The Hilltop City
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May

The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings

City of Somersworth
City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

<u>City Hall Hours</u>
***Monday - Friday**
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Boards & Committee Meetings this Month

City Council Meeting
Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee
Wednesday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Conservation Commission
Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board
Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board
Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission
Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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The Mayor's Corner

Change is never easy; it makes us uncomfortable and sometimes challenges the very foundation of what we believe in. The construction of the American experiment never ends, instead with each generation we become the cultivators of ensuring the roots of our journey continue to affix themselves to the values of ensuring equality for all. We at times navigate ourselves away for calm waters, and instead allow those who have been given the helm to deliver us into hostile seas of political polarization, personal attacks, and lack of civility.

Each one of us is part of our democracy, we are responsible for its evolution and success. We own all its failures, all the established barriers erected to slow our fulfillment of reaching our creed. Our government is not a separate unit from us, it is a part of us. For us to become the state, nation, society we strive for, we first must reflect those values at the local level. The Hilltopper spirit of “neighbor helping neighbor” continues to guide us on becoming a community we can all be proud of. Let us re-affirm our commitment to those values and model in our everyday practices what **“Community”** and “**Democracy”** is truly about.

I recently was inspired by one of my friend’s essays, I share his work with you this month, and hope it grounds you and re-fills your cup like it did with me.

I dreamt once of stillness in my life
I searched for it in every outward venture and calling
Powered by a big heart and altruism
I performed, assisted and presented in many personal and public venues

Stillness is within, within the body
The home of a heart and soul

Everything external is a matrix of clashing ideals, agendas and on most occasions jealous observed advancements
At least in this society where capitalism and lies has replaced God, wisdom

Trust and invest in your heart, your inner knowing
Here everything is insulated and internal protected and unaffected by the external hoards of fearful manipulating greed
Once understood a calmness naturally becomes the plat form to observe and take guided action from

Today's madness in this Country is simple
Applying and upholding the rule of law within a country to create peace, prosperity and support the truth

Or continuing to know the truth yet refuse to support the law and lie to advance a false agenda that serves no one

Trees grow and bear fruit from within
And because of this natural order they bear more fruit and create no harm
Go within in silence and listen
There you will find a treasure trove of peace and wisdom
And that wisdom will reveal to you that these outward actions and lies, untethered from an inward source or life's divine guidance, shall turn on each other and in time collapse for it has no foundation, offers no real service or value

It's not about institutions, corporations, the GNP or religion, it's about fruitful life
If life's map and factual aspects are not represented within
the aforementioned groups than the operational manuals become one of disconnection from source, sustainability and purpose and become a facade covering lies and actions of the wanting, the liars and the takers

Time to be a good Shepard and tend to the flock within
For as witnessed the unkept and unguided herds of sheep grounded in nothing are falling off the cliff in madness
Step back for the meek shall inherit the truth, praying there is anything left
Be the orchestrator.

Democracy

Democracy is the most complex system of governing known to humankind. It is a system in constant motion and evolution. When it becomes stagnant, it falls victim to the very voices it is governed by. For democracy to work, we must honor its long evolution and history. From its early emergence in ancient Greece, its experiment in the Roman Republic and its forward propelled motion in the United States.

Democracy will continue its steps forward if those who govern carry forth within their best capacities. They must ensure with each governing body's session, with each elected official's term, with each election, that we have built upon the experiment to allow humans to govern themselves, to set their own course and

destiny. Our modern-day democracy works upon the concept that those who enter governing were ones who were governed and will leave governing returning to be governed again. It does not require degrees, accolades, or family lineage. Instead, it is built upon one's willingness to sacrifice. It is built upon one's willingness to navigate uncharted waters, and one's willingness to work to advance something bigger than oneself.

The commitment to the practice of respect and political discourse begins with each one of us. While at times our system can become trying on each of us, when we step back, breathe, regain our energy, and stand steadfast to the vision of improvements for all citizens, then we allow our system to succeed. While each of us have different ideas of how those goals should be achieved, each of us should continue to strive to find commonality among each other, and with that common goal build a city, state, and nation we can all be proud of.

Each of us steps off this path from time to time, off the path of civility, off the path of basic respect. However, tucked somewhere inside of the souls of those who view each other as political enemies, is a vast amount of energy that if combined could lead us all with pride, lead us all with hope and lead us all to creating something we can be proud of.

I look forward to continuing this journey as I complete my final term as your Mayor. I look forward to working to improve our community and self-method of governing, and look forward to finding commonality with all those who serve or have a voice of concern.

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

Therapy Clean
Located at 22 Canal Street, Somersworth

The Small Business Administration (SBA) NH team stopped by Somersworth City Hall to accept a Small Business Week proclamation in support of small businesses signed by Somersworth Mayor Dana S. Hilliard. They met with Michelle Mears, and Dana Crossley from the City's Economic Development Department and City Manager, Robert Belmore, who joined the visit to the 2023 SBA NH Small Business Manufacturer, Therapy Clean. Founders Anne Ruozzi and James Dudra shared their amazing story of starting the business from their home and how it has evolved into a high growth potential business. They created a line of plant-based cleaning products that clean your home, uplift your mood, and enhance your overall well-being. Their products can be found for purchase online at Amazon and TherapyClean.com, as well as at select Target and specialty retail locations throughout the United States.

To learn more about Therapy Clean please visit: Therapy Clean.
“Small business manufacturers are critical to local economies and communities,” said Amy Bassett SBA NH district director. “Anne and James have created a line of impressive, environmentally conscientious products and the company they started in their home is now poised for significant growth. SBA is honored to recognize companies like Therapy Clean which demonstrate strong commitment to their employees and the well being of their customers.”

The award winners will be honored on Wednesday, May 3 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Manchester Country Club.

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

Fun Things in May!

What's the *Buzz?*

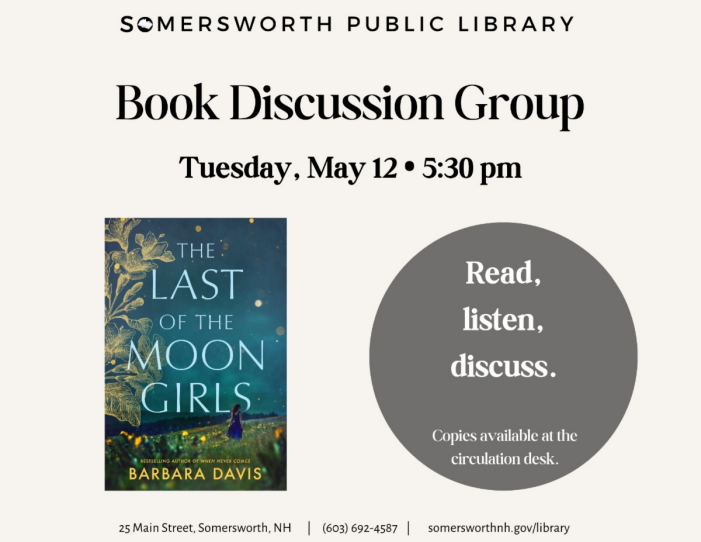
Pollinator Program
Saturday, May 6
11am - 12:30pm

Dianne Richards, President of the Seacoast Beekeepers Association will be joining us on May 6 for a program about honeybees and their importance in out everyday lives. Learn the basics about these beneficial pollinators, how you can help support them, and what it's like to be a backyard beekeeper! Fresh local honey will be provided for tasting.

Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 12 • 5:30pm

May's book group will discuss The Last of the Moon Girls by Barbara Davis. A novel of secrets, memory, family and forgiveness. We are always looking for new members who can offer their unique perspectives during our discussion groups. If you are interested in joining, stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of this month's book.

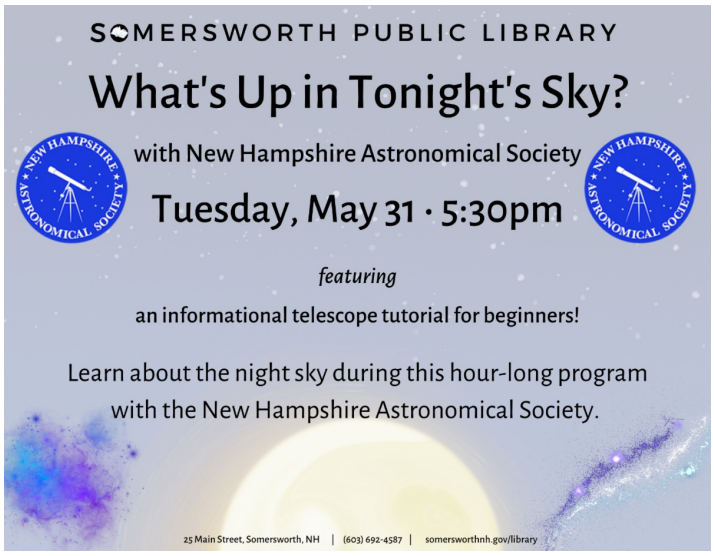


Mahjong Group

Tuesdays at 10:30am

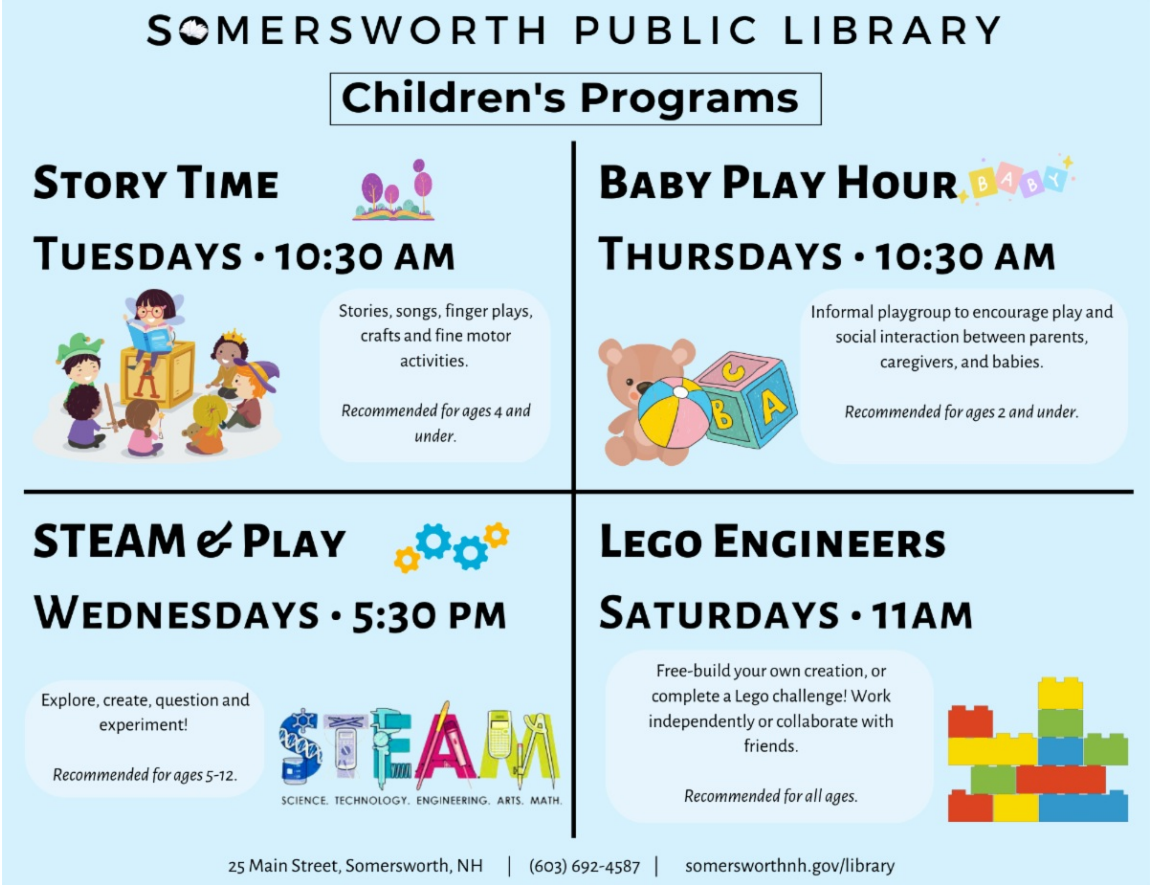
Try something new and learn the popular game of Mahjong at the Library. Mahjong group is newly formed and invites the community to find out why Mahjong is so popular. Beginners are welcome: open to all ages.

What's up in the Sky?
Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30pm
Join a member of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society to learn how to use our telescope (which we lend out for us at home!) Attendees will also learn about the types of objects currently up there in the sky, and what the terms *double star, star cluster, nebula* and *galaxay* mean. Recommend for ages 5-12



New Technology at Somersworth Public Library
The Somersworth Public Library recently won a technology grant through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Library Technology Program, which has allowed us to purchase exciting new technology for the library and its patrons.

Patrons are now able to check out an iPad (four available), check out a hotspot wi-fi device, use one of five new laptops in the library, and experience virtual reality with the Meta Quest 2 VR headset. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more about these great new additions to your library's collection.



Weekly Children's Programs

Family Story Time
Tuesdays • 10:30am
Join our Children's Librarian for a morning filled with stories, songs, crafts and plenty of play time. *Recommended for ages 4 and under.*

STEAM & Play
Wednesdays • 5:30pm
Bring your problem-solving skills and stop by the Steam & Play station to create, build, and play. New activities will be put out weekly for participants to enjoy. *Recommended for ages 5-12.*

Baby Play Hour
Thursdays • 10:30am
Informal playgroup to encourage play and social interaction between parents, caregivers, and babies. *Recommended for ages 2 and under.*

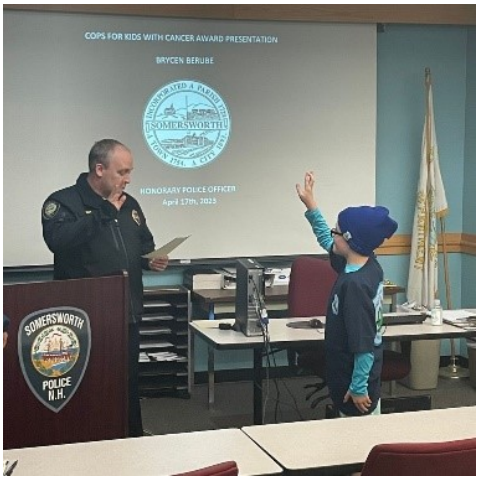
Lego Engineers
Saturdays • 11am
Build your own Lego creation or collaborate with new friends. A new Lego challenge is offered each week. Legos provided! *Recommended for all ages.*

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May27 in observance of Memorial Day

Check out the Library's Monthly Newsletter here

Somersworth Police Department

On April 5th Sergeant Lefebvre, Detective Fuller, and Officer Tully made Somersworth PD history by being the first ever all female patrol shift! Great work ladies!!



On April 17th the Somersworth Police Department had the honor to host a presentation of a check by the Cops for Kids with Cancer organization to a very special Somersworth resident. A check for $5,000.00 dollars was presented to Brycen Berube and his family by Board Member (Ret) Massachusetts State Police Captain Michael Drummy.

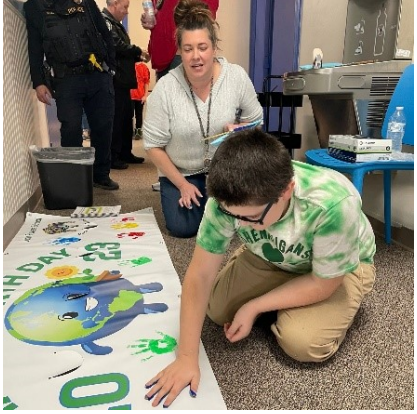
While Brycen was at the station Chief McLin sworn him in as an Honorary Somersworth Police Officer and he presented him with his badge and a department patch. This was a truly humbling event for all that attended. The Somersworth PD would like to thank the Cops for Kids with Cancer organization for all they do to help alleviate some of the burden placed on families while they are going through treatments. This is truly a worthwhile cause and the

Somersworth PD was grateful to be part of the day. We wish Brycen and his family all the best as they fight this battle. Congratulations Brycen, keep fighting.

Do you ever wonder who the person behind our emergency calls to Somersworth Police Dispatch or 9-1-1 is? All we know about them is their voice, which is why National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, observed every second week in April, has been set aside to recognize and celebrate the work of telecommunicators helping to save millions of lives every day. Without the telecommunicators flawlessly doing their jobs, billions of lives would have been lost due to untimely assistance.

So, throughout April 9-15, 2023, we honored and thanked those invisible telecommunicators who have continued to serve in this demanding profession. The Somersworth PD would like to recognize the tireless efforts of our Communications Division. Thank you for all you do for our officers and the City of Somersworth.

Somerworth PD celebrated Earth Day at John Powers School on Friday, April 21. We all enjoyed pizza, salad and chips.
We wish to thank Somersworth House of Pizza for their generosity in donating the pizzas ☺



History of Peace Officers Memorial Day

We began formally marking Peace Officers Memorial Day in 1963, several months after President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law in October 1962. In Kennedy's proclamation relating to the events in May 1963, he began by stating that "law enforcement officers have played an important role" since "the beginning of this Nation." But the development of the peace officers we know and respect today is more recent than you might think!

The first enforcement officers in the U.S. operated privately, employed by wealthy individuals to protect their assets. Public peace officers developed shortly after this in the mid-1600's, first in Boston and then in New York and Philadelphia. They were predominantly volunteers who acted as night watchmen and reported fellow citizens behaving badly.

Boston continued to lead the way in peace organization, with the first publicly funded, organized police force set up in 1838, which paid officers to keep the peace full-time. By the late 1880's, all major U.S. cities had police forces, although their priorities differed from state to state, depending on the problems faced in each area. Law enforcement heads were often chosen by the local political leader so, as a result, the enforcement could work in favor of the ruling political party.

In response, President Hoover set up an investigation into the effectiveness of law enforcement nationwide in 1929. It called for peace officers to work in a professional and impartial way to enforce the law and was a turning point in the history of the officers who protect us today. It promoted the selflessness that we now honor every year on May 15.

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 & Emergency Management

Wildfires – Not just in the West
"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"
A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office

American philosopher George Santayana famously said "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". For those who follow this column on a regular basis – you have heard this from me before. However, in the interest of the first-time reader as well as a reminder for all of us - this line of thinking is particularly applicable to fire and life safety concerns, and I'd like to share an area of concern as temperature and winds increase.

For those who pay attention to the national news, often times there is a major 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.

One of the charms of our great City is the unique array of urban, suburban, and rural areas with large swaths of forested lands, open space, and tree lined city streets – all creating our very own wildland-urban interface. The storms from this past winter have significantly added to the fuel load on the ground. Warmer temperatures and the winds of spring tend to dry this fuel during the month of May and into June. Consequently, the potential for wildfire in Somersworth can be elevated with dry conditions, high winds, and careless open burning.

To place all of this in an east coast perspective, nearly 62 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.

Monthly Activity Statistics:
Our monthly run numbers with a comparison to last year:

	March 2023	**March 2022**
Fire (All Types)	3	1
Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire)	2	1
Rescue - EMS	67	73
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	32	10
Service Call	9	14
Good Intent Call	29	29
False Alarm / False Call	14	13
Sever WX / Natural Disaster	0	0
Special Incident	0	1
Total	**156**	**141**

Note: The categories used to report monthly incidents are those mandated by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Most categories are self-explanatory. For those categories that are not obvious, the following examples can add clarity: Good Intent Call - a reported fire that turns out to be steam from a dryer vent; Severe WX/Natural Disaster - a lightning strike or tree falling on a house that requires an inspection to ensure there is no fire; and a Special Incident - low frequency event such as a citizen's complaint of an ordinance or code violation.

Note: For the most recent reporting period of March, 2023, Stewart's Ambulance responded to 136 emergency calls in the City, transported on 106 of those calls, and had an average response time of four minutes and nine seconds (04.09). A mutual aid ambulance was required to respond into the City five (5) times during the reporting period.

Note: The SFD responds with Stewart's on the more serious medical calls and any time a mutual aid ambulance responds into the City. In addition, FD EMTs and AEMTs assist Stewart's with transports when a driver and/or additional EMS providers are required.

Please see the following background photos, safety messages, and pictures of recent SFD activities.

Feel free to call the Fire Station if you have questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topics.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 as SFD personnel may be out of the fire station.

Please stay safe, be careful and look out for each other.

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

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".

The new Fire Station as pictured on April 25. Progress continues on Phase II with exterior finishing as well as mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

Our new Pierce Manufacturing Pumper designated Engine-5 shown here at City Hall shortly after being delivered on April 13. The truck is equipped with a 500 HP motor, 1,500 gallon per minute pump, and a 750 gallon water tank. the Fire Department personnel will undergo an extensive training program requiring several weeks., before the truck is placed in service.

Department of Public Works & Utilities

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.

Metal Pick-up: 2nd Tuesday of each Month
When - next Curbside Collection: Tuesday, May 9th

How: Call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, May 8th, place curbside with the proper number of Bulky Waste Stickers 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. ***Note that weather emergencies may delay collection.***

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Saturday, May 20, 2023 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:
Weed killers and fertilizers, no pest strips, 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:
Car wash and polish, fuel additives, carburetor / fuel injector cleaners, air conditioning, refrigerants, starter fluids, creosote, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluid.

Workshop/Painting Products:
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:
Use the paint or open can and let paint dry out. If necessary, mix with saw dust, kitty litter or sand and dispose with regular trash.

Tires, Computers, Computer Monitors and Televisions: For the collection center nearest you, call your municipality.

Motor Oil:
Check with your municipality or local garages in your town for disposal.

Batteries & Fluorescent Bulbs:
Zinc carbon and alkaline batteries (regular household) that were sold after 1996 are not hazardous and can be place in the regular trash.

Car Batteries:
Most places that sell car batteries will take them back. Some communities may have battery collections, check with your municipality.

Propane Tanks:
Most places that fill or sell these tanks will also take used tanks.**Somersworth residents** may drop off empty tanks at the Somersworth DPW at 18 Lilac Lane. Please contact the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266 for more information.

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.

Malley Farm Facility

Malley Farm is now open for disposal of brush and leaves, Monday – Friday 7:30am – 2:30pm and Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm. **Please note: Any Contractor serving a Somersworth residence with leaves and brush hauling, will need to obtain a permit from Public Works to dump at Malley Farm. Root balls and wood larger than 5" in diameter and 10' in length are not permitted. Please call the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266 for further information.**

Bagged Leaves and Brush Pickup
Brush will be picked up the third week in May, starting Monday May 15. You must call 603-692-4266 by Friday, May 12 in order to be added to the brush collection pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7:00 am on Monday, May 15 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 May, starting Monday May 22. You do not have to call ahead for bagged leaves pickup. Please have leaves curbside no later than 7:00am on your trash pickup day the week May 22. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown recyclable paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores.

Water Main Flushing to Begin Mid-May
Crews from the Water Distribution Division will be flushing water mains in mid-May. Flushing the water mains improves water quality by removing sediment that slowly builds up at the bottom of the water main over time. The sediment comes from internal corrosion of the water mains over many years. Flushing water mains is part of the City's commitment to ensure the highest water quality standards are met for Somersworth water customers and is part of routine maintenance of the City's water distribution system. Flushing schedule details are posted on the City's website.

Road Resurfacing and Crack Sealing coming this Spring/Summer

Weather permitting, work starts in late April and is anticipated to be completed by mid-May.

The following Streets are scheduled for resurfacing this Spring:

- Buffumsville Road (River St to New Dam Bridge)-shim/overlay
- Bourque Street-shim/overlay
- Lee Street-shim/overlay
- Maloney Street -Reconstruction
- First Street-Reconstruction

(insert pic of road construction)

- Coombes Road -shim/overlay
- Quarry Road-shim/overlay
- Spence Street-shim/overlay

The following Streets are scheduled to be crack sealed this Spring/Summer:

- Maple Street

- Hillside Street
- Washington Street
- Kilda Street
- Cecile Street
- Blackwater Road
- Salmon Falls Road
- High Street from Commercial Dr. to Stackpole Road

Paving on Maloney Street

TAP Grant Project –Sidewalk and Campus Connector Improvements Project.

TAP Grant
Progress is being made with all elements of the project. Base material for the campus connector path is complete but for a realignment change behind Maplewood Elementary School. High Street sidewalk work is underway, old curbing and sidewalk material is being removed at this time. Memorial Drive bump outs and new cross walks at the High School parking area is being planned for week of April 24.

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Campus Connector pathway ready for future Pavement

Sidewalk Construction at High Street between Washington and Franklin

Forest Glade Cemetery Spring Clean up

The Cemetery Trustees remind families of relatives buried at Forest Glade to remove all flowers, baskets and personalized items from grave spaces placed during the past winter by Sunday, May 14th. The City's mowing contractor will be starting mowing services soon and removal of these items will improve access and avoid equipment damage.

New School Traffic Signal Flasher Signs to be installed.
Staff is working with SUR Constriction on the installation of new replacement School Flasher signs for High Street at Memorial Drive and on Maple Street at entrance to Maplewood Elementary School. The new signs will be solar powered and have LED light fixtures and are programmable for the school schedules.

Community Gardens at Malley Farm
The Garden Stewards welcomed gardeners back on Saturday April 22 at the Community Gardens at Malley Farm for the annual spring kick off meeting. City gardeners interested in participating in the community garden program were required to submit applications; several applicants are returnees from last year's season. A total of 49 garden plots have been assigned out of 57 plots available. Please contact the Department of Public Works office at 603-692-4266 if interested in reserving one of the remaining plots available. A link to the application packet is as follows: https://www.somersworthnh.gov/public-works-utilities/pages/community-garden-adopt-spot

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Recreation Office Upcoming Programs & Events

Apply today to join our 2023 Summer Camp team! A completed City of Somersworth Employment Application is required for all job openings. The Job posting & Employment application are located on the link below.

www.somersworthnh.gov/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities

Directors & Counselors 2023
City of Somersworth Employment Application

Upcoming Programs

- **Tiny Toppers Play Program** – The program begins on May 3 and will run through May 24 on Wednesday mornings 9:45-10:30 am at Noble Pines Park. This is a free program for Somersworth children ages 2-4 and their adult caregivers. This program is currently full, please contact us to get on the waitlist- 603-692-9508

- **Granite State Track & Field** – The program begins on May 10 and will

run through June 7 on Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 pm at Idlehurst School Track. This program is currently full.

- **Kids Camp** – The program begins on June 26 and runs through August 18 Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00 pm at Noble Pines Park. Deadline to register is May 26. We currently have a Wait List – please call 603 692-9507 if you would like to add your child on our Wait List.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt – This event was held at Jules Bisson Park on Friday, April 7 at 4:30 pm. Over 5,000 candy filled eggs were scattered on the field for kids to find, including 5 golden eggs that contained a ticket for a special raffle prize. Somersworth Public Library provided a Pop-Up Story Walk at the event. The Easter Bunny arrived and the countdown began. It didn't take long for the kids to find all the eggs. Kids got to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Big thank you to our Volunteers who helped scatter the eggs, decorate

and assisted at the event. Thanks to the families who came out to celebrate and helped make it a success!

Coty Donohue, Program Director at Somersworth Youth Connection & Kristen Davenport, Recreation Supervisor worked hard to make this a Somersworth success!

Somersworth Clean-Up Day returns! Clean-Up Day & Earth Week Activities were organized by Somersworth Youth Connection, Somersworth Recreation, See Somersworth, & Somersworth Public Works. This was a City-wide effort dedicated to creating a cleaner planet & community. Big thanks to everyone that participated in the Clean Up Day this past weekend! We had help from numerous residents, families, high school students, business owners, and local organizations. We appreciate your dedication & support, great job to all!

Fore more information about any of the Recreation Department Programs please call 603-692-9507 or 603-692-9508.

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Cemetery Trustee Vacancy
There is a vacancy on the Cemetery Trustees. Somersworth residents interested in the history of the City and preserving the historic grounds and structures at Forest Glade Cemetery, you are invited to apply at the City Clerk's Office.

Students Connect to Local Food Straight at the Source

SMS 7 grade science curriculum includes tapping maple trees and boiling sap down to syrup. Upon return from April break, 7th graders will treat the entire middle school to a pancake feast. A generous donation from Miller Farm in New Durham will supplement syrup if this proves to be a low yield year. Whatever is leftover, we know that Chef Sarah in the SMS cafeteria will make something tasty with.

Somersworth Public Library partnered again with Farm to School last month, hosting seed starting activities for students age 12 and under. Volunteers from the community and from Strafford Co. Master Gardeners https://scmga.wordpress.com/ were on hand to help and answer questions about growing & garden care. This year, our library is hosting a series of garden-oriented talks about seed starting & saving, bee keeping, and composting to name a few. They've even started a free seed-library, where residents can take home seeds to plant in their own gardens. Check the website for more fun and interesting activities at our library, for young, old, and all in between. Libraries are awesome! https://www.somersworthnh.gov/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-

Our schools pitched in ahead of Earth Day and cleaned up! The Somersworth High School Sustainability Club(on Instagram @shs_sustainabilityclub), student council, and the honor society coordinated a trash pick up on the HS/Middle School grounds, and the Maple Wood Sustainability Club partnered with Somersworth Middle School student groups to do the same on the Willand Pond trail. Many hands make light work, and they also make it more fun. Grab a friend or neighbor and spend an hour cleaning up in your neighborhood, you'll be amazed at how easy it is, and what a difference it makes.

Follow @farmtosomersworthschools on Instagram, and enjoy this beautiful spring.

Jill and her son Crosby, starting seeds at Somersworth library

Ms. Kent and the Maple Wood Sustainability Club at Willand Pond

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GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

Goodwin Community Health | Families First | Lilac City Pediatrics

2023 Family Programs

New Play Group / Babytime

A new weekly playgroup designed for babies 0-12 months and their caregivers.

- Make connections
- Supportive and fun
- Encourage social development for your baby
- Talk about challenges and celebrate successes
- Meet other parents & caregivers

Signup not required. Drop-in's welcome!
Questions? Call our Family Center at (603) 422-8209.

The Families we Make, Coffee and Company

Are you a grandparent, family member, or kinship caregiver who is raising children? Join us!

- Free coffee and snacks
- Celebrate successes and share challenges
- Friendly and welcoming
- Learn resources and connect with others

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

- 2nd Tuesday meets at Idlehurst Elementary in Somersworth. Drop-in's welcome!
- 4th Tuesday is online. Sign up **here** for the Zoom link.

Family Morning out Playgroup Schedule
Join us:

New! | Babytime, Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., Idlehurst School, 46 Stackpole Rd., Somersworth

Somersworth on Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., Idlehurst School, 46 Stackpole Rd.

Portsmouth on Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Families First, 8 Greenleaf Woods Drive

Exeter on Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Parks & Rec building, 32 Court St.

Epping on Fridays,9:30-11 a.m., SAU building, 213 Main St.

Free. In-person. No signup necessary.

*Groups may be cancelled due to weather or other circumstances. Please visit our website **here** for up-to-date schedule information.*

Let's Start the Party
Somersworth Festival Association

Somersworth High School
11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth, NH

Wide variety of talented crafters!
Food! Great raffles!
Free parking Free entry

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FESTIVAL
ASSOCIATION

This craft fair is being hosted by the Somersworth Festival Association. Proceeds from the craft fair help support all of the children's events hosted by the SFA.

Phone: 603-692-5869 • Email: sfachild.festival@gmail.com

City of Somersworth
Employment Opportunities

Finalists 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 (603) 692-9529 or email Linda

RECREATION

Camp Directors and Camp Counselors
Directors (must be 18+) $16.00hr.
Counselors (must be 16+) $14.00hr.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Summer Seasonal (40 hours a week / May - Sept) $17.00 - $20.00hr.

FIRE

Firefighter 2 Openings
$44,575.44 (effective 7/1/23 - $48,659.52)
Closing Date: May 19, 2023

POLICE

Dispatcher
$39,956.80 ($19.21 hr.) - $52,374.40 ($25.18 hr.)

Patrol Officer
$50,772.80 ($24.41 hr.) to $66,518.40 $31.98)

More Information: Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities
https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities

City Hall will be Closed on Monday, May 29 in Observance of Memorial Day

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