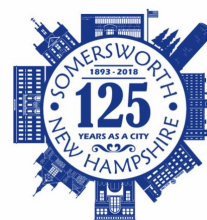


City Connection

Proud Past, Bright Future



September 2018

September Meetings in Council Chambers

**CITY HALL IS CLOSED
LABOR DAY MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3**

City Council Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00

p.m.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p

m.

Planning Board

Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30

p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 5 at 10:30

a.m.

Wednesday, September 12 at 10:30

a.m.

Traffic Safety Committee

Wednesday, September 19 at 2:00

p.m.

Historic District Commission

Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00

p.m.

Yikes!! Summer is almost over, but this is coming!

Beautiful Fall Colors!!!



Please note meeting Calendar is subject to change.

To view Agendas of City Council meetings please visit City website

www.somersworth.com/calendar/



**City of Somersworth
City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-9555**

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

**Wednesday
City Hall is open until
6:00 p.m.**



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- Business Email List
- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation Department

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**THE STATE PRIMARY VOTING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Residents may register to vote or update information at the City Clerk's Office or during the Supervisors of the Checklist Sessions. Please note, June 5, 2018 was the deadline for a voter to change party affiliation or to become unaffiliated with a party for voting in the September 11, 2018, State Primary Election.

See news release from the Secretary of State [here](#)

Special Municipal Election Tuesday, September 11

The City of Somersworth will be holding a Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, to fill the **Ward 5 City Council** seat for the remainder of the term to expire in January 2020.

FILING PERIOD

In Accordance with RSA 669:16, the filing period for Declaration of Candidacy for the Ward 5 City Council Seat will open on July 25, 2018 and close on August 3, 2018.

Persons wishing to be a candidate in the September 11th Special Municipal Election must file a Declaration of Candidacy in the Office of the City Clerk during the filing period. A \$5.00 filing fee is due at the time of filing. In lieu of paying the fee, a candidate may elect to file 25 notarized petitions.

Candidates must be qualified voters residing in Ward 5 in the City of Somersworth. Names of all candidates will be placed on the ballot in order pursuant to RSA 656:5-a.

Further information on filing a Declaration of Candidacy may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk at 692-9511 or 692-9512.

Labor Day Trash & Recycle
Holiday Curbside Trash and Recycle Collection Modified Schedule
Due to the **Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3, 2018**, there will be a one (1) day delay in the collection of trash and recycling, as follows:

Monday's collection will occur on Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Tuesday's collection will occur on Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Wednesday's collection will occur on Thursday, September 6, 2018

Please call Public Works with questions at 603-692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com with questions.



The Mayor's Corner

Honoring & Rebuilding

All things are link, and bound together by the universal web of life. Each strand is effected by the other, the strength of the web rest in all parts functioning together as one unified creation in sync. One small tear or deficiency results in the dysfunction of the whole, each aspect, each micro is imperative to the design. Yet each stand in the design is unique, and will only be created once. While it may look similar in design, its creation can never be replicated, each design serving the same purpose, however individual created and different each time.

A community's foundation of success is mirrored in the same creation of the web. Each of us our unique, and despite our similarities can never be duplicated. Our uniqueness strengthens the web, we reinforce it with our talents, commitments and passions. We bring to it life, with the feelings of joy, happiness, sorrow and fear. We combined our personal journeys into the creation of a living body, one that moves in unison towards the same direction and goals. Each of us is to be honored for who we are, and the life and living awareness we offer. While we honor the individual, we celebrate the strength which is created when we willingly become part of the community and dedicated ourselves towards the success of all.

Each success comes with a struggle and incredible individual and community sacrifices. It test us, and our willingness to continue. There are times when we question, question the route we are taking, question our individual strength and the strength of the community. There are times when are faith is eroded and overpowered with doubt, the web is shaken, and we are overcome with a sense of vulnerability. Yet with each strand that is fasten with support and belief, no elements can ever destroy the vision, passion or success which lays ahead.

Honor each other, honor every soul, and each part which makes up every member of our community. Bring to our community not only your own desires, but the desires for the whole. Travel together and not alone, celebrating each step of success we take, resting together when we are tired, overcoming our fears as a united group and without ego or stupidity admitting our falters. Success is awarded to the individuals who are not afraid to journey, success is awarded to the communities who are willing to sacrifice a bit of self for the achievement of the whole.

Let us continue the journey towards the success of the home we call Somersworth. Let us continue honoring and celebrating each other, all we have overcome, all that we have created, and the masterpiece in the design we will continue to build.

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

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard

**Mayor's Fall & Winter
Office Hours Start in September**

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

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

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

People are welcomed to stop by during these times. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at 692-9503 or email [Brenda](#).



City Manager Notes

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

**From the Desk of the
Economic Development Manager**

Stay Work Play



Somersworth is quickly becoming one of the State of New Hampshire's fastest growing 'Young City '. The average age of a Somersworth

resident is 35, with the single largest growing age being 4 years old. The fact that Somersworth is only a few miles from the University of New Hampshire and Great Bay Community College, coupled with the Hilltop City being smack in the middle of York County, Maine and the Seacoast of New Hampshire, makes it extremely desirable to Young Professionals. In addition, Somersworth sits in the middle of the overlapping catchment areas of the 4 major hospitals of the seacoast. As a result of being located "in the middle" of everything, as well as having easy access to the mountains, lakes, and oceans, Somersworth is home to numerous college graduates, medical teams and other professionals seeking a balanced life of work and family.

Stay - Work - Play is an organization that is dedicated to capturing Young Professionals for the State's vibrant business community. They also work to support our social and cultural amenities. This organization articulates the value and contributions of Young Professionals in our communities, and reminds all of us that our next generation is valuable and vital for our present as much as our future.

Every year Stay -Work - Play awards outstanding young Professionals with awards at their annual Rising Star event. This year the program has partnered with NHPR, which will broaden the exposure to the event for the residents of the state. This will be the 9th year of the awards created, "to celebrate and recognize New Hampshire's remarkable young people, and the businesses that go the extra mile to recruit and retain them".

Stay Work Play is accepting nominations for its ninth annual Rising Stars Awards. Each year, the nominations reveal the emerging young leaders and organizations making a positive impact in their communities, and helping to shape the future of New Hampshire. Winners will be celebrated at the Rising Stars Awards celebratory event on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. Somersworth business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply!

Please visit stayworkplay.org/risingstarsawards for additional details and nomination materials.

Please feel free to contact our Economic Development Manager anytime!

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One Government Way
Somersworth, New Hampshire 03878
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603-692-9516



From Chief Kretschmar

Community Safety is Everyone's Business!



A very successful National Night out was held on Tuesday, August 7 which was sponsored by the Prevention Coalition. Below are some pictures from that evening:





SUBSTANCE MISUSE ASSISTANCE

We have a partnered with Avis Goodwin, Wentworth Douglass Hospital and volunteer Recovery Coaches to offer "**Community Access to Recovery**" aimed at providing help individuals suffering from misuse disorders. Please walk into the Police Station and we will assist you in making this first important step to a new tomorrow through participation in this program!

Somersworth Police Facebook Page

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use this to inform 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/>

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



**Safety Tips from your Local Fire Department
692-3457**

Open Burning continues in September. Remember that the state requires a Permit be obtained from the Fire Department before burning occurs. Generally, unless it is raining, no burning can occur until after 5pm and there are restrictions on what can be burned: distances from combustible construction or vegetation: and the size of materials to be burned.

A word of caution to all drivers: School is back in session and children will be walking back and forth to and from school. Exercise care when driving as sometimes children are distracted when walking and may venture out into traffic without warning.

Fire Department Open House.

The annual Fire Department Open House will be held on Saturday October 13 from 10am to 2pm. There will be displays from the Fire Department utilizing the "Fire Safety House" and live fire extinguisher training. Other agencies there will be the Somersworth Police: American Ambulance: Wentworth Douglass Hospital: the NH Division of Forest and Lands: and Smokey the Bear. Refreshments will be provided as well.



Road Improvement Updates:

Somersworth City Council has recently voted to award a contract to Brox Industries for road repairs. This letter shows an overall view of the repairs to be conducted throughout the City. Repairs will include all of Constitutional Way, Garden Street, Horne Street, Otis Road, Salmon Falls Road, Bates Brook Road, Washington Street, and portions of High Street (from Blackwater Road to South Street) and West High Street (from Route 108 to Cemetery Road), and Main Street (John Parsons Drive to Indigo Hill Road). Weather-permitting, the current projected schedule is to begin work on West High Street and Salmon Falls Road or Otis Road in September, with the rest of the work occurring from September through November and possibly in the spring of 2019.

As a reminder to property abutters on these streets, Per Chapter 12 of the Somersworth City Ordinance, there will be a three- or five-year moratorium on the cutting of the pavement road segments once they are paved. The moratorium precludes any pavement cutting projects, including new sewer, water, or natural gas tie-ins during the moratorium period.

If you are considering subdividing, expanding, rebuilding, or otherwise conducting property modifications such that a new sewer, water, or gas service is anticipated, we recommend making provisions now for tapping into the utilities that are under your street or road and bringing a future service stub out of the paved street and to your property line. This will be the time for you to inform us of your needs so that you can secure the necessary city permits and obtain the services of a contractor. It is important that you inform the Department of Public Works of any project you are considering as soon as possible at 603-692-4266.

The following are streets planned for repairs and new pavement this construction season:

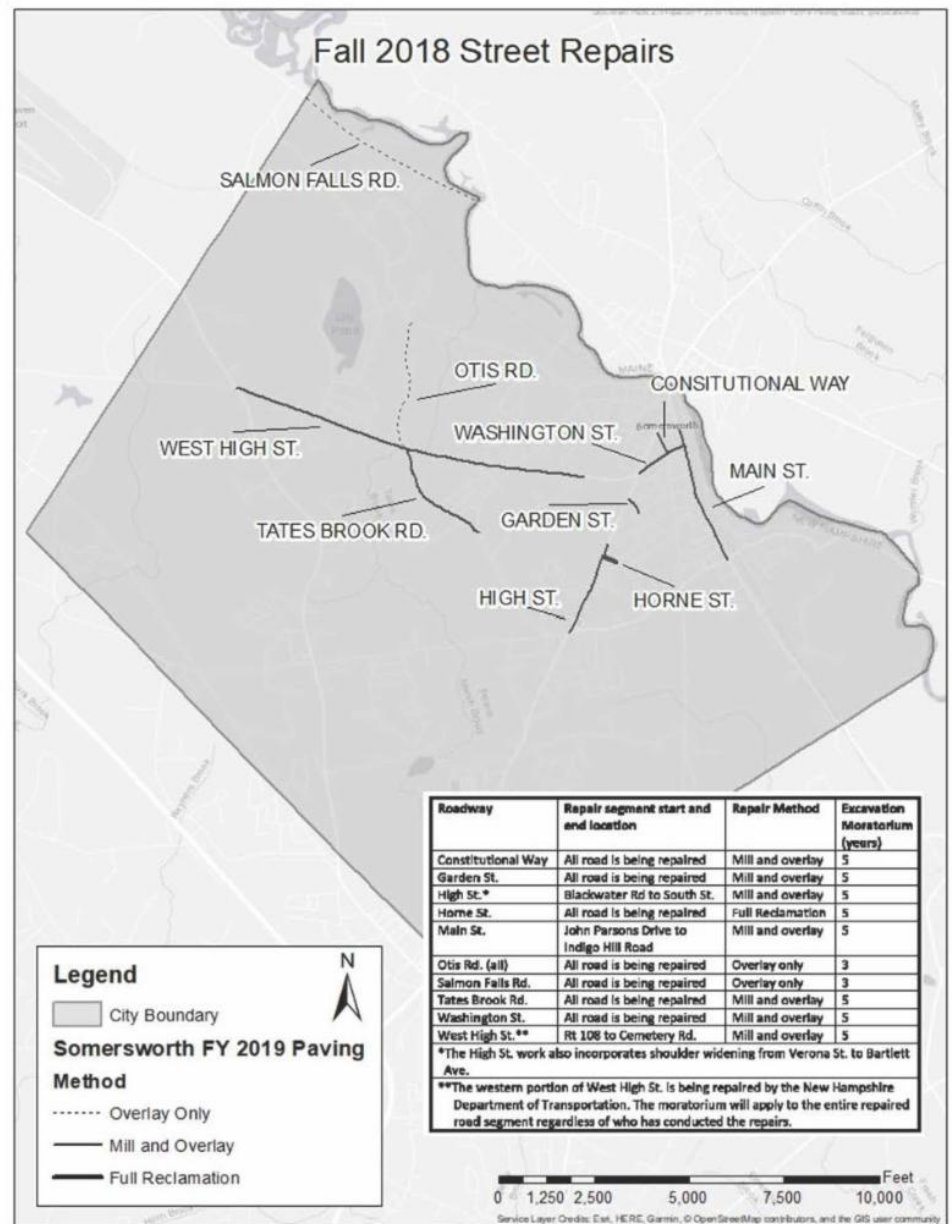
<u>Roadway</u>	<u>St. Segment repaired</u>	<u>Repair Method</u>
Constitutional Way Overlay	Washington St. to High St.	Mill &
Garden St. Overlay	High Street to Franklin St.	Mill &
High St.*	Blackwater Rd. to South St.	Mill and Overlay
Horne St.	High St. to Myrtle St.	Reclaim
<u>Roadway</u>	<u>St. Segment repaired</u>	<u>Repair Method</u>
Otis Rd.	W. High St. to Rocky Hill Rd.	Overlay
Salmon Falls Rd.	Town line to State Line	Overlay
Tates Brook Rd.	Maple St. to W. High St.	Mill &
Overlay	Washington St.	Main St. to High St.
& Overlay		Mill
West High St.**	Rt 108 to Cemetery Rd.	Mill &
Overlay		
Main St.	John Parsons Dr. to Indigo Hill Rd.	Mill and
Overlay		

*The High St. work also incorporates shoulder widening from Verona St. to Bartlett Ave.

**The western portion of West High St. is being repaired by the New Hampshire

Department of Transportation. The moratorium will apply to the entire repaired road segment regardless of who has conducted the repairs.

The following map represents the Street locations:

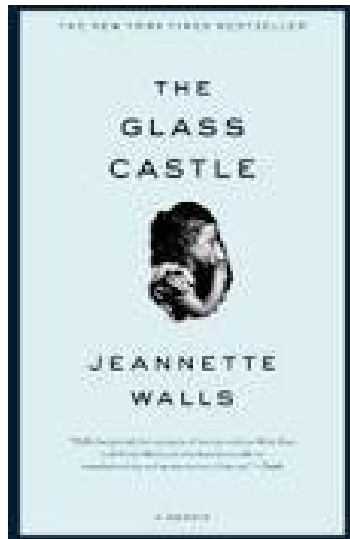


Electronic/Metal Curbside Collection

Reminder the next Metal/Electronics curbside collection by Public Works crews will occur on September 11, 2018. Residents should call by Monday, September 10, 2018 to be placed on the pick-up list. Use of bulky waste/metal waste stickers is required and can be purchased at City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer office and at the Somersworth Public Library (cash or check) and at the DPW building at 18 Lilac Lane (check only).

Please call Public Works with questions at 603-692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com with questions.

What's Happening at the Library?



What Somersworth is Reading in September

"The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls

MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS ON *THE NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER LIST

The perennially bestselling, extraordinary, one-of-a-kind, "nothing short of spectacular" (*Entertainment Weekly*) memoir from one of the world's most gifted storytellers.

The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family.

The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.

The Glass Castle is truly astonishing—a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family.

Story Times

Story Times are offered Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Friday's at 10:00 a.m. Story Times will resume on Tuesday September 11th.

Take some time to read!



**New England
Aquarium**

We now have passes available to the New England Aquarium. One pass is available per day for reduced admission of \$10 for 4 people. You must be a Somersworth resident to receive a pass. Call or stop by the Library to reserve a pass for the day you plan to attend.

Happy Labor Day Weekend

The Library is closed on Saturday, September 1st for the Labor Day Weekend. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m. The Library will be back to it's regular Saturday Hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. starting Saturday, September 8.

Recreation Office UPCOMING Events 2018-2019 Volunteers needed!

Several volunteers are needed to help facilitate all of our special events. Tasks include (but are not limited to) decorating, set-up/break-down, registration, line attendants, replenishing food at tables, face painters, etc. If you have a special skill or interest please share with us as we're always looking for new and creative ways to improve our events. High School students are encouraged to sign-up to help with our special events. If you need volunteer hours signed off you must provide the sheet to the Recreation Supervisor at the end of the event. Please reach out to Kristen Davenport in the Recreation Office to obtain more information and learn how you can get involved. 603-692-9508 or email kdavenport@somersworth.com.

**Somersworth High School
Alumni Association
Somersworth High School Alumni Day
September 22, 2018, 11 am to 2 pm**

Somersworth, NH, August 17, 2018 - Attention all Somersworth High School graduates! The SHS Alumni Association is hosting a Somersworth High School Alumni Day from 11 am to 2 pm at Somersworth High School. It will be a great opportunity to meet up with classmates from high school and reminisce about the "good old days." There will be tours of the original school, as well as the newer Career Technical Center, so you can see the many changes that have taken place during the past few years.

Food will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle table. All proceeds will go toward the annual SHS Alumni Association's scholarship fund.

If you have any questions or would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Connie Kretschmar, President of the SHS Alumni Association, at 603-692-4759 or email her at arncon@comcast.net

Ready Set Grow!

Have Food will Travel

Another local food option has arrived in Somersworth. **In addition to the Monday, 3-6pm Farmers Market at Goodwin Community Health** through September, the Seacoast Area Mobile

Market (**SAMM**) Van made its first stops in Somersworth on July 13 and August 17. Filled with locally farmed produce, meats, maple syrup, honey and more, SAMM travels the seacoast area, supporting our neighboring farms by selling their harvests in our local communities. Last stop this season is **September 14 from 5-6:30,**

on Bartlett Ave., in between Somersworth Housing Authority and Somersworth Early Learning Center. These pilot visits to Somersworth had wonderful turnout,



and produce from the SYC Plant for Growth gardens are helping to stock the van!

Add September 14th to your calendar, pay a visit to SAMM for fresh, delicious, local food, and we hope to see SAMM next season on a weekly basis!



If you'd like to learn more about Farm to School projects happening in Somersworth, and ways to get involved, contact Wendy at wberkeley@sau56.org.

Thursday, August 30



Join us for Chamber Night!

@ The Hackmatack Playhouse

Thursday, August 30th

Networking & Refreshments at 7pm

Show at 8pm - Tickets \$25

For Ticket Vouchers Visit

The Chamber Office • 58 High Street, Somersworth
Spence & Mathews Insurance • 4 Sullivan Street, Berwick
Or call 603-692-7175

Host Chamber:



Entertainment Sponsor:



Refreshments Sponsor:



Photo courtesy of Jenne Holmes

CEMETERY CORNER

Sunday, September 9 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Furber Chapel



Liz Ahl - Author & Poet

Plymouth State College. Liz will share her new collection of poetry, *Beating The Bounds*. A proclamation that says: I live here now. The poems feature town moderators, transfer stations and the perambulation of town boundaries

This will be the last Sunday Afternoon at the Cemetery for this year. Come enjoy this free event.

RUN. RAISE. RALLY. ROCK!

OR WALK



WENTWORTH-DOUGLASS HOSPITAL

SEACOAST CANCER 5K

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
DOVER, NH | 9:00am
SEACOASTCANCER5K.ORG

REGISTER BY AUGUST 20
FOR A FREE SHIRT &
DISCOUNTED RATE

CHEER ZONES ALONG ROUTE • GREAT FOOD • PARTY WITH Z107 • KID ZONE FUN



#SeacoastCancer5K

PROCEEDS BENEFIT WENTWORTH-DOUGLASS HOSPITAL'S SEACOAST CANCER CENTER



Saltwater Creative Agency
Holy Rosary Credit Union
Seacoast Dermatology

Seacoast Emergency Physicians, PC
Spectrum Medical Group
Sodexo CTM

Dermatology & Skin Health
Measured Progress
Longchamps Electric

Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank
Sulloway & Hollis, PA
The Garrison Hotel
MG Print & Promotions

To Register: <http://thefallschamber.com/events/golf/>

Saturday, September 8



Save the Date
Saturday, October 13



**The Annual Fire Department Open House will be held on
Saturday October 13 from
10am to 2pm**

**Save the Date
Saturday, October 13**



**Pumpkin Festival
Somersworth Plaza
10:00am - 4:00pm**

<http://www.nhfestivals.org/pumpkin-festival.html>

Save the Date
Wednesday, October 17



Somersworth Senior Picnic

Free to ALL Somersworth Seniors

Wednesday—October 17, 2018

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Flanagan Center Gym—Bartlett Avenue



**Join us for the City's Annual Celebration
honoring our Seniors!**



Event includes BBQ lunch,
entertainment, raffles, prizes, and more!

**In the spirit of the season we will be holding a BEST COSTUME
CONTEST for those who wish to dress up for the picnic.**

Don't miss out on this wonderful event!

For more information please contact:

Somersworth Police Department 692-3131
Somersworth Fire Department 692-3456
Somersworth Recreation 692-9507
Somersworth Housing Authority 692-2864
Strafford Meals on Wheels 692-4211



Labor Day



**City Hall will be closed on Monday September 3 for
Labor Day Weekend. City Hall will re-open on
Tuesday, September 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

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

"We Believe in Somersworth"



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