

# City Connection

*Proud Past, Bright Future*

June 2019



## June Meetings in Council Chambers

### City Council Meetings

#### Regular City Council Monthly Meetings

**Monday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Workshop on Form Based Codes**  
**7:00 p.m. Monthly Council Meeting**

**Monday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Workshop - COAST Bus Presentation**  
**7:00 p.m. Monthly Council Meeting**

**School Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Site Review Technical Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 5 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m.**

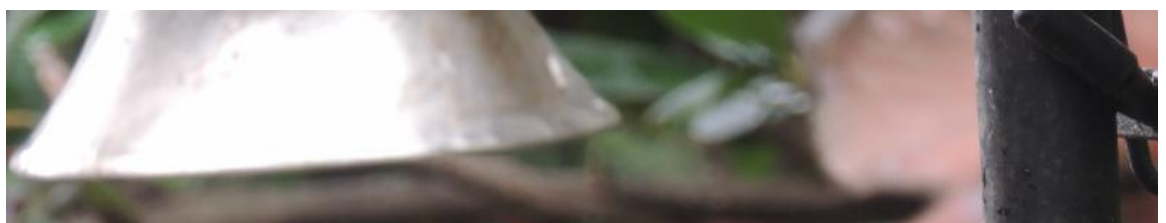
**Conservation Commission**  
**Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Planning Board**  
**Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Historic District Commission**  
**Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Traffic Safety Committee**

### Spring for Hill-toppers!



Please note meeting Calendar is subject to change.

To view Agendas of City Council meetings please visit City website  
[www.somersworth.com/calendar/](http://www.somersworth.com/calendar/)



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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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- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation Department

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## The Mayor's Corner

### Memorial Day 2019

We are guided throughout our lives by the heroes who embraced eternity. Filled with fear and uncertainty, they charged forward into the arms of death with such determination that humankind would set forth and be free. The whispers of their souls echo in the breeze, reminding us of the fortitude they exhibited so that all would know the meaning of the word Freedom; freedom from the chains of oppression, aggression, and discrimination; freedom to be the keepers of one's destiny, to set one's course to live in peace and happiness.

For two hundred an forty three years, our nation has continued the journey towards building a society where all differences would be honored and embraced. Our foundation rock was the first one casted in human history based upon the ideology that all are linked with rights bestowed upon us by the creator. What god has given, may no man or government deny, has been the creed which has identified us as a people and a nation committed to the universal equality of all. Each step we take, brings us closer to creating an America where all will be honored, embraced and protected.

For a complete list of all upcoming meetings visit the [City calendar](#)

We are aware of the human cost of freedom, there is a price for liberty and equality, and we are reminded of the price by the rows of the patriots who now stand in silent formation at Arlington, Boscawen, and Forrest Glade. The flags marking their heroism are universal testament to the love they gave to a nation and its future generations they would never meet. Yet without haste, they marched and charged forward into the history books of a grateful nation, aware that the darkness to fall upon them would ensure a continual sunrise of hope for liberty to prevail.

With each year democracy progresses forward, we add to the honor roll of its defenders. We honor our fallen not only through our remembrances as a grateful nation, but through our actions and commitment to the freedoms and liberty which they lost their lives for. When we allow injustice, intolerance or actions of discrimination, we bring dishonor to the heroes of liberty and impede the destiny of human freedom and equality. Today, as we gather as free citizens, let us reaffirm our oath to the progression of the American journey, the progression of human liberty and dignity. Let us reaffirm our willingness to defend the hope of humanity from all enemies wishing to return to a world of darkness, dictatorships and oppressive regimes.

As a united free people, we will carry forth the torch of the promise of liberties light, illuminating the path for all who seek to join the travels towards self-determination; all who seek to better society and; all who embrace democratic values. We will continue to take pause and silence, silence so that the souls of the departed heroes may continue to guide us, towards the fulfillment of the American creed.

One year ago, as part of our commitment to remembrance, I formed the Veterans Park Commission, who embarked on a mission to redesign and bring testament to all Hilltoppers who served. One year later, we officially unveil our future Veterans Park, with the hopes of completion and dedication by Veterans Day. Citizens and Veterans of Somersworth the design of our future Veterans Park.

May God forever shine light, grace and protect all who seek freedom and liberty. And may God for ever cast his grace upon these United States.

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

***WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!***

*Mayor Dana Hilliard*



**Mayor's Community  
Forum  
Saturday, June 8  
9:00am – 10:30am  
City Hall**

Included in this Forum will be the Mayor and Chief of Police David Kretschmar.

The purpose of these forums are to foster dialogue and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our Community forward.

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### **Mayoral 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 [Brenda](#).

### **From the City Manager's Office**



[City Manager Reports - Click here to view](#)





Mayor Dana Hilliard, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Jamie Wood and U.S Representative Chris Pappas

## **Somersworth Earns Energy Efficiency Award**

The State Department of Environmental Services awarded Somersworth's Wastewater Treatment Plant with a 2019 Energy Efficient Award for being one of New Hampshire's energy champions. NHDES noted the plant's efficiency while bestowing the award, because Somersworth paced the State using 0.62 kilowatt hours for every pound of biological oxygen demand removed, but also because it did so in spite of the fact that the City's plant is more than 30 years old.

"Plant Chief Operator Jamie Wood and his team have once again proven how our 10-square-mile Hilltop City community continues to be the model of the 21st Century practices, said Mayor Dana Hilliard. They have reinforced through their practices how Somersworth is truly 'on the move'"

The Hilltop City plant won the category based on pollutant loading.

**Tonight!**

## **NEW BUS SERVICE CONCEPT FOR 2020**

Based on your feedback from our 2018 survey, COAST has created a service concept for 2020 that we want your thoughts on! Join us to see the proposed concept and be part of shaping COAST's future!

**Farmington (Town Hall) 5/22**  
**Dover (Wentworth-Douglass Hospital) 5/28**  
**Portsmouth (City Hall) 5/30**  
**Somersworth (City Hall) 6/4**  
**Rochester (Public Library) 6/11**

All meetings are from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

GET MORE INFO AT

[WWW.COASTBUS.ORG/OURFUTURE](http://WWW.COASTBUS.ORG/OURFUTURE)



**Invites Public Input for 2020 Plans  
Tuesday, June 4 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Continuing a process to reinvent public transportation in the region by responding to public interests and budget challenges, COAST is announcing a series of community meetings to unveil their latest conceptual plan and invite input from riders and other stakeholders across the Seacoast.

Community input is critical for public transportation planning, it not only supports creating a strong vision but informs funders from elected officials to the NH Department of Transportation that the model that is eventually rolled out has strong backing from the communities and riders it serves.

All members of the community are welcome.



**Tuesday, June 4 at City Hall  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



3RD ANNUAL

**& Seacoast Food Truck  
Craft Beer Festival**

SATURDAY  
**JUNE 8TH**  
1PM TO 7PM

**free entry!**



BURRITOS iced coffee Fish Tacos  
Nachos ITALIAN ice cream  
lobster rolls Gourmet Desserts CREOLE  
BBQ gyros Hamburgers  
Salads BEER cupcakes  
**music all day!**

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**Somersworth International Children's Festival 2019**  
**Friday, June 14: 6:00pm to 10:00pm**  
**"Celebration" at the Somersworth High School and the Pavilion on Memorial Drive.**

**Saturday, June 15: 10:00am to 4:00pm**  
**Main Event at the Downtown Plaza and Main Street**  
**and 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Noble Pines on the Hill.**

The Somersworth Festival Association presents the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival on Friday evening with a "Celebration" concert opening with "Wayne from Maine" and featuring our local cover band, "Bad Breath Microphone", plus food and novelty vendors and amusement activities. The "Celebration" will end with a Fireworks Show on the Football Field at Dusk.

The Saturday main event on Main Street will have kid's activities, the popular Childhood Play Area, food and novelty vendors, craft and service vendors and main stage entertainment all day plus a World Cultures Passport Center with entertainment and exhibits from varied countries.

Also visit Noble Pines on the Hill featuring many kid's activities and entertainment throughout the day.

For more information on these events, call the Festival Office at 692-5869.

## **FISHER CATS BASEBALL**

**City of Somersworth**

**Cultural Commission Community Event**

Please join your fellow Hilltoppers for a fun-filled  
Fisher Cat Baseball Game Celebrating  
**FRANCO-AMERICAN HERITAGE**  
Sunday, June 23 - 1:35pm Game

**\$40 Ticket Includes:**

**Ticket to the Game, Hat, Hot Dog & Chips & Soda, PLUS  
Coach Transportation to the Stadium in Manchester.**



Please call the City Manager's Office at 692-9503  
to purchase tickets or for more information



**Coffee**





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**Tuesday, June 11th**

**Starbucks at Target 8:00-10:00 am**

**11 Andrews Ln. Somersworth NH**

Please Join the Somersworth Police Department for "Coffee with a Cop". This event is a chance for you to meet and get to know officers from the Somersworth Police Department in a casual setting over a casual cup of coffee. Huge thank you to Starbucks located in Target for allowing us to hold this event at their location.



## Touch A Truck

Saturday, June 22





**Come see Police, Fire, EMS, Construction and Special purpose vehicles! You might even see some special Wal-Mart Vehicles.**

**Where: Walmart Superstore Parking Lot, 59 Walton's Way**

**Time: 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

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### **Fun Happenings at Somersworth Police**



Idlehurst kids welcome SRO Officer McCoy back from his training at Police Academy.  
He was obviously greatly missed

### **FREE A.L.I.C.E. Training for Businesses**

We are offering **FREE** Active Shooter Training for any business in Somersworth. ALICE stands for Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. Contact Chief Kretschmar at [dkretschmar@somersworth.com](mailto:dkretschmar@somersworth.com) for more information.

### **Somersworth Police Facebook Page**

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use this to inform you 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](http://www.Nixle.com)



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





**From your Local Fire Department  
692-3457**

### **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







Many people walk their dogs past the Fire Station and Lt. Spinney thought it would be a nice touch to put the hydrant there with water for dogs as they walked by. The hydrant formerly was used as a training prop but as we have a real hydrant in the rear of the station that is used for that purpose, the older hydrant sat unused.

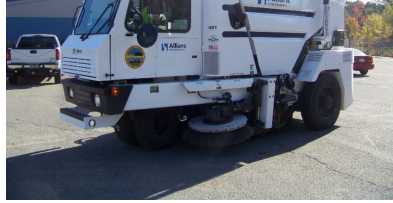
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**Information from Public Works**  
**692-4266**



**Metal/Electronic Waste Collection**

Metal and electronic waste will be collected on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. 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 10, 2019. The cost of disposing common bulky waste items (including metal and electronic items) can be found at [www.somersworth.com](http://www.somersworth.com) by clicking on the "Trash and Recycling" heading under the "Our Community" tab.



## LEGO Your Imagination – This Summer at the Library!

- ✦ Read books that let your imagination soar as they take you to new and exciting places!
- ✦ Get some cool stuff for all that reading – the more you read the more you get! Imagine that!
- ✦ For every hour you read, you get an extra chance to receive a gift bag – filled with all kinds of imaginative things!
- ✦ Come to Creative Programs – 4 different fun Crafts Days that will test your imagination!
- ✦ Create with our Tinker Table Programs – Build from a variety of kits (including LEGO's, of course), play with cool mind games or just draw whatever your imagination tells you!



**Our Summer Reading Program will run June 18<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Check for more info after June 1<sup>st</sup> on our Website or Facebook Page**



**Somersworth Public Library**

25 Main Street  
Somersworth, NH 03835

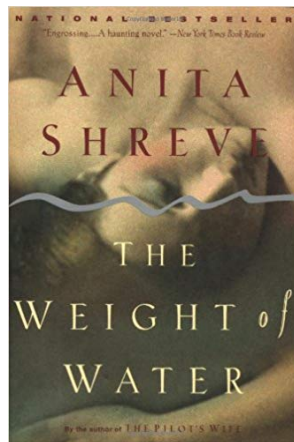
## What's Happening at the Library



### The Library Has a New Book Return!

We have replaced our very rusted book return! There is plenty of room for returning all of your books and DVD's so we hope you'll be using it often after enjoying items checked out from our great collection.

## What Somersworth is Reading in June (Wednesday June 26)



### "The Weight of Water"

by Anita Shreve

"I wonder this: If you take a woman and push her to the edge, how will she behave?" The question is posed by Jean, a photographer, who arrives on Smuttynose Island, off the coast of New Hampshire, to research a century-old crime. As she immerses herself in the details of the case—an outburst of passion that resulted in the deaths of two women—Jean herself enters precarious emotional territory. The suspicion that her husband is having an affair burgeons into jealousy and distrust, and ultimately propels Jean to the verge of actions she had not known herself capable of—actions with horrific consequences. Everywhere hailed for its beauty and power, *The Weight of Water* takes us on an unforgettable journey through the furthest extremes of emotion.



# **Summer Story Time Schedule**

**Join us for Stories and a Craft**

**Friday's at 10:00 AM**

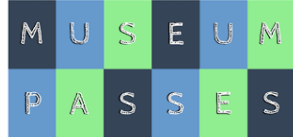
**June 21st - August 9th**

**Any Ages Welcome**

Looking for another Day, Time or Evening for a  
Story Time or other Activity for Kids?  
Please let us know!

We would like to be able to accommodate more of  
our residents at our programs and would like your  
input on the best times to do that!

Please go to our Facebook Page  
or check with our Staff to  
fill out our Brief Survey.



Enjoy our Free or Reduced Admission Museum Passes! Call us today to reserve a date for any of the following museums - available to any Somersworth Residents:

Children's Museum of Dover  
Strawbery Banke - Portsmouth  
Seacoast Science Center - Rye  
Museum of Science - Boston  
New England Aquarium - Boston  
Museum of Fine Arts - Boston

**PLEASE NOTE:** New England Aquarium pass is not available in July and August, so reserve a pass through June today!

### **Do you have items that are overdue and you're worried about owing fines?**

Every month we have a **Fine Free Friday**. On the First Friday of the month return any overdue items and you won't owe a thing, no matter how long you have had the item!!



### **Library Summer Hours**

Starting June 1st through August our Saturday hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
All other hours will remain the same.

The Library now has a Facebook page! We will gradually be adding news, programs and photos, so 'Like' and follow "Somersworth Library" today so you're one of the first to know about all the new things that will be going on!



**Congratulations to our Middle School Students, Administrators, Teachers and  
entire SAU team for being honored in receiving the School Edie State Award  
for Excellence-Middle School of Year Award.**



**Ready Set Grow!**

### **Growing Food in our School - From the Food in our Schools**

The kindergarten team has taken the lead with the gardens beds with Michelle Nash getting kids out to plant, water, watch and learn. Salad is on the menu there as well, so that kids can taste what they plant and care for over the next month. Angela Ficco received a Master Gardner Grant as well, to support her pollinator and vegetable garden plants. Somersworth Youth Connection Enrichment Instructor Caitlin Wollack whose vast knowledge has been a gift to our after-school garden activities at Idlehurst, continues to share her knowledge with the kids in a fun, active outdoor experience. A huge thank you to all the teachers, paras, parents, students and administrators who came together at the elementary level this year to enrich kids lives with outdoor education.

Finally, several Maple Wood and Idelhurst staff participated in Harvest of the Month trainings, sponsored



by NH Farm to School. This is geared towards K-4, the Harvest of the Month trainings promote seasonal local foods in their lessons, while engaging children on tasting new foods. Their reward for participating in this free professional development? Both schools now own a classroom cooking kit to continue these important lessons that weave food and nutrition into the curriculum, which is exactly the Farm to School mission.

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](mailto:wberkeley@sau56.org).

***Eat well all, and have a terrific summer!***

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### **Somersworth's Conservation Commission Community Message**



The Conservation Commission would like your assistance in preventing the spread of the invasive Japanese knotweed plant. The best means of eradication are smothering it and treatment with herbicide by licensed professionals. Please do not cut it (except by hand, and only if you are going to immediately burn

it), do not bury it, or move it. If you see stands of knotweed, please try to stay away from them, and keep pets away from them, to avoid inadvertently spreading parts of the plants via your feet.



New shoots emerging in the spring-April/May

For more information, please see the NH Department of Agriculture's online document "Preventing the Spread of Japanese knotweed."

<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf>

### **A Message from the Somersworth Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Committee is working with City Departments to baseline and track energy use, water consumption, and waste, using the EPA's Energy Star Portfolio Manager. The tool monitors performance and assists in achieving efficiency goals, to save the City money while minimizing our environmental footprint.

Somersworth is one of the seventeen Tree City USA communities in New Hampshire. Designation only goes to communities that meet standards for tree planting, a city tree ordinance, a tree board, and observance of Arbor Day.

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**Quality Service, Quality Schools  
Quality Somersworth  
Vision 2020**

***"We Believe in Somersworth"***



***Proud Past, Bright Future***

