City Connection



Proud Past, Bright Future

June 2018

June Meetings in Council Chambers at City Hall

City Council Monthly Meetings

Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Historic District Commission Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 p m.

Planning Board Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Traffic Safety Committee Wednesday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings

Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayors Community Forum Saturday, June 9: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Ward 4 Councilor, Jonathan McCallion & Ward 5 Councilor Richard Michaud & Ward 4 School Board Member, Kyla Yoder and **Pretty in Somersworth!**



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Ward 5 Tom McCallion.

Please note meeting Calendar is subject to change.

To view Agendas of City Council meetings please visit City website

www.somersworth.com/calendar/



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

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

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

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- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation Department



The Mayor's Corner

Memorial Day Message

Two hundred and forty two years ago as a people united by the doctrine of Inalienable rights and Independence, we began the long journey as the protectors of human dignity and self-destine. Today monuments, grave markers and battlefields all stand silent as the whispers of the heroes who defended this great nation remind us of our creed, and the cost for the universal principals of freedom and liberty which represent each person who calls themselves an American. Two hundred and forty two years later that journey continues. For where the human spirit is suppressed, we will continue, continue our march to shatter the chains of those who enslave liberty with each breath of their tyranny.

Today we recognize the flags waiving silently in the wind as the true cost of freedom and as a nation we gather to show our gratitude to those who paid the ultimate price. Our goals, our journey, our purpose requires the willingness of each citizen to sacrifice their hopes, dreams and future for a nation that is still growing. With each life lost, the souls of those who defended us reinforce the strength of liberty, the strength of justice the eternal power of the words etched upon our historic parchment "All Men Are Created Equal". With that strength comes our re-commitment today, to ensure that that we will continue to carry the torch, guiding the path for all those who desire to be free, for all those who desire to continue the journey of building a nation founded upon the doctrine of equality for all.

"We the People" as a nation have endured each challenge cast upon our great county, standing with courage as we bore witness to the horrors of war, the pains of the loss of loves one and the great responsibility each of us bear as we remember. As a free people, each of us are keepers of their memories, and must continue to perpetuate their stories of valor and sacrifice. Their unselfish act of surrendering their last breath was given so future generations could continue to build a society built upon the promise of freedom for all. Today as we stand in the land of the living let us listen to the voices of those who have passed in our name, for our dreams, for our hopes, for our liberties.

As the guardians of their memories, let us continue to educate each generation on their heroism. As we reflect on the true meaning of citizenship we must continue to honor, pay tribute and build the nation they were willing to sacrifice their lives for. Today as we march, play taps, and fire volleys of honor, may their souls find peace in not only the thanks each of us represents, but the re-commitment to our journey as Americans we continue on.

As an eternal testament of thanks, it is with great pride and honor that today I announce the formation of a Veterans Park Commission. Chaired by Ward 3 City Councilor Marty Dumont, the Commission will begin their work of re-

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designing this very park we gather in today so it may become a living tribute to all the brave men and women who answered the call of defending this great nation. It will be a place of honor, a place of reflection, a place of remembrance and a place of celebration. It will be a place for each citizen to remember the cost that each of us must be willing to pay, if liberties light is to continue to shine upon us.

A year from now as we gather once more in this park we will break ground and as a united community we will begin to build a park. A park to remember those who have sacrificed all so that we may have the hopes and the freedoms we all enjoy today. Let each citizen, each business, and each organization step forth and willingly join and contribute to the vision and construction of a Somersworth Veterans Park. Let us be willing to construct a place of honor, built upon the reflection and the values of community and sacrifice. The values which they taught us through their deeds, the values a new park will re-enforce to each generation which walks through it.

May our great Hilltop community continue to remember, continue to honor and continue to say thanks. May the great light of liberty forever continue to shine.

And may God forever bless these great United States.

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

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard



Mayor's Community Forum Saturday, June 9 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chambers

Please join the Mayor, Ward 4 City Councilor, Jonathan McCallion and Ward 5 Richard Michaud and Ward 4 School Board Member, Kyla Yoder and Ward 5 Member Tom McCallion.

Come discuss Community issues and voice your concerns.

The purpose of the forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our Community forward. All members of the Community are welcome to attend.

Mayor's Winter
Office Hours

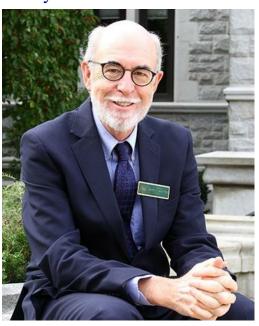
Monday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 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 <u>Brenda</u>.

Join us for Office Hours with Senator David Watters

Tuesday, June 5 Somersworth City Hall Conference Room from 2 -3:00 pm





City Manager Notes

- <u>City Manager Reports Click here to view</u>
- Public Informational Meeting on State Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant.

The City of Somersworth will hold a Local Concerns Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at **6:00 p.m.** in the Lower Lobby of City Hall, One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878. City Staff and Contracted Project Engineers will be present. The Agenda is as follows: Public Meeting Agenda

• Serve with Liberty Day

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Somersworth Police Department



FROM THE POLICE CHIEF
Meet our newest Officer, Eric Lutz
Officer Lutz was sworn in on May 7th...Welcome to our Department.



Moving forward we will continue to strive to improve on our Community Policing efforts!

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.

Leave your Dog home on Warm Days!

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





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



Information from Fire Department 692-3457

Gas Grilles

Be sure that using your gas grille does not lead to a fire.

- Keep your grille surface clean
- Keep the gas line secure and connections tight
- Keep the grille at least 10 feet away from combustibles (house, etc.)
- If the gas does not ignite immediately, take breaks between lighting attempts
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher nearby

Fireworks

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

Information from Public Works 692-4266



Metal/Electronic Waste Collection

Metal and electronic waste will be collected on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Residents with items to be picked up should call Public Works at 692-4266 to be placed on the pick up list by Monday, June 11, 2018. The cost of disposing common bulky waste items (including metal and electronic items) can be found at www.somersworth.com by clicking on the "Trash" heading under the "Residents" tab.

Road Resurfacing Plans

The following streets were recommended and selected by the Public Works Committee and approved by the City Council to receive new pavement treatments during this coming construction season pending a review of costs:

-High Street (Blackwater Road and South Street)

- -Tates Brook Road (Maple St to W. High Street)
- -W. High Street (Maple Street to Cemetery Road)
- -Washington Street (Main Street to High Street)
- -Horne Street
- -Constitutional Way (Washington Street to High Street)
- -Salmon Falls Road (Somersworth town to Rochester town line)
- -Otis Road (W. High Street to Rocky Hill Road)

Public Works staff is preparing construction specifications and bidding documents now. Bids will be solicited starting in early June and due to the City by mid-July. Work will start following City Council approval of a paving contract anticipated to be later this summer.

"Fill a Truck" a success

In conjunction with National Public Works Week, the Department promoted a **Fill a Truck** program as a means to reduce hunger in the community. A City truck was parked in the DPW Facility parking lot during late May and served as the location for dropping off the food. Over 370 LBS of non-perishable food items were donated by City employees and the community. The Department wishes to thank all of those that donated food and participated in the program. Staff delivered the food to the Somersworth Community Food Pantry.

Weed Abatement Services

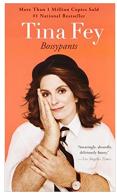
Municipal Pest Management will be applying weed abatement treatments along designated primary and secondary streets and traffic islands in early June and again in August. The annual treatment assists with reducing weeds along the street curb lines, and sidewalk curbs. Removing weeds from streets and sidewalks, improves the wear of the asphalt and/or concrete surfaces, and improves site distance at intersections. The contractor will use Rodeo on the primary streets (High Street, West High Street, Blackwater Road, Maple Street, Indigo Hill Road, Main Street, Green Street, Station Street, John Parsons Drive, Constitution Way, Washington Street and Depot Street) and we will be using an organic application on the selected secondary streets (Buffumsville Road, Cemetery Road and River Street) as part of the City's effort to continue to develop experiences with latest organic materials for weed abatement.

Site work at the Greenview Acres Subdivision begins

Brown Industrial Group Inc, is working with the developer of the recently approved Greenview Acres Subdivision at 138 Rocky Hill Road. The contractor is starting the road and site improvements for the subdivision. As part of the improvements, the contractor needs to tap the existing City water main in Rocky Hill Road; they will need to cross the entire width of Rocky Hill Road during the water main installation. Brown Industrial Group has been working with the Public Works Department and the Police Department on plans for temporarily closing this portion of Rocky Hill Road which is currently scheduled for Wednesday June 6, from 7am-3pm. A traffic detour plan around the closure will be implemented to include signs and barricades during this one day shut down.

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

What's Happening at the Library?



What Somersworth is Reading in June 2018

"Bossy Pants" by Tina Fey

Before Liz Lemon, before "Weekend Update," before "Sarah Palin," Tina Fey was just a girl with a dream: a recurring stress dream that she was being chased through a local airport by her middle-school gym teacher. She also had a dream that one day she would be a comedian on TV. She has seen both these dreams come true. At last, her story can be told. Tina Fey reveals all, and proves what we've all

suspected: you're no one until someone calls you bossy. Join us at 7:00PM at the library for a great evening of sharing our thoughts on this book, and other topics that will arise. After Words July book, <u>Perfume River</u> by Robert Olen Butler, will be available that evening. The After Words 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. Take some time to read!



Somersworth International Children's Festival Library Booth

Visit the library's craft table during the Festival on Saturday, June 16th. This year you can make a Mexican maraca to take home and get information about the library's reading program over the summer, how to get a library card, or ask any other questions

you might have about the library.

Children's Book Sale

The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library annual Children's Book Sale will begin June 16th and 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. The book prices range from $25 \not c$ to \$1.00, and will be discounted to half price on June 21^{st} . From June 26 - 30, come and select



all the books you wish and make a donation to the Friends. All proceeds will benefit the Somersworth Public Library.

Story Time Programs for June

The Children's Room will hold the weekly story time programs on Tuesday at 6:00pm, Wednesday at 11:15am, and Friday at 10:00 am the weeks of May 29th and June 4th. The programs include several stories and an easy craft based on the weekly themes of Dinosaurs and Father's Day. After a break of three weeks, regular story time programs will resume on July 3rd as part of the 'Libraries Rock' summer program. Each story time lasts about 45 minutes. No registration is required.



Borrow the Library's Museum Pass to Strawbery Banke

Strawbery Banke Museum opened May 1st for daily hours of 10am - 5 pm for the season. The library has two passes that may be borrowed daily and each pass provides free admission for a family (two parents and four children under the age of

17). 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.

REMEMBERLibrary Hours change on June 2nd

Beginning Saturday June 2nd, the Library's hours on Saturday's only will change from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Please note the Summer early closing time of 1:00 p.m. for Saturday on your calendars.



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The Department of Public Works participated in this event on May 10th with volunteers who came to assist with a spring clean-up at Forest Glade Cemetery. Volunteers spent day raking leaves and cleaning debris.

We'd like to thank Liberty Mutual for hosting this annual program as the City of Somersworth has been able to accomplish bigger projects with the support of their employees year after year. We'd also like to thank the volunteers who chose to participate in our projects and for donating their services to make these special improvements.



Children going into grades 6-9 Monday– Friday; 8:30-4:00 p.m. Noble Pines Park

Session 1: June 25- July 20 ONo Gamp 7/41 Session 2: July 23- Angust 17

Registration opens March 15th for residents / April 15th non-residents

Early Bird Fee:

Register by May 1st-(Cost per session- 4 weeks) \$450 residents / \$550 non-residents

FIII 8-Weeks:

Full 8- weeks: Register & pay in full by May 1st *Non-refundable* \$800 / residents only

FOOS

Registration Deadline is June 1st-(Cost per session- 4 weeks) \$500 residents / \$600 non-residents

Weekly Rate:

Register by June 1st-No daily rate available \$150 residents / \$175 non-residents

Extended Care Option:

\$100 per session / \$30 per week Before Care Hours: 7:00-8:30 a.m. After Care Hours: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Join us for this exciting and active outdoor summer camp! This program will feature trips to NH State Parks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, special field trips on Fridays, swimming, athletics, games, and lots of other engaging fun events and activities. The cost includes all trips, activities, breakfast & lunch.



KIDS CAMP

Children going into grades K-5 *Kindergarten is Half Day Camp Only* Monday- Friday; 8:30-4:00 p.m. Noble Pines Park

ession 1: June 25- July 20 (No Camp 7/4) Session 2: July 23- August 17

Registration opens March 15th for residents / April 15th non-residents

Barky Blad Fee:

Register by May 1st-(Cost per session- 4 weeks) \$350 residents / \$450 non-residents

Full 8-Weeks:

Full 8- weeks: Register & pay in full by May 1st *Non-refundable* \$600 / residents only

Weekly Rate:

Register by June 1st-No daily rate available \$125 residents / \$150 non-residents

F@D:

Registration Deadline is June 1st-(Cost per session- 4 weeks) \$400 residents / \$500 non-residents

Half Day Gamp:

M,W,F 8:30-12:00 p.m. \$150 residents / \$200 non-residents

Extended Care Option:

\$100 per session / \$30 per week Before Care Hours: 7:00-8:30 a.m. After Care Hours: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy this active, outdoor, and exciting summer camp filled with fun activities and field trips.

Activities include arts & crafts, games, swimming, special events, athletics, and more. Field trips are on Tuesdays and Thursdays to various NH State Parks. The cost of camp includes breakfast, lunch, two weekly state park trips, special field trips, arts & crafts materials, and a camp T-shirt.



For more information please contact the Recreation office- 603-692-9508 or kdavenport@somersworth.com

CEMETERY CORNER



Memorial Day 2018 - Furber Chapel

Somersworth Cemetery Board of Trustees cordially invites you to join us Sunday, June 10 at 2pm for a presentation by architectural historian Peter Michaud. This event will kick off our summer series events.

Peter will guide you through our very own Nationally recognized Forest Glade cemetery discussing aspects of 19th century cemetery garden features.



Upcoming Events Coming to the Chapel: July 29 @ 2pm- The Funky Divas Gospel August 19 @ 2pm- Artful Noise String Quartet Sept 9 @ 2pm- Liz Ahl: Author & Poet

We would like to thank the community members who so kindly donated perennials for the Furber Chapel garden that will house our nationally recognized plaque that was on display for our Memorial Day presentation.



Ready Set Grow!

You Say Potato....

Some delicious Fingerling potatoes, generously donated by CTC educator Ed Olson, were prepared for planting this spring, then planted by Somersworth Middle School students. A trench was dug by 8th grade students, along the curved border of a perennial bed. At 40 feet long, with roughly 120 spuds planted, the harvest this fall could

yield enough to replant in spring of 2019, as well as provide plenty to feed our students a few times through the Caféteria or through SYC.



Mr. Daryl Dunbar, aka the Maple Syrup Wonderboy, will coordinate the care of them over the summer, and has high hopes they may be ready for harvest during SMS Fall Festival. Big thanks to the hard working students who made it happen, and to the enlightened SMS administrative team that encourages outside educational opportunities.

For more information on Farm to School at SMS and at Somersworth's other schools, contact Wendy at wberkeley@sau56.org, and check out the Somersworth Farm to School Facebook page.





The 2nd Annual SEACOAST FOOD TRUCK CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 17th Downtown Somersworth Noon - 5 PM



-FOOD TRUCKS

-CRAFT BEER

-YARD GAMES

Come Hungry. Come Thirsty.

Tickets:

Online

\$5 General Admission Day of:

\$10 General Admission Kids under 12 free!

SPECIAL EARLY ENTRY VIP HOUR: 11 AM - NOON: \$25

FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS: WWW.FTFOFAMERICA.COM

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Somersworth 38th Annual International Children's Festival

Friday, June 15 - 5:30pm to10:00pm:

Celebration" at the Somersworth High School pavilion on Memorial Drive.

• Saturday, June 16 - 10:00am to 4:00pm:

Main Event at Downtown Plaza on Main St. along with the

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Friday evening starts off with a concert plus food, vendors and activities. The Celebration" will end with a giant fireworks show on the football field at dusk.

Saturday event on MAIN Street will have kid's activities, the popular childhood play area, food, vendors, games, and main stage entertainment all day. Also visit Noble Pines on the Hill for more activities.



For more information on these events, call the festival office at 692-5869.





Every Monday From 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Starting June 4th

Goodwin Community Health Center 311 Route 108 Somersworth, NH

- Live Music
- Cooking Classes
- Fresh Vegetables
- Baked Goods
- · Family Fun
- · Weekly Deals



Somersworth Athletic Association Golf Tournament

June 2, 2018 Rochester Country Club



1:00 pm Shotgun Start Registration open at 11:30 am \$120 / per person

SAA is a non-profit organization supporting Somersworth athletic teams of all ages

> Registration Forms Available At 2 Doors Down Bar & Grill

Checks payable to: Somersworth Athletic Association

Mail form and check to: SAA, PO Box 622, Somersworth, NH 03878

Questions: Contact Steve McHugh at

slamchugh@Comcast.net





Somersworth Prevention Coalition Tip of the Month



Quality Service, Quality Schools Quality Somersworth Vision 2020

"We Believe in Somersworth"



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