

City Connection

Proud Past, Bright Future



July 2018

July Meetings in Council Chambers at City Hall

City Council Monthly Meetings

Monday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee

Thursday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Traffic Safety Committee

Wednesday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Please note meeting Calendar is
subject to change.

Happy 4th of July!



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To view Agendas of City
Council meetings please visit
City website

www.somersworth.com/calendar/



The Mayor's Corner

**City of Somersworth
City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-9555**

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

**Wednesday
City Hall is open until
6:00 p.m.**



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- Business Email List
- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation Department

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Graduation Speech for the Class the 2018

Each year I have the honor of addressing the graduating class of Somersworth High School. Here is this year's departing words to the Class of 2018; "Our mere existence is chance, the air we breathe, chance, The creation of the planet we live on, chance"

While each day we process thousands of choices, it is still the laws of probability which govern. Do we wake up at the allotted hour or hit the snooze bar. The outfits we choose, the route we drive, the flavor or style of coffee we order. Each option is a choice, and a chance which one we will decide upon. It is the choices your parents made that brought you into the world of the living, and the choices their parents made, that brought them forward. It is the choices you then made, which has enabled each of you, twelve years of free public education you have earned.

For some, the chances to choose positive were clear, for others those chances were cloaked in a heavy layer of fog. Yet by chance, with the choices everyone in this room has made throughout their lives, has lead us all to this gathering spot, in this town, this state, this county at this very moment to congratulate and celebrate you. Choices and chances will follow us throughout our lives. We all hope that the choices we will be given, will lead to the chance for us to reach our potential, define the level of success, or find the balance and happiness all of us desire. However, history as taught us that our existence has been plagued with societies which limit choices and the chances each of us desire.

While our independence and American experience began with the promise of all having the god given rights of seeking life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, in the 242 years of our self-governing we have bared witness to the horrors of slavery, the inequality of women, the oppression of immigrants, the disparity of Jim Crow and the discrimination and violence inflicted upon our LGBT community. Yet with each failing, each generation was given the chance to correct the failures of the previous, and to re-chart the course towards the fulfillment of our creed.

"What Do You Do With a Chance?" is written by New York Times Best Sellers author Kobi Yamada and is my gift and parting words of advice to you.

"What Do You Do With a Chance?"

One day, I got a chance. It just seemed to show up. It acted like It knew me, as if it wanted something. I didn't know why it was here. "What do you do with a chance?" I wondered. It fluttered around me. It brushed up against me. It circled me as if it wanted Me to grab it. I started to reach for it, But was unsure and pulled back. And so it flew away. I thought about it a lot. I wished I had taken

my chance. I realized I had wanted it, but I still didn't know if I had the courage.

When another chance came around, I wasn't so sure. But I decided to try. I went to reach for it, but I missed and fell. I was embarrassed. I felt foolish. It seemed like Everyone was looking at me. I decided I never wanted to feel this way again. So after that, whenever a chance Came along, I ignored it. And the more I ignored them, The less they came around. Until one day I noticed that I hadn't seen a chance In quite a while. It was as if they had all disappeared. I started to worry, "What if I don't get another chance?" I know I acted like I didn't care, but the truth was, I did. I still wanted to take a chance, but I was afraid. And I wasn't sure if I would ever be brave enough. Then I thought, "Maybe I don't have to be brave All the time. Maybe I just need to be brave for A little while at the right time." I realized it was up to me. I promised myself that if I ever got another Chance, I wasn't going to hold back. If I got Another chance, I was going to be ready.

Then, one seemingly ordinary day, I saw something shining far off in the distance. "Is it possible?" I hoped. "Could this be my chance?" I had to find out. I ran as hard and as fast as I could toward it. I don't know how to explain it, But the second I let go of my fears, I was full of excitement. It wasn't that I was no longer afraid, but now My excitement was bigger than my fear. As I got closer, I could see that this was a really huge chance! But this time I was ready. As it came by, I reached Out and grabbed it. I held on with all my might. It felt so good to soar, to fly, to be free! I now see that when I hold back, I miss out. And I don't want to miss out. There's just so much I want to see and do and discover. So, what do you do with a chance? You take it...because it just might be The start of something incredible.

Class of 2018, congratulations on your accomplishments, best wishes as you continue with your daily choices throughout life. Continue to choose wisely as you work towards your dreams and aspirations. Know that Somersworth will always be home, and may your blood forever run Hilltopper Blue.

We are a community! We are achieving progress and greatness!

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard

**Mayor's Summer
Office Hours**

Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

People are welcomed to stop by during these times. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at 692-9503 or email [Brenda](#).



City Manager Notes

- [City Manager Reports - Click here to view](#)
- 2018 Water Quality [Report](#)



Chief Kretschmar's Message

School is out and summer vacation has begun. Please pay attention to the road while driving, put away your electronic devices or go hands free, obey the speed limits and please slow down and watch for pedestrians.

We will aggressively enforce crosswalk and distracted driving violations.



Special Olympic Torch Run



The Special Olympics Torch Run was held on Friday morning, June 1st. The torch was handed off to us by Rochester Police at the Next Level Church on Route 108. We ran the torch to the Loft in Dover and passed it on to the Dover Police.

Thank you to our Runners and our Supporters who came to cheer us on!

Summer Pet Safety

It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car on a balmy day. However, on a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees -- and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun!

Even when the outside air temperature is in the 60s, temperatures inside some vehicles can reach the danger zone on bright, sunny days. So many experts recommend not leaving pets or children in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60's or higher.

Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently, the pet can escape. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems.



LOCKING YOUR CAR DOORS

The safest way to protect your vehicle and the contents in it is to LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS. It only takes a minute.

Somersworth Police Facebook Page

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use this to inform 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/>

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 Crime Line:
You can leave anonymous information at 692-9111



Information from Fire Department 692-3457

REMEMBER **"Fireworks Rules"**

The state of New Hampshire has rules and regulations governing the use of fireworks. These are promulgated by the State Fire Marshal. Most important among these are:

- A PERMIT must be obtained from the Fire Department
- The landowner MUST give permission to use fireworks
- Only those 21 and older should possess and use fireworks
- M-80s, cherry bombs and certain bottle rockets are illegal in New Hampshire and SHOULD NEVER BE USED
- Small firecrackers and certain bottle rockets have been legalized by the Legislature and do NOT require a Permit. Check with your Fireworks provider to be sure which ones are legal without a Permit
- Eye protection by those igniting the fireworks is recommended
- Light only ONE device at a time
- Keep spectators away
- Ignite ONLY outdoors and AWAY FROM OTHER FIREWORKS AND COMBUSTIBLES
- Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose handy just in case
- Clean up debris later and any fireworks that failed to ignite. Soak these in water to disable them
- Call "9-1-1" for any incident - no matter how small
- Contact the Fire Department if you are unsure of any procedure



Citizen's Place

Public Works Highway Personnel Pretty-up Citizen's Place

Highway personnel recently installed new perennial plantings around the monument and flag pole at Citizens Place in downtown. The new plantings compliment the public space with a variety of perennial plantings that will add to the beauty and special nature of Citizens Place.

Department Water Utility Employees Train with Emergency Responders on Mock Chemical Spill in the Salmon Falls River

Water personnel spent the day on Thursday, June 21, training with other public safety emergency responders on responding to a mock chemical spill in the Salmon Falls River. The training allowed personnel from both the City of Somersworth, City of Dover, Town of Berwick, NHDES and Maine DEP, Strafford Country EMS and York County EMS to practice installing protective river booms to protect drinking water intakes and modify water treatment plant operations at both the Town of Berwick and City of Somersworth. The training was an excellent opportunity for neighboring municipalities and State and Regional agencies to work together on methods to protect drinking water supplies.

City Announces Road Repair Plans

Following City Council approval, the City is currently soliciting construction bids from road paving contractors to repair/repave the following streets in the City:

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| Otis Road: | West High Street to Rocky Hill Road |
| Salmon Falls Road: | State Line to City Line |
| High Street: | Blackwater Road to South Street |
| Tate's Brook Road: | Maple Street to Cemetery Road |
| Washington Street: | High Street to Main Street |
| Constitutional Way: | Washington Street to High Street |

Horne Street:

High Street to Myrtle Street

Work on the roads will range from milling off old pavement and applying new asphalt. In some cases, it will involve a reclaiming of the existing road base and adding new pavement material. Bids are due on July 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM and will be reviewed before submitting recommendation on bid award to the City Council. Work is anticipated to begin later this summer /early fall.

New Hampshire DOT will be repaving W. High Street from Rte. 108 to Maple Street (maintained by the State) and the City will be partnering with the NHDOT contractors to overlay W. High Street from Maple Street to Cemetery Road. This work is anticipated to occur in early fall.

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Please call Public Works with questions at 603-692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com with questions.



**THE STATE PRIMARY VOTING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Residents may register to vote or update information at the City Clerk's Office or during the Supervisors of the Checklist Sessions. Please note, June 5, 2018 was the deadline for a voter to change party affiliation or to become unaffiliated with a party for voting in the September 11, 2018, State Primary Election. See news release from the Secretary of State [here](#)

Don't forget to License your Dogs!

In accordance with RSA 466



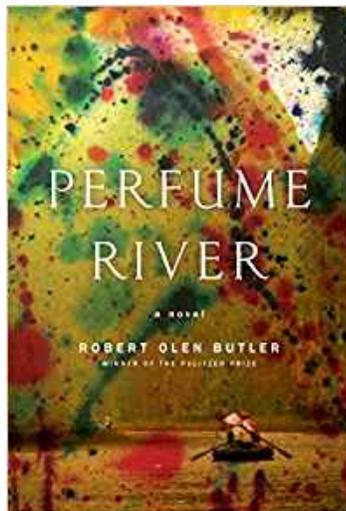
- Puppy (3 months to 7 months (rabies vaccination is required): \$7.50
- Male and female dogs (not spayed or neutered): \$10.00
- Spayed Neutered Male/Female: \$7.50
- Group License for 5 or more dogs: \$20.00
- 1st Animal owned by Senior Citizen (65 or older at time of procuring license): \$2.00

In addition to the regular licensing fee listed above, the following will also be applied:

- Beginning June 1st, a late fee of \$1.00 per month will be assessed for each month during which the dog remains unlicensed. Late fees are assessed per dog.
- Each dog that remains unlicensed will be assessed with a \$25.00 Civil Forfeiture fine by July 15th.

Contact the City Clerk's office with any questions. 603-692-9555

What's Happening at the Library?



What Somersworth is Reading in July

"Perfume River" by Robert Olen Butler

Robert Quinlan is a seventy-year-old historian, teaching at FSU, where his wife Darla is also tenured. Their marriage, forged in war protests, now bears the fractures of time, with the couple trapped in an existence of morning coffee and solitary jogging. For Robert and Darla, the cracks remain under the surface, whereas the divisions in Robert's family are more apparent: he has no relationship with his brother, who became estranged from the family as the Vietnam War intensified. The aftershocks of war ripple across their lives once again when Robert's brother refuses to appear at his father's dying bedside. The August book, The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier, will be available that evening. The program is free, and no registration is required.

Libraries Rock - Read This Summer

Sign up for the Summer Reading program begins on Saturday, June 16th and will continue into July. Stop by the library, sign up and get the first incentive for reading through the summer to maintain reading skills over the break from school. Independent reading is encouraged and supported, and story programs will be at 6:00PM on Tuesday, 11:15AM on Wednesday and 10:00AM on Friday beginning the week of July 3rd. Take some time to read!



Strafford the Listening Bear

Strafford the Listening Bear will sit very quietly with a child and listen to them read him a story. He is now visiting the Children's Room at the library. Strafford will be in the room any time a child visits. He will sit with you quietly and listen to any story you wish to read to him. Come in and visit with him. He loves reading!



Children's Book Sale Continues into July

The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library annual Children's Book Sale will continue to July 7th during regular library hours. There will be hardcover, soft cover and paperback books as well as movies on DVD and audio books. In July the book prices have been eliminated and you get to select all the books you wish and make a donation to the Friends. All proceeds will benefit the Somersworth Public Library.



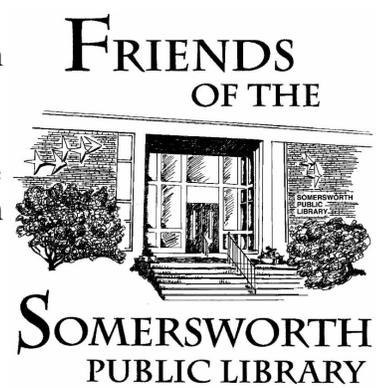
Borrow the Library's Museum Pass to the Seacoast Science Center

HOURS: Daily 10AM - 5 March - October

PASS ADMITS 2 ADULTS & 4 CHILDREN FOR 50% ADMISSION You must have a library card or prove you are a resident of the city to obtain the pass. The museum pass may be reserved ahead of your visit by calling the library at 692-4587.

www.seacoastsciencecenter.org

The Friends will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM at the library. All are welcome to attend and offer their energy, their ideas, and their expertise to further the Friends mission of supporting the Somersworth Public Library.



REMEMBERLibrary Saturday Hours

Please note the Summer hours for Saturday are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Recreation Department



**The Somersworth Splash Pad at Noble Pines Park is open for the season.
The Splash Pad is open 7 days a week from
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting).**

Please be sure to check out the Splash Pad rules prior to visiting:

- Splash Pad park hours are 10 am.- 7 pm. daily. The Splash Pad may be closed at any time due to maintenance or other concerns.
- Footwear/sandals are strongly recommended. NO athletic cleats on the Splash Pad.
- NO food or beverages, glass containers, or breakable objects are allowed on the Splash pad.
- NO skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, scooters, or any other type of

wheeled vehicle (with the exception of wheelchairs or assistive devices) are allowed on the Splash Pad.

- NO pets are allowed on the Splash Pad.

In the event of an emergency, call 911. The Splash Pad is located at 45 Grand Street.

Somersworth Recreation Presents...

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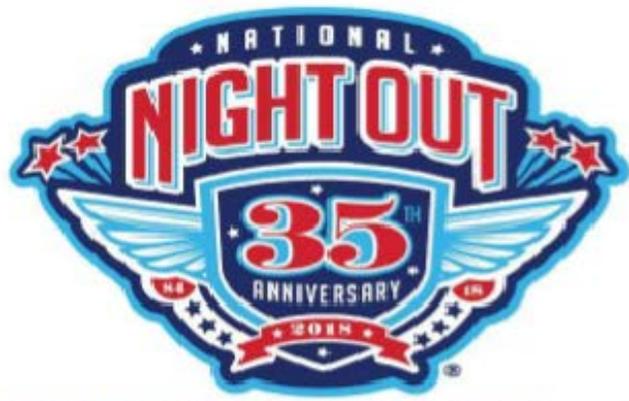


Early Bird Fee- \$45 residents / \$55 non-residents	Fee- \$60 residents / \$70 non-residents
Register & pay by July 20th	Deadline to register is August 24th

- ⊕ **Children ages 3 & 4**
- ⊕ **Saturday mornings at Noble Pines Park**
- ⊕ **9:00-9:45 a.m.**
- ⊕ **Sept. 15th—Oct. 27th (No soccer 10/6)**
- ⊕ **Parent participation is required**

Join us for this exciting 6-week program that is designed to teach young players the basic soccer skills through fun games and friendly scrimmages. Parent participation is required for this age group. Now seeking parent volunteer coaches. Please reach out if you can help, we rely on volunteers for the success of this program.

For more info please contact the Rec Office-
603-692-9508/ 692-9507



Tuesday, August 7th
Jules Bisson Park
5:30 - 7:30pm



Free Hot Dogs ★ Games ★ Resources ★ Music
★ Fire, Police and EMS Emergency Vehicles ★
★ Community Organizations ★ Prizes ★
Family Fun ★ And More! ★ Completely Free!



Ready Set Grow!

Idlehurst Reaps What They Have Sown

In April, students at Idlehurst planted seeds of all sorts. In June, just before the end of the school year, 2nd graders from Michelle Sleeper's class harvested beautiful fresh lettuce, crunchy radishes and herbs for a salad sampling party. Garden superhero Beth Giesta worked with the class to harvest one day, and the next day the class enjoyed a salad during snack time. Kids learned by doing, and

it was fun, active, healthy and delicious!



And this just in... Somersworth School District has been awarded a nearly \$42,000 USDA Farm to School Planning Grant! This grant was submitted back in December and was a very competitive process. Somersworth was the *only*

New Hampshire recipient. This grant will be used to (1) develop a district-wide compost and food waste reduction program, (2) provide professional

development for teachers to utilize school gardens as outdoor classrooms, (3) increase farm to school learning opportunities for students in the after-school and summer programs, and (4) develop a local foods procurement plan with the school food service department. With the help from this grant and support from our many talented teachers and administrators, garden experiences as all the schools can be fruitful and multiply. What an exciting opportunity, and we look forward to getting to work on this over the next year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was involved in this process!

If you'd like to learn more about Farm to School projects happening in Somersworth, and ways to get involved, contact Wendy at wberkeley@sau56.org.

Somersworth Festival Association Presents



KIDS' KONCERT SERIES

Join us at the Festival Pavilion
(Somersworth High Football Field)
on Wednesdays starting in July.

July 11th ~ Wayne from Maine
Sponsored by Service Credit Union

July 18th ~ Steve Blunt & Friends
Sponsored by Profile Bank

July 25th ~ Wildlife Encounters
Sponsored by Spence and Mathews

Aug. 1st ~ Mr. Harley
Sponsored by DF Richard Energy

Aug. 8th ~ Circus Minimus
Sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance

Aug. 15th ~ Tricky Dick the Magician
Sponsored by Kennebunk Savings

Bring your blankets and chairs!
Food will be available for purchase,
including our "meal deals."

All shows start at 6:00 p.m. at the
Festival Pavilion. In the event of
inclement weather, the show will be
held indoors at the Middle School.

Free Admission

CEMETERY CORNER



The Funky Diva's of Gospel at the
FURBER CHAPEL

**The Funky Diva's of Gospel will be performing at the Furber Chapel on
Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

The Funky Divas of Gospel have been a fixture on the Seacoast for over 20 years. Based in the Tri-City area, the group performs regularly at fairs and summer concerts and local music venues sharing great gospel and roots music. The Acoustic Diva Quartet features the three Diva vocalists, Ellen Gagnon, Dianne McMillen and Vicky Poland along with guitarist Dan Poland. The quartet performs the Funky Diva song list with a more intimate, acoustic delivery. The music is about harmony and is spiritual and reflective.



Come Enjoy the Music!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!
The Somersworth 125th Commission Proudly Presents:

ToppersRock 2018

When: Saturday August 11, 2018

Time: 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Somersworth High School Memorial Drive

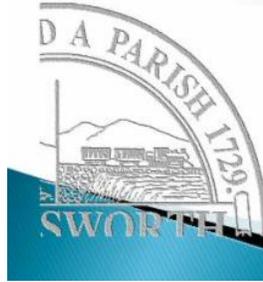
The concert will feature five local bands: Acoustic Radio, Bad Breath Microphone, Ovation, American Made and The Terry Collins Band. All the bands are Somersworth based and sound amazing. We wanted to celebrate our Hilltop community with you and raise funds for the Somersworth Athletics Association while you are having a great time!

Food will be available so please save the date and get your tickets early! Only \$20 a ticket...

<https://www.facebook.com/Somersworth-125th-Commission-147705575813454/> For More Details...

Also you can call Brenda at 692-9503

If you are a local business and would like to get involved please contact Jenne Holmes at Somerswothnow@gmail.com



Somersworth Farmers Market

Every Monday from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Goodwin Community Health Center

311 Route 108 Somersworth, NH

- Live Music
- Fresh Vegetables & Baked Goods
- Cooking Classes
- Weekly Deals



PHUGGINBURGER is Open!



PhugginBurger, The area's favorite Food Truck has opened their doors in the Historic Great Falls Train Depot in Somersworth. They are offering the same menu that made them famous; including The PhugginBurger, The Big Ben, The Lord Aubrey, and Big Kahuna Burger! Not to mention our Famous Poutine and Chili Cheese Fries and their new Phuggin Gourmet PhlatBread Pizza. We also have Beer and Wine!

"We are passionate about working with the Community and are dedicated to using locally produced ingredients wherever possible"

**Save the Date
Blood Drive**



Blood Drive
City of Somersworth

Council Chambers
 One Government Way
 Somersworth, NH 03878

Friday, August 10, 2018
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To register to donate, please visit: www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.
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Quality Service, Quality Schools
Quality Somersworth
Vision 2020

"We Believe in Somersworth"



Proud Past, Bright Future

