

*November*

## **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 Goal Setting Session**

**Thursday, November 10 at  
5:30 p.m.**

### **City Council Meeting**

**Monday, November 14  
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.

**Don't Forget!** City Hall's Dropbox is located outside City Hall entrance on Government Way. Dropbox may be used at any time for submitting property tax or utility payments or other drop off business. It is available and secure 24/7. If you have question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.



Save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online. Online vehicle registration is easy, safe and secure!

For your convenience, you can pay motor vehicle registration by credit cards. For more information on E-registration process click **here**

## Board & Committee Meetings this Month

### Site Review Technical Committee (SRTC) **view agenda**

Wednesday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.

### Government Operations Committee **view agenda**

Thursday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment **view agenda**

Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

### Public Works & Environment Committee **view agenda**

Thursday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m.

### Planning Board **view agenda**

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

### Historic District Commission **view agenda**

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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## **The Mayor's Corner**

Each year 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Somersworth Middle School are awarded the opportunity to participate in the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual patriots pen contest. I have always been impressed with the deep heart filled and inspiring pieces that are submitting honoring the men and women who have served our nation. Here are two essay which will be moving forward into the contest. The names have been excluded until the winners have been chosen. We will re-print the winning essays next month. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for your reflections honoring our Veterans.



### **My Pledge to Our Veterans**

The beloved day to commemorate and honor the brave souls who have served the United States is approaching. Veterans Day was made a legal holiday back on November 11, 1954; this is the day the efforts of the heroic people who have aided and served our country are recognized. It is a day where we honor their achievements and sacrifices. Many veterans make the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for our freedom. As a citizen of the United States, I pledge to remember the echoes of justice and to honor the gift of prosperity left behind by our veterans.

Fighting for our country's freedom does not come without a cost. Many veterans who survived serving for our country are left with mental health issues that make it difficult to go on. Sadly, veterans amount to 13.5% of all deaths by suicide in the US, and 13-20% of the remaining veterans are diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and 22% of veterans are diagnosed with Depression. This means 35-42% of all veterans are left with a mental disorder as a result of their service. America needs to provide safety, support, and more services for our veterans who were aware of the risks, but still took the path to give liberty and justice for all. I pledge to spread awareness as I continue to benefit from the safety and comfort that their service has provided me.

Veterans have given so much, and I hope to honor them by appreciating the opportunities their sacrifices have granted me. I pledge to value the opportunity to get an education and the safety to learn. I pledge to make use of the freedom to make my own choices and to vote for leaders who will guide our country toward



a better tomorrow. I pledge to not take the struggles of the people who fought for my rights for granted. I pledge to carry on with my life honoring the veterans.

### **My Pledge to Our Veterans**

My pledge to the veterans would start by first thanking all of our veterans for serving our country, even if they didn't go to war, they were prepared to. I ran into a veterans one day and I said "thank you for your service" and he said "you're very welcome." Later he commented "I'm very glad you said thank you, because a lot of kids don't say thank you for your service anymore. I went into the military so one day you won't have to". What that man said really struck me because it's sad how many young people don't understand the sacrifice that veteran's have made.

My mom was a marine and even though she didn't go to war she is still a veteran. My mom is the most patriotic person that I know. My mom makes sure that every voice is heard, and that her kids have a future. She loves to put herself out into the world to fight for what she thinks is right. Some people don't like what she has to say and some people do. I think it's really cool how she organizes certain events to make sure her voice is heard, and to make sure other people's voices are heard. Every veteran's voice should be heard. I pledge to carry on with my mom as my example and to use my voice to stand up for what is right.

People should respect our veterans, and should always appreciate those who sacrificed their lives, time, and families to keep our country safe. I will never take for granted those who fought for my freedom. I will never take for granted those who fought to give me free speech so I can fight for what's right. Our country is a free country because of our veterans and our current military. I pledge to honor our veterans, and to appreciate all of the opportunities their service has given me.

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



**General Election and Special  
Municipal Election is  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

**Polls are open from:  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**The Polling Locations are:**

Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way  
Ward 2 - Summersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main St.  
Ward 3 - Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Dr.  
Ward 4 - Idlehurst Elementary School, 46 Stackpole Rd.  
Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building - 218 Main St.

Residents may register to vote at their polling place on Election Day. Residents should bring proof of identity, age, domicile, and citizenship with them to register to vote. If a resident does not have this information, they may sign an affidavit.

According to State law, voters are now required to show identification at the time of voting.

View Sample Ballots [Here](#)

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the  
Office of the City Clerk at 603-692-9511

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## What's Happening at Somersworth Library

### September events at Somersworth Public Library



### Programs for Bigger People

#### **The Dutch House by Ann Patchett Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, November 8 from 5:30 – 6:15**

Read, talk, listen. Copies at the library.

#### **Traditional Matryoshka Nested Doll Making: From Russia to NH Wednesday, November 16, 5:00 – 6:30**

Marina Forbes shares many examples of Matryoshka nested dolls, including examples of her own work and from her extensive collection, as she examines the rich folk tradition and symbolism of the dolls' appearance. Try some pelmeni, too.

#### **An Autumn Migration by Sharyn McCrumb Short Story Discussion Friday, November 18 at 2:00**

How does the writer put forth his/her ideas in 10-20 pages? What bits do you like? What details stay with you? Copies at the library.

## **Liberty is our Motto: Songs and Stories of the Hutchinson Family Singers**

**Tuesday, November 29 from 5:30 – 6:30**

The year is 1876, and New Hampshire's own John Hutchinson tells his family's story "straight from the horse's mouth" and sings their music with lyrics provided. Originally from Milford, the Hutchinson Family were among America's most notable musical entertainers during the mid-19th century. Sponsored by NH Humanities.

## **Littler People Programs**

### **Stories, Songs & Play**

**Tuesdays at 10:30**

There might be a craft or a special game, maybe a song and definitely some fun stories.

### **STEAM & Play**

**Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00**

Bring your problem solving skills and join us to create, build, and play. Recommended for ages 5-10.

### **Game Night with Diversions**

**Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 – 6:55**

Diversions Puzzles & Games is hosting a game night at the library for kids ages 6-12. Buildzi, Space Escape, Dragonwood and more will be available. Come and play!

### **Lego Engineers**

**Saturday November 5 from 11:00 to noon**

Calling all builders ages 5 and older! Come to the library for LEGO-building fun on one Saturday every month at 11 a.m. Build your own Lego creation or collaborate with new friends. LEGOs provided!

### **Sleepyhead!!!**

**Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00**

She's back and ready to sleep, but she'll read in between cat naps. Come see this wonderful, fun, engaging pillow-head.

**Music, history, author talks, presentations, games and good old book and short story discussions - come join us.**

**More detail on these programs is available at**

**<https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-services-programs>**.



### **New Officers Welcomed**

The Somersworth Police Department is pleased to announce the two newest additions to our Law Enforcement family. On 10/4/22 Chief Tim McLin swore in Grand Ontiley and Souraxay Chanthavong at City Hall in front of family, friends, and members of the Somersworth Community. It is especially noteworthy to acknowledge that Grand Ontiley is our first Indonesian Officer to be sworn in here in Somersworth and Souraxay Chanthavong is our first Laotian Officer.

They both start their in-house Field Training immediately and will be scheduled to attend the NH Police Standards and Training Full-Time Police Academy in January. We are extremely proud that they both have chosen to serve here in the Somersworth community. Please help us welcome them to our Community if you see them.



### **Congratulations to our Newest Detective, Ashley Fuller**

Chief Tim McLin swore in School Resource Officer Ashley Fuller as a Detective on 10/24/22. She had many coworkers, friends and family to



congratulate our newest Detective.

Please note that Ashley will remain the School Resource Officer through the rest of the school year.



### **National Coffee with a Cop**

October 5<sup>th</sup> was National Coffee with a Cop Day and Aroma Joe's hosted our event. This event is where residents can meet officers of the Department informally and ask any questions or just shoot the breeze. We saw many faces we already know and we met some new people as well.

Thank you Aroma Joe's for hosting!



### **Somersworth Senior Picnic**

The Senior Picnic was held on 10/19/22 at the Flanagan Center where we ate hamburgers and hotdogs prepared/served by Police, Stewart's Ambulance Service and Fire (and ate whoppie pies made by Mainly Yolks), listened to music and played the Price is Right. We had quite a few lucky winners.

A very big thank you to our sponsors: City of Somersworth, Somersworth Housing, Stewart's Ambulance, Somersworth Professional Firefighters, Somersworth Police Association, Gagnon's Autobody, and Hilltop Fireworks.

Others who donated for the event: Favorite Foods, Conner Bottling Company, Dunkin Donuts, Westwind Flowers, and Somersworth Culinary Arts Program.

### **Lights on for Learning**

Last week the Somersworth Police Department participated in the "Lights on



for Learning' program at Idlehurst Elementary School. The event was put on by the Somersworth Youth Connection and SRO Ashley Fuller gave a talk to parents on the new Standard Response Protocols that were developed by the I Love You Guys Foundation.

## **SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING**

### **Permits for Noble Street and River Street Parking during Snow Emergency Parking Bans will become Available beginning October 1, 2022.**

On January 7, 2019, the Somersworth City Council passed Ordinance 9-19 to allow permit parking during snow emergency parking bans on Noble Street adjacent to the Noble Pines Park, and on River Street adjacent to Jules Bisson Park.

Permits to park there during parking bans resulting from a snow emergency are available from November 1 thru March 31 at a rate of \$20.00 per month, and are available at the Police Department.

There are 17 spaces available on Noble Street and 5 spaces available on River Street. Permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The permits are only valid during the dates listed when there is a snow emergency parking ban in effect.

Vehicles parked in this area with a valid permit must be moved by 8 am on the day following the completion of the parking ban to allow for snow removal from the designated area. Vehicles not moved per the Ordinance will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Please contact the Somersworth Police Department for more information at  
(603) 692-3131



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 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

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## **Somersworth Fire Department**

### **Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management**

#### **Veteran's Day, Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month, and Thanksgiving A Monthly Update and Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office**

##### **Veteran's Day and the Fire Service:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, the armistice between the allied powers and Germany went into effect ending “the war to end all wars”. Over the years, recognition of the armistice ending WW I has evolved into the national holiday that we now know as Veteran's Day.

*On Friday, November 11 we pause to remember and thank all veterans for their sacrifices and commitment to the defense of freedom including Somersworth Fire Department personnel Lt Mathew Moore (USN), Lt Michael Spinney (USAF), FF William Staples (USN), and FF Brian Flood (USMC).*

The presence of veterans across the Fire Service in the United States has been prevalent since the military demobilization following WW II. This enduring presence has strengthened the Fire Service by reinforcing the fire command system, placing an emphasis on training and procedures, and focusing on mission accomplishment where “failure is not an option”. Our most important activity is responding to emergencies and calls for service today while our second most important activity is preparing to respond tomorrow. Consistent with our vision know that your Somersworth Fire Department is always ready, constantly improving, and ever vigilant.

**November is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month:** Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that is produced as a byproduct of incomplete combustion of wood and fossil fuels (charcoal, heating oil, propane, natural gas, etc.). CO is also present in the exhaust of diesel and gasoline powered engines. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, CO poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the United States and is responsible for an average of 450 deaths each year.

To guard against CO, have your chimney and furnace/boiler serviced on a regular basis. In addition, if there is an electrical power failure, don't move your grill inside or use other unauthorized or dangerous heating devices to keep warm. Place a portable generator well away from the house – not in the garage, or in a breezeway, or on the deck.

With CO being colorless and odorless, medical signs and symptoms often appear when it is too late and can mimic other conditions including nausea, headaches, dizziness, weakness, chest pain and vomiting. In more severe poisoning cases,

people may experience disorientation or unconsciousness, or suffer long-term neurological disabilities, cardiorespiratory failure, or death.

Consequently, a properly placed and maintained CO detector/alarm is an absolute necessity in your home. For details on CO alarm placement and other CO considerations, see the CO Safety sheet that follows.

In the event of a CO alarm activation, move all occupants to fresh air and call 9-1-1. Please do not call the business line to the Somersworth Fire Department as it is not answered if Fire Department personnel are out of the Fire Station on a call. The 9-1-1 call centers are staffed 24/7/365 – your call will always be answered.

We are all well aware of the strain that heating prices are placing on households across the City. However, please do not use grills, space heaters, ovens, the stove, or other dangerous heating sources especially those with an open flame. Carbon monoxide (as described above) and the risk of fire are very real and life threatening.

With the celebration of Thanksgiving near the end of the month, the SFD wants to remind you that Thanksgiving is often the worst day of the year for house fires. With crowded home kitchens, children running around, hot stoves and ovens, pots and pans that may have improperly placed handles, as well as other hazards, the potential is high for someone to get hurt or burned, or for a fire to start. Take a moment to think through your activities so as to keep those celebrating with you safe.

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

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities.

***Thanks to all of our Veterans and Happy Thanksgiving.***

Yours in service

George Kramlinger

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director



# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ! 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.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards





## Thanksgiving is one of the largest get-togethers in the US

*follow these safety tips to keep your friends and family safe:*

- Be sure **electric cords are not dangling** off the counter within easy reach of children or pets.
- **Keep the floor clear** of kids, toys, pets, bags, etc., so you don't trip while carrying hot food or liquids.
- Stay with your food in the kitchen while you're cooking. Stove fires start when we become distracted! —**"When You Cook, Stay and Look!"**
- Kids should stay **3 feet away** from the stove.
- Use the **back burners** when cooking, and **turn pot/pan handles towards the back** where little hands can't reach.







The theme for this year's Fire Prevention month was "fire won't wait – plan your escape" which emphasizes hope escape planning to include having two ways out of every space if possible and gathering at a designated meeting spot once outside. On Monday, 24 October, personnel from the SFD provided fire and life safety education to grades K through 3 at Idlehurst Elementary. Students received a tour of a pumper truck and were presented with a short skit emphasizing safety while playing and exiting the home in the event of a fire at night. Children also received activities that they can share with an adult.



Firefighters take a well-deserved break after extinguishing a third-floor fire at 116 Green Street on 3 October. Full staffing, a quick response, and proper tactics enabled the fire to be quickly "knocked down". The nature of older construction required extensive overhaul to check for extension and ensure the fire was out. The Berwick, Dover, Rochester, Durham, and Newington fire departments aided in fire suppression. The South Berwick FD provided station coverage. The





## Department of Public Works & Utilities

### **Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services -7am set outs:**

Residents are asked to set out trash bags and recycling bins during their weekly collections **no later than 7am on the day of collection** . No rubbish will be picked up that is not contained by an approved specially marked bag that is not along the curbside.

### **Blocked Streets**

Trailers, delivery vans and other large equipment that blocks or reduces the travel lane on streets scheduled for recycling or trash collection may create a postponement of service if Waste Management trucks cannot safely access the street. Residents are asked to be aware of delivery and equipment access schedules to your property so as to not contribute to service interruption to you or your neighbors.

### **November Holiday Schedule**

There will be no delay in Trash/Recycling Collection on November for Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11 or Thanksgiving, or Friday, November 24 & 25.

### **Non- Metal Bulky Waste Disposal: Please get “Bulky Waste” Stickers**

All non-metal bulky waste items require “Bulky Waste” Stickers. These stickers cost \$4.00/per 50lbs and can be purchased using cash, check, or credit/debit cards at City Hall or at the Department of Public Works, **checks only**. Non-Metal Bulky items will be collected by Waste Management and must be placed curbside by 7:00am on your normal trash collection day with the appropriate amount of Bulky Waste Stickers visible to the Waste Management driver.

**Residents are reminded that items set out for collection without Bulky Waste Stickers will not be collected and are subject to code violations for a property non-compliance.**

### **Metal Pick-up**

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The November collection will occur on Tuesday, November 8. Residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, November 7** to be placed on the pickup schedule for November. Participants are reminded to place the proper

number of tags on the item when setting the item out on the street for collection. 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 7:30am-2:30pm Monday –Friday.

### **Brush and Bagged Leaves Collection:**

Public Works Highway crews will start collecting residential brush during the week of November 21st through the 25th. **Residents need to call Public Works at 692-4266 by Friday, November 18th to be placed on the pick-up list.** Please note, brush can be up to five (5) inches in diameter and ten (10) feet long.

Department Highway crews will also be collecting bagged leaves the week of November 28<sup>nd</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents do not need to call to be put on a list for this service. Bagged leaves should be placed curbside on your regular trash pick-up day, no later than 7am. The paper leaf bags can be purchased at grocery store chains, hardware stores, and Home Depot.

### **Malley Farm**

Reminder that the Malley Farm brush and leaf pile will remain open through the Fall and early Winter as long as the weather conditions permit. Typically, Malley Farm will close after the first major snow event in the City. Hours of operation are: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



### **Rocky Hill Road Culvert project completed.**

Wickson Construction completed the replacement of the culvert at Rocky Hill Road near Winter Street in mid-October. The project involved the replacement of a failing drainage culvert, and a segment of sewer and water main that are above and below the new culvert. The project also included new guard rail and pavement over the exposed areas. During construction Rocky Hill Road was closed at Winter St and Rocky Hill Road.

### **Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder-Winter Moratorium takes effect November 15-April 15.**

As a reminder, any work done within the City Right-Of-Way requires a permit. Examples include resurfacing or rebuilding your driveway, with a new driveway apron connecting to the streets, street openings for utility connections and if occupying a street or sidewalk with staging or roll-off for debris removal /property repairs. The annual winter moratorium takes effect

from November 15-April 15; prohibiting any excavating or work in the ROW during this period. If you have questions on the work you intend to complete within the Right-Of-Way, please call the Public Works Department at 692-4266. Permit applications can be located at the City website on the **Public Works & Utilities Engineering Page**.

### **Prepare for this winter, sign up to receive City alerts and emergency notices about parking bans, closures.**

Residents that have not yet signed up to receive City of Somersworth alerts and notices about winter related parking bans, traffic delays due to construction, water main breaks, or City facility closures are encouraged to sign up to receive text or emails by registering at [www.somersworthnh.gov](http://www.somersworthnh.gov). If you know residents or your neighbors that have not done so, please encourage them to sign up. The information received is very helpful. Click on **Subscribe to E-alerts** and follow the steps to complete your subscription.

## **Emergency Notifications - NIXLE**

Please consider subscribing to NIXLE - this electronic notification system provides Alerts on City Parking Bans, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Road Closures and other immediate Emergencies in the City. Sign up at **[www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)**

**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 .....	AS A SOURCE OF POLLUTION .....
Mulched leaves or grass clippings on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter.	Decaying leaves and grass kill critters in streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.
Composting leaves and grass clippings saves money.	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**

## **Protect your household water lines**

The colder weather can put your water pipes at risk of freezing and bursting which could cause extensive water damage.

Here are a few things you can do to protect your water lines:

- Keep building temperatures as consistent as possible, never less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Insulate areas where water supply lines are located and eliminate drafts.
- If you have water pipes in basements, crawl spaces, or outside walls,



insulate the pipes, using pipe-sleeves or other insulating material.

- Allow warm air to circulate by opening up doors to closets and cabinets where pipe chases are located.

If you suspect that a pipe is particularly susceptible to freezing, as an emergency measure, leave water running at a trickle to prevent freezing. This is never recommended as a permanent measure and should be monitored frequently.

Never use torches or devices with open flames to thaw frozen pipe.

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## **Recreation Office News**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Upcoming Programs & Events-**

- Rec Basketball – deadline to register is November 15. Space is limited please call to ensure space is available before sending in forms.
- Bidy Ball (Ages 3-4 and 5-6) Registration will open in December. Program will run from Feb 25-March 25 on Saturday mornings 8:00-8:45 AM (Ages 3-4) and 9:00-9:45 AM (Ages 5-6).
- Candy Cane Hunt – Friday, December 2 at 6 PM Somersworth High School football field

#### **Program News-**

- The Senior Picnic was held on October 19 at the Flanagan Center Gym. We were excited to welcome this event back after a 2 year break. Somersworth Seniors enjoyed a BBQ lunch, music, prizes, games and a chance to socialize with friends and meet new ones. There was a Price is Right Game where several contestants guessed prices on household items for a chance to win gift cards. A big shout out to the committee and all the volunteers that helped make this event a success! We look forward to more fun next year!



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BERWICK/SOMERSWORTH PARADE COMMITTEES  
PRESENT

*"Home for the Holidays"*

A HOLIDAY PARADE TRADITION



SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022  
1:30PM

More information:

<https://berwickme.myrec.com>

[srogers@berwickmaine.org](mailto:srogers@berwickmaine.org)

(207)698-1101 x115

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**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities-**

- Rec Basketball – We still need volunteer coaches & gym attendants! Please call 603 692-9507 if you can help!
- Biddy Ball
- Candy Cane Hunt- Friday, Dec. 2nd
  - Decorating, event help, & clean-up.

**Fore more information about any of the Recreation Department**



## What's Happening at Somersworth Farm to School



### **Somersworth Farm to School Fridays at Maple Wood are a Hit!!**

October marked National Farm to School month, and Maple Wood Elementary School launched their latest '22-23 initiative, Farm to School Fridays, to celebrate.

4th grade teacher Emily Wilson is adapting lessons from the NH Harvest of the Month calendar(<https://www.nhharvestofthemonth.org/>) all year to share during lunch times, while students sample the featured monthly produce prepared by our talented and kind Cafe Services staff. The lessons include the sustainability of eating locally, some fun food trivia, and draw connections to curriculum content where relevant. She's made these accessible to other school staff, and plans are being made to roll out Farm to School Fridays in at least one other school.

Emily borrowed from the Massachusetts Harvest of the Month calendar to get started, because apples seemed a better gateway food for 8-10 year olds than kale did. One student's reaction to the apples sampled was “this is the apple I’ve always dreamed about.” By late October, Maple Wood students were indeed sampling kale– an interesting trick or treat for sure.

Our USDA Farm to School grant has empowered us to purchase local produce through 3 River Farmers Alliance <https://www.threeriverfa.com/>, a streamlined farm cooperative helping us eat locally and support the local farming economy. Farm to School Fridays will happen the entire school year at Maple Wood, with hopes that our other schools will join the fun of trying fresh, healthy, locally sourced food.

To find out what else Somersworth is up to in the sustainability and local foods arena follow @farmtosomersworthschools and also follow SHS Sustainability club @shs\_sustainabilityclub on Instagram. It’s the season of eating, gathering, and sharing. Try to do a little of each, mindfully and thoughtfully.

*Wendy Berkeley*  
*Somersworth Farm to School Coordinator*



SOMERSWORTH FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

# PENNY SALE

**Sunday, Nov. 20th**  
**Somersworth High School**

**Doors open 11 am - Hourly Series Raffles**

**We have 2 rooms and plenty of seating!**

**Drawings start at 3 pm.**

**Food is available for purchase.**

**You do not have to be present to win.**



*Win great prizes and help support  
our family-oriented activities, such  
as the International Children's Festival,  
Kids' Concerts, Pumpkin Festival, and  
Breakfast with Frosty/Winterfest.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Holiday Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, December 3 at the**  
**Somersworth High School**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

## **City of Somersworth Employment Opportunities**

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 (603) 692-9529 or email [Linda](#)

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **Planning Technician**

**\$47,818.20 (\$22.99 hr.) - \$62,920.00 (\$30.25 hr.)**

**Date Posted: October 26, 2022**

**Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

## **WELFARE**

### **Welfare Officer**

**\$52,432-\$66,712**

**Date Posted: October 31, 2022**

**Review as Received, Open Until Filled**

## **POLICE**

### **Dispatcher**

**\$39,956.80 (\$19.21 hr.) - \$52,374.40 (\$25.18 hr.)**

**Date Posted: October 5, 2022**

**Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

### **Patrol Officers**

**\$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>

## **PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY**

### **Highway Equipment/Plow Operator**

**\$44,096.00 (\$21.20 hr.) - \$47,694.40 (\$22.93 hr.)**

**w/overtime opportunities**

**Date Posted: October 6, 2022**

**Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

## **WASTEWATER**

### **Wastewater Treatment Mechanic**

**\$45,572.80 (\$21.91 hr.) - \$55,432.00 (\$26.65 hr.)**

**Date Posted: October 26, 2022**

**Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

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**Remember to Turn your  
Clocks back 1 hour  
On Sunday November 6**



**City Hall will be closed on Friday,  
November 11, Veteran's Day**

**City Hall will also be closed on  
Thursday, November 24 and Friday  
November 25 for the Thanksgiving  
Holiday.**

**To the Veterans of our Armed Forces**



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