The Hilltop City
SOMERSWORTH
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The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings

City of Somersworth
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.

City Council Meetings

Monday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Council Workshop
Re: Presentation on Sidewalk Improvement Plan presented by BETA Group, Inc.

Monday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report for the City Council Meetings available here

Missed the Meeting? Catch it again Online
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Channel 22, you can catch them again, online and demand

Simply **watch Somersworth** to begin watching meetings on demand.

State of the City Address
Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Board & Committee Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee (SRTC) view agenda
Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment view agenda
Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission view agenda
Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings view agenda
Tuesday, March 8 at 700 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board view agenda
Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission view agenda
Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

Inaugural Address January 5, 2022
Every second, every minute, hour, day, month, and year is an opportunity, a chance, a beginning or an end. We are surrounded by the reminders and reflections of the cycle of life we are part of. The gentle wisdom that nature bestows upon us of the interconnectedness and interdependence that each of us holds to each other. The sunrises and sunsets, the waning and waxing of the moon, the death that surrounds us during winter and the re-birth of life that welcomes us in spring. With each breeze, with each wind, the echoes of those that came before us, the voices of spirits we hold dear to us, guide us towards continuing the journey they began. To build a Community built upon the values of “neighbor helping neighbor” built upon the thirst for equality for all. A ten square mile corner that could become the model of overcoming differences, and adversity.

A people committed to finding commonality amongst each other, while forging forward inspired by the greatness that each of us hold and the contributions each of us must make to create a place where all of us can call home.
This is our story, this is our identity, our mission, our commitment. To raise the lantern and continue as brethren down the path which was founded in 1729. Our first steps began a 293-year journey towards holding true to the values which identify us as Hilltoppers. With each step, with each inch, we would be joined by brothers and sisters who sought the desire to live freely, to hope, to dream, and to love. Their yearning to be part of something more than self would bring birth to citizens known as Hilltoppers, putting into motion the construction of the only Community on Earth known as Somersworth.

Tonight, we add our square to the endless quilt of our home. Each color, each thread, strengthening the promise of our commitment to each other. We honor the squares of our heritage, those laid by the First Nations, the English, Irish, French Canada and Greeks. Those that have been added by the African Americans, Indonesians, and Latinos. We built neighborhoods, where all religions, gender identities, and sexual orientation add to our understanding of how each of us must share in protecting each other along our collective journey to success. It was the re-awakening of these values, the understanding of who we are as Hilltoppers and what has truly made our Community strong, which has led to the re-claim our place of greatness over the last eight years. Somersworth, we have found our way and have finally killed the identity crisis and personal demons which have convinced us for decades that we could not succeed. We have removed the thoughts that our success was rooted in transforming into something that was not us, and that to move forward we would have to abandon the core of what makes us great, our dedication to each other.

The path has once again been re-lit and over the past eight years we have re-claimed our spot, re-captured the confidence in ourselves and re-embrace the values as Hilltoppers which is strength of our success among the pages of our "Proud Past" and "Bright Future". Somersworth for eight years we have not stop along on journey but have remained "On the Move".

We have seized each moment listening to the whispers of the spirits of our ancestors who have guided us to do so. We acknowledge the reminders of nature and have risen to claim each second, minute, month and year as our time, our time to make a difference for each Hilltopper and the generations of Hilltoppers to come.

In eight years;
We have affirmed that we are a Community that celebrates all, and have now becoming known as New Hampshire's "Welcoming City" Invested in our future with over 14 million dollars in road and infrastructure improvements.

Strengthen our commitment to the hopes and dreams of the next generation Hilltoppers by approving capital improvements to all schools. Continued to support and fund 21st century approaches to education resulting in State and National accolades.

Honored those who have protected this great nation through the construction and dedication of a new Veterans Park Memorial.

Protected our "Proud Past" through the development of the former Hilltop School into apartments and having it listed upon the National Registry of Historic Places. Joining it with that honor is our Forest Glade Cemetery, now also listed with that accolade.

Reaffirmed our commitment to our local economy by attracting 153 new businesses to our Community.

Dedicated ourselves to the safety of all Hilltoppers with investments in Police, under the leadership of Chief David Kretschmar, EMS under the guiding hand of Paul Robidas and the groundbreaking of a new 9 million-dollar Fire Department with the steady discipline of Chief George Kramlinger.

Celebrated the commitment to our diversity with the dedication of Citizen's Place. Reached the goals outlined in our Vision 2020 master plan, making Somersworth a desired destination on the Seacoast.

Revitalized all City parks adding a new City dog park.

Kept our drinking water safe with the modernization and upgrades to our water treatment facilities.

Keeping our housing and rental market affordable under the guidance of Executive Director Debbie Evans from the Somersworth Housing Authority, all while keeping control over our tax rate.

In 2012 our tax rate was $27.83 per thousand ten years later it stands at $27.53. Our team approach to governing, our ability to overcome our differences and journey untied in one direction has led to the investment in ourselves and keeping Somersworth "On the Move" and affordable!

Adopted a master plan on combating drug use and addition and worked as united partners with our neighbors of Dover and Rochester adopting a master plan on addressing the regional homeless crisis.

While this is just an abbreviated list of the accomplishments we have achieved, our greatest ones has been our ability to become the model of a team approach to governing. Eight years ago, we dedicated ourselves to remove the divisions of stagnation, polarization, factions and distrust in each other and our respective elected bodies.

We realized that the success of any Community is rooted in a team approach to governing, and thus abandoned the practices of finger pointing, blaming and partisan politics. Instead, we brought the Hilltopper values to City Hall and have been working together as one united team, City Manager, Mayor, Council School Board and City Professionals.

All moving in the same direction towards the collective success of our city. We have continued this partnership, this new foundation of our achievements, despite the workings and desires of some forces both internal and external to divide us for their own self-interest, egos, and political gain. Instead, as reflected in the past two elections, we have held strong. Held strong to who we are, held strong to our vision and held strong to the direction of our journey. Tonight, we continue on our success, our success to work as unified citizens, as one team.

Our success to journey together with our neighbors of Rochester and Dover to build long term sustainable partnerships which will benefit us all in resolving

issues which know no borders. Tonight, that partnership is alive and well as Mayor Paul Callaghan of Rochester and Mayor Bob Carrier of Dover join us in celebrating our friendship and commitment to each other. Gentlemen please stand.

We re-affirm our pledge to progression on affordable housing, protecting our natural resources and species with the finalization of the "Preserve Somersworth" Master Plan on conservation and sustainability and our plans for a bright and vibrant future with the formation and beginning work of the "Eyes on 30" Commission. Our commitment to the planning and goal reaching of what our Community will achieve by 2030.

In 1850 Somersworth opened the first public High School in New Hampshire and reflected its commitment to ensuring the hopes and dreams of each generation would come to fruition. Tonight, we continue to feed the flames of knowledge, knowing that through our commitment the blaze will continue to grow each day with the guidance of our dedicated educators and education leaders. Leaders like Superintendent Lori Lane, Principals Liza Cocco, and Kate Gove at Idlehurst, Devin McNelly and Max Ferguson at Maple Wood, James Lampron and Jennifer Spector at Somersworth Middle School and Chris Tebo, Liza Mockeridge and Katlyn Carrington at Somersworth High School. Could the members of our educational leadership team and all educators present tonight please stand.

Tonight, masked and two years into a pandemic which has again tested the foundation of our values we have proven that "All of Us", each Hilltopper holds the key to each other's and our Community's success. We acknowledge that we are "On the Move" and will embark forward, "All of Us" to carry forth building a Community based upon trust, partnership, and respect.

It is no secret of the love that this educator and Mayor holds for the message and guidance that lay within the pages of children's literature. The magic in each page inspires all who are willing to open their hearts and mind and believe in the messages they share with us. Tonight, I share with you "All of Us" by Carin Berger

We are Hilltoppers, We are Somersworth. We have a "Proud Past" a "Bright Future" and we are "On the Move" now, "Let our Journey Continue" as we venture forward united as Hilltoppers!

For Somersworth we are "On the Move!" and our "Future is Now!"
We are a community! We are achieving progress and greatness!
WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Tax Credits & Exemptions

All applications for Exemptions and

Credits must be filed by April 15th, and not afterwards, for the current tax year. The application is permanent as long as you own your home or until your financial circumstances change. The Assessors may review your application during subsequent tax years to determine continuation of eligibility. You must notify the Assessing Staff if you no longer qualify because of changes in income or assets.

Change of Residence

In the event of a property owner who receives an exemption or credit sells their property and purchases another property owned, the property owner has the responsibility of notifying the Assessing Office in order to continue receiving the exemption or credit. A new application will need to be submitted to the Assessing Office for a review.

Please feel free to contact the Assessing Department at (603) 692with any questions you may have regarding Tax Credits and Exemptions.

Use the links below for more specific information on individual Credit and Exemptions

Elderly Tax Exemption

- A tax exemption in the form of a set amount off the assessed value of a property is granted to qualifying persons age 65 and over. Choose this link for more information

Veterans Credit

- Choose this link for the specific credits that are available to qualifying veterans.

Blind Exemption

- Choose this link for a description of the Blind Exemption.

Tax Deferral for Elderly and Disabled

- Please choose this link for information relative to hardship relief for the elderly and disabled.

Dear Somersworth Families,

We are writing to tell you about a new, free opportunity to help your three or four year-old continue to develop the language and social skills he or she will need for success in kindergarten.

The Early Childhood Enrichment Program is opening soon in the *Somersworth*

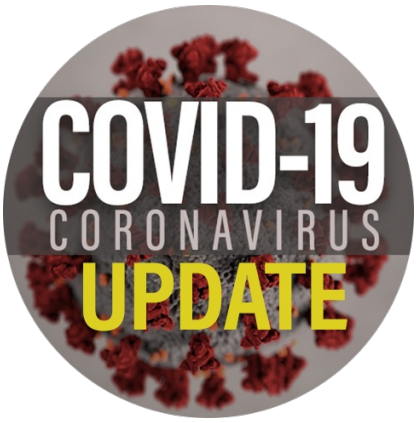
Ready Together Family Room at the Idlehurst School, and we are accepting registrations for three and four year-olds who live in **Somersworth.**

The YMCA of Strafford County and the Somersworth Ready Together (SRT) Coalition are launching this Enrichment Program because we know that these early years are *so important for healthy brain growth and development*. We want to provide a safe, positive, happy learning space that will help all Somersworth children thrive!

Who: 3 and 4 year-olds who live in Somersworth
When: March 1 - June 14, 2022
Tuesdays/Thursdays: 9:30-11 am (3 year-olds)
Tuesdays/Thursdays: 11:30-1 pm (4 year-olds)
Where: SRT Family Room at Idlehurst Elementary School, 46 Stackpole Rd. Somersworth
What: an enrichment experience that includes playtime, songs, stories, art projects and socializing with friends
Cost: Free
Important Notes:

*All children must be potty-trained.
*Parents are responsible for transportation
*This program is for children only. (It is not a parent-child group.)

Registration: If you are interested in learning more or signing up, please **contact Laura Dubois at the YMCA ldubois@graniteymca.org** or call Laura at **(603) 994-4113**



Where to Get the Vaccine Locally

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit vaccines.nh.gov and click on "Find

COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

In addition to local pharmacies and providers, the State of New Hampshire is providing vaccines at several fixed sites.
The closest fixed site to Somersworth is:

On-Site Medical Services
306 North Main Street, Rochester
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Walk in only, no appointment necessary
Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J
https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccinationlocator

For additional locations and options, visit vaccines.gov.

Free at-Home COVID-19 Tests

Every home in the United States is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. These tests give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required).

COVID-19 self-tests (also referred to as home tests or over-the-counter tests) are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, masking, and physical distancing, that protect you and others by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

Self-tests can be taken at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. You can use self-tests, regardless of vaccination status, or whether or not you have symptoms.

Follow all the manufacturer's instructions for performing the test.

Tests can be ordered online here: Free COVID-19 test kits.

Preserving Historic Homes in Somersworth

New three part lecture series to address Energy Conservation, Exterior Paint Colors and Do's & Don'ts of Historic Homes

The City of Somersworth Historic District Commission has received a

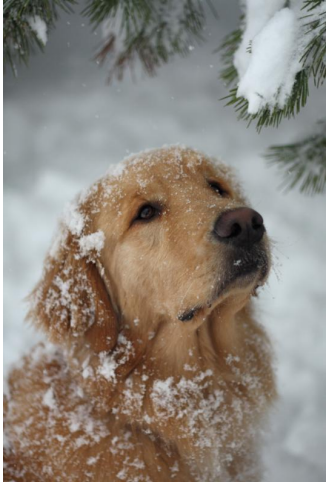
Certified Local Government Grant through the NH Division of Historical Resources to hold a workshop series for Somersworth residents. This is the second part of this workshop series. This will help residents understand the value and benefit of historic resources and support citizens and property owners who are interested in preserving these resources. These workshops will provide an opportunity for residents to learn ways to conduct research and rehabilitate historic homes.

All events are free to the public but you must register to attend.

Register here

2022 Dog License Renewal Reminder

2021 Dog Licenses will expire on April 30, 2022. Please license your dog (s) by April 30 to avoid late fees. Update rabies information may be needed to renew. You can renew you Dog License in the City Clerk's office, or online here.



If you no longer have your dog, please contact us at (603) 692-7555 or email aramsey@somersworth.com so we can update our records.

City of Somersworth welcomes Breezeline (formerly known as Atlantic Broadband) in Ribbon Cutting held on February 11

The City of Somersworth is excited to offer Residents more choices with Cable and Internet Service. This activation brings something new that we haven't had before. Fiber-to-the-Home for residents and Fiber-to-the-Premises for business. Most communities in the United States do not have this yet.

Why does fiber matter? Well, it's leading edge technology that delivers great internet speeds and great levels of reliability—for telemedicine, for when we're working from home, or running a business. And it's available in our City for the very first time. This is good for consumers who rely more and more on high performance connectivity. It's good for our City, too, as the availability of state-of-the-art technology is crucial for our long-term growth and sustained economic vitality.

Winter Shrub & Ecology Walk
March 17, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Malley Farm in Somersworth
Join Matt Tarr, UNH Extension State Wildlife Specialist, and Rebecca DiGirolomo, UNH Extension Strafford County Forester, for an educational workshop focused on winter shrub identification and ecology at Malley Farm in Somersworth.

We will identify and discuss a wide variety of native and non-native shrubs (and tree saplings) and considerations for management of shrubland habitat.

This workshop will take place entirely outdoors so come prepared and dress for winter weather. Detailed location and parking information will be provided to registered participants.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the City of Somersworth Conservation Commission.

Register here

Share Your Housing Successes and Challenges!

OPPORTUNITY: Share your housing successes and challenges via SRPC's Regional
Housing Needs Survey.
PURPOSE: To better understand housing needs and inform SRPC's Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
AUDIENCE: All residents of the SRPC region. ,
LINK: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGC6HJK
PROJECT WEBPAGE: https://strafford.org/projects/rhna/
CONTACT: Natalie Moles

Are you frustrated with low vacancy rates and high rents? Or, did you find an affordable home in a community you love? We want to hear from you!

Throughout the year, SRPC will be analyzing qualitative and quantitative data to better understand regional housing needs and create a plan for how stakeholders across the state can collaborate to respond to the housing crisis.

Take our public survey now, to become part of the framework for change as we write our 2022 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Not located within the Strafford planning region? The other eight regional

planning commissions are also simultaneously updating their RHNAs, and would love your input! Find out what region you are located in, and access that region's survey on the statewide webpage.

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

Hello All -

The book club selection for **Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30**, is Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance. You can find the ebook or audiobook on Hoopla. If you're pressed for time and have Netflix, it's in movie format.

The short story discussion group will meet **Friday, March 18 from 2:00-2:30**. Copies of *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman are available at the front desk. You can also find the story free online.

On **Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00,** watch Homer's Odyssey live. Actor, author and teacher Sebastian Lockwood will perform highlights, in English, of this ancient Greek poem. Previous audience members report, "I felt like I was there."

For children, there are weekly story times with crafts or activities and a monthly Lego Engineers program. Please call or sign up on Facebook to reserve your spot. For more information, see the programming page https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/childrens-programs. In the children's area, there are activity kits to check out, take-home crafts and many, many books from which to choose.

Fridays are adult/young adult coloring days. We have an assortment of books and colored pencils. Create art. Leave it in the book and sign or take it home. Games are always available including Taboo, Uno, Yahtzee, backgammon, chess, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble and more.

We've started listing events on our catalog page https://somersworth.nhais.bywatersolutions.com/ and there's a link to our website where you can find more information about what's happening.

Do you need a space to meet with friends? We're happy to have you.

Best of March and on to Spring.

Somersworth Police Department

Promotions at the PD

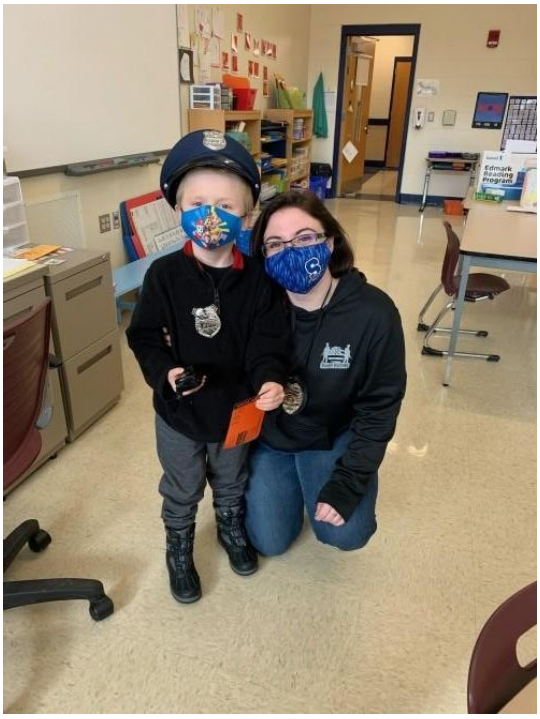
Congratulations on our Recent Promotions

- Matthew Duval – Promoted to Captain of the Patrol Division
- Gary O'Brien – Promoted to Lieutenant of the Patrol Division
- Nicole Lefebvre – Promoted to Patrol Sergeant

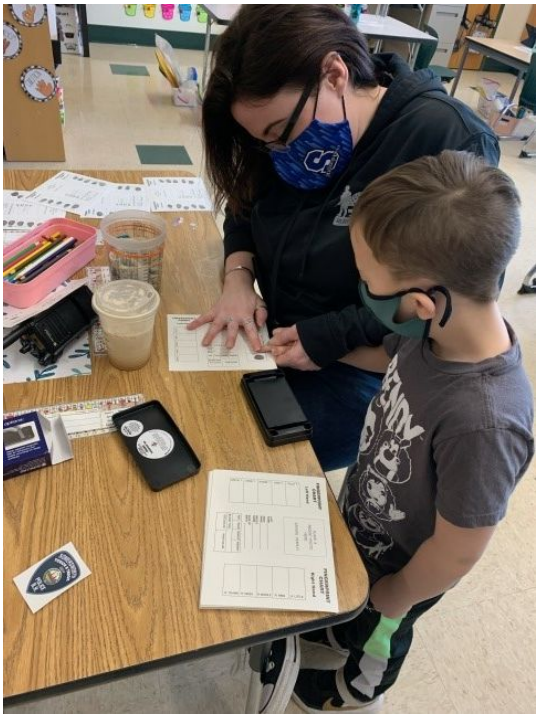
What I want to be when I grow up:

Friday, February 18th was a "what I want to be when I grow up day". We had a few children show decided interests in careers.

Carson Barnes – a future Somersworth Police Officer with a dreaded orange parking ticket in one hand and a radio in the other.



Mason Archambault is learning about finger printing from Officer Fuller.



Our Mayor and our Future Mayor, Ajay Lane.

Somersworth Firefighters and our Future Firefighters.

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

Changing Weather ….?
A safety message from the Fire Chief's Office
There is an old saying that goes something like "if you don't like the weather in New England, wait a little while and it will change". That adage is particularly appropriate at this time of year. Unseasonably warm days with boomerangs back to cold temperatures let us know that spring is around the corner. However, the changing weather creates significant hazards if you venture onto any pond, stream, river, or lake covered by ice. Sunday, 7 March, 2021 was a bright sunny day – perfect for late season winter sports. However, several warming and cooling cycles in the previous week along with moving water created deceptively weak ice on the Salmon Falls River and a recreational skater plunged through the ice into the very cold water. The victim remained calm, called for help using his

Apple® watch, and was rescued because the 9-1-1 response system worked extremely well.

There are many documented instances of similar situations where the outcome is not as positive. As we move into March, melting ice on any body of water presents a significant hazard to adults, children, and pets as there can be undetectable variations in ice strength. Consequently, the only safe ice is on a skating rink.

Speaking of ice, March has the potential for ice storms with the associated loss of electricity. If using a generator, run it at least 20 feet away from the house – never inside the house, in the garage, in a breezeway, or on a deck. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless and colorless killer.

Feel free to call the Fire Station regarding questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topic.

Please be safe, happy, and well as the temperature gets warmer.

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

Phase I construction of Somersworth's New Fire Station continues as the roof is nearing completion on the logistics wing and masonry work for the first two apparatus bays is progressing.

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.

- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

nfpa.org/education ©NFPA 2017

Department of Public Works & Utilities

Metal Pick-up: 2nd Tuesday of each Month
When - next Curbside Collection: Tuesday, March 8
How: Call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, March 7, place curbside with the proper number of tags 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 winter 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.

Snow Parking Ban Alerts
Sign up for the Monthly City Newsletter & email alert notices for emergency parking ban info. Visit the City of Somersworth website and go to City Manager's newsletter. Sign up for Nixle alerts at Nixle.com.

Check social media updates (FaceBook, City Website) or call the Snow Emergency Hotline at 603-692-9131 when inclement weather is forecasted.

Reporting Pot Holes - call (603) 692-4266
The Public Works Department assigns Highway crews daily to address potholes on primary streets that have been reported and/or observed by the Highway staff.

Road Resurfacing and Crack Sealing coming this Spring / Summer
Weather permitting work is anticipated to start in early May

The following Streets are scheduled for Resurfacing:

Interstate Drive
Rocky Hill Road
Wolcott Street
Ellswick Street
Sinclair Avenue
Mt. Vernon Avenue
Beacon Street
Grove Street
Highland Street

The following Streets are scheduled for Crack Sealing:

Davis Street
Chadwick Lane
Lenox Drive
William Street
Cote Street
Longleaf Lane
Winslow Drive
Greenfield Road
Hickory Lane
Morrison Street
Deer Creek Run
Aspen Drive
Milo Lane
Cornfield Drive
Maize Drive
Guy Street
Commercial Drive
Victoria Drive
Willand Drive
High St. from Sinclair Ave. to Stackpole Rd.

The Community Garden at Malley Farm is GROWING!
The Community Gardens at Malley Farm is expanding thanks in part to a grant received from Home Depot. **The Garden Stewards of the Community Gardeners at Malley Farm will hold a Special Meeting for ALL Gardeners on Wednesday, March 23, from 7pm – 8pm via Zoom**. The Garden Stewards were established in 2017 to assist with managing the program. Representatives of the Stewards will lead the informational and sign- up meeting for Spring 2022

participants.

All residents participating are encouraged - both community gardeners planning to return and new gardeners. Please call Keri Gordon at Public Works (603) 692-4622 to be added to the Zoom invitation list. Application packets are due back to the Department of Public Works office no later than **April 8, 2022** and can be picked up at the Public Works Office or online at www.somersworth.com

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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Spring Reminder – Pet Waste

Dog waste negatively impacts our water quality; please remember to pick up your pet waste. This message is being conveyed as part of the City's outreach and education requirements for our stormwater discharge permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Recreation Office News & Updates

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT

JULES BISSON PARK
FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
HUNT BEGINS AT 4:30 PM SHARP
SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 2-12
FREE EVENT

Join Somersworth Recreation & the Easter Bunny for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Jules Bisson Park! Don't forget to bring a basket or bag to help collect all the Easter Eggs. There will be a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny. This event is rain or shine. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult. The hunt will begin at 4:30 p.m. sharp. Supplies are limited.

NOW SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CONTACT THE REC OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT! 603-692-9507

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

GRANITE STATE TRACK & FIELD

SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 9-14

***MUST BE AGES 9-14 AS OF DEC. 31ST 2022

PRACTICES: MAY 11- JUNE 8

(NO PRACTICE 5/30)

3:45-4:45 PM

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRACK

REGIONAL MEET: TBD / STATE MEET: TBD

Join Somersworth Recreation for this beginner Track and Field program designed to teach children the basic fundamentals of running, throwing, and jumping. This program is a great way for young athletes to stay in shape, develop new running skills, have fun outdoors, and have a chance to compete against athletes from other NH towns at the Regional Meet in June. The Meet is not required but we encourage athletes to sign-up as the meet offers a wonderful competitive experience. Those who qualify at the Regional Meet will be invited to participate in the State Meet. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program!

~REGISTRATION~

****OPEN TO SOMERSWORTH RESIDENTS ONLY**

EARLY BIRD FEE~$45

REGISTER & PAY IN FULL BY MARCH 25TH

FEE~$60

AFTER MARCH 25TH/ DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 15TH

Space is limited. First come, first serve. Please call to ensure space is available prior to mailing in forms or stopping by the office. Registration forms are available on website below or in the Rec Office at City Hall. 603-692-9507

Register by mail: Mail registration form & check to: 1 Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878 Attn: Recreation

Register in person: Cash or checks only. Rec Office is 2nd floor of City Hall

Please make checks payable to: City of Somersworth

www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/youth-programs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO RUN ALL OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU CAN HELP~ 603-692-9508

GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

Goodwin Community Health | Families First | Lilac City Pediatrics

Families First, please sign up for their Newsletters Family Focus: Information on each month's parent and family programs, monthly parenting tips and ideas, useful links and more.

Family Morning Out
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m.
Idlehurst School Playground | Free

Family Morning Out is for children ages birth to six with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Children engage in positive, open-ended play that supports their social skills, language development, problem-solving and creativity… and we all enjoy crafts, conversation, songs and story time together. No sign-up necessary and the program is free. Join us!

We meet on the playground in front of the Idlehurst School at 46 Stackpole Road in Somersworth. You can park in the main lot in front of the school. We will meet inside as the weather changes, and you can enter through the main entrance of the school. There is no playgroup during school vacations and if school is cancelled or delayed due to weather.

Grandparents Connect
Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m.
Idlehurst Elementary School | Free

Are you a grandparent or Kinship caregiver who is raising children? If so, you are not alone! Please join us to connect with other grandparents and kinship caregivers. This group is a friendly, welcoming, informal opportunity to talk about experiences, celebrate successes, share challenges, and learn about resources.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Idlehurst Elementary School at 46 Stackpole Road in Somersworth. Park in front of the school and enter through the main entrance. Masks are required and social distancing rules are followed.

Please contact Patrice if you want to learn more about this group. (617) 285-5509 Also: If you are a grandparent or kinship caregiver and you need information about resources available to you, please call JoAnn, Kinship Navigator, at (603) 422-8209 or email: jclement@familiesfirstseacoast.org

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City of Somersworth
Employment Opportunities

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Position Title: **Code Enforcement Officer**
Starting Pay: **$56,288.93-$71,691.37 DOQ**
Closing Date: **First Review February 1st, Open Until Filled**

RECREATION

Position Title: **Camp Directors Camp Counselors**
Starting Pay: **$15.00 $12.00**
Date Posted: **February 25, 2022**
Closing Date: **Reviewed as received, Open Until Filled**

Finalist 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 692-9529 or email Linda

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