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The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings

City of Somersworth
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

City Hall Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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City Council Meetings

Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager presents
FY2023 Proposed Budget

Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with
FY2023 Proposed Budget
Public Hearing

Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report for the City Council Meetings available here

Missed the Meeting? Catch it again Online
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Channel 22, you can catch them again, online and demand

Simply **watch Somersworth** to begin watching meetings on demand.

property tax or utility payments or other drop off business. It is available and secure 24/7.If you have question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.

Board & Committee Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee (SRTC) view agenda
Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment view agenda
Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission view agenda
Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting view agenda
Tuesday, April 12 at 700 p.m.

Planning Board view agenda
Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission view agenda
Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

State of the City Address March 14, 2022

We are **ONE** people, **ONE** Community, **ONE** City,
We are bound, bound together by our common values of the Hilltopper Spirit of ***neighbor helping neighbor***.

Our past is “Proud”, filled with the stories of our ancestors, those who came before us dedicated to a common vision. A vision which was clear, a vision which was able to be seen and formulated upon the knowledge that the greatest asset a community will ever have, is its people. It defines the soul of what brings it alive, it sets its course towards greatness and reminds us all that our neighbors’ problems are our problems, that when those who we have never met in our community succeed, we all succeed. Our success, our course, our future is all linked to one another. Our actions, our discourse, our empathy, our civility, is what defines Somersworth and has been the foundational blocks of our success for the 293 years of our existence.

Tonight, I share my State of the City with not only the Superintendent of Schools who I welcome to the podium as a testament to Somersworth’s team approach to governing, but three Hilltopper youth who will guide us on the vision they see for our “Bight Future”.

Somersworth, the State of our City is founded by the values which have defined us as **ONE** community. The Hilltopper Spirit that flows through each

person who identifies themselves as a Hilltopper. For the last 9 years we have experienced our re-awakening, and despite those who continue to challenge the direction of our success for their own personal agenda and self – centered outcomes, we continue. We continue to rise, rise about the criticism and false claims, rise above the attacks, rise above the interjections of partisan politics into our non-partisan system. We continue, continue "**On the Move**" having reached our Vision 2020 goals and beginning our journey on forging the next ten-year Master Plan with the "***Eyes on 30" Commission***.

Over the last two years as a people, as a community, we were tested. Tested by an enemy we could not see, **COVID 19**. Yet, despite the risks, despite the fear, despite the personal uncertainty, our values continued to shine. We held to the fabric of what has made us great, and instead of retreating from each other, we supported and stood by each other. When other communities were imploding on the politics of the virus, we found common ground, and continued to govern in the fashion which has become a model of municipal governments. Gone are the days when we attacked each other as political rivals, instead in our 10 square mile community, democracy functions as it was intended to by our founders.

While our state and federal system continues to be plagued with polarization and lack of discord, in the Hilltop City elected individuals with differences of opinions, continue to come together to set the course of a common vision towards success as ***ONE*** team. ***One, One City, One School District, One People, One.***

The successes we have reached by listening to each other, by working with each other and by modeling civility have led to our community being one of the hottest new markets. We gather here this evening with our commitment towards moving our new vision forward, with our ***Eyes on 30,*** knowing it cannot be crafted by just those who serve in office. It must be a collective input and guidance from all members of our community. Tonight, the State of our City and the course towards our future will not be outlined by me your mayor. Instead with pride, this evening I pass the torch to the next generation of Hilltop leaders, who will one day sit in the seats and hold the offices that you and I do. For the success and vision of our community does not just belong to the current generation, but the generation of the future.

Tonight, with honor I welcome three young Hilltoppers, Hilltoppers who model commitment to the success of our community and welcome them to share with us, the priorities they see for our future. This evening we are joined by Somersworth Middle School 8th Grader Chaplin Coussoule, Somersworth High School 9th grader Mia Westphal and Somersworth High School Senior Carli Gauvin. I welcome all three of you to the podium to share your Vision for our future. Somersworth, we are truly "***One the Move***!" and as ***ONE*** city we will continue to hold to the values which have defined our success "***Neighbor helping neighbor***". For the foundation of success will continue to lay in each citizen who calls our 10 square mile home. Together, as a united community we will continue to celebrate our "***Proud Past***" while ensuring a

"***Bright Future for all***!

Tonight, I also have the honor of celebrating the dedication of an extraordinary Hilltopper. For **39 years**, David Kretschmar has defined what it truly means to "Walk the Thin Blue Line". With honor and dedication, each day he rose above his own personal wants and desire to protect the dreams of the community and the citizens he loved. Tonight, we say a humble thank you. Thank you, David, for your forward vision which has re-invented community policing within Somersworth. Thank you for each day you gave your best, given your best to your fellow officers, given your best to the citizens who call our 10 square mile city home, and giving your best Somersworth "***Bright Future***". Tonight, David, I honor you with the following proclamation and two flags which have been flown over **Citizens Place** in your honor.

May God continue to shine his grace upon each of us and our 10 square mile home known as Somersworth.

For Somersworth we are "On the Move!" and our "Future is Now!"
"We are a community"! "We are achieving progress and greatness"! "Let our Journey Continue" as we venture forward united as Hilltoppers!
WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

State of the City Address
Lori Lane, Superintendent of Schools

On April 19, 2021, New Hampshire's public schools returned to full-time in-person learning for all students for the first time in over a year since the COVID-19 health pandemic gripped our world. As I contemplated how my tenure as your superintendent was going to begin in July, I knew that even though our schools had been back in-person for about two months before the school year ended, the impact of the pandemic on our students and staff was far from over. In many ways, we were all lost – we had been physically and socially separated from each other in ways that we had never experienced before, our existence had been reduced to a computer screen, we were afraid of getting too close to each other for fear of contracting COVID - a hug or a handshake forbidden; and we all watched as our societal rules of civility and respect were thrown out the window as various political battles played out in social media and on TV, with individuals demonstrating blatant disrespect and a genuine lack of regard for each other even though we were all waging the same war against COVID-19. Unfortunately, our children have seen a lot and been through a lot through the pandemic. What an interesting time to become a superintendent!
Read more....

Left to Right: Mia Westpal, Mayor Dana Hilliard, Chaplin Coussele, Carli Gauvin

State of the City Address

Chaplin Cassoule - Somersworth Middle School 8th Grade

So, this is truly an honor to be here in front of you all and talk about this topic. When I was given the letter asking whether or not I would want to do this, it gave me the two topics to talk about. Let's just focus on the first one for now. It read, "what Somersworth should look like in 2030." and that got me thinking, I will be 22 years old then, which goes to show that this is far ahead which also means that things will be very different then, so allow me to get started.

First of all, I want our town in 2030 to look like a place in which people can be themselves, we live in a world where everyone has a difference, whether that's because of their race or religion or sexual orientation. But there are plenty of cases here where people have been discriminated against or harmed both verbally and physically because of those differences. That being said, there are also plenty of cases where we are doing good for those people and saying how it's ok to have a difference. So, I believe in 2030 we will move even closer to our goal of having equality for everyone. Will we be perfect, no, will we let that fact ruin this community's drive to success, of course not. Read more...

State of City Address

Carli Gauvin - Senior Somersworth High School

There are many things I'm thankful for in my life. I am beyond thankful for my

loving and supportive family. They are the ones always in my corner cheering me on, and I don't know what I would do without them. I'm also thankful for the education I've received over the years and the many great teachers that I've had. They will forever hold a special place in my heart. Finally, I'm thankful for the wonderful City of Somersworth that I've had the pleasure of growing up in. From playing at the playground with my friends to riding bikes with my little brother, all of my favorite childhood memories have taken place here. At the end of the week, I turn eighteen, which is a little scary to think about. I'm going to be hit with more adult responsibilities and more independence. I'm not a kid anymore. Stepping into adulthood is a big leap, but one I'm ready for. It's now my time to step up and impact the world. It's my time to help make the world a better place, starting with my very own community. By the time we reach 2030, I have high hopes of what our city and school distinct can be. In eight years I can see Somersworth continuing to place importance on our strong sense of community, as well as maintaining and preserving our historical side. I can also see our school district prioritizing mental health within our four schools as well as moving away from traditional grading.
Read more...

State of the City Address
Mia Westphal Somersworth - High School Sophomore

Good Evening Citizens of Somersworth,

My name is Mia Westphal. I was invited here tonight to give my take on what changes I want to see be made in the next ten years in the city, as well as in the schools. But I don't want to answers these questions alone, I want to accurately reflect my community. After all, we are "One" and the future lies in not just one person but in the entirety of the next generation. So, I decided to poll my classmates and peers on these questions, to see what the general population has to say. When listening to what my peers wanted to see change in the City in the next 10 years, there were a few consistent themes. The clearest theme came from the overwhelmingly high amount of people who expressed interest in a better downtown area. Somersworth's downtown area is already a nice place, with small businesses and restaurants. However, there are a lot of empty places where we'd like to see *more* businesses, or *more* places for kids to safely gather.
Read more...

Warming Center in Somersworth to Close April 1
Services remain Available for those in Need

The Warming Center of Strafford County will close Friday, April 1, after providing emergency shelter for un-housed residents daily since Nov. 29, 2021. The Warming Center is a partnership of the cities of Rochester, Dover and Somersworth and the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, which oversaw operations.

Available Resources

Tri-City Welfare Departments

Somersworth: Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1 Government Way, 603-692-9509; website: https://www.somersworth.com/welfare-human-services.

Rochester: Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at City Hall, 31 Wakefield St., 603-332-3505; website: https://www.rochesternh.net/municipal-welfare-department.

Dover: Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., 603-516-6500; website: https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/.

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County Drop-In Center

Open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 577 Central Ave., Dover, NH 603-534-0731; website: https://straffordcap.org/.
Connect to supportive services, such as obtaining essential documents like a birth certificate, signing up for benefits, applying for jobs and housing, and more.

New Hampshire 211

Those experiencing homelessness anywhere in the State can call 211 to get connected with available resources.

Keeping you Connected with in Transportation Services in Southern NH

TripLink https://communityrides.org/ is a regional transportation call center, serving 38 towns between Newton and Wakefield, NH. If you need help using this website, call TripLink from 8 a.m. - 5 p. PM to speak with a staff person.

Call or email with questions:
Phone: 603-834-6010 | Email: TripLink@CommunityRides.org | TTY/Voice: 1-800-735-2964

Department of Education seeks Feedback from Families Community through Online Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education seeks feedback from schooling families and the community through the 603 Bright Futures Survey.

The 603 Bright Futures Survey will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family, community engagement, and other topics to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. The survey will also gather special education

family data supporting the department's federal reporting requirements for Indicator 8.

The online survey, available in English and Spanish, is open through Friday, April 29. Panorama Education hosts the online 603 Bright Futures Survey, and it welcomes any questions about the survey program. Panorama support can be reached at support+nhdoe@panoramaed.com.

For the family survey,
visit https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nhdoe/family/surveys.

For the community survey,
visit https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nhdoe/community/surveys.

Free at-Home COVID-19 Tests

Every home in the United States is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. These tests give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required).

COVID-19 self-tests (also referred to as home tests or over-the-counter tests) are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, masking, and physical distancing, that protect you and others by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

Self-tests can be taken at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. You can use self-tests, regardless of vaccination status, or whether or not you have symptoms.

Follow all the manufacturer's instructions for performing the test.

Tests can be ordered online here: Free COVID-19 test kits.

Preserving Historic Homes in Somersworth

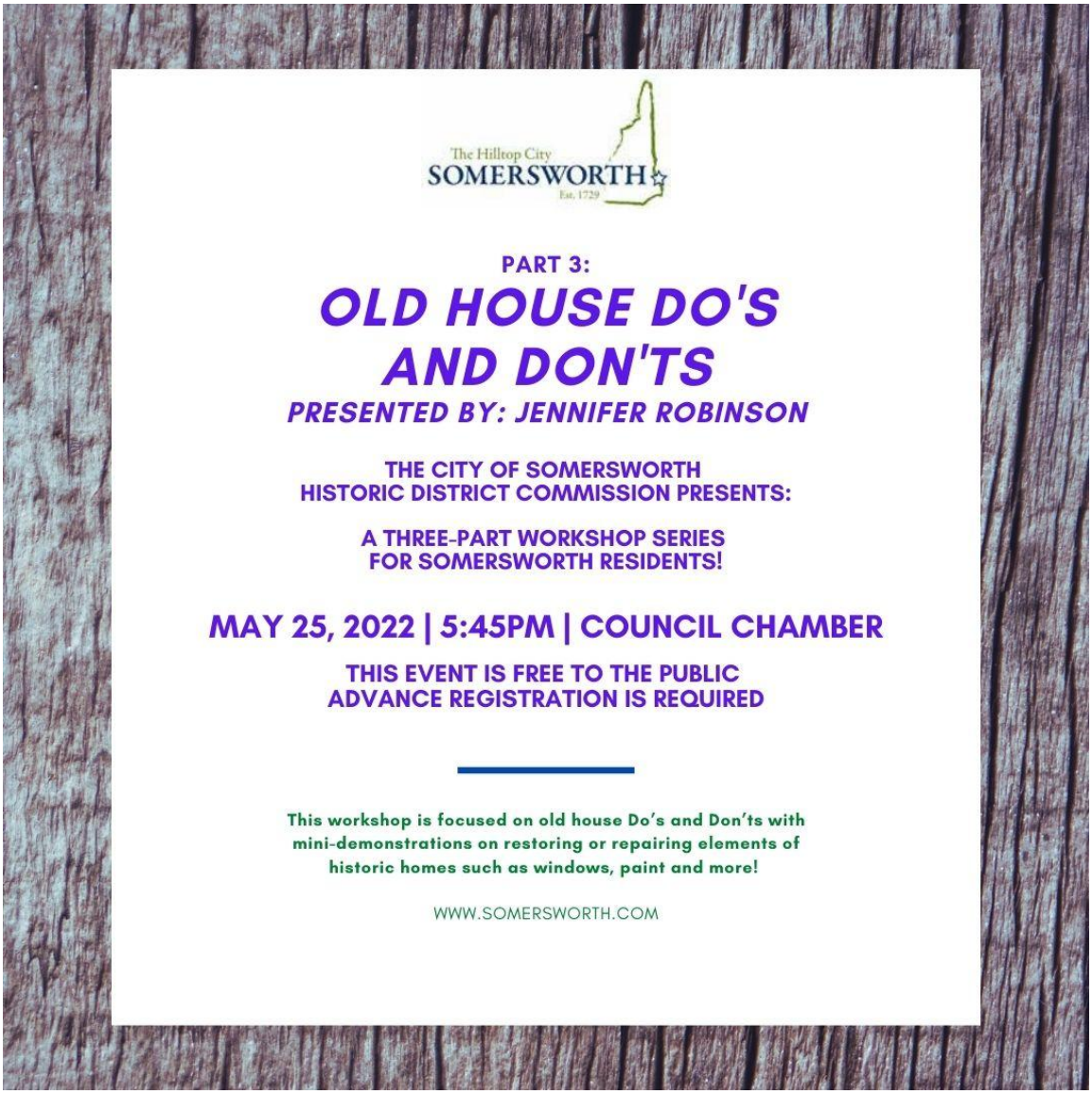
Last part of the lecture series:
Do's & Don'ts of Historic Homes

Mark your calendars for the upcoming workshop presented by the Historic District Commission on Old House Do's & Don'ts on

May 25, 2022 at 5:45pm

This Historic New England lecture will be presented by Jennifer Robinson. Jennifer Robinson, Preservation Services Manager at Historic New England, for an illustrated talk full of tips and ideas for approaching common projects and appropriately caring for your older home. Learn how to apply historic preservation best practices to adapt your home to suit your needs without losing its character and charm. Lecture will be followed by a Q&A.

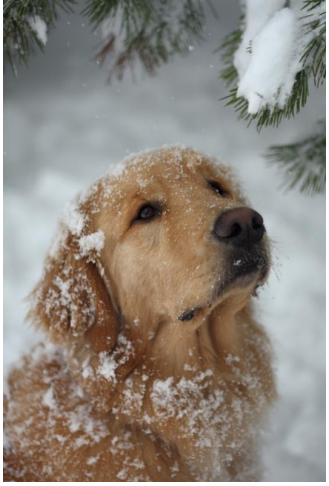
This presentation will take place in Council Chambers at Somersworth City Hall, 1 Government Way, Somersworth, NH. They will be recorded on the Government Channel and will be available on the City of Somersworth website as well.



All events are free to the public but you must register to attend.

Register here

REMINDER
2022 Dog License Renewal



2021 Dog Licenses will expire on April 30, 2022. Please license your dog (s) by April 30 to avoid late fees. Update rabies information may be needed to renew. You can renew you Dog License in the City Clerk's office, or online here.

If you no longer have your dog, please contact us at (603) 692-7555 or email aramsey@somersworth.com so we can update our records.

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

Hello Everyone,

Did you know we are fine-free? That's right, no more late fines and previous fines have been forgiven. One renewal may be made on an item as long as there are no holds. If an item is overdue, you'll be able to borrow again once it's returned.

Numerous children's events are happening at the library. **There are weekly story times for different age groups, a monthly Lego Engineers Club and our first Pajama Story Time taking place on April 27**. You may register for these on Facebook, call or stop in. For more information, see https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/childrens-programs.

Passover and Easter books for children are available. Find them in the children's room with other holiday books.
For adults, there are book and short story clubs meeting the second Tuesday and third Friday monthly. Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah, is the book club selection. Please see https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-programs for more information.

On Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30, Somersworth's very own WM Poole Confections will be at the Library to talk chocolate and lead a tasting. Call or stop in to register.

Do you want to host your own group? Consider using the Library. We'd love a knitting group or art club to use the space and welcome others.

New artwork by Susan Schwake https://susanschwake.com/art is in the library through May. Come take a look. We'll aim to rotate artists every few months.
For young adults, Taboo, chess, Scrabble, backgammon and card games are always available. Friday is adult and young adult coloring day. Grab a coffee, tea

or hot chocolate, sit by the fire and create. Sign it and leave it in the book or bring it home. Use our space to relax, meet with friends or do work.

We can't wait to see you and we always appreciate your feedback. Looking towards May, stay tuned for a talk on the history of beer brewing in NH. Check out our Facebook page for daily and weekly happenings. We're on Instagram too. See you soon!

Somersworth Police Department

Photo Courtesy of Jenne Holmes, Somersworth Now

Somersworth Police Chief David B. Kretschmar retired on Friday, March 18, 2022, after 39 years of service to the City of Somersworth and its Citizens. He began his service with the City on 1/16/83 and rose through the ranks becoming Chief on 5/31/16.
You will be missed.
Good Luck to Fish & Game, he is Coming!

Photo Courtesy of Jenne Holmes, Somersworth Now

Congratulations to Somersworth new Chief of Police Timothy McLin. Tim was sworn in as Chief on 3/21/22. Chief McLin began his service to the City on 9/10/92 and rose through the ranks and was our Investigations Captain before becoming Chief. He will be continuing our commitment to Community Policing.

A New Investigations Captain

John Sunderland was promoted and sworn in as the Captain of our Investigations Division on 3/20/22. He will lead the Detectives on felonies and major crimes in Somersworth.

Parental Workshops

The Police Department in conjunction with Somersworth Youth Connection, will hold a Parent Informational Workshops for parents of children grades K-8:

Teen Bedroom: What to Look For
(Sponsored by Dover Youth to Youth)

Signs that are easily missed that point to substance use or other concerns

Thursday, April 4th from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Somersworth Middle School Cafeteria

Navigating through Social Media/What you Need to Know
Topics covered include: Internet Safety, Cyber-Bullying,

and Scams

Thursday, April 14th from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Somersworth Middle School Library

Come Meet the City of Somersworth's First Responders

School Resource Officer Fuller will introduce our First Responders. They will provide information and answer questions.

Thursday, April 21st from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Idlehurst Elementary School Café

Childcare with activities will be provided by Somersworth Youth Connection.

Coffee with a Cop

We will be scheduling a Coffee with a Cop event at the Dunkin' Donuts at 89 Whitehouse Road in the near future. Watch our Facebook Page for details ….

Ms. Henderson's 1st Grade Class got to meet Tac the Service Dog

everbridge NIXLE

We send out **Nixle Alerts** for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for *free* Nixle at www.Nixle.com.

Somersworth Police Facebook Page

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use it to let you know about important community information including

crime information, road closures, snow emergencies/ parking bans, and community events. Here is the link: https://www.facebook.com/SomersworthPoliceDepartment/

Somersworth Crime Line: You can leave crime tips or anonymous information at 603-692-9111

Somersworth Fire Department

For over five decades starting in 1947, Smokey Bear's official message was "Remember... Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires". In April 2001, the message was officially updated to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires".

Wildfire Season is Upon Us
A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office
For those who pay attention to the national news, often times there is a brush fire or forest fire burning somewhere in the western part of the United States. These fires are often devastating with dry conditions, an abundance of natural fuel, and many homes in the wildland urban interface (WUI). This type of fire seems remote and distant when viewed on TV.

However, wildfire can be a hazard in our City because of the unique array of urban, suburban, and rural areas with large swaths of forested lands and open space. Various storms over the past few years and the normal four-season cycle have added to the fuel load on the ground. Consequently, the potential for wildfire in Somersworth can be elevated with dry conditions, high winds, and irresponsible open burning.

To place all of this in an east coast perspective, nearly 60 years ago in the Staten Island Burrough of New York City, on a day known as "Black Saturday", 100 homes were destroyed, as three different fires simultaneously burned through multiple neighborhoods.

The threat of wildfire in Somersworth is very real. As Smokey Bear has said for

decades “Only YOU can prevent forest fires”. The Somersworth Fire Department asks that you keep your property clear of dead vegetation, abide by all open burning restrictions, use good judgement when authorized to burn, and ensure your fire is completely out when finished burning.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities. Feel free to call the Fire Station regarding questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topic.
Please stay safe, be careful, and look out for each other.

Yours in service,
George Kramlinger, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

23 March: Somersworth Fire Department personnel operate at brush fire off Brian Street. Full staffing, an expeditious response, and the rapid employment of a hose line prevented the fire from threatening nearby structures.

Department of Public Works & Utilities

Next Metal Pick-up: 2nd Tuesday of each Month

When: Next Curbside Collection: Tuesday, April 12th
How: Call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, March 7, place curbside with the proper number of tags on each item. Typical TV's require three (3) stickers - $12.00 and PC's require one (1) sticker - $4.00.

Residents may also opt to drop off metal and electronic items with proper bulky waste stickers at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane

from 7:30 am-2:30 pm Monday –Friday.

Curbside MSW/Household Garbage & Recycling Collection
City trash bags and recycling containers must be at the curbside no later than 7:00 am & no sooner than the evening before your designated collection day.

Reporting Pot Holes - call (603) 692-4266
The Public Works Department assigns Highway crews daily to address potholes on primary streets that have been reported and/or observed by the Highway staff.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
(please note the change of date)

Saturday, May 21, 2022 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
At the Turnkey Landfill, 18 Isinglass Drive, Rochester NH (off from Rochester Neck Rd). Residents must bring a photo ID with proof of Somersworth residency.

Please Bring the Following:

· **House and Garden Products:**

o Weed killers and fertilizers, (move the no pest strips to the list of items you cannot bring…avoid confusion, ant spray and baits, bug and rodent sprays, poisons, flea repellents and shampoos, bug sprays houseplant insecticides, oven cleaners, bleach, pool chemicals, tub, tile and shower cleaners, button cell and lithium batteries**.**

· **Garage Products:**

o Car wash and polish, fuel additives, carburetor / fuel injector cleaners, air conditioning, refrigerants, starter fluids, creosote, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluid.

· **Workshop / Painting Products:**

o Oil or enamel-based paint, stains and finishes, paint strippers and removers, photographic chemicals, fixatives, adhesives, glues and other solvents.

Not Hazardous - Please Do Not Bring:

- **Latex Paint**
- **Tires, Computers, Computer Monitors and Televisions**
- **Motor Oil**
- **Batteries & Fluorescent Bulbs**
- **Car Batteries**
- **Propane Tanks**
- **Pest Strips**

Please contact the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266 for more information.

Road Resurfacing and Crack Sealing coming this Spring / Summer
Weather permitting work is anticipated to start in early May

The following Streets are scheduled for Resurfacing:

Interstate Drive
Rocky Hill Road
Wolcott Street
Ellswick Street
Sinclair Avenue
Mt. Vernon Avenue
Beacon Street
Grove Street
Highland Street

The following Streets are scheduled for Crack Sealing:

Davis Street
Chadwick Lane
Lenox Drive
William Street
Cote Street
Longleaf Lane
Winslow Drive
Greenfield Road
Hickory Lane
Morrison Street
Deer Creek Run
Aspen Drive
Milo Lane
Cornfield Drive
Maize Drive
Guy Street
Commercial Drive
Victoria Drive
Willand Drive
High St. from Sinclair Ave. to Stackpole Rd.

The Community Gardens at Malley Farm is expanding thanks in part to a grant received from Home Depot. The Garden Stewards were established in 2017 to assist with managing the program. Representatives of the Stewards led an informational and sign- up meeting for Spring 2022 participants on March 23. Participants that did not attend the recent informational meeting are asked to obtain a copy of the Community Garden Participation Application and send to the Department of Public Works. All new and returning garden volunteers must complete the application form in order to participate and assigned a garden plot in the Community Garden

Application packets are due back to the Department of Public Works office no later than **April 8, 2022** and can be picked up at the Public Works Office or online at www.somersworth.com

The grant received from Home Depot will include a new tool shed, fencing, raised bed material for new and existing garden plots, path way improvements, garden tools to be used by the gardeners and Home Depot employee volunteers to construct the improvements. In addition, Highway personnel have begun some site work to accommodate the expansion and Home Depot employees are tentatively planning a work/service day on April 20 and 21 at the Community Garden at the Malley Farm.

Once completed the expansion will result in 28 new 10'x10' garden plots available to the public to sign up for and use to grow vegetables.

Please call Keri Gordon at the Department of Public Works at (603) 692-4266 if you have questions.

Forest Glade Cemetery Grave Lot Fee Increase Effective April 15

The new rates are as follows:

$700 Cemetery Lot Plot (Full Size)

$400 Cremation Garden Plot

The new rates take effect April 15, 2022.

Questions please call Public Works at (603) 692-4266

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Spring Reminder – Pet Waste

Dog waste negatively impacts our water quality; please remember to pick up your pet waste. This message is being conveyed as part of the City's outreach and education requirements for our stormwater discharge permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Recreation Office News & Updates

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

WE ARE HIRING!

Summer Camp Directors & Camp Counselors

We have openings for Camp Directors (must be 18+) & Camp Counselors (must be 16+). Apply today to join our 2022 Summer Camp team! The full job posting & employments applications are at Somersworth City Hall and the website below.

PROGRAM DATES:
JUNE 27- AUGUST 19 (8-WEEKS)

MONDAY-FRIDAY; 40 HOURS/ WEEK
PRE-CAMP TRAINING MID-JUNE

****OPENINGS FOR BOTH KIDS CAMP (KIDS IN GRADES 1-5) & TRENDS TEEN CAMP (KIDS IN GRADES 6-9)**

Apply today!

- SPEND THE SUMMER OUTSIDE HAVING FUN
- CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY
- ENJOY WEEKENDS OFF

WWW.SOMERSWORTH.COM/HUMAN-RESOURCES/PAGES/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT

JULES BISSON PARK
FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
HUNT BEGINS AT 4:30 PM SHARP
SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 2-12
FREE EVENT

Join Somersworth Recreation & the Easter Bunny for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Jules Bisson Park! Don't forget to bring a basket or bag to help collect all the Easter Eggs. There will be a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny. This event is rain or shine. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult. The hunt will begin at 4:30 p.m. sharp. Supplies are limited.

NOW SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CONTACT THE REC OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT! 603-692-9507

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

GRANITE STATE TRACK & FIELD

SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 9-14

***MUST BE AGES 9-14 AS OF DEC. 31ST 2022

PRACTICES: MAY 11- JUNE 8

(NO PRACTICE 5/30)

3:45-4:45 PM

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRACK

REGIONAL MEET: TBD / STATE MEET: TBD

Join Somersworth Recreation for this beginner Track and Field program designed to teach children the basic fundamentals of running, throwing, and jumping. This program is a great way for young athletes to stay in shape, develop new running skills, have fun outdoors, and have a chance to compete against athletes from other NH towns at the Regional Meet in June. The Meet is not required but we encourage athletes to sign-up as the meet offers a wonderful competitive experience. Those who qualify at the Regional Meet will be invited to participate in the State Meet. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program!

~REGISTRATION~

****OPEN TO SOMERSWORTH RESIDENTS ONLY**

EARLY BIRD FEE~$45

REGISTER & PAY IN FULL BY MARCH 25TH

FEE~$60

AFTER MARCH 25TH/ DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 15TH

Space is limited. First come, first serve. Please call to ensure space is available prior to mailing in forms or stopping by the office. Registration forms are available on website below or in the Rec Office at City Hall. 603-692-9507

Register by mail: Mail registration form & check to: 1 Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878 Attn: Recreation

Register in person: Cash or checks only. Rec Office is 2nd floor of City Hall
Please make checks payable to: City of Somersworth

www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/youth-programs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO RUN ALL OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS.
PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU CAN HELP~ 603-692-9508

2022

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

KIDS CAMP

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15TH RESIDENTS/ APRIL 15 NON-RESIDENTS

Children going into grades 1-5
Monday-Friday; 8:30-4:00 pm
Noble Pines Park

No Camp 7/4

Session 1: June 27- July 22
Session 2: July 25- August 19

Join Somersworth Recreation for this exciting 8-week summer camp filled with tons of fun! This outdoor camp is designed to keep kids active while having fun under the sun with friends. Activities include sports, arts & crafts, field games, special events, and so much more! Our goal is to once again offer 1-2 field trips per week. Field trips are TBD and will be a mix of local walking trips and bus field trips to a NH State Park or local park. ALL field trips will be subject to change and/or cancelation throughout the program.

CAMP OPTIONS:

Full 8-Weeks
Register & pay in full by April 29th
$800- Residents only
*****Non-refundable***

4-Weeks (Session 1 or 2)
Register & pay Session 1 in full by May 27th
$100 non-refundable deposit required to hold spot
$450- Residents/ $600 Non-Residents

Weekly Rate
Register by May 27th. $100 non-refundable deposit required at time of registration to hold spot.
$150- Residents/ $200 Non-Residents

Extended Care
Open to residents & non-residents
Before Care hours: 7:00-8:30 am
After Care hours: 4:00-5:30 pm
$150 per session / $50 per week

TO REGISTER:

Space is limited and will be first come, first serve. Registration deadline is May 27th!
Please call to ensure space is available prior to mailing in forms or stopping by the Rec Office. We accept cash or checks only. Registration packets are located in the Rec Office at City Hall or on our website below. Please review the Parent/Guardian Handbook for more info. Contact the Rec Office with any questions 603 692-9507. **Please make checks payable to: City of Somersworth**

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WWW.SOMERSWORTH.COM/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/SUMMER-CAMP

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

TRENDS CAMP

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15TH RESIDENTS/ APRIL 15TH NON-RESIDENTS

Children going into grades 6-9
Monday-Friday; 8:30-4:00 pm
Noble Pines Park

NO CAMP 7/4

Session 1: June 27- July 22
Session 2: July 25- August 19

Join us for this exciting and active outdoor 8-week Summer Camp! This program will offer activities such as sports, arts & crafts, team building games, field games, special events, field trips, and so much more! Field trips are TBD and will be a mix of local walking field trips, bus field trips to a local park or NH State Park, and a special Friday field trip each week. Sample Friday trips include Indoor Ascent, Funtown, beach trips, etc. Note- All field trips will be subject to change and/or cancelation throughout the summer.

CAMP OPTIONS:

Full 8-Weeks
Register & pay in full by April 29th
$900- Residents only
****Non-refundable**

4-Weeks (Session 1 or 2)
Register & pay Session 1 in full by May 27th
$100 non-refundable deposit required to hold spot
$500 Residents/ $650 Non-residents

Weekly Rate
Register by May27th. $100 non-refundable deposit required at time of registration to hold spot.
$175- Residents/ $200 Non-residents

Extended Care
Open to residents & non-residents
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After Care Hours: 4:00-5:30 pm
$150 per session/ $50 per week

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Kids Camp and Trends Camp – We currently have a wait list. Please call the Recreation Office 603 692-9507 to get on the wait list.

Come Meet the
Beloved Book Character

Pete the Cat

APRIL 2ND

10 A.M.—11:30 A.M.

IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY

Meet Pete the Cat and hear our friends from the
Children's Museum of New Hampshire
read a Pete the Cat story from 10:30 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Have your **picture** taken with Pete the Cat

Enjoy a **free** refreshments

Receive a **free gift bag** full of fun

Entered to win a **$50 Gift Card** to **Hilltop Fun Center**

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM of NEW HAMPSHIRE

Somersworth Ready Together!
SOMERSWORTH EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

United Way
Granite United Way

Somersworth Kindergarten Parent Information Night!

Thursday, April 7th
5:30-6:30 pm
Idlehurst Elementary School

Children turning **5 years old** on or before September 30th, are eligible to attend Somersworth Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 School Year!

To enroll your student please visit the SAU 56 website at www.sau56.org- Please click **New Student Online Registration** and fill out the form-You will receive follow up information to continue the registration process; by completing forms and submitting necessary documentation.

At the Parent Information Night you will:

- Meet our Somersworth Kindergarten Staff and Administration
- Learn about our Kindergarten Program and tour the school
- Registration Assistance will be provided for anyone needing help with the on-line process

If you have questions, please call Idlehurst School: 603-692-2435.

PLEASE HELP SHARE THE WORD ABOUT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!!!!

SOMERSWORTH FARM TO SCHOOL
"Together we grow"

What's Happening at Somersworth Farm to School

5th graders in Molly Wienberg's class at Maple Wood School

March was maple month in New Hampshire, and Somersworth Middle School wasted no time celebrating the proud history of maple sugaring in our state. Seventh grade science teacher Matt Gerding creatively integrated the tapping of maple trees into his science curriculum in the wooded area between the HS/SMS campus and Maple Wood Elementary School. Students also took core samples of pine trees on a refreshingly warm Friday in March, seeing classroom lessons in real-world form. Among the benefits of SMS being through the woods from Maple Wood is it provided an easy walking field trip for Molly Wienberg's 5th graders to witness and partake in a hyper-local maple sugaring activity and get a sneak peek at a fun middle school science lesson. School is hard work, but it's also a blast!

Somersworth Festival Association's Events for 2022
Mark your calendar! The past two years have been very challenging, so we are looking forward to a great 2022!
Below are highlights for this year's events.

Craft Fairs
Spring Craft Fair - May 14, Somersworth High School
Harvest Craft Fair - October 22, Somersworth High School
Holiday Craft Fair - December 3, Somersworth High School

Celebration Night (kickoff to the Somersworth International Children's Festival) - June 17
6 p.m. until dark, Somersworth High School
Entertainment featuring Wayne from Maine and Bad Breath Microphone!
Great food, kids' activities, roaming railroad, blow up rides, and more!
Great fireworks display!

40th Somersworth International Children's Festival - June 18
Main Street (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Noble Pines Park (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
Three Stages: Main Stage and World Cultures Stage downtown and Children's Stage at the Noble Pines Park.
There will be many activities for the kids, plus food and craft vendors, World Cultures Passport Center, kids' play area, blow up rides, Wildlife Encounters, skateboard demos, roaming railroad, and more!

Summer Children's Concert Series
This summer we will be bringing back our great entertainment for the kids! Concerts will take place at our Pavilion at the Somersworth High School football field. Concerts start at 6 p.m. and will be on 5 consecutive **Wednesdays from July 13 through August 10** . Food will be available for purchase.

Pumpkin Festival - October 8
We will once again have great Pumpkin-related activities for the kids in the Somersworth Plaza on Main Street!
Join us for great food and lots of fun!

Penny Sale - November 20
Our Penny Sale will be held at Somersworth High School.
Doors open at 11 a.m. and we will start calling the main raffle items at 3 p.m.

GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH
Goodwin Community Health | Families First | Lilac City Pediatrics

Families First, please sign up for their Newsletters Family Focus: Information on each month's parent and family programs, monthly parenting tips and ideas, useful links and more.

Family Morning Out
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m.
Idlehurst School Playground | Free

Family Morning Out is for children ages birth to six with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Children engage in positive, open-ended play that supports their social skills, language development, problem-solving and creativity… and we all enjoy crafts, conversation, songs and story time together. No sign-up necessary and the program is free. Join us!

We meet on the playground in front of the Idlehurst School at 46 Stackpole Road in Somersworth. You can park in the main lot in front of the school. We will meet inside as the weather changes, and you can enter through the main entrance of the school. There is no playgroup during school vacations and if school is cancelled or delayed due to weather.

Grandparents Connect

Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m.
Idlehurst Elementary School | Free
Are you a grandparent or Kinship caregiver who is raising children? If so, you are not alone! Please join us to connect with other grandparents and kinship caregivers. This group is a friendly, welcoming, informal opportunity to talk about experiences, celebrate successes, share challenges, and learn about resources.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Idlehurst Elementary School at 46 Stackpole Road in Somersworth. Park in front of the school and enter through the main entrance. Masks are required and social distancing rules are followed.

Please contact Patrice if you want to learn more about this group. (617) 285-5509 Also: If you are a grandparent or kinship caregiver and you need information about resources available to you, please call JoAnn, Kinship Navigator, at (603) 422-8209 or email: jclement@familiesfirstseacoast.org

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City of Somersworth
Employment Opportunities

POLICE

Position Title: Patrol Officer
Starting Pay: $49,524 - $66,518
Closing Date: Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities

RECREATION

Position Title: Camp Directors
Starting Pay: $15.00
Closing Date: Reviewed as received, Open Until Filled

Position Title: Camp Counselors
Starting Pay: $12.00
Closing Date: Reviewed as received, Open Until Filled

Finalist must complete pre-employment screening to include: physical, drug test
&
background check. Detailed postings available online at:
https://www.somersworth.com/human-resources/page/employment-opportunities

A completed City of Somersworth Employment Application is required for all job openings.
For more information please call Linda Corriveau at 692-9529 or email Linda

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