
September 2019

City of Somersworth, NH

One Government Way
Somersworth, 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.

[Visit our website](#)



September City Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**City Manager Reports for the
City Council Meetings available [here](#)**

Committee Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 4 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee

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



The Mayor's Corner - Faith

*"You must not lose faith in humanity.
Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops
of the ocean are dirty, the ocean
does not become dirty."*

Mahatma Gandhi

Faith is the bedrock of our existence and without it, we are empty vessels.

Faith is belief in oneself, belief in others, belief in institutions and the belief in humanity.

Faith is believing that everything which has been gifted with the breath of life is connected and that when enlightened with this power, we become closer to creating the world we aspire to.

[Read more](#)

Mayor's Office Hours

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

Planning Board

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 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 this time. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at 692-9503 or email bbreda@somersworth.com

Election Day - November 5, 2019

Municipal Election Information

Anyone interested in running for the following positions must file a Declaration of Candidacy at the City Clerk's office during the filing period - September 11-26, 2019.

- Mayor
- City Council:
 - 5 Councilors (Wards 1-5)
 - 4 Councilors (At-large)
- Elections Officials:
 - Moderator (Wards 1-5)
 - Ward Clerk (Wards 1-5)
 - Selectman (Wards 1-5)

Please note: Election Officials needed in all Wards. This is a great way to get involved in your Community! We will train you, provide lunch and a stipend.

Contact the City Clerk at 692-9555
or email tharris@somersworth.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Somersworth, NH Supervisors of the Checklist Session

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm
in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, One Government Way

This session is being held prior to the opening of the filing period for the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election in accordance with RSA 669:5.

Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship and domicile.

Any questions can be directed to the office of the City Clerk at 692-9511 or 692-9512.



Department of Public Works & Utilities

Streets Planned for Overlay & Repair Starting this Fall

Somersworth City Council has recently voted to award a contract to Pike Industries for road repairs. Garden Street, Horne Street, Otis Road, Salmon Falls Road, Tates 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 2020.



As a reminder to property abutters on these streets, Per Chapter 12 of the Somersworth City Ordinance, there will be a 3-5 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 as a new sewer, water, or gas service. It is important that you inform the Department of Public Works of any project you are considering as soon as possible by calling 692-4266 or City Engineer at 692-9524.



Holiday Curbside Trash and Recycle Collection Schedule

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2 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 3, 2019
Tuesday's collection will occur on Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Wednesday's collection will occur on Thursday, September 5, 2019

Metal /Electronics Collection

Metal/Electronics curbside collection by Public Works crews will occur on **September 10**. Residents should call by Monday, September 9 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).



Public Works Department Participates in the National Night Out Event



Highway Division personnel from the Public Works Department participated in the Annual National Night Out event held on August 6 at Jules Bisson Park along with other City Departments including Police, Fire and Recreation. Staff participated in the event with a Touch a Truck activity including bringing a City plow truck and a skid

steer loader. Participants had an opportunity to view the inside of a plow truck and small skid steer and talk with staff on how the equipment is used in maintaining the City.



The **Annual Fire Department Open House** will be held on **Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be displays from the Fire Department utilizing the “Fire Safety House” and live fire extinguisher training and refreshments.

Participants include: Somersworth Police, Stewart's Ambulance, Wentworth Douglass Hospital, the NH Division of Forest and Lands and of course Smokey the Bear.

Permit Required Open Burning

Remember that the State requires a Permit be obtained from the Fire Department before burning occurs. Generally, no burning can occur until after 5pm and there are restrictions on what can be burned and where.

For questions regarding permits please call the Fire Department at 692-3457



SCHOOL IS BACK!

A reminder to use caution as School begins: Yield to pedestrians and STOP for School Buses!

Somersworth Police & Friends



A very successful National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6th which was sponsored by the Somersworth Prevention Coalition and the Somersworth Police Department.

We wish to thank our guests and all of those who worked hard to make this event possible.



K9 Bravo and Officer Deschenes

K9 Bravo and his handler Officer Deschenes have successfully completed training and the team is now certified as a K9 Patrol Team.

In addition, they are certified in tracking, building and article searches.

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 to those suffering from misuse disorders. Simply come into the police station and ask for assistance. We will arrange assistance for you.

FREE A.L.I.C.E. Training for Businesses

We are offering FREE Active Shooter Training for any business in Somersworth. ALICE stands for Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. Contact Chief Kretschmar at dkretschmar@somersworth.com for more information.

Somersworth Police Department also uses our Facebook page to give important community information.



We also send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for Nixle at www.nixel.com



Would you be Interested in Attending Programs for Adults at our Library?

If so, please [click here](#) to fill out our brief survey so we can offer programs that are of most interest and on days and times that are convenient for the majority.

This link is also available on our webpage under programs and our Facebook page. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Library

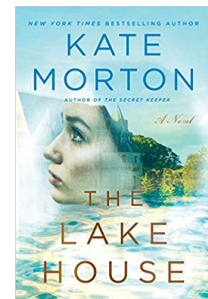
Thank you for your input!

What Somersworth is Reading in September

"The Lake House" by Kate Morton

From the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *The Secret Keeper* and *The Distant Hours*, an intricately plotted, spellbinding new novel of heart stopping suspense and uncovered secrets.

Living on her family's idyllic lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice Edevane is a bright, inquisitive, innocent, and precociously talented sixteen-year-old who loves to write stories. But the mysteries she pens are no match for the one her family is about to [Read More...](#)



**Book Club meets at 6pm on
Wednesday September 25**



To All of our Summer Readers!!

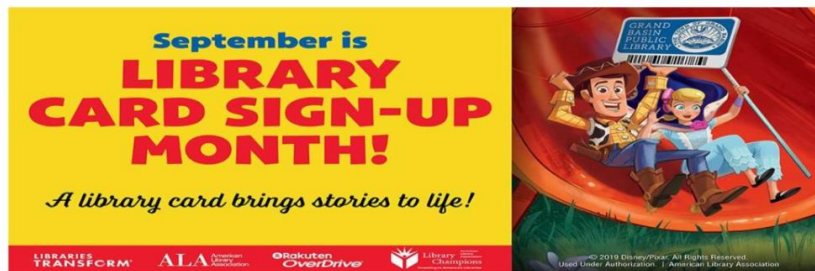
What great readers we have here in Somersworth! For those kids that signed up to record the minutes they read, we have a combined total of 19,395 minutes! That's over 323 hours!! And I'm sure the reading didn't stop when our program did! All participants were entered into a drawing for a gift bag filled with fun goodies - one entry for every hour they read.

We had so many great readers that we actually got two gift bags to give away – and our two winners were: Samuel Stoddard and Alice Zink!

Congratulations to these two readers and a great job to everyone for the wonderful reading done all summer!



Story Times are on Friday's at 10 a.m. They will start back up on September 13th. All ages are welcome!



**And We're Celebrating at
The Somersworth Public Library!!**
**Help us win the Granite State Library Card
Challenge Trophy for the Most New Cards!**
Win Prizes this Month, too!

How Can You Enter to Win our Raffles?

- Get a Library Card!
- Refer Someone Who Gets a Library Card
- Add to our "Why I Love My Library Card" Board
- Share Photos of You with Your Card

More info available at the Library.
 Multiple entries okay - but only one prize per family.
 Must have a library card to enter - ages 5 and up.

**Thank You to All of the Somersworth Businesses
Who are Contributing to our Raffle Prizes:**



What's Happening in Recreation

Somersworth Recreation Presents...

Rec Youth Basketball

Children in grades 1-6

Saturday mornings (8- sessions)

November 16th – January 18th

(No Bball 11/30 or 12/28)

Join us for this 8-week instructional Rec Basketball program designed to teach players the fundamentals of basketball. This program emphasizes skill development and sportsmanship through age appropriate drills and fun games. All playing abilities are welcome!

Early Bird Fee

Register & pay in full by Oct. 1st

\$45 Residents / \$55 Non-Residents

Fee

Register & pay in full by Nov. 1st

\$60 Residents / \$70 Non-Residents

*Please return completed forms and program fees to the Rec Office at City Hall. We accept cash and checks only. Checks should be made out to the City of Somersworth. Contact the Rec Office with any questions- 603-692-9507.

Idlehurst Elementary School Gym:

8:00-8:50 a.m. 1st/2nd Grade Coed

9:00-10:20 a.m. 3rd/4th Grade Girls

10:30-11:50 a.m. 5th/6th Grade Girls

Middle School Gym:

8:30-9:50 a.m. 3rd/4th Grade Boys

10:00-11:30 a.m. 5th/6th Grade Boys

*Please note dates, times, and age groups are subject to change based on participation.

Volunteer coaches needed!

**Now seeking volunteer coaches to run the program! We can't run this program without the help of several volunteers. Please reach out to the Rec Office if you can coach this season.

603-692-9508



present:



Sustainability Committee is sponsoring a special showing of the Film “Paris to Pittsburg “on Thursday September 26, 6:30pm at the Somersworth High School Career Technical Center (CTC)

The Sustainability Committee will be sponsoring a special showing of the National Geographic Film, “Paris to Pittsburg”. “Paris to Pittsburgh” is a 2018 documentary film about climate change.

Spotlighting the Cities, States, Businesses and Citizens taking action, “Paris to Pittsburgh” explores the very real social and economic impacts of climate change-fueled disasters, from

America's heartland to the nation's coastlines. The film features voices from local leaders as well as everyday Americans presenting the stories behind climate-related recovery and resiliency, as well as tireless innovative efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

**The Somersworth Sustainability Committee in
Collaboration with the League of Conservation
Voters Presents the Film Screening of**



Panel Discussion After the Film

Free to the Public

Thursday September 26th

Doors at 6pm

Hilltop Black Box Theatre

Somersworth High School Career Technical Center

18 Cemetery Rd, Somersworth

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For more information or to RSVP:

Pdougw-hifi@comcast.net or Rob_Werner@LCV.org



Cemetery Trustees Invites you to Join in on Straightening the Stones

Join the Trustees and Friends to work on the Straightening of the Stones in the Public Burial area in Forest Glade Cemetery.

Each Saturday in September beginning September 7th from 9:30am to 11:30am bring your spade, shovel, work gloves, water and most importantly your enthusiasm in helping with this project

For more information contact Maggie at
Maggiein03878@comcast.net



Sunday Concert Series at the Furber Chapel Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.



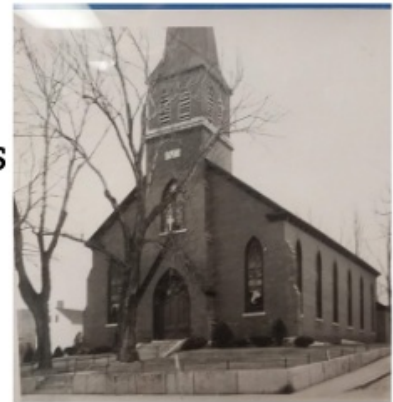
Bob Moore, a Poet, Songwriter and Guitarist has been Performing Music and Reading Poetry in the Seacoast area for over 25 years.
He has Published Several Collections of Poetry.

Come and Enjoy an Afternoon of Music & Poetry.
This is a Free Concert



**SUMMERSWORTH
HISTORICAL MUSEUM
CELEBRATES
SOMERSWORTH CHURCHES
NEW AND OLD.**

Sunday September 22nd 2019.
@ 157 Main Street, Somersworth
12.30 - 3.30pm Free Admission



Join members of the Summersworth Historical Society as we present a special exhibit featuring the Churches of Somersworth both Past and Present. As Holy Trinity and St Martins Churches celebrate their 10th year as the unified Parish of St Ignatius of Loyola we take a look back at all the Churches and Houses of Worship that have helped shape the City of Somersworth over the years.

Please join us and take a trip back in time.
Light refreshments will be served.

SAMM VAN - Just a few Reminders:

~ We accept cash, debit, credit, SNAP (ebt) SNAP tokens, debit tokens and various employee vouchers. Please inform your friends, family and co-workers of this.

The season will not end until September 27th and we will continue to have many delicious and fresh choices till then!!!

See you at the SAMM Van.

SAMM IS COMING YOUR WAY!
MOBILE FARMER'S MARKET
June 17th-September 27th





You SNAP,
We Match!



Somersworth Housing
Bartlett Ave.
Tuesdays
5:00pm-6:30pm

SNAP
shoppers
get 50% off
produce with



SAMM accepts cash, debit, credit, and SNAP/EBT

Seacoast Eat Local connects people with sources of locally grown foods and advocates eating locally for the health of our environment, community, culture and economy. Through programs, advocacy and education, we work toward a thriving local food system that improves the profitability and sustainability of local farmers and is accessible to all.

For more info contact: celeste@seacoasteatlocal.org
www.seacoasteatlocal.org

Save the Date!



Somersworth Senior Picnic

Free to ALL Somersworth Seniors



**Wednesday—October 23, 2019
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



**City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the
Labor Day Holiday.
City Hall will re-open on Tuesday, September 3 at 8:00 a.m.**

Labor Day

