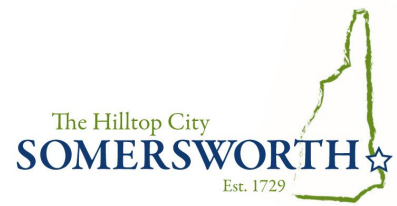


October 2021



City of Somersworth
One Government Way
Sommersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-4262

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, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report for the City Council
Meetings available [Here](#)

Committee/Board Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee
Wednesday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Minor Site Planning
Wednesday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee
Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings
Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Visit our Website



Missed the Meeting?
Catch it again Online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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



Partnership between the City of Somersworth & NH Small Business Development Center

The Mayor's Office and City Manager are excited to announce a partnership between the City of Somersworth and the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (SBDC). For the past two months the City Manager and I have been in discussion with the SBDC on how they could extend services to current and future small business owners. Under the partnership and agreement SBDC will provide members of our Business Community, no-charge on-site professional Business Advising services.

Business Advising meetings will occur at City Hall, One Government Way in Somersworth on the second floor in the Executive Conference Room. These office hours will take place the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City Manager and I look forward to this opportunity for all Somersworth businesses and future business owners. Just another example of our commitment to remaining "On the Move!"

Eyes on 30 Commission

A sense of pride should be in us all learning how successful the Vision 2020 campaign was and how our major goal of making Somersworth one of the most desirable Communities on the seacoast was reached. Our planning for the future however cannot cease, and we must continue our unwavering commitment to keep Somersworth "On the Move!". With that spirit in mind, I am announcing the formation of the "Eyes on 30" Commission. Like the Vision 2020 Committee adopted in 2008, the purpose and mission of the "Eyes on 30" Commission will be:

To build upon the success of the Vision 2020 goals and to ensure Somersworth will have well defined plans and goals to keep the Hilltop City "On the Move", celebrating its "Proud Past" while planning for its "Bright Future" through the next decade.

The members of the Commission shall include;

- One member of the City Council appointed by the Mayor.
- The Director of Development Services or their Designee.
- Two members of the Community at Large appointed by the Mayor.
- One member of the Business Community appointed by the Greater Somersworth Chamber of Commerce.
- One member of the Planning Board appointed by the Chair of the Planning Board.
- One member of the Zoning Board appointed by the Chair of the Zoning Board.
- One member of the School Board appointed by the School Board Chair.
- The City Manager or his designee.
- The Superintendent of Schools or her designee.

The Commission will seek input from the public, hold forums and Charrettes and help outline and well support our Vision to keep our Community "On the Move. I look

forward to announcing appointments and building the team that will continue to plan for Somersworth's "Bright Future" through the next decade.

While our society continues to navigate the new norms and follow the guidelines which have kept us safe, we cannot ignore how throughout this pandemic the Hilltoppper Spirit of Neighbor helping Neighbor has resonated from all corners of our 10 square mile Community.

The Somersworth Festival Association in partnership with the Mayor's Office, Police Department, Fire Department, Stewarts Ambulance is happy to announce, "Celebrate Somersworth". Celebrate Somersworth will take place on October 9 on Memorial Drive from 5-8 p.m. after Pumpkin Festival. There will be food vendors, games, an outdoor DJ and first responder exhibitions. The evening will conclude at 8pm with a fireworks display celebrating all citizens and the strength of the Hilltopper Spirit.

Celebrate Somersworth, we've earned it!

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Promise Kept, Promises Delivered

Last month was a celebration of the Hilltopper Spirit, and our commitment to our first responders and our word. In 2014 during my first inaugural address, I spoke of the importance of ensuring that our Fire Fighters, Police and EMS had the 21st century equipment and salaries necessary to keep our Hilltop Community safe. This ideology was embraced by team Council and today we gather to solidify that Somersworth once again is truly "On the Move".

The journey which lead us to the groundbreaking of a new fire station started when I announced the formation of the Fire Station Advisory Committee which served from 2014-2016. With the Committee's commitment and due diligence, the concept and exploration of building a 21st century facility began to become more than conversation. The Public Safety Committee under the leadership of Councilor Pepin would then continue to study, and review until the Council once again demonstrated their determination to support our Fire Fighters and keep Somersworth "On the Move!"

The groundbreaking of the new state of the art station is a great moment in our Hilltopper history, as we honor the "Proud Past" of our current station and move towards the "Bright Future" that our new facility will bring us, aiding in protecting all Hilltoppers and their property.

Congratulations Somersworth

Congratulations Team Council

Congratulations Fire Fighters and all the partners that brought us to this moment.

We deserve this, and we truly are "On the Move".

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Mayor's Fall & Winter Hours

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

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

Friday: 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

People are welcomed to stop by during this time. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at (603) 692-9503 or email bbreda@somersworth.com



November 2 Municipal Election Information

The City of Somersworth Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021. Voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, City Councilors, and School Board members. All elected positions are two-year terms.

October 27 - Supervisors of the Checklist

(last time you can register to vote until Election Day)

During this session, Supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 692-9511 or 629-9512.

November 2 - Election Day

The Polling Locations are:

- Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way
- Ward 2 - Summersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street
- Ward 3 - Somersworth High School Cafeteria, 11 Memorial Drive
- Ward 4 - Idlehurst Elementary School Cafeteria, 45 Stackpole Road
- Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building, 218 Main Street

If you have any questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at 692-9511 or 692-9512 or email Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk at jslaven@somersworth.com or Ammy Ramsey, Deputy City Clerk at aramsey@somersworth.com

Absentee Ballot Applications now Available

Absentee ballot applications for the City of Somersworth November 2 Municipal Election are now available at the City Clerk's office.

Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance or employment obligations may request and absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

The City Clerk's Office is located in lower level of City Hall. Business hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The mailing address is One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878.

The online absentee application is available [here](#)

GACIT Public Hearing

**State to hold Public Hearing for Proposed 10-Year State
Transportation Plan in Somersworth on Monday, Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) is holding 21 public hearings around the state on the draft 2023-2032 Department of Transportation (DOT) 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. One of those will be held at Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Drive, in Somersworth on Monday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of these public hearings is to receive public comments/testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft 2023-2032 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to GACIT.

[Click here](#) for the draft 2023-2032 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Written testimony may be submitted to the DOT, which must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8. Written comments should be addressed to William E. Watson, P.E. Administrator, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483.

State law requires the governor to revise and update the 10-year plan every two years. Gov. Sununu signed the 2021-2030 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan into law on July 24, 2020. **[Click here](#)** for the latest adopted 10-year plan. For more information on the 10-year plan, including all scheduled public hearings, estimated costs and funding sources, and previously adopted 10-year plans, visit **<https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/index.htm>**

In Gratitude

"On November 11, 2020, the City of Somersworth dedicated the Somersworth Veterans Memorial. This will serve as a place of honor for all those who have served, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, in order to protect our cherished freedoms. thank you to all who supported the construction of this important public place"....Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Come to City Hall and see this beautiful plaque (shown below) which thanks all of the generous organizations and businesses who helped make this Memorial happen!



Monarch Butterfly Pledge Updates

The Office of Mayor Dana Hilliard, Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) Director Maureen Jackman and City Councilor Matt Gerding announce some exciting October Fall Happenings as part of the Community Monarch Butterfly Pledge.

SYC will be hosting a Free Seed Packet Giveaway the Week of October 25th. You may pick up your free seeds at the following locations; Somersworth City Hall, Department of Public Works and the Somersworth Library.

We would also like to announce the three Middle School Winners of our Seed Packet Label Art Contest. Congratulations to:

- Ivy Curran, Grade 6
- Maya Bradley, Grade 7
- Kaithlyn Lumingkewas, Grade 7

On Wednesday, October 27th Mayor Hilliard will read a Proclamation in support of the Monarch Butterfly Pledge and pass out free seed packets to families in attendance at the 15th Annual SYC "Lights on for Learning" Celebration held at Idlehurst Elementary School from 6:00-7:30pm. Families of students in grade K-8 will be treated to a Halloween Spooktacular

music and laser light show and all students will receive a free book.

On Friday, October 29th please join SYC and the Mayor for a Seed Scatter at Malley Farm beginning at 4:00pm. Students will plant Monarch friendly perennial seeds in a designated 10x10 area as one of the community outreach action items identified in the Monarch Pledge.

If you would like more information please contact
Maureen Jackman at mjackman@sau56.org



Hello Friends,

If you want to taste and learn about chocolate, we're collecting names through Wednesday, October 6. Just drop you details in the coffee cannister at the front desk. Sally, from Chocolate by Sparrow, will take ten people through the history of the bean and the process of spinning it into that well loved elixir. If your card is picked (randomly) you'll get a call Thursday morning October 7. The event takes place Friday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. If you miss out, there will be more. Next cheese!

The Florida Project is the topic of our movie discussion on Tuesday, October 12 at 5:45 p.m. You will find it on Hoopla. Come discuss what you like and don't. Is it realistic? What are positive aspects of the mother daughter relationship? Do we teach what we have learned and can we do better? We have headphones at the Library if you want to watch it on the computers.

Tuesday, October 19 at 5:45 p.m. we will discuss Boots & Saddles by Elizabeth Custer. Vividly written, it's a fascinating, first-person account of life on the western plains. It's available and an e-book through Hoopla, or if you prefer Kindle, you can buy it for ninety-nine cents. Good old paper is also available through inter library loan.

Family Story Time with Mary takes place on Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Hear stories, sing and move! Weather permitting, meet at the park across from the restaurant Gravy on Main Street (just past Station St.) If weather is dicey, just call us to see if it's still scheduled.

Mary will also be at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 9 from 10 am. - 3:00 p.m. More information please see <http://www.nhfestivals.org/pumpkin-festival.html>

Library Fall & Winter Hours

Our hours are changing slightly to accommodate times of higher use.

Starting Saturday, October 2 the Library Hours are as follows:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For the latest updates, follow our Facebook page. You can also check our Programs & Services page. <https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-services-programs>. Stay tuned for an author visit in November...

Here's to more time to do the things you like.

Happy October!

Happy Halloween

Trick or Treating in Somersworth will be on Saturday, October 30
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Somersworth Recreation Halloween Festivities

Somersworth Recreation

Halloween



Youth Costume Contest



- Open to all Somersworth children ages 3-14 & is free to enter
Contest ages are: Ages 3-5 / Ages 6-9 / Ages 10-14
- Only 1 entry per child
- Registration deadline & costume photo submissions (1 photo per child) are due by Wednesday, October 27th in order to be eligible for the Facebook vote.
- Submitted costume photos will be shared on our Facebook Page. The Facebook vote will be October 28- October 31 and the photos with the most "likes/loves" for each age group will win!
- Winners will be announced on Monday, November 1st!
The winner from each age group will win a \$25 gift card!!

How to Participate ~

- To register & review the contest rules visit www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation
- Email 1 photo per child dressed in their costume to recreation@somersworth.com (Photos will be used for the Facebook vote) (Please include your child's name & age group in the email)



Vote for your favorite costume Photos on the Somersworth Recreation Facebook Page October 28-31!!

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

2021

HALLOWEEN PET COSTUME CONTEST

Lets see your cute critters this Halloween! Email a photo of your pet(s) dressed in costume to recreation@somersworth.com by Wednesday, October 27th to be eligible for the People's Choice Facebook vote. Please include pet name, owner name, & phone number in the email.
All entries must be Somersworth residents.

**People's Choice Facebook Vote will be
October 28-31. The photo with the
most "likes/loves" will win a
\$25 Gift Certificate to Pets Supplies
Plus in Somersworth!!**

Deadline for photo submissions:
October 27, 2021

WWW.SOMERSWORTH.COM/PARKS-RECREATION

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION
2021
**HILLTOP HALLOWEEN
HOME DECORATING
CONTEST**

DETAILS~

- Open to all residents of Somersworth!
- FREE to enter!!
- To register & review the contest rules visit www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation
- DEADLINE: All entries must be submitted by Sunday, October 24th in order to be eligible for judging.
- Submitted homes will be judged on October 26-28th.
- Winners will be announced on Friday, October 29th on Facebook and our Website
- For more information contact the Rec Dept.
603-692-9508 / recreation@somersworth.com

**HOME DEPOT GIFT CARDS AWARDED
TO THE TOP WINNERS!!**

1ST PLACE~ \$100
2ND PLACE~ \$75
3RD PLACE~ \$50

Halloween Contest registration links & more info:

<https://www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/2021-halloween-contests>

Department of Public Works & Utilities



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

THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER FOR Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, October 11.

Residents are asked to set out trash bags and recycling bins during their weekly collections **no later than 7am on the day of collection.**

The City's contractor Waste Management follows the Solid Waste Ordinance which states:

"Residents will place their rubbish to be collected along the curbside or street-side where normally the curbing would be, in specially marked bags as defined in Section 7.1 of the Code, on the evening before, or by 7:00 a.m. on their scheduled pickup day. No rubbish will be picked up that is not contained by an approved specially marked bag that is not along the curbside, nor more frequently than once a week for any person, firm or corporation"

Residents are asked to not assume that Waste Management trucks arrive later in the morning and set out materials after 7am based on past experiences. Waste Management trucks are assigned daily routes and are subject to starting specific routes at different times due to equipment, traffic and other operational needs. Only constant is they all begin collection on City streets at 7am. Asking Waste Management to return to missed stops due to late set outs can contribute to cost increases to the City.

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.

Metal Pick-up

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The October collection will occur on Tuesday, October 12. Residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, October 11** to be placed on the pickup schedule for October. 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 October 18th through 22nd. Residents need to call Public Works at 692-4266 by Friday, October 15 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 October 25th through 29th. Residents should place their bagged leaves curbside on their regular trash pick-up day. The paper leaf bags can be purchased at grocery store chains, hardware stores, and Home Depot

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 at City Hall or 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. Bulky items left in front of your property set out without bulky stickers are subject to code violations for a property non-compliance, Bulky Waste stickers can be purchased at City using checks, cash or credit/debit cards. Stickers may also be purchased at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane with checks only. Each stickers is \$4.00.

Cemetery Road Reconstruction Plan

SUR is continuing the reconstruction of Cemetery Road. The project involves:

- Complete reconstruction of Cemetery Road’s travel lanes and shoulders from Maple St to W. High St.
- Replacement of underground water, and sewer mains and adding new storm drainage systems.
- Replacement of the existing sidewalks, as well as adding a new sidewalk along the southern edge of the road between the High School and Maple Street

Current Project Status

- 70% of water main has been installed from West High Street towards the school and from Maple Street toward Doelson Road
- 80% of sewer main has been installed from West High Street towards the school and from Maple Street toward Doelson Road.
- Road base is installed from West High Street to Memorial Drive. Road base from Memorial Drive to Maple Street is planned to occur by mid -November. Final pavement surface will be installed in the Spring 2022.



Cemetery Road Project

Water Mains to be flushed in October

The Water Distribution Division staff will be conducting night time hydrant flushing on high traffic streets starting on Sunday, October 10, 2021 through Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Day time hydrant flushing will continue the following week, October 18-22, on local streets until completed.

This routine maintenance program helps to maintain water quality throughout the water distribution system. Water main flushing can cause a temporary discoloration of your water supply. If you do experience discoloration, please run a cold water tap for a short time to clear your water.

Any questions or need for additional information can be addressed by calling Michael Bobinsky, Director of Public Works & Utilities at 603-692-4266 or email mbobinsky@somersworth.com

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

As a reminder, any work done within the 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. 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](#).

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management



A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office

This year's Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9 with the theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". From beeps to chirps, smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms have played a leading role in reducing rates in the home over the past 40 years.

Working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms save lives -both types of alarms should be

installed and maintained in every home.

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

- A continued pattern of three loud beeps - beep, beep, beep - in rapid succession is the sound of an activated smoke alarm and means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A loud pattern of four rapid beeps – beep, beep, beep, beep - followed by a short pause and the pattern repeating indicates carbon monoxide (CO) is present. Go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Installation

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms in the basement.
- Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms to provide a minimum level of protection.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home for the best protection- especially important because we should sleep with doors closed. When one sounds, they all sound – ensuring you receive the earliest possible notification.
- Smoke alarms can be interconnected electrically by a qualified electrician or by installing battery-operated wireless interconnected smoke alarms.
- For the best protection or where extra time is needed to awaken or assist others, both ionization smoke alarms and photoelectric smoke alarms or combination ionization-photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor smoke alarms, are recommended.
- An ionization smoke alarm is more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is more responsive to smoldering fires.
- Choose a smoke alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms away from the kitchen to prevent nuisance alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.
- Photoelectric smoke alarms are the best type of alarms to be installed near the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce nuisance alarms.
- New multi-criteria smoke alarm technology states "helps reduce cooking nuisance alarms" on the packaging. Consider using new multi-criteria alarms when it is time to replace existing photoelectric or ionization alarms.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Testing and Maintenance

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month using the test button. This is a good opportunity to ensure everyone in the home knows what an activated alarm sounds like, the difference between the two, and how to respond.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms working. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the internet.

People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- Install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, strobe lights flash to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing of a possible fire when they are awake.
- When people who are deaf are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker should be used to wake them and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. This device is activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm. People who are deaf may find that the shaker paired with a high-intensity strobe light is helpful to wake them.
- When people who are hard of hearing are asleep, a loud, mixed, low pitched sound alert device should be used to wake them. They may find a pillow or bed shaker is helpful to wake them. These devices are activated by the sound of the standard smoke alarm.
- Choose smoke alarms and accessories for people who are deaf or hard of hearing that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

Battery Replacement

- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm **chirps**, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms that do not have non-replaceable (long-life) batteries, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

Smoke Alarm Replacement

- Replace all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they are 10 years old or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Replace any smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm that does not respond after a new battery has been installed.
- Replace combination smoke-carbon monoxide alarms according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Rental Properties

- Be sure smoke alarms are installed in all rental housing. Contact your landlord or property manager if there is an issue.

Other important and enduring safety considerations associated with Fire Prevention Week:

- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of fires in the kitchen. Be alert while cooking.
- Plan and practice an escape route with your family that includes a meeting place away from the house.
- If your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm sounds, leave the home immediately and call 911. Once outside – stay out – do not re-enter a dangerous environment.

Celebrate Somersworth

Construction of the City's New Fire Station at the site of the current Fire Station prevents us

from having an open house this year. However, in place of an open house, please join Fire, Police, Ambulance, and more for Celebrate Somersworth on October 9 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Memorial Drive near the Middle School.

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters

Every October, a grateful Nation honors its fallen Fire Service heroes at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Traditionally, the Somersworth Fire Department participates in the “Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters” by lighting our Fire Station in Red from Sunday, 26 September to Sunday 3 October. However, due to safety considerations associated with diminished lighting and fencing related to the new Fire Station construction project, we are unable to participate this year. However, throughout the country, “Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters” will honor and remember all firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2020 as well as those who died in previous years whose names are being added to the memorial this year.

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

Enjoy the fall, be careful, and look out for each other.

George Kramlinger, Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director



City Firefighters reflect on the site of the community-wide 9-11 remembrance ceremony at St Martin’s Church. Throughout the course of Saturday, September 11th, members of the Community, the Somersworth Police Department, and Stewart’s Ambulance placed individual flags remembering 2977 people who perished in the terrorist attacks. City of Somersworth Firefighters placed 343 individual flags in the shape of 9-11 remembering the 343 Fire Department of New York firefighters who died in the line of duty that day.

PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY

If you **see** something,
say something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call 9-1-1

Somersworth Police Dispatch
Somersworth Police Crime Line

603-692-3131
603-692-9111



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FIRST RESPONDERS

Somersworth

Games Music Food

Fireworks & Your Local First Responders!

SOMERSWORTH POLICE N.H.

Costumed and Masked Creatures & Folks Welcome

Saturday, October 9 5-8 p.m.

Memorial Drive Somersworth

Sponsored by the Somersworth Police Association & the Somersworth Festival Association

Celebrate Somersworth with Somersworth First Responders

The Somersworth Police Association, along with the the Somersworth Festival Association will be hosting a block party for the community on **October 9th from 5:00 PM until 8:30 PM on Memorial Drive in front of Somersworth High School.** There will be food, music, games, public safety static displays and fireworks. Come join the fun!



To honor the victims of 9/11 St. Martin's Church placed nearly 3,000 American Flags on their lawn. Somersworth Police placed 60 flags in memory of the 60 fallen Police Officers who lost their lives.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING

Permits for Noble Street and River Street parking during snow emergency parking bans will become available beginning October 1, 2020.

On January 7th, 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 1st thru March 31st 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.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE ASSISTANCE

We have a partner with Avis Goodwin, Wentworth Douglass Hospital and volunteer Recovery Coaches to offer **“Community Access to Recovery”** aimed at providing help to those suffering from misuse disorders. Simply come into the Police Station and ask for assistance. We will arrange assistance for you.

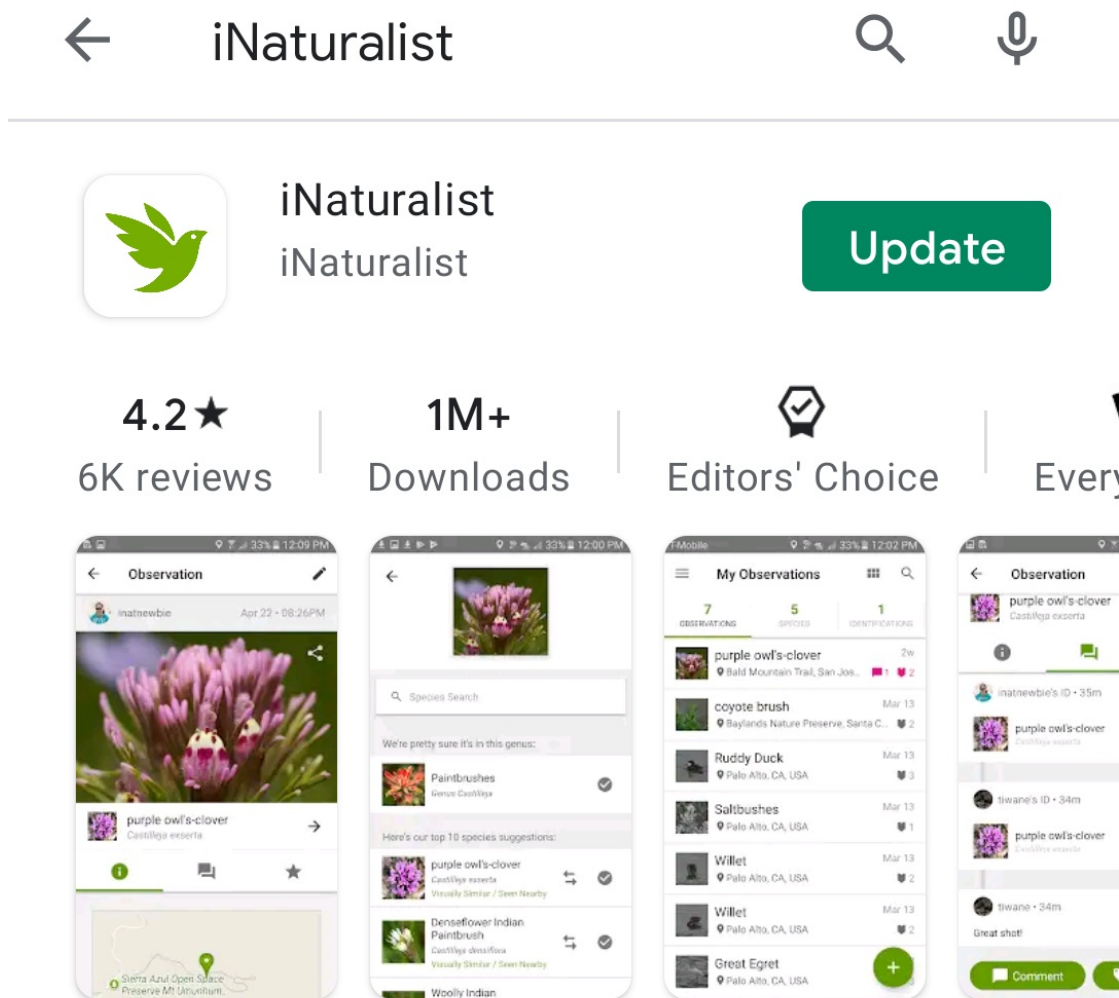
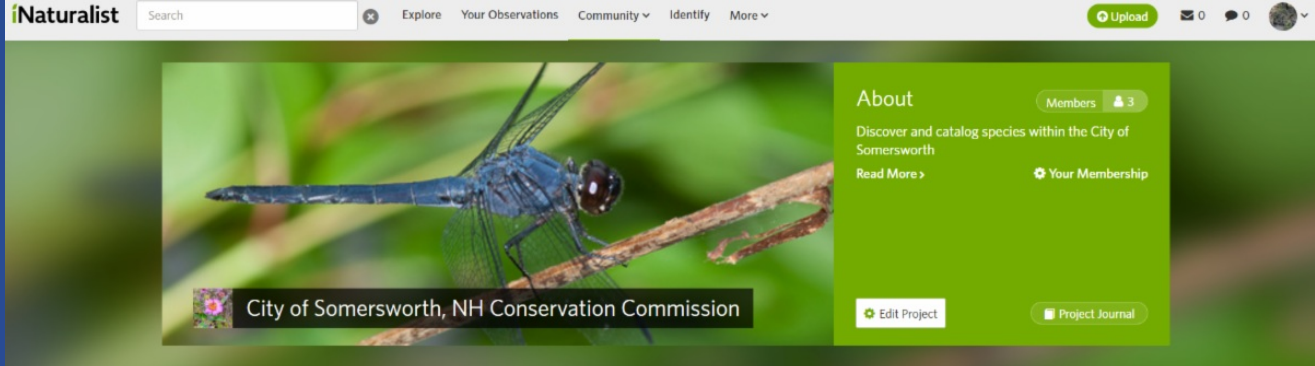


Somersworth Police Department also uses our [Facebook page](#) to give update on important Community information including crime information, road closures, snow emergencies, parking bans and Community events.



We also send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for Nixle [here](#)

The Somersworth Conservation Commission can use your help cataloging all species of life in the City.
The City has an [iNaturalist project](#).



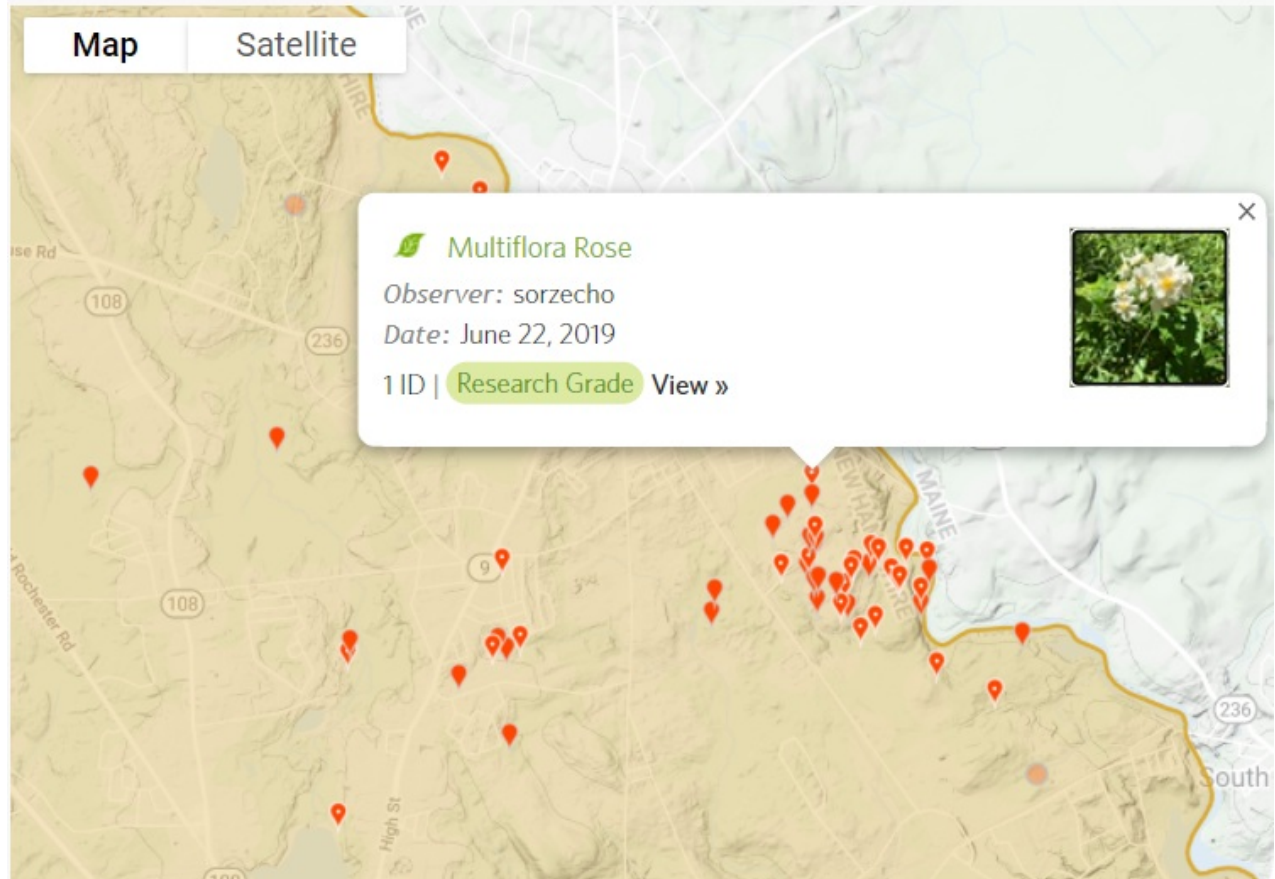
Observe and identify plants and animals with your friends

There's an app for your phone that allows you to submit photos (you can also do so via the web), and it will instantly attempt to identify what you have submitted. It will log the coordinates of where you saw it (or you can obscure the location). Other users review submissions and either concur with your identification or offer alternate identifications. When

a submission has two or more of the same identification, it becomes “research grade,” meaning that it could potentially be used as a data point for research purposes that track the distribution, migration and regional population of species. The Conservation Commission hopes to use the data for such purposes.

In addition to helping us track wildlife diversity, certain species can be indicators of the relative health of the area. It will also help us track invasive plants throughout the city, so that we can prioritize mitigation. Here’s an example of a common invasive in the area:

Map of Observations



We currently have only three participating users, so your help makes a big difference. Thanks!

If you have questions, please contact our Chairman, Scott Orzechowski
<https://www.somersworth.com/user/50/contact>



Sustainability Committee

Over 90% of water pollution problems in New Hampshire are caused by the pollutants carried in storm water. Sources of runoff and pollutants-See chart below.



You play a role in preventing water pollution from getting into our nearby rivers, streams and lakes.

Ways we can do our part to ‘soak up the rain’

- Make walkways and patios pervious
- Set up rain barrels
- Create a rain garden
- Build a vegetated buffer
- Create a vegetated swale
- Implement water bars or infiltration steps
- Implement drip line or driveway infiltration trenches

To help be a part of the solution visit:

UNH Cooperative Extension
extension.unh.edu/tags/home-lawn-care
SOAKNH Projects

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>

Non Toxic Dover

www.nontoxicdoverNH.wordpress.com

Your Grass & Our Water

Some lawn care practices create local water quality problems. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorus found in fertilizers) that run off our properties into nearby water bodies can trigger harmful algal blooms.

Many of us enjoy the time we spend working on our lawns and are willing to try new practices as long as our lawns continue to look good.

This information card shares simple and easy tips, customized for northern New England, that can lead to **green** grass & protect and restore our **waters**.



1. Choose the right grass seed. Try to avoid grass seed that has been coated with synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. The best seed mixes include low maintenance varieties with higher % of fine leaf fescues and turf- or compact-type tall fescues, and lower % of Kentucky bluegrass and perennial rye grass.

2. Mow smart. Leave grass at least 3” high. Cut no more than one-third (1/3) of the blade each time you mow to encourage longer, stronger roots. Leave the grass clippings after mowing so they can return nutrients to the soil.

3. Don’t over water. 1” of water per week (from rain or irrigation) is usually enough. Over watering can cause nutrients to move out of root zones and into water bodies or groundwater.

4 Have your soil tested. Have your soil tested to learn more about specific characteristics and needs of your lawn. Contact UNH Cooperative Extension: extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services

5 Avoid over applying. Measure the area where you plan to apply and calculate the square footage. For lawns 10+ years old, apply half (1/2) the amount recommended for your square area one time per season. New lawns may need another application. Don't apply more than four times per season.

6 Reduce fertilizer use. Select fertilizers with zero or low phosphorus and plant native vegetation along boundaries to stabilize eroded areas. Phosphorus runoff can cause water quality problems such as algae blooms in our water bodies.

7 Know when and where to apply. Apply only after spring "Green up" and before mid-September. Avoid applying in mid-summer. **Never apply near water bodies or storm drains.**

Note: 5-7 recommendations should only be used if your lawn requires added nutrients from fertilizer

If you would like more information please email Sarah Eckstein at sarahmeckstein@gmail.com



Reseeding the Somersworth Farm to School Program

After a long covid-imposed hibernation, Farm to School programming is finally returning to Somersworth schools.

A hefty \$96,000 USDA Farm to School grant was awarded to our deserving schools in 2020, and we're tapping into that at long last. Combined with collective administrative support, Somersworth Farm to School is on good footing this year to focus on local food sourcing and environmental sustainability. What are some exciting things that Farm to School hopes to dig their hands into?

- Full cafeteria composting and new Student Sustainability Clubs in at least two schools
- Partnership with the Malley Farm Community Gardeners and UNHCE Master Gardener Program to increase agriculture-based education and local food sourcing opportunities
- Increasing pollinator-planting school and community wide in collaboration with Somersworth Youth Connection(SYC) & the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge
- Outreach visits from Seacoast Eat Local's SAMM Van to our K-8 schools, including health and nutrition education, community food-access resources, carbon-footprint of local vs. non-native food purchases, farming, and soil health. Participants take home a bag of local produce!
- A mobile farm/sustainability/education center built by our talented Building Trades students at the HS/CTC.
- A locally sourced lunch in our cafeterias for all students and staff, & more fresh and locally procured meals in our school lunches.

For more information on these and other Farm to School initiatives, contact Wendy Berkeley at wberkeley@sau56.org For more on the Monarch Butterfly Pledge, contact Maureen Jackman at mjackman@sau56.org or Matt Gerding at mgerding@somersworth.com.

Families have been so patient through remote schooling and we're delighted to be back in-person. Let's all stay safe, stay in school, and stay healthy.

Friends of Forest Glade Cemetery

Talking Tombstones II Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Summersworth Historical Society & Museum is thrilled to be offering a walking tour at Forest Glade Cemetery. Tours will last approximately 60 to 90 minutes which will include 20 or so stops to different grave sites. Tours will leave every 15 to 20 minutes throughout the day.



This is a fundraiser for the Summersworth Historical Society & Museum and they are asking for donations.

The cost for the Talking Tombstones Tour is \$10.00 adult / \$5.00 12 and under.
For more information call George Poulin at 765-4287



Mark your calendar for
October 9th!



18th Annual Somersworth

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Somersworth Plaza
Main Street, Somersworth, NH



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\$10 Bracelet per Child

Come in costume and get \$1 off the bracelet price
Adults free when accompanying a child

*Pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, pumpkin crafts,
hayrides, family/child photos, games, entertainment, food court,
and much more (while supplies last)! This is a rain-or-shine event.*

sfachild.festival@gmail.com • 603-692-5869 • nhfestivals.org

Celebrate Somersworth!



The Somersworth Festival Association,
in partnership with First Responders,
presents a night of celebrating Somersworth and the
Hilltop Spirit of Neighbor Helping Neighbor

**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Followed by Fireworks
Somersworth High School**

*Music, food, rides, fireworks, emergency vehicles,
helicopter, demonstrations and displays by the
Somersworth Police and Fire Departments and
Stewart's Ambulance Service, and so much more!*

Presented by the Somersworth Police Association and the Somersworth Festival Association



Harvest Craft Fair

Saturday, October 23rd

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Somersworth High School
11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth

Wide variety of talented crafters!

Free parking Free entry



*This event is being hosted by the Somersworth Festival Association.
Proceeds from the craft fair help support all of the events
the SFA holds for the children.*

For vendor inquiries, email sfachild.festival@gmail.com
or call 603-692-5869 or visit www.nhfestivals.org



GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

Goodwin
Community Health

Families
First

Lilac City
Pediatrics

**Families First, please sign up for their
Newsletters**

**Family Focus: Info on each month's
parent and family programs, monthly
parenting tips and ideas, useful links**

and more.



Kinship Caregiver Resources

If you are a grandparent or relative caregiver raising children, you are not alone. An estimated 2.3 million grandparents are primary caregivers in the US today.

Connect with our Kinship Navigator, **Jo Ann**, to learn more about resources available to support you

and your family. And sign up for our **Grandparents Connect Support group**, which meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am in Somersworth.

And remember that grandparents and kinship caregivers are warmly welcomed at all of our playgroups, parenting workshops and classes.

Why Come to a Parenting Program

Parenting is one of the hardest and most important jobs there is, and we all need support, ideas and inspiration from time to time. Join us to talk, laugh and learn with other parents and grandparents as we all work together to become the best parents we can be. Here is what parents said they learned from our recent programs:



- A lot of strategies for interacting with my children in new ways, and how to be a more **active listener** with everyone in my life.
- The power of **choice** when facilitating independence.
- Ideas for how to cope and handle my daughter's **meltdowns**
- To always remember to **chase the reason** for the challenging behaviors
- The importance of **keeping your calm** when it comes to your behavior and learning to be aware of your child's feelings.
- I felt **supported** and listened to.

Upcoming programs include **Active Parenting** (9/7-10/5), **Parenting Journey** (9/30-12/16) and **Positive Solutions** (10/6-11/10). We also have **Parents Connect and Grandparents Connect Support Groups**. Programs are free, open to all and take place on Zoom. Click the button below to learn more and sign up. **Email** us if you have questions or want help choosing the best program for you.

[View Fall Programs](#)



Tools for Managing Challenging Behaviors

Sometimes we face situations that overload our capacity to cope. Check out this 3-minute video for tips on helping to prevent your child from feeling overwhelmed.

And, join us on October 12th at 6:30 pm for a free virtual workshop with Dr. Mary Sheedy Kurcinka to learn more helpful strategies for dealing with struggles, chaos and meltdowns in our day to day lives. Bring your questions for Dr. Mary, and check out her website resources **here!**

[Sig up for Managing Challenging Behaviors](#)

What is Micro-Adventure and Why Does it Matter?

It turns out that even three minutes of experiencing "awe" is good for our mental health, especially if it involves focusing on something in the natural world.



Take your kids on a walk in your own yard or your neighborhood with the goal of discovering something you have never seen before! You can lift a big rock: *What is underneath?* ... Take a really close look at a puddle or a flower: *What do you notice?* ... Observe an ant hill very closely: *The ants are so busy; what are they doing?*

Have lots of micro-adventures this fall! Noticing, appreciating and feeling amazed by what we see in the world around us can lift our spirits in a powerful way.

Check out these **Back-to-School Virtual Workshops** offered by the Parent Information Center. They focus on the special education process, the Individualized Education Programs (IEP), and building strong home-school partnerships.

City of Somersworth Employment Opportunities



FINANCE

Position Title: **Finance Account Clerk**

Starting Pay: \$20.38 - \$24.78

Date Posted: September 29, 2021

Closing Date: First Review 10/15/21, Open until Filled

POLICE

Position Title: **Part-time Parking Enforcement Officer**

(20 hours a week, Monday - Friday, 4 hour shifts)

Starting Pay: \$16.14-\$21.16

Date Posted: September 14, 2021

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

PUBLIC WORKS

Position Title: **Equipment Operator**

Starting Pay: \$20.69

Date Posted: September 27, 2021

Closing Date: 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/pages/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](#)



On the Move! and our Future is Now!
We are a Community!
We are Achieving Progress and Greatness!
