



June

The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings



City of Somersworth City Hall

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

City Hall Hours

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

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

Boards & Committee Meetings this Month

City Council Meeting

Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board

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

Planning Board

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30
p.m.

**Historic District
Commission**

Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00
p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

**Today we breath the air of a free nation
Today we gather as free united citizens**

Our nation is not perfect, we are not perfect. Yet we long for perfection. Perfection in the journey of human liberty, of human dignity. Our work is not done, our work is not complete, our work continues. For as long as there is oppression of the human spirit, our work, our journey will continue.



Where there is a yearning for equality, to be free from the torment of discrimination and racism, our work, our journey will continue. We are the hope, the light, the people willing to stand for a dream. A dream that all people should set there our course, their own destiny, and bring to life each day the world's freedom, liberty, and justice.

This Memorial Day, the winds will gently float the souls of a grateful nation throughout the experiment of the United States. A nation still in progress, a nation still growing. Our departed heroes believed in what we have set out to construct and were willing to surrender over their lives, their dreams, for the hope that we would continue to work, to build, to stand.

To stand as one people
To stand as one nation
To stand on our principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution.
So today, we lay flowers.
Today we fire volleys
Today we say prayers
Today we remember and recommit.
We recommit that with each day, each month, each year, we will become closer. Closer to becoming the society and nation we said we would. Closer to

completing the work that you, our departed defenders sacrificed for. May God forever offer grace upon those who defend liberty and may God forever bless these United States of America.

Law Enforcement Memorial Week 2023

Where there is honor, there is a Police Officer

Where there bravery, there is a Police Officer

Where there is valor, sacrifice, hope and peace, there is a Police Officer

The protection of our homes, community, democracy, and lives rest upon those willing to answer the call to wear the badge and shield. In a society that has lost sight of the mission and the oath you swear upon, know that within the 10 square mile community you protect, that the Hilltop City stands by you and honors your service.

Today with the raising of the rose and shield flag we re-commit. Re-commit ourselves to support you on your mission to support us and keep us safe. We honor those who carry forth each day to “serve and protect”. We honor those who have made the final call and remember our own Hilltopper Officer Donald Kowalski, who left us on September 4, 1979, at the young age of 24. Officer Kowalski, you will forever be remembered for your dedication to protecting Somersworth’s “Proud Past” while ensuring its “Bright Future”.

A grateful Hilltop City says thank you to all members of our law enforcement community. Thank you for each day that you recommit yourself to the values of your profession. The values of neighbor helping neighbor, the values of putting others before oneself and the values of life, liberty and justice for all.

Know that the Mayor’s Office, City Manager, City Council and all members of our community stand by you with pride each day, as you continue to keep the home we love and all citizens safe.

May the guiding hand of the supreme chief, God, protect you each day as you fulfill your mission.

May those who have departed us forever be honored through your actions of ensuring freedom, liberty and justice for all. As a community let us continue, officers and citizens, to continue to bring our city motto to life each day, “Proud Past”, “Bright Future”.

The rose and shield flag proudly waves at Citizens Places in honor of our brave and dedicated Hilltopper law enforcement officers.

Pride Month 2023

We are a nation of hope.

We are a nation of dreams.

We are a nation of color and diversity.

For two hundred and forty-seven years, the success of the American experiment has been built upon a foundation amassed by a color of tiles which compile the

nation we call home. Each of us adds to this beautiful mosaic with our own unique tile. Our tiles are interconnected, adding to the beauty and strength of our Nation's masterpiece. We come forth with our talents, our struggles, our experiences, our love.

We add.

Add to the strength of society, the strength of our creed, as we continue the journey forward. Forward to forge a nation we promised we would build. A nation that will protect, a nation that honors, validates, and celebrates the differences with which it draws its freedoms, its liberties, its breath from.

For two hundred and forty-seven years we have continued our march. Our march towards our destiny; march towards becoming our brothers and sisters' keepers, and our march towards the equality we echoed to the four corners of the world on that hot summer day in Philadelphia.

We have overcome.

Overcome some of the demons which have smashed the very mosaic we've created.

The savagery of slavery, the denial of right of suffrage to women, the oppression of immigrants and the disparity of Jim Crow. Two hundred and forty-seven years later, our nation continues to move forward as we march together, ensuring that the unalienable rights bestowed to us by the creator and reaffirmed by our independence, will continue to be protected for all.

This month, we celebrate, we honor, we echo our pride! We celebrate all members of the LGBTQ+ Community who have continued to carry the torch of justice, despite acts of bigotry and violence. We celebrate how far we have journeyed, from the closets of oppression to the legislative halls of government. We say thank you to those who stood before us, through the jeers, the barrage of hate, the punches.

We celebrate.

Celebrate our march forward ensuring all of us can celebrate our love, can contribute to our society, can reaffirm the promise of the protection of our rights. We celebrate our gains; each gain, each step along our march to equality for all!

The colors of the rainbow flag remind us of how diverse the LGBTQ+ community is, how diverse our nation is. Each color on the flag shines in its only individual way, yet when sewn together become an inseparable entity illuminating the sky for all to see. This month, this PRIDE we celebrate how far we have come, and remind ourselves as a community and nation how far we still must journey.

For until every person within our nation is afforded the rights they were promised on July 4, 1776, the march of equality will never end. Until every person is treated with the human dignity, they deserve our work will never end. This month let the colors of the rainbow continue to shine, this month let us celebrate the diversity that makes our City, our state and nation so strong. This month let us celebrate each other and all the fine qualities each of us continue to bring to the quilt we call LIFE.

Happy Pride!

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

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

Fun Things in June!

Book Bingo

Wednesday, June 7 • 5:30pm



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5:30pm

Children 12 and under
are invited to join us for

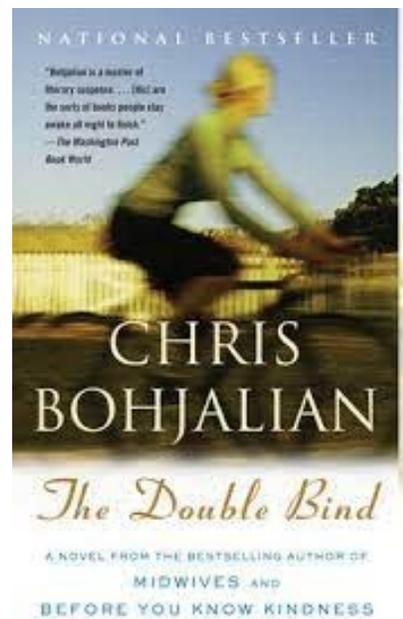
Book Bingo on Wednesday, June 7. Refreshments will be served while kids play their way to winning great new books. Everyone wins! This is a fun way to stock up on some new reading material for the upcoming *All Together Now* Summer Reading Program. We hope to see you there!

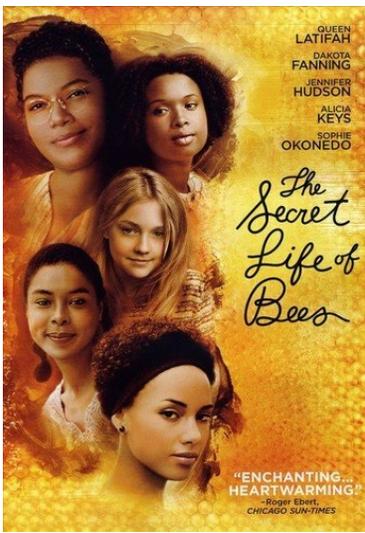
Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 13 • 5:30pm

June's book group will discuss *The Double Blind*, a psychological thriller by Chris Bohjalian. As described by Kirkus, Bohjalian "conflates literary lore, photographic analysis and meditations on homelessness and mental illness, and produces his best and most complex fiction yet."

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.



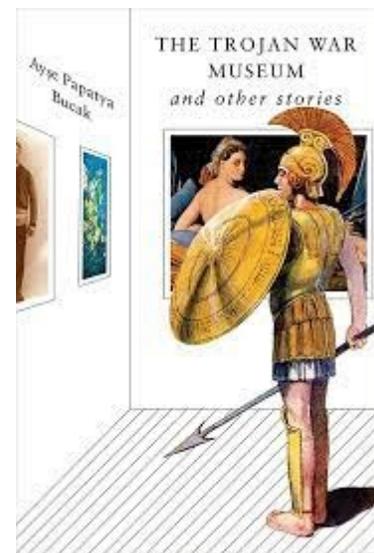


Tween & Teen Movie Night Wednesday, June 14 • 5pm

Tweens & teens are invited to a showing of *The Secret Life of Bees*, a movie based off of the powerful novel by Sue Monk Kidd. The movie offers a rare wisdom about life and the power of the female spirit. Rated PG-13.

Short Story Discussion Group Friday, June 17 • 2pm

June's short story group will discuss *Good Fortune*, a short story from the collection *Trojan War Museum and other stories* by Ayşe Papatya Bucak. Editor Patrick Ryan describes the story as being "many things at once: laced with humor, sprinkled with menace, peppered with false clues, and ghosted with memories of long-lost family members." Stop by the circulation desk for a copy, or read it online through the Libby App.



SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 24th - August 19th

SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

All Together Now

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023

celebrate **summer reading** learn
 collaborative **goals** diverse **READ**
 mindfulness **LIBRARY** imagination **GROW**
 create **ART Community** **READ**
All Together Now this is your story

25 Main Street, Somersworth, NH | (603) 692-4587 | somersworthnh.gov/library

All Together Now Summer Reading Program June 24 - August 19

This summer's reading program will be more collaborative and inclusive than ever before. Open to the entire community, the *All Together Now* Summer Reading Program will offer participants of all

ages the opportunity to engage in reading challenges, attend library programs,

and embrace this year's theme of togetherness, friendship, and community. For more information about the 8-week program, including the full schedule of events, please visit our [website](#).

Community Drum Circle

June 24th • 11am - 1pm

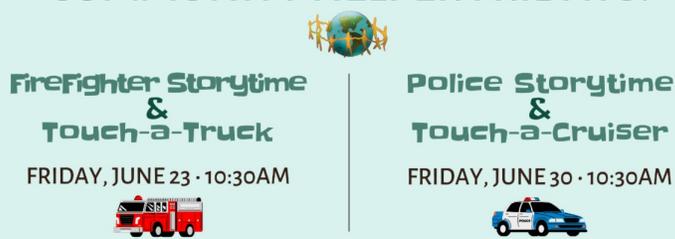
Our summer reading program will officially kick off on Saturday, June 24th at 11am.

Celebrate community and togetherness by participating in a collaborative drum circle here at the library. Led by Patsy of the Humble Drum, participants will be provided with various types of drums to use as we enter into a rhythmical conversation in an effort to build community, tap into our primal essence, and enjoy genuine fun together. Two sessions will be offered:

Young Drummers (ages 5 and under): 11am - 11:45am
All Together Now (all ages): 12pm - 1pm



COMMUNITY HELPER FRIDAYS:



Community Helper Fridays

**Friday, June 23 •
10:30am - Firefighter
Storytime**
**Friday, June 30 •
10:30am - Police**

Storytime

As part of our *All Together Now* Summer Reading Program, we'll be featuring a different Community Helper Storytime on various Fridays throughout the summer! These storytimes are geared towards children aged 10 and under and will help expose children to the different ways in which our community works together to keep people safe, informed, and healthy. We're kicking things off on Friday, June 23rd with the Somersworth Fire Department. Children will enjoy a story as well as a tour of a fire truck in the parking lot adjacent to the library. On June 30th, we welcome a Somersworth Police Officer who will discuss his role in the community while showing off his police cruiser. For more information about these programs, and to see the full lineup of community helpers, please visit our [website](#).

Beekeeper's Storytime
Tuesday, June 27 •
10:30am



Children are invited to a special storytime on Tuesday, June 27th. Dianne Richards, President of the Seacoast Beekeepers Association, will come dressed in her beekeeper's garb to read a special bee-themed picture book with the children and talk about what it's like to be a beekeeper. This program is recommended for children aged 10 and under.

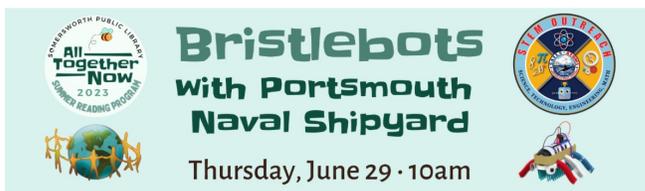


Somersworth Seniors Group
Tuesdays • 10:30am

We welcome our senior community members to gather in our lower-level lounge every Tuesday at 10:30am. Complimentary tea and coffee provided. Come meet your neighbors!

Bee Movie Night
Wednesday, June 28 • 5pm

Join us for a free movie night here at the library! Rated PG, this animated movie features a honey bee named Barry who tries to sue the human race for exploiting bees after learning from his new human florist friend that people (gasp!) sell and consume honey. *Recommended for ages 8-12.*



Bristlebots with Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's STEM Outreach Program will be hosting an introductory robotics activity here at the library on June 29th. Each participant will receive their own Bristlebot to bring home! No sign up required. *Recommended for ages 5-12.*

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.*

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, June 17 in observance of Juneteenth Day

Check out the Library's Monthly Newsletter [here](#)



Somersworth Police Department

On May 22 the Somersworth Police Department, working with the Somersworth Middle School, the SAU56, and a vast array of criminal justice and first responder professionals hosted a Law Enforcement Day for middle school students. Somersworth Police, Somersworth Fire, Stewart's Ambulance, New Hampshire State Police presented a cruiser and motorcycle, Strafford County Sheriff's Office presented Cara, their K9, the New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office presented their K9, New Hampshire Liquor Commission was present with their mobile command unit that houses breath testing devices and a mobile jail cell. Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms presented as did the United States Marshal's Office. New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security presented preparedness: E-911 presented on the Emergency 911 system. Probation and Parole, Community Corrections, Juvenile Probation and Parole, and the Strafford County Jail all presented. The Family Justice Center and Department of Child Youth and Families also presented. For a fun break, the students had some time in the gym playing some games with the National Guard and with Officer Tully trying to shoot some hoops while wearing "drunk goggles". These goggles simulate the vision impairment caused by intoxication.



On Friday, May 19 Members of the Somersworth Police helped a local family by erecting a swing set that was donated to the family by the Cops for Kids with Cancer Association.



On Monday, May 11 the City of Somersworth raised the Police Memorial Flag in celebration of Law Enforcement Memorial Week honoring those officer(s) who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Present in these images are (left photo, l-r) City Manager Robert Belmore, City Mayor Dana S. Hillard, Police Officer Scott South, and Chief Timothy McLin.



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 60's, temperatures inside some vehicles can reach the danger zone on bright, sunny days. So many experts recommend not leaving pets 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. Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they only have overheated air to breathe, animals and children can suffer brain damage and possibly die of heatstroke.

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, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death. **Precautions: Leave your fur babies at home on warm days.**

SAVE THE DATE!



National Night Out 2023 will be held on Tuesday, August 1 at a time yet to be determined. This event will be held at the Jules Bisson Park. **National Night Out** is a community event that promotes police-community building partnerships that is being held throughout many communities in the United States. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. There will be family activities, food and prizes. Come and join the fun!! **Together, we are making Communities safer, more caring places to live.**



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**



Summer Hazards

“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. With this thought in mind, I’d like to share some reminders about summer hazards. Technically, summer begins with the summer solstice – the longest day - which occurs on 21 June. Fortunately for us, longer days and warmer temperatures have given us an early start to summer activities. However, summer weather and activities can expose us to hazards if we are not careful. Please see the safety messages below for reminders of how to guard against complacency and stay safe. This month, I have a special appeal to all the parents, guardians, responsible adults, and big brothers/sisters – please watch the young children around water. Children who are not able to swim should have an approved personal floatation device and those watching the young children should never take their eyes off the little ones – even for a moment.

Monthly Activity Statistics:

Our monthly run numbers with a comparison to last year:

	April 2023	April 2022
Fire (All Types)	5	8
Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0
Rescue - EMS	58	66
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	8	12
Service Call	14	11
Good Intent Call	19	18
False Alarm / False Call	8	9
Sever WX / Natural Disaster	0	0
Special Incident	0	0
Total	112	124

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.

For the most recent reporting period of April, 2023, Stewart's Ambulance responded to 122 emergency calls in the City, transported on 89 of those calls, and had an average response time of four minutes and twenty-four seconds (04.24). A mutual aid ambulance was required to respond into the City one (1) 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



Drowning is the number one cause of death in children ages 1-4. Adults must supervise children at all times when near or in the water, and adults must not let distractions interfere with that supervision. Children should always wear a properly fitting personal



Always Supervise Children

Nothing can substitute constant supervision



Keep Children Away from Pool Drains and Openings

Small children can become entrapped by their powerful suction



Have a Phone Close

Use for emergencies only, don't be distracted by calls, texts or games



Shut and Lock Gates, Doors and Screens

Unlocked doors leave nothing between your child and the pool



Establish a 'Pool Watcher'

Have a designated person to watch the pool and enforce rules



bit.ly/take60seconds

Drowning is 100% Preventable

Heat Related Deaths **ARE** Preventable

LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK



weather.gov/heat

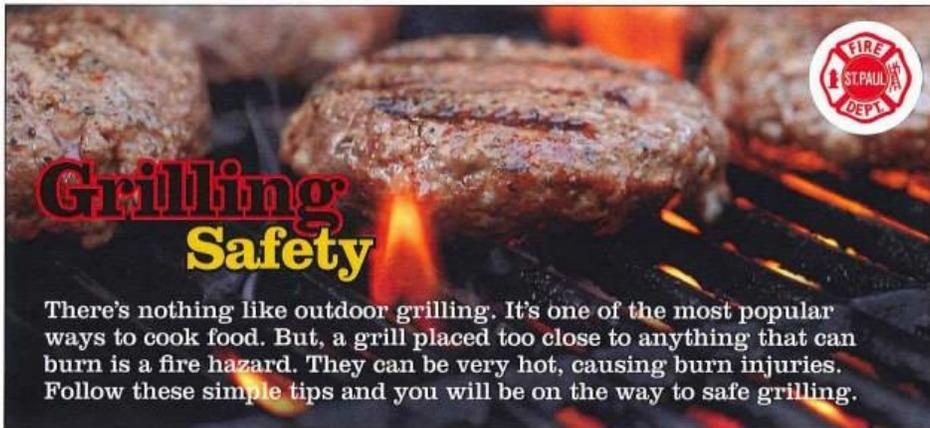
nhtsa.gov

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°



Don't Leave Children or Pets inside a Parked Car!



SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education



The new fire station project as pictured on May 23. Progress continues on Phase II with exterior finish work substantially complete, interior flooring complete, and continuing interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing sub-systems integration.



May 10 SFD personnel using an engine and aerial ladder truck extinguish a large dumpster fire on West High St. Appreciation is extended to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Division for their assistance in moving the dumpster from its original location next to a house under renovation to the open area near the corner of Cemetery Road for final extinguishment.



Truck-1, the SFD's 105' aerial ladder with a 2000 gpm pump is set up and exercised on the ramp during a daily/weekly check. Note how the outriggers lift the front wheels off the ground to provide a level platform for maximum stability and safety.

Department of Public Works & Utilities

Metal Pick-up: 2nd Tuesday of each Month

When - next Curbside Collection: Tuesday, June 13th

How: Call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, June 12th**, 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.*

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.

As a reminder – Trash and Recycling Collection for the week of July 4th will be delayed one day for Independence Day. Monday, July 3rd collection will take place as scheduled, Tuesday collection will take place on Wednesday, July 5th and Wednesday collection will take place on Thursday, July 6th.



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.

RAKE IT, LEAVE IT OR REMOVE IT

What to do with
your leaves, grass
clippings and yard
waste?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

You Choose - your leaves and grass clippings can be a valuable resource OR a source of water pollution.

AS A RESOURCE

Mulched leaves or grass clippings on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter.

Composting leaves and grass clippings saves money.

AS A SOURCE OF POLLUTION

Decaying leaves and grass kill critters in streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.

Yard waste dumped near waterbodies and wetlands contributes to stream algae and odors.

Yard waste and grass clippings can be disposed of at the Malley Farm Facility, at Malley Farm Road

What's FLUSHABLE?



A toddler will tell you that *everything* is flushable... but what you *think* is flushable could be costing you money!

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny.

"Flushable" does NOT mean it is SAFE for your septic system or sewer.

"Disposable" items ARE NOT flushable and should be placed in the trash.

The bottom *line*:

ONLY
Human waste and toilet paper
ARE FLUSHABLE

The DO NOT FLUSH List:



Diapers
Cigarettes
Paper Towels
Cotton Swabs
Feminine
Hygiene
Products

Toys
Dental Floss
Facial Tissues
Wipes

The Public Works and Utilities Department reminds residents and business owners: Do Not Flush Wipes of any kind.

These products can severely impact sewer pipes and pumping systems in your neighborhood and the City's treatment facility. They can also damage private septic systems. These products cause blockages and overflow to homes and in City streets. The presence of these products in our sewer system causes dysfunction that results in environmental harm, expensive repairs, and unnecessary increased exposure for residents and City workers to bio-hazards. Other non-flushable items that could cause problems in the Public Sanitary Sewer System are medicines, needles, cooking fats, oils and greases, cotton swabs, dental floss, feminine products, and cat litter. Even wipes sold as "flushable" products can cause major problems. Ideally, the only things that should be flushed are bodily waste and toilet paper.

The City of Somersworth thanks you for your help and please share this

information with a neighbor.



Forest Glade Cemetery Spring Clean-up Highway Division personnel spent time cleaning up Forest Glade Cemetery recently, removing tree limbs and leaves from the past winter. Staff was aided by volunteers from “Serve with Liberty” who spent a few weeks helping with spring clean-up by raking leaves and creating piles of tree limbs for Highway personnel to haul away. We appreciate the work of the Liberty

Mutual employee volunteers; they truly make a difference in aiding City crews in timely clean-up of the Cemetery. In addition, Highway personnel recently resurfaced broken up pavement along the pathway adjacent to Maple St. Public Improvements Continue.



Eric Mommsen 3rd grade class from Maplewood Elementary School tour Forest Glade Cemetery as part of an annual Memorial Day recognition unit and to honor fallen military veterans who are buried at the Cemetery. Students also had a special tour of the Furber Chapel as shown in this photo.

Update on Key Public Improvements

TAP Grant. High Street Sidewalk, new crosswalk and campus connector pathway.

The project is approximately 60-70% complete. Northeast Earth Mechanic crews have been working on the High Street sidewalk reconstruction and recently install new granite curbing. Upcoming work includes completing a new crosswalk on

High Street at Memorial and Franklin and completing a revised campus trail alignment path behind Maplewood Elementary and then paving all sidewalks and path surfaces.



CMAQ. High Street Traffic System Upgrades.

Project set to begin in early July with new ADA accessible curb ramps at each of the six (6) intersections that will be upgraded. New traffic controllers, pedestrian access features and traffic signal lights will be installed late summer early fall.

Road Resurfacing work.

GMI Asphalt is nearly finished with all road and sidewalk work. Final surface

treatments are planned for W. High Street at Maple Street, sidewalk in front of the SAU Building and the Bartlett Avenue Sidewalk. Once drainage easements are obtained by property abutters, the City will proceed with rebuilding 1st Street.



Somersworth Pay Per Bag Program

Effective July 1, 2023 the cost for garbage bags used for curbside pickup will be \$2.40 per bag for 30 gallon bags (\$24.00 for a roll of 10), and \$1.85 per bag for 15 gallon bags (\$18.50 for a roll of 10).

Recreation Office Upcoming Programs & Events

Exciting News! New Registration Process & Online Registration coming June 1!

We're excited to announce we'll be using **RecDesk** as our new registration software for all program registrations effective June 1, 2023! All customers registering for Recreation Programs will need to set up an individual & family profile for in-person or online registrations. Visit our website <https://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation> and click on the **Register Now** button to create your account & register for programs. Please note mail-in registrations/payments will no longer be accepted.

Current & Upcoming Programs

- **Tiny Toppers Play Program** – This is an outdoor play program for children ages 2-4 & their adult caregivers. Each week our Tiny Toppers explore lots of different outdoor games & activities. We have some kids returning from the fall session and new friends that joined us this session. The kids are having fun with hula hoops and balls, playing parachute games, and exploring new sports games. Registration will open for the fall session on July 1.
- **Granite State Track & Field** – The program began on May 10 and will run through June 7 on Mondays & Wednesdays. Great start to our program with an awesome group of kids eager to run & learn new skills. The kids have been working hard on improving their endurance, jumping, and throwing techniques. The State Meet is scheduled to be held on June 17 at Winnisquam High School.
- **Kids Camp** – This 8-week program begins on June 26 and runs through August 18 Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00 pm at Noble Pines Park. We still have space in Session 1. Call the Rec Office at (603) 692-9507 to inquire.

- **Pee Wee Soccer** – Early Bird Registration opens on June 1. Register online or in-person at City Hall. You’ll need to create your account before you can register your child for the program. Visit our website <https://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation> to create your account and register for the program. The program runs on Saturday mornings September 9 through October 21 (no soccer on 10/7). We need Volunteer Coaches and Field Attendants – please contact the Rec Office (603) 692-9508 if you can help!

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION
PEE WEE SOCCER

Saturday Mornings: Sept. 9- Oct. 21
 Children ages 3 & 4
 Noble Pines Park
 9:00-9:45am

No Soccer 10/7

Early Bird Fee: Register by July 9th
 \$45 Residents/ \$55 Non-residents

Fee: After July 9th/Deadline to register is Aug. 13th
 \$60 Residents/ \$70 Non-residents

Volunteer Coaches needed!

We rely on volunteers to help run our youth programs. Please contact us if you can coach or be a field attendant! kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov/603-692-9508

New Registration Process!

All customers registering for programs will need to set up an individual & family profile on our new Registration Portal. Scan the QR code or visit our website below to create your account at any time. Visit our website below for more info on how to create your account & register.

NEW-Online Registration: Scan the QR code or visit our website below to create your RecDesk account & register

Online payments must be made with a credit card* at time of registration

In-Person: Visit the Rec Office at City Hall

You'll need to have an account already set up in RecDesk or you may create your account when you come in to register. We accept credit cards*, cash, or checks (Made out to City of Somersworth)

**All credit cards will be charged a 2.99% transaction fee + an additional \$0.50*

www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs



2023 SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

Kids Camp

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

SESSION 1: JUNE 26- JULY 21
SESSION 2: JULY 24- AUGUST 18

NO CAMP 7/4



Join us for this exciting 8-week Summer Camp filled with tons of fun! This outdoor camp is designed to keep kids active while having fun under the sun with friends. Sample activities include sports, arts & crafts, field games, special events, & 1-2 weekly field trips. Field Trips are TBD & will include local walking trips and bus trips to a NH State Park or local park. Please review the Handbook on our website for more details.



Outside, Active, & Having a Blast!

2023 CAMP OPTIONS-

Resident registration opens March 20th for 8-week & 4-week option/Weekly option & non-resident registration opens May 1st if space is available.

FULL 8-WEEKS-

Register & Pay in full by April 28th
\$800- Residents Only/Non-refundable

4-WEEKS (SESSION 1 OR 2)-

Register & Pay Session 1 in full by May 26th. \$100 non-refundable deposit required to hold spot for a session
\$450 Residents/ \$600 Non-Residents

WEEKLY-

Weekly registration opens May 1st/if space is available
Register & pay for selected weeks by May 26th
\$150 Residents/ \$200 Non-Residents

REGISTRATION DETAILS-

Space is limited & will be first come, first serve. Call to ensure space is available prior to mailing forms or stopping in the office. Registration packets are located in the Rec Office at City Hall & on our website below. Please review the Parent/Guardian Handbook for more info. Registration Deadline is May 26th.

Make checks payable to: City of Somersworth

IN-PERSON-

Cash or Checks only. Rec Office is 2nd Floor of City Hall.

BY MAIL-

Call to ensure space is available prior to mailing forms. Mail registration packet & check to 1 Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878

www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/summer-camp



Tiny Toppers Rolling Hoops



Tiny Toppers Toss Game



Granite State Track & Field Long Jump



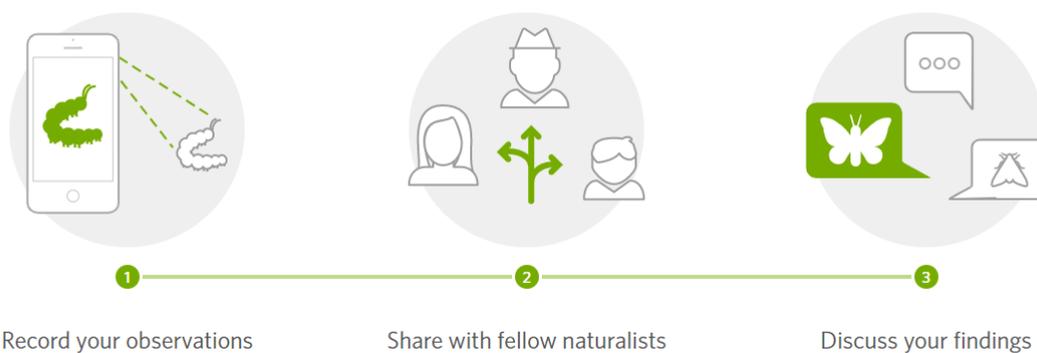
Granite State Track & Field Practice

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

Somersworth Conservation Commission Be a Local Observer to the Natural Wonder

Somersworth Conservation Commission invites you to get outside this summer and take part in the City of Somersworth Project! This project encourages people to make observations about the animals and plants they see in Somersworth – including in their own backyard – and log them at the City of Somersworth Project on iNaturalist.

How It Works



How to Get Started....

- Download the iNaturalist App on your device
- Create an account with iNaturalist ([iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org))
- Join the City of Somersworth Project to log your information
- When collecting data, please keep the following guidelines in mind:



Leave No Trace

Treat nature with respect and minimize your impact while out recording observations for iNaturalist projects.



Respect Wildlife

Make sure to keep your distance from wildlife to avoid disturbing them.



Watch Where You Walk

Please be aware of your impact on habitat - if there are managed trails or pathways, please use them!

You can also help us **track the distribution of invasive, non-native species and forest pests** by logging those observations.

- **Exotic (non-native) wildlife**
- **Invasive, non-native plants**

For more resources on Invasive, non-native plants and Exotic (non-native) wildlife:

[Invasive Species | NH Department of Environmental Services](#)

[Spotlight on NH Invasive Plants | Extension \(unh.edu\)](#)



Students Connect to Local Food Straight at the Source

Since bees pollinate our food, and food grown locally is becoming more important (California grown lettuce prices rose nearly 300% after the recent floods!), our schools are taking action. All four of our schools now have pollinator areas, the most recent one planted at Somersworth High School by the High School

Sustainability Club students. In the process of planning the HS “Bee Garden,” students learned the importance of pollinators to bees and food supply, how to

plant properly, and how great an afternoon of hard work outdoors feels.



Somersworth High School Sustainability Club planting the Bee Garden in front of the High School

Maple Wood students put some math skills to the test, weighing the cafeteria compost totes. What were their findings? On average Maple Wood composts 44 lbs. of food waste per day. That's 220 lbs. per week, or almost 8000 pounds per year. Using those same numbers as estimates of SMS compost output, and our schools are diverting nearly 16,000 pounds of food waste from the landfill! Good job Somersworth, and enjoy that soil in your gardens this year!



Maple Wood Sustainability Club prepping gardens with the "Compost Formerly known as Food Waste"



Maple Wood 4 graders weighing Food Waste and receiving Compost for their Gardens.



2023
**SOMERSWORTH
SUMMERFEST**

SOMERSWORTH PLAZA
85 MAIN STREET

FOOD & DRINKS
HOT WING COMPETITION
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
LIVE MUSIC

JUNE 10TH
12PM-4PM



TICKETS

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.
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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.

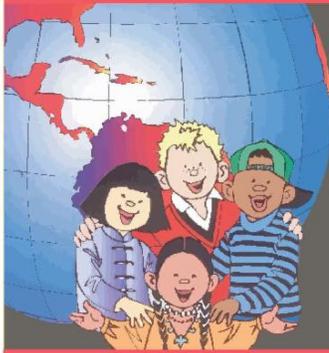


Free. In-person. No signup necessary.

Groups may be cancelled due to weather or other circumstances. Please visit our website [here](#) for up-to-date schedule information.

Somersworth Festival Association

Celebrating 41 years!



Somersworth International Children's Festival 2023

Fun for the Whole Family!

Friday, June 16th

Celebration 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
At the Festival Pavilion (Somersworth High)
Wildlife Encounters and Bad Breath Microphone!
Food, Vendors, and Fireworks!



Saturday, June 17th

Festival 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
On Main Street, Downtown Somersworth
Two Stages, Food, Street Performers, Vendors,
Activities, and World Cultures Passport Center

Festival 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Take the Shuttle to our 2nd Location - The Noble Pines Park
Kids' Stage, Wildlife Encounters,
Petting Zoo, Splash Pad, and Activities

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Saturday on Main Street

Somersworth International Children's Festival

**Saturday, June 17th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Fun for the Whole Family!

Food • Crafts • Exhibits
Vendors • Free Activities
World Cultures Passport Center
Street Performers
Free Kids' Play Area
(Including Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals)

Main Street Stage

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Visitors
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Middleman

World Cultures Stage

10:30 a.m. McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance
11:00 a.m. Carol Coronis and Gene Guth
12:00 noon Indonesian Music/Entertainment
2:15 p.m. Theo Martey from Akwaaba Ensemble
3:00 p.m. Philip Alexander and the Wild Things

Street Performers

Little L of the Vegetable Circus - Stilts and
Hula Hoop Tricks
Linda Peck - Juggler, Mime, Balloon Art

Saturday at Noble Pines Park

Somersworth International Children's Festival

**Saturday, June 17th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food • Wildlife Encounters
Exhibits • Water Park
Petting Zoo • Free Activities

Noble Pines Stage

11:00 a.m. Linda Peck, Juggler
12:00 noon Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate
1:00 p.m. Tricky Dick's Magic Show
2:00 p.m. Steve Blunt & Marty Kelley



Derek's Wildlife Encounters
is always a big hit!



The young and the
young at heart
love the
Petting Zoo!

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

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Equipment Operator I

Starting Pay: Effective July 1, 2023 - \$48,027.20 (\$23.09 hr.) - \$54,808.00 (26.35 hr.) with overtime opportunities

Closing Date: Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled

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

POLICE

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)

<https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities>



City Hall will be Closed on Monday, June 19 in Observance of Juneteenth Day



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