1400 to learn more.



Your Community

Leaven

Leaven Beer & Bread is hosting their next Start-Up Night on April 17th beginning at 7pm. You can bring your great business idea or just come to join in on the fun at this unique community event brought to you by Seacoast Local and the folks from Leaven. Learn more by visiting their [Facebook](#) page.

Looking for some nice **free publicity**? Send us some photos of your business showcasing your employees and we may be able to incorporate

them into the business section of our website. We need photos that show off the great products and services you offer and the people that make it happen. Send you pictures to Christine Soutter at csoutter@somersworth.com.

Falcon Motors located at 208 Route 108 will be open for business this week. Falcon Motors offers budget priced pre-owned cars and auto services. You can stop in and see Jeff Monday-Saturday, call him at 603-841-3455 or email him at falconmotorsnh@gmail.com. Welcome Jeff!

If you have some good news about your business or staff that you would like to submit please email Christine Soutter at csoutter@somersworth.com.

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From: bbreda@somersworth.com on behalf of City of Somersworth <bbreda@somersworth.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 3:25 PM
To: Brenda Breda
Subject: April 2014 Somersworth Community Newsletter

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City Connection

...Making a difference in our Community
April 2014

Upcoming Meetings in City Council Chambers



City Council Budget Hearing

Monday, March 31st at
6:00 pm.

City Council Budget Workshop

Saturday, April 5th at
8:30am.

City Council Workshop

Monday, April 7th at
5:30 pm. Presentation
on Landfill Solar
Energy Feasibility.

Public Hearing

Monday, April 7th at
6:45 pm. Re:
Resolution No. 8-13
HVAC Units in

Somersworth Fire Department Receives FEMA Grant

The City has received a \$99,000 FEMA Grant to hire more call firefighters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's SAFER grant will pay for virtually all costs associated with recruiting, equipping and training new call firefighters over the next two years. It also provides money for computers, an exterior sign at the Maple Street fire station, fire education courses and EMT training for several new hires.

Chief Hoyle said the Grant will rebuild the City's pool of call firefighters, which once numbered around 20 but fell to less than 5. Call firefighters respond to fires and other emergencies within Somersworth and provide station coverage when the City's full-time firefighters are called to other communities.

The City has nine active call firefighters now, and is currently looking to hire more, Hoyle said. Over the next two years, he hopes to hire 11 new call firefighters. Somersworth has 16 full-time firefighters. Call firefighter jobs are a good way for anyone interested in a firefighting career to get a taste for the position, he said. It's also a good opportunity for people with jobs to give back to the community. Candidates interested in the open positions can apply at the Maple Street Station or City Hall. Applications can be found at the City's website at www.somersworth.com in the "Employment" section.

Schools.

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 7th at
7:00 pm.

City Council Workshop

Monday, April 21st at
6:00 pm. Workshop
with City Assessor on
Revaluation Project.

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 21st at
7:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday April 2nd
at 7:00 pm.

School Board

Tuesday, April 8th and
Tuesday April 25th at
7:00 pm.

Planning Board

Wednesday April 16th
at 6:30 pm.

To view Agendas
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City of Somersworth
City Hall



New Toyne Pumper for Somersworth Fire

The Fire Department received a new Toyne custom pumper. This unit replaces an older Central States pumper which was traded in. After all personnel receive training from the manufacturer and equipment is loaded onto the truck, it will be placed in service. This is the second "Toyne" apparatus the

City Fire Department has taken possession of - the first being a 2008 unit which has served the City well.

Burn Permits

Spring means that citizens will be burning their downed limbs and garden preparation materials. A Permit is required by the State of New Hampshire for such activities and that Permit can be obtained at the Fire Department. For more information please call the Fire Department at 692-3457.

Somersworth Youth Connection & Somersworth Interact Club



Somersworth Youth Connection & Interact Club with support from the City once again will have their yearly Community Wide Clean-up day in celebration of **Earth Day** on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. The challenge for 2014 is to involve the community; students, youth groups, families, businesses and community leaders to "Spirit-Up" to designated

areas, picking up trash, raking, planting, mulching and connecting with Somersworth community. This is sure to be a great "Family" event with free food, music, raffle prizes and plenty of "Spirit & Pride" for Somersworth.

*For more information about getting involved please contact the
Somersworth Youth Connection Programs Office
at 692-2126*

Somersworth Community Garden

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH
03878

(603) 692-9555

City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

City Hall is open until

6:00 p.m.



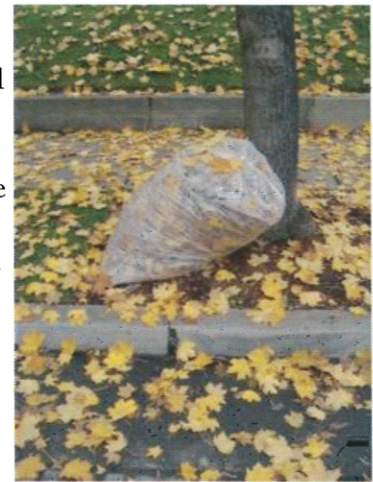
Last Year's Community Garden

In 2012, the Sustainability Committee created a Community Garden at Malley Farm. Check out the Community Garden's amazing plants last summer and fall. Small garden plots are made available to anyone who wishes to grow vegetables and herbs for their own consumption. The Public Works Department is assisting the Sustainability Committee in assigning garden plots in the Community Garden. The plots are either 50 or 100 square feet.

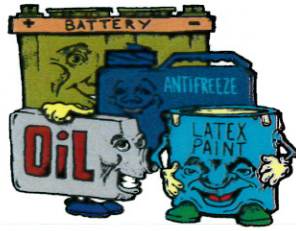
To reserve a plot, contact Jennifer at Public Works at (603) 692-4266 or email at: jnalley@somersworth.com

Bagged Leaves & Brush Pick-up

Brush will be picked up the third week in April and the third week in May. You must call 692-4266 by Friday, April 18th and/or Friday, May 16th to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7 a.m. on Monday, April 21st and/or Monday May 19th for pickup. Brush can be up to five (5) inches in diameter and ten (10) feet long. *PLEASE NOTE:* Brush pickup is limited to 20 minutes per stop. Any remaining brush and cleanup of debris is the responsibility of the property owner. Bagged leaves will be picked up the fourth week in April and the fourth week in May. You do not have to call ahead for bagged leaves pickup. Please have leaves curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your trash pickup day the week of April 28th and/or May 27th. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores. Malley Farm Facility will be opening in April for disposal of brush and leaves, weather conditions permitting. Call the Public Works Department at 692-4266 for hours of operation.



Household Hazardous Waste Day



There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester. Residents must bring a photo ID with proof of Somersworth residency.

Items that WILL be accepted: Oil or enamel based paint, stains & finishes; Paint thinners & turpentine; Weed killers & fertilizers; Insect & rodent sprays; Pool chemicals & antifreeze.

Items that WILL NOT be accepted: Zinc & alkaline batteries; Propane tanks; Car batteries; Latex paint; Computers; Motor oil & tires.

For more information contact Public Works at (603) 692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com

Tax Cards/Tax Maps



Tax Cards for the City are available online at www.patriotproperties.com ; Tax Maps are also available online at <http://www.somersworth.com/departments-services/development/development-services/assessing/tax-maps/>

Exemptions & Credits

Applications for Elderly Exemptions and Veteran's Credits are due no later than April 15th, 2014. The guidelines for the Elderly Exemption are as follows:

1. The taxpayer must be 65 or over.
2. The taxpayer must be a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years as of April 1st and own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years.
3. The taxpayer must have gross income of not more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars, Single or, if married a combined gross income of less than Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars.
4. The taxpayer must not own assets in excess of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars, excluding the value of the person's residence and up to 2 acres of land.

Further information and both applications are available in the Development Services' Assessing Office in City Hall or by calling 692-9520.

Dog Licensing

Dogs can now be registered on-line. On the website please go to Resident's tab and choose Dog Licensing, or just click here

<https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?towncode=924>

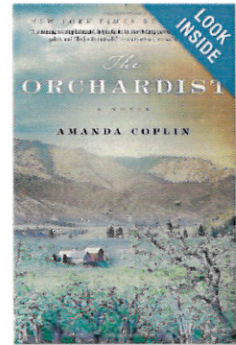


Somersworth Library News

What's Somersworth Reading in April

The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin

The New York Times best selling novel, *The Orchardist*, marks the "engaging and enthralling (Seattle Times) debut of writer Amanda Coplin. At the turn of the century, in a rural stretch of the Pacific Northwest, a reclusive orchardist, William Talmadge, patiently tends to his apples and apricots. A gentle man, he's found solace in the sweetness of the fruit he grows and the land he cultivates. One day, two teenage girls appear and steal his fruit from the market, they later return to the outskirts of his orchard to see the man who gave them no chase. Scared and pregnant, the girls take up on Talmadge's land and indulge in his deep reservoir of compassion. Just as the girls begin to trust him, men arrive in the orchard with guns, and the tragedy that follows will set Talmadge on an irrevocable course not only to save and protect but also to reconcile the ghosts of his own troubled past.



The book will be available for loan. If there isn't a copy on display, please ask at the front desk.

SOMERSWORTH LIBRARY **HAPPENINGS!**

Spring Book Sale - Save the Date!

The Friends of Somersworth Public Library will hold the annual Spring Book Sale Saturday, April 26th at 9:00am. There will be hardcover, soft cover and paperback books as well as movies on VHS and DVD and also audio books/ Members of Friends of Somersworth Public Library will be able to preview the book sale on Friday prior to the start of the sale. Prices are low and regular discounts happen during the following weeks. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the



sale. Contact Librarian Debora Longo for more details at 692-4587.

Art in the Library

In addition to the regular rotating exhibit from the Rochester Museum of Fine Arts in the Reference Room, the Library will be hosting an exhibit in April and May by local painter Ann Vaughan. Her vibrant oil paintings will bring the exotic touch of a Tuscany summer into the Library. She will exhibit around twenty of her paintings. Stop by during the Library's regular hours and view this exciting collection.



Ann Vaughan

Register for you new library card

Please drop everything you're doing and come to the Library and register for your new card! You will be able to manage your Library account online at <http://somersworth.nhais.bywatersolutions.com>, the new online Library catalog and portal for your library account at the Somersworth Public Library. With you new card search for books and movies, place holds, make requests, and more all from this website. Please bring your current ID and additional proof of residency if your ID does not have your Somersworth address on it. Call the Library at 692-4587 if you have any questions.



IRS Tax Forms



The Somersworth Public Library distributes personal tax forms for the Internal Revenue Service, including the 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ forms and instruction books. These are received as soon as the IRS releases them to their contracted printers for printing and distribution. Most are available by mid-February. The forms are now available online and the library staff can assist you with access to this service at the public computers in the library.



Strafford County Family Justice Center

Provide services to victims of domestic abuse from Somersworth, as well as the other towns in Strafford County. We are a collaboration of various government and non-profit agencies, including Somersworth Police Department.

Are you in an Unhealthy Relationship?

Are you abused and feel trapped? Are your children being exposed to a cycle of violence and abuse? Options exist. Reach out today and contact that Strafford County Family Justice Center. Speak confidentially to a counselor about your situation. Free or reduced legal services, support group and other help is available. Call our partner A Safe Place at 330-0214 or come visit us at the Community Building in Rochester behind Spaulding High School. Walk-ins are welcome. They are open Monday thru Friday 9-4. Visit us at www.familyjusticecenternh.com



Maple Wood PTA Presents Comedy Night

Comic Line-up Featuring:

- Mike Koutrobis, Voted "Best Comic in NH" by Hippo Magazine 2012, 2013
- Kelly MacFarland, Voted "Best of Fest" Aspen Roof Top Comedy Festival and 1st runner up in Boston International Comedy Festival, 2009
- Steve Scarfo, Steve has worked comedy circuit all over New England.

Friday, April 4, 2014 doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm

**American Legion
45 Washington Street
Somersworth**

Tickets Only \$25: For event details & to purchase tickets through PayPal, visit www.maplewoodptafundraisers.com

or mail check payable to Maple Wood PTA, 184 Maple St., Somersworth, NH 03878, no later than April 1st.

If purchasing tickets by mail, please include ticket holder names and email so we can send a confirmation.

Please email maplewoodptafundraiser@gmail.com with questions.



AARP Refresher Course

for drivers 50 years of age or over. This course is given over a two day period.

When: May 5th & May 6th

Time: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for Non-members

To register call the Recreation Department at 692-9508



Community Walking Club

Join the Somersworth Community as we walk towards wellness in this six week program designed to promote walking as a healthy option to those looking to get out of the house for some leisure exercise. This program is free and we welcome all walking abilities. The walking paths are flat and circular, allowing many different options of walking time, speed and distance.

When: Monday & Wednesday's, May 12 - June 18

Time: 8:30 am - 9:30 pm

Where: Mount Calvary Cemetery, Maple Street Extension

To register call the Recreation Department at 692-9508



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Hilltop City Bluegrass Festival

Date: Saturday, September 13th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Place: Pavilion, 11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth Bluegrass music all day, beer garden, food and craft vendors.

For more information and to purchase tickets please go to:

www.hilltopcitybluegrass.com

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Brenda Breda

From: City of Somersworth <ncampion@somersworth.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:02 AM
To: Brenda Breda
Subject: Recreation's April Newsletter

Somersworth Recreation


April 2014



Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt

Join the Easter bunny for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Millennium Park on Stackpole Road. Bring a basket or bag to help gather up all the colorful and prize-filled plastic and chocolate eggs. This is a free event for children ages




EGG HUNT
Friday April 18th
4:30 Sharp

Stackpole Road
Millennium Park

9 and under. Rain or shine we'll see you there!

Summer Camp Sign-Ups

Deadline June 6th

Kids Camp:

Enjoy this active outdoor summer camp filled with fun! Activities include field trips, arts & crafts, swimming, special events, and athletics. The cost of camp includes breakfast, lunch, two weekly state park trips, arts & crafts materials and a camp T-shirt.

WHO: Children entering Kindergarten through the 5th grade

WHERE: Noble Pines Park

WHEN: Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Session One: June 23rd - July 18th

Session Two: July 21st - August 15th

COST: \$300 per session for residents; \$400 for non-residents

Before & After Camp Care:

WHEN: Monday through Friday

Before Care starts at 7:00 am

After care ends at 5:30 pm

COST: \$90 per session

Half-Day Camp:

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

TIMES: 8:30 am - Noon

COST: \$100 per session for resident \$150 per session for non-residents

TRENDS Camp

Join us for this exciting and active outdoor summer camp! This program will feature community service projects, trips to state parks, swimming, and lots of other engaging and fun events and activities! The cost of camp includes breakfast, lunch, two weekly state park trips, and one weekly specialty trip.

WHO: Teens entering grades 6th through 9th grade

WHERE: *Noble Pines Park*

WHEN: Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Session One: June 23rd - July 18th

Session Two: July 21st - August 15th

COST: \$400 per session for residents; \$450 for non-residents

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WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays

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TIME: 8:30 am - 9:30 am

WHERE: Mount Calvary Cemetery, Maple Street



Extension



AARP Driver Safety Course

A classroom refresher course for drivers 50 years of age and over. This course is given over a two-day period. Auto insurance discounts may be applicable upon course completion. To register, call 692-9508.

WHEN: May 5th & May 6th

TIME: 9 a.m. - 12:30.

WHERE: City Hall, Council Chambers

COST: \$15 for AARP Members; \$20 for Non-Members

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BITS & BYTES

City of Somersworth Employee Newsletter

April/May 2014

Employee Recipes Shared

Provided by Cheryl Purpura, Tax Office

Monkey Bread

4 Cans biscuits
2/3 cup of sugar
1 tsp. of cinnamon

Cut each biscuit into 4 pieces. Mix sugar and cinnamon together with biscuits, Grease stoneware fluted pan. Drop biscuits pieces into fluted pan. Heat to boil the following ingredients:

1 cup of brown sugar
1 stick of margarine and tsp of cinnamon. Pour over biscuit pieces. Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 minutes. Let sit about 10 minutes before inverting onto plate. Pull apart and enjoy!!

Optional: add chopped nuts, raisins, chopped apples.

Chocolate Caramel Bars

2 eggs
3/4 cup each of white sugar and brown sugar
1/2 cup of miracle whip
1 tsp of vanilla extract
1 tsp of baking soda
2 cups of flour
1 package (14 oz) of kraft caramels
1 cup of bakers semi sweet chocolate
1/2 cup too 1 cup of chopped pecans
1/4 cup of milk

Beat eggs, sugars, miracle whip and vanilla Ext at medium speed, add flour and soda. Set aside 1 cup of the batter. Spread remaining batter into lightly greased 13 x 9" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until it browns. Melt caramels with milk in heavy saucepan over low heat stirring frequently until smooth. Top crust with caramel mixture sprinkle with chocolate chips and pecans. Spoon reserved batter by teaspoon over chips and pecans, Continue baking 12-15 minutes or until browned. Cool then cut into squares.

**After eating these scrumptious
desserts make sure you go to the
gym!!!!**

Facts & Trivia Is April a Horrible Month?

- * Start of The Civil War: April 12th 1861
- * Abraham Lincoln Shot: April 14th 1865
- * Hitler Born: April 20th 1889
- * San Francisco Earthquake: April 18th 1906
- * Titanic Sinks: April 15th 1912
- * Failed Bay of Pigs Invasion: April 20th 1961
- * Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated: April 4th 1968
- * Chernobyl: April 26th 1986
- * Start of Bosnian War: April 4th 1992
- * Waco: April 19th 1993
- * Kurt Cobain Suicide: April 5th 1994
- * Oklahoma City Bombing: April 19th 1995
- * Columbine: April 20th 1999
- * Virginia Tech Shooting: April 16th 2007
- * BP Oil Spill Disaster: April 20th 2010

And as to why April is such a horrible month, there are 2 major theories circulating across the interwebs. Foolish not to point out that some of the events above are simply coincidence or more random than anything else; they just happen to fall within the month of April.

The first theory is that all the crazies who had *winter cabin fever* (we all can relate to this!) come out of 'hiding' for the spring and unleash their seasonal depression upon the masses or themselves.

The second theory also relating to the change in weather is that from a military strategic standpoint it is a more advisable time to wage war and/or terror. After all you can't blow up a building or move troops effectively if roads are closed and people are home for snow days.

But regardless of the motivation or reasons for such horrible events all happening in April, it's hard to look at that list and not be shocked.

But hey, there is good news too. If you were lucky enough to invest in a small computer company in April of 1976 – you are probably a billionaire in 2014: **Apple Inc. founded April 1st, 1976.** and you would not be reading this newsletter.....

BITS & BYTES

City of Somersworth Employee Newsletter

April/May 2014



Employee Profile—Who Knew? Debora Longo—Library Director

Where do you live? While some people think I live at the Somersworth Public Library, I live in Rochester.

My home is on the south side of the City so I have an easy 7 mile commute to work. Just long enough to finish an audiobook every 2 weeks.

Where did you grow up? Just like my dad before, in Pride's Corner, a rural neighborhood in the NEast section of Westbrook, ME. I was within walking distance of school, church, grocery store, dance lessons and bowling alley.

How Long have you work for the City of Somersworth? It's been just over 25 years since I got my set of keys to the library; in that time City Hall has moved closer and the police station farther away, and now I have a new set of keys to a new set of doors!

What do you like most about your job?

When you enjoy just about everything about work you do everyday, singling out on part over another is too difficult.

Family? My husband Richard and my mother Jane keep me busy on a daily basis. In addition, I have 2 wonderful stepchildren, Ben and his wife Lori, and Melanie and her husband Robert. As for my step-grandchildren, Rick has graduated from Keene State and lives in MA with his wife Gretchen, and Amanda is still working her life's direction.

Pets? Gizmo my dalmation-hound mix, and Rani, my mom's Bengal cat have found détente since they began to share our home 8 years ago. The peace falls apart occasionally, but considering Rani was never supposed to live in a home with other animals, I believe they set a great example for having the quality of adaptability.

Hobbies? It will surprise no one that reading is my number one hobby. Add to that photography, travel, walking in the woods, birding and needlecraft if I can fit it into in my busy day.

Health Activities? I enjoy running up and down 4 levels of the library five days a week, waking dogs twice through my neighborhood and cooking healthy for my family.

Health Tips? Eat a rainbow...make sure you have a variety of different foods daily, especially fruits and vegetables. Don't forget chocolate is now good for you!

Where did you go on your last vacation? My mom and I flew out West and explored the national parks in central CA, the lighthouse of Oregon coast and saw my cousin in Washington. This year we are headed to Alaska after some of the snow melts.

Last book read? Wave by Sonali Deraniyagala. She has written the searing memoir of her journey through the grief of losing her whole family to the tsunami that struck Asia the day after Christmas 2004.

Favorite month? September, not too hot, not too cold!

Favorite Movie? Lord of the Rings-all 3-director's cut.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where?

I'm pretty happy right where I am!

Something we don't know about you?

I spent a week in Antarctica!



Can you guess who this person is in the picture, on your left
She works here:)

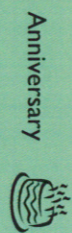
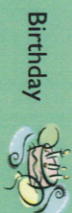
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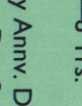
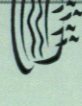



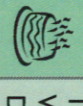
















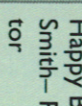

Congratulations Pam Constance!!—She won a gift certificate for the Brainteaser in last month's Newsletter. Answer: "They put in a relief pitcher"

April 2014

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Birthdays		Anniversaries		Anniversaries	
Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			1	2	3
					Happy Birthday James Drakopoulos, Firefighter
					4
					Happy Birthday Shawn McLean, General Foreman
					5
					Happy Birthday Cheryl Purpura, Tax Collector
					12
					11
					Happy Annv Bill Staples, Firefighter—11 Years
					18
					Happy Birthday David McKinney, Maintenance Supervisor
					19
					25
					Happy Birthday Greg Kirchofer, Water Treatment Plant Operator
					26
					24
					17
					Happy Birthday Chief Crombie
					16
					Happy Annv Marc Vail-lancourt, Fire Lt.—32 Years
					15
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					Happy Birthday Greg Thibault, Distribution Sys Operator.
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					Happy Annv Cheryl Howard, Fire Dept Secretary
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					Happy Birthday Grif-fin Farley, Police Officer
					7

May 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Happy Birthday Bruce Thibault, Dist System Opr. 	5 	6 Happy Birthday Allen Breton, Water Plant Opr. 	7 	8 Happy Annv. Ron Gosselin, Motor Equip Opr.—8 Yrs. Happy Annv. Dacry Moore, Dev Ser. Sec- retary—2 Yrs. 	9 	10 
11 	12 	13 	14 Happy Annv. Wilfred Durance-PD Dispatch—13 yrs. Happy Birthday Trish Harris-Water Secre- tary Happy Birthday Neal Pawlik, Police Officer 	15 Happy Annv. Tracy Gorra—Dev Services Exec Asst.—8 Yrs. 	16 	17 
18 Happy Birthday Holly Langmaid, PD Dispatcher 	19 Happy Annv. David Reynolds, Equipment Opr.—11 Yrs. 	20 	21 	22 Happy Birthday Ian Rohrbacher, WWTP Opr. 	23 	24 Happy Birthday Debora Long—Library Director Happy Annv Denis Messier—Police Sgt.— 4 Yrs. Happy Birthday Russ Timmons, Police Cap- tain 
25 	26 Happy Birthday Cory Tibbetts, Fire- fighter 	27 Happy Birthday Stephanie Rochefort, WWTP Chemist 	28 	29 	30 Happy Birthday Thomas Orlando, Po- lice Officer Happy Birthday Scott Smith—Finance Direc- tor 	31 

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April 2, 2014

CERTIFICATION

Re: City of Somersworth, New Hampshire

Resolution No. 38-14

Title: TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 8-13 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF HVAC UNITS THAT CAN BE REPLACED IN SOMERSWORTH SCHOOLS

This is to confirm that in accordance with Somersworth City Council Rules and Regulations #17 (D)1, we have reviewed the above referenced resolution, after it passed a first reading. To our examination it is in correct technical form, and to our understanding is not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the State of New Hampshire nor the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Somersworth.

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April 2, 2014

CERTIFICATION

Re: City of Somersworth, New Hampshire

Resolution No. 39-14

Title: VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO
EXAMINE THE NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
NEW FIRE STATION.

This is to confirm that in accordance with Somersworth City Council Rules and Regulations #17 (D)1, we have reviewed the above referenced resolution, after it passed a first reading. To our examination it is in correct technical form, and to our understanding is not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the State of New Hampshire nor the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Somersworth.

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