

September

The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings



City of Somersworth City Hall

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.

Boards & Committee Meetings this Month

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Safety Committee

Wednesday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

Promises made, promises kept.
Congratulations to all members of this and past City Councils over the last decade, along with members of the Somersworth Fire Department for the official ribbon cutting of our new 21 First Century Fire Station. Ten years ago, during my first Mayoral address, I outlined how this City would hold to its



commitment to ensure that our First Responders would receive 21 First Century pay and equipment to carry out their missions to protect us all. How we would follow the lead of the students carrying the banner through the streets of the 2013 Christmas parade which read "We Believe in Somersworth". Ten years later we have delivered on that promise by supporting competitive salaries, contracts, equipment and officially dedicating our new fire station.

Last month's dedication was not just about sticking to our promises, it was reaffirming our commitment to our Community and ourselves. It was once again about stating that "We Believe in Somersworth".

Congratulations Somersworth, for we once again have celebrated how your history is proud and that your future will remain bright. Somersworth, you are truly "On the Move!".

With this new station our Hilltopper Fire Department will continue its mission of serving and protecting all, and in return Somersworth now delivers you a 21 First

Century facility to carry out your mission. Know that we stand by you with pride and commitment, and we are honored that each of you have chosen to serve our Community. May the grace of God continue to protect you on each and every call, and may your blood while serving our Community continue to run Hilltopper Blue.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT
Mark your Calendars
Somersworth New Fire Station
Community Open House
Wednesday, September 27
195 Maple Street
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



ELECTION



Somersworth Municipal Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Supervisors of the Checklist Session is Tuesday, September 12 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office.

• Municipal Filing Period for Declaration of Candidacy here

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

- FILING PERIOD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
- POSITIONS OPEN FOR FILING (ALL 2-YEAR TERMS):
 - Mayor
 - City Council Wards 1-5
 - City Council At-Large (5)
 - School Board Wards 1-5
 School Board At-Large (5)
- Election Moderator Wards 1-5
- * Election Ward Clerk Wards 1-5
- Election Selectmen Wards 1-5 (15)

Candidates must be duly qualified voters in the City of Somersworth.

Candidates seeking a specific Ward position must live in that Ward.

Those interested in seeking office must file a written declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk during the filing period.

Contact the City Clerk's Office for More Information at 603-692-9512 or 603-692-9511

Replacement of Residential Water Meters Attention – Somersworth Water Customers

The City of Somersworth has contracted with Hydro Utilities of Westford, Massachusetts to replace residential water meters throughout the City. The project is expected to start this fall. Property owners will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the contractor to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. Homes recently constructed will not require a new meter, and will not be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Contractors will also be inspecting water connections to see if any lead water service components are present. In the event there is evidence of lead water service components, property owners will be notified and may wish to have them replaced.

Any customers that have a question or concern may contact the Water Department at 603-692-9523.

Save the Date!

LIVING IN
SOMERSWORTH:
A HOUSING
PLAN FOR
THE CITY



SEPT 14TH, 5-8:30PM

The City of Somersworth is creating a new Housing Plan and we want to hear from you! On **Thursday, September 14th from 5-8:30pm**, you are invited to a Community Housing Workshop at the **Blackbox Theater at the High School** (18 Cemetery Road in Somersworth). Join us for a family-friendly event including food, speakers, activities, and conversations about housing in Somersworth. More details coming soon!

Register to attend this free event: <u>SomersworthHousingWorkshop2023.</u> eventbrite.com



What's Happening at Somersworth Library



Welcome: New Library Director, Tanya O'Dee

City Manager Robert M. Belmore is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Library Director, Tanya O'Dee. You may recognize Tanya as our Children's Librarian, a role that she has filled since August 2022. After years as an educator, Tanya was excited to work with children in the community in a new way. Her library programs have been highly successful in engaging young readers, supporting literacy skills for children of all ages, and bringing the community together. Tanya's enthusiasm for Library services and community programming has been evident in her time here at SPL, and I am excited to see her expand her role as Library Director. Tanya is a dynamic leader and her passion for libraries will benefit patrons, staff, and the Somersworth community. Congratulation Tanya!



Skywatch with NHAS Tuesday, September 29 • 7pm

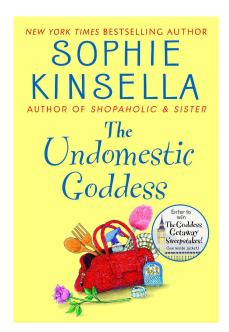
Observe the night sky outside the library with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. Various telescopes and pairs of binoculars will be available for attendees to use. Get an up-close look at the

celestial objects in the sky while learning more about them. Recommended for all ages.

Somersworth Seniors: Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

We welcome our Senior Community members to gather in our lower-level lounge every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Help yourself to free coffee and tea while enjoying the company of new friends by the fireplace. Open to all local Seniors in the area. Come meet your neighbors.





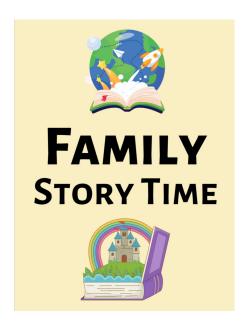
Book Discussion Group Tuesday, September 12 • 5:30pm

September's book group will meet to discuss The Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella, which follows a young lawyer who is on the verge of becoming the youngest partner in her firm when a mistake leads her on a new and unexpected path. Smart, witty, and hilarious, this novel is sure to prompt a fun discussion.

We are always looking for new members who can offer their unique perspectives during our discussion groups! If you are interested in joining, stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of this month's book.

Story Time Tuesdays • 10:30am

Our weekly story time is geared towards children ages 1-5, and features songs, movement, and of course, wonderful stories. Story time teaches children important preliteracy skills, while encouraging a natural and organic love for reading. It also creates an opportunity for children to learn valuable life and social skills by participating in a group story time. No registration is required, and all are welcome!





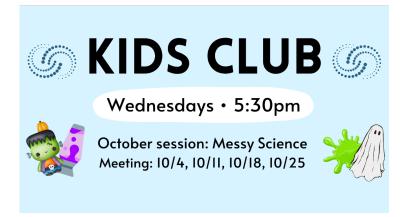
Baby Play Group Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.

Baby Play Group is an informal program to encourage play and social interaction between parents, care givers, and babies. Little ones can enjoy age appropriate toys such as a ball pit, crawling tunnel, infant climber and activity table. Recommended for ages 2 and under.

Weekend Builders Saturdays - 11:00 a.m.

Children are invited to build and create together every Saturday in the Children's Room. Various materials such as Legos, Blocks, Dominoes and Magfromers will be available to use. Recommended for ages 12 and under.





Kids Club COMING THIS OCTOBER

Kids Club is the Library's newest program for elementary-aged children. This program will run in 3-or 4-week sessions, with the first session focusing on "Messy Science."
Participants will have fun

making ghost rockets, lava lamps, Franken-stuffies, and glowing slime during this session of Kids Club. Sign up is required and will be capped at 12 participants per session. For more information, and to sign up, please visit our circulation desk.

Save the date PUZZLE SWAP Saturday, October 21 10:30am - 11:30am

Join other local puzzlers for a puzzle swap here at the Library. The swap starts promptly at 10:30am, so be sure to arrive by 10:15am to place your puzzles on the swap tables. Bring 1 puzzle, swap for 1 puzzle. Bring 5, swap for 5. Once everyone has selected their puzzles, any leftovers are up for grabs! Please only bring puzzles that have no missing pieces and secure all pieces in a Ziploc bag to ensure that none are lost during the swap.





COMING THIS OCTOBER!

Saturdays · 11 am

Dungeons & Dragons Club Saturdays • 11am Starting this October

Teens and adults, get ready to enter a world of limitless imagination, where you will become the characters you

create. Find treasure, battle evil, discover secrets, and enter into an epic roleplaying adventure led by Dungeon Master Aaron. Players of all levels, including beginners, are welcome.









Discounted Museum Passes

Did you know we have discounted museum passes available for our patrons? We offer passes to Strawbery Banke Museum, Seacoast Science Center, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, and starting this month, we offer a discounted Zoo New England pass. You can reserve the passes ahead of time so that you're well prepared for your excursion. Ask us for more details at the circulation desk!

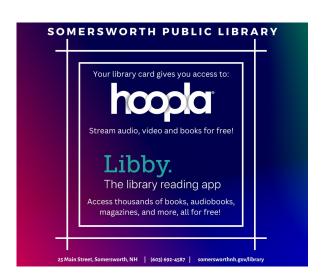


Interlibrary Loan Program

If you're looking to read, listen to, or watch something that we don't have available on our shelves here, we can request it from another New Hampshire Library through NHAIS, our interlibrary lending program. You can also request items yourself by logging into NHAIS. If you have any questions about accessing NHAIS, feel free to ask us at the circulation desk and we'll walk you through the process.

Simple login instructions:

- 1. Visit nhais.agshareit.com
- 2. Select "Somersworth Public Library" as your library.
- 3. Enter your library card number, followed by your password (your default password is greatfalls).
- 4. Click submit! Then search for and request any available items you would like.



Hoopla & Libby

Did you know that your Library card gives you access to thousands of books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music items? Simply download the Hoopla or Libby app and you'll be amazed at the materials that are available to you at no cost. If you need help setting these apps up on your device, stop by the Library. We are happy to help with any technology questions you might have.

The Library will be Closed on Saturday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day





Somersworth Police Department

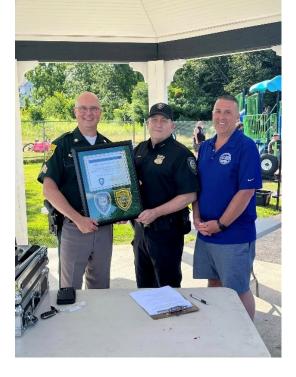


National Night Out 2023 was held on Tuesday, August 1st at Jules Bisson Park. This year's sponsors of our event were Somersworth Police Association, City of Somersworth, Favorite Foods and Service Credit Union. Service Credit Union sponsored our Bike Raffle and these bikes were won by (2) lucky children. A huge shout out to Wal-Mart who donated ice cream for our event. Those who attended ate hot dogs, chips and ice cream and made the circuit of all of the tables with free goodies and watched the Soul City Dance Group, shot some hoops, had their face painted, played games, made crafts, got fingerprinted for a DNA kit, and we listened to great music by a DJ. The Fire Department, Rec Department, Public Works, Chandler's and the Stewart's Ambulance was there as well as other law enforcement agencies from New Hampshire. National Night Out is a Community event that promotes police-community building partnerships that is being held throughout many communities in the United States. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Together, we are making communities safer and more caring places to live.



Fire Marshall and Arson Detection Dog Demonstration



Chief Tim McLin and Mayor Hilliard present Detective Sergeant Perreault an award for his outstanding commitment, service and dedication to our Community and Citizens of Somersworth



Car Show

What a great day for the Car Show! Somersworth Police Association was there on Sunday August 20 raising funds for out Community Policing Endeavors selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and sodas. Thanks to all who supported us.



NHLECCF Golf Tournament at the Oaks

Monday, August 21st was the 23rd Annual New Hampshire Law Enforcement Cancer and Charitable Foundation Lt. Steven Demo Golf Tournament. That supports the Steven Demo Cops with Cancer Fund, Billy Yout Memorial Fund, and the Jim Norris Catastrophic Fund. This golf classic has had its home at the Oaks in Somersworth for the past 13 years. The Somersworth Police Department has been blessed to be a part of this event since its inception and every year numerous members of our agency volunteer their time to help make it a great event.

This year was no exception our staff manned holes on the course, moved equipment, help set up, and as always cooked hotdogs for the players. SPD was extremely honored to be recognized for its work by the NELECCF Board of Directors, who presented a plaque for the agency to our current Chief of Police Tim Mclin along with retired Chiefs David Kretschmar and Dean Crombie, as well as retired Captain Russell Timmons. We would like to thank the NELECCF Board of Directors for all they do and we are very humbled to be a small part of this special event every year.



We send out **Nixle Alerts** for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for *free* Nixle at www.Nixle.com.

Somersworth Police Facebook Page

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use it to let you know about important community information including crime information, road closures, snow emergencies/ parking bans, and community events. Here is the

link: https://www.facebook.com/SomersworthPoliceDepartment/

Somersworth Crime Line: You can leave crime tips or anonymous information at 603-692-9111



Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management



A Safety Message from the Fire Chief

Smoke alarms have been around since 1965 yet tragedies continue to occur because smoke alarms are missing, not working, missing batteries, etc. Occasionally, these tragedies involve children home alone, staying with relatives, attending a sleepover at a friend's house, or a family on vacation at a rental property. Consequently, as parents, guardians, or responsible adults, we need to check our own home and any place our children stay to ensure the presence of operable smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The question and conversation about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms may be uncomfortable, but is just as important as the goodbye or goodnight hug.

Our lives are becoming easier with lithium-ion batteries and all the devices they power such as power tools, cellphones, laptops, e-bikes, other micro-mobility devices (hoverboards), and Bluetooth headphones. Unfortunately, lithium-ion batteries can also be prone to explosive fires if damaged or not used properly. Safety experts are now strongly urging you to remove a lithium-ion battery from its charger as soon charging is complete and always make sure to use the correct charger and batteries together. In New York City this year alone, there have been more than 100 fires and 13 deaths linked to Li-ion battery explosions. Numerous fires in our region are linked to lithium-ion batteries being on a charger for an extended period of time. Since our children are using Li-ion battery powered devices more and more, they need to be educated on the dangers – especially as they grow older and become more independent.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips:

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, such as UL.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery and charging cord that is designed for the device (there is a trend developing indicating that cheap, knock-off aftermarket Li-ion batteries are responsible for some fires).
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch. Avoid charging a device next to where you sleep or near the egress path out of the sleeping area.
- Plug the charger directly into a wall outlet, not a power strip or extension cord.
- Do not keep charging a battery/device after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible.
 Do not charge Li-ion batteries at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above

- 105°F (40°C).
- Do not leave Li-ion batteries in a hot car, in direct sunlight, or in freezing temperatures.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.
- Store scooters and e-bikes outdoors if possible. If you must store these micro-mobility devices indoors, keep them away from doors, windows, and stairways in other words do not store these micro-mobility devices anywhere in or near an egress path where they will block the escape route during a fire.
- Have working smoke alarms and a home escape plan that includes two ways out.

Monthly Activity Statistics

Our monthly run numbers for the most recent reporting period with a comparison to last year.

Fire (All Types)	July 2023 3	July 2023 13
Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0
Rescue - EMS	65	86
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	8	12
Service Call	20	14
Good Intent Call	27	18
False Alarm / False Call	21	15
Sever WX / Natural Disaster	0	0
Special Incident	0	0
Total	144	158

Note: The categories used to report monthly incidents are those mandated by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Most categories are self-explanatory. For those categories that are not obvious, the following examples can add clarity: Good Intent Call - a reported fire that turns out to be steam from a dryer vent; Severe WX/Natural Disaster - a lightning strike or tree falling on a house that requires an inspection to ensure there is no fire; and a Special Incident - low frequency event such as a citizen's complaint of an ordinance or code violation.

For the most recent reporting period of May, 2023, Stewart's Ambulance responded to 187 emergency calls in the City, transported on 123 of those calls, and had an average response time of three minutes and fifty-two seconds (03.52). A mutual aid ambulance was required to respond into the City seven (7) times during the reporting period.

Note: The SFD responds with Stewart's on the more serious medical calls and any time a mutual aid ambulance responds into the City. In addition, FD EMTs and AEMTs assist Stewart's with transports when a driver and/or additional EMS providers are required.

Please see the following background photos, safety messages, and pictures of recent SFD activities. Feel free to call the Fire Station if you have questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topics.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 as SFD personnel may be out of the fire station.

Please stay safe, be careful and look out for each other.

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

September is National Preparedness Month.
Consider Building a Family Emergency Preparedness Kit.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS YOU NEED FOR YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

1 WATER

Have one gallon per person per day to use for drinking, hygiene and cleaning as needed.



7 F00D

Have a two week supply of non-perishable food per person. Try to pack foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking.

2 CAN OPENER

Make sure it is a manual can opener in case there is no electrical power. Consider buying items with a pull-top opening.



MEDICATIONS

Collect one month's worth of any prescription medicines you are taking. Include non-prescription fever/pain reliever, antacids, anti-diarrheal items, etc., in your stockpile.

5 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Collect the basics like soap, toilet paper, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, bleach, garbage bags and feminine products.



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FLASHLIGHT

Keep a bright flashlight in case there is no electrical power. Consider getting a lantern-style light for hands-free use.



RADIO

Have a batterypowered radio for listening to news and weather. Consider buying

weather. Consider buying a crank-operated or solar-powered radio.



CLOTHES

Collect extra per person and consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear.



FIRST AID

Include basics, such as antiseptic, gloves, a variety of bandage sizes, thermometer, and

protective masks. You can buy a pre-made kit at most pharmacies or grocery stores.



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Collect copies of driver licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, mortgage papers, insurance policies, etc. and keep electronic copies on a flashdrive.

INFORMATION VIA - http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov

LAB MEDICINE



SFD apparatus stand at the ready inside the new Fire Station. Although operational, some finishing touches remain to be completed for the new Fire Station project.



The new Fire Station Main Entrance takes shape. Note the City Seal and Lighted Flag Pole

Department of Public Works & Utilities



Collection Reminders 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 City Blue Bag that is not along the curbside, nor more frequently than once a week for any person, firm or corporation. Setting out

your trash bags or recycling bins after 7:00am may result in your disposable items not being collected for that week. Waste Management personnel are not obligated to return for late set outs.

Metal Pick-up

The 2 Tuesday of the month. The September collection will occur on **Tuesday**, **September 12. Residents must call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, September 11**, to be placed on the pickup schedule for September. Typical TVs require three (3) stickers - \$12.00 and PC's require one (1) sticker - \$4.00. Residents may also opt to drop off metal and electronic items with proper bulky waste stickers at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane from 7:30 am-2:30 pm Monday –Friday. Please ensure the proper # stickers are on each item.

Reminder Notice of Labor Day Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule - One Day Delay

Labor Day is on Monday, September 4. Trash and Recycling collection services will be delayed one day, with Monday collection occurring on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday and Wednesday collection on Thursday.

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

As a reminder, **any work done within the Right-Of-Way requires a permit and a Digsafe**. Trench Opening and Obstruction permits will also require a Certificate of Insurance and Bond. If you have questions on the work you intend to complete within the Right-Of-Way, please call the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266. Permit applications can be located at the City website on the Public Works & Utilities Engineering page. www.somersworth.com

ASH STREET PARK





Highway personnel working with Home Depot employee volunteers have been making improvements to the Ash Street Park; the park will be transformed into a pollinator garden, to include raised landscape beds, trees, picnic tables, signage and a park bench. Home Deport is also providing the City with a \$3,900 grant to cover the cost of landscape materials used for the improvements.

Grant funded materials include landscape pavers, weed barrier, edging, trees, picnic tables and some perennials for planting next spring. A special AARP grant will be provided to pay for the cost of a park bench and signage.

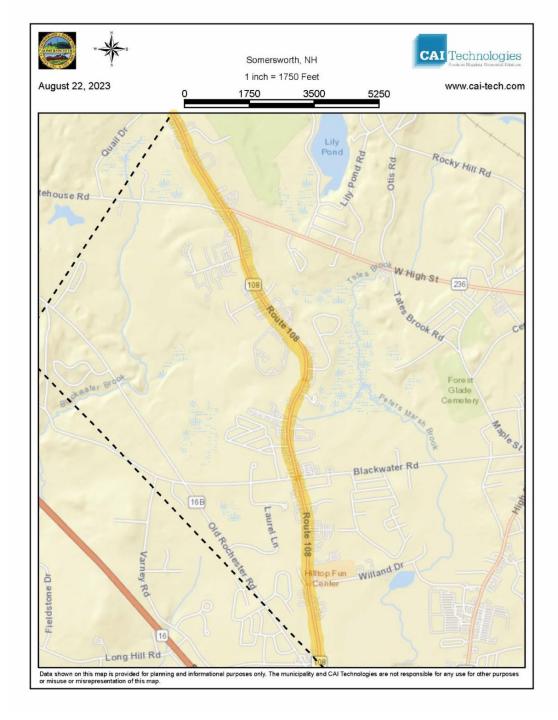
Jules Bisson Park - Basketball Court Resurfaced





City staff arranged to have the basketball court at Jules Bisson resurfaced. Vermont Recreational was selected as the contractor to overlay the court with a new asphalt pavement. The Contractor will be back in mid-September to apply a final dark green color coating and will add court markings

Public Information Meeting on Route 108 Complete Streets Project to be Held



The State of New Hampshire DOT will be holding a public information hearing on the proposed Rte. 108 Complete Streets improvements at the Somersworth City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, September 21 beginning at 6pm. The project will include new turning lanes, streetscapes, bus pull out lanes, sidewalks, storm drainage and other utility improvements. NHDOT project managers, and design engineers will be on hand to present the project improvements and answer your questions or provide additional information about the project. City officials will be attending as well.

- Visit our website for more info on programs & to create your account & register! www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs
- Hilltoppers 50+ Walking/Hiking Program (NEW!)- register today for this free new program for Somersworth residents ages 50+. The walking locations & schedule is available on our website. Help us spread the word & share with your friends!
- **Tiny Toppers Play Program-** Join us for some fun at the Pines this fall! Free program for children ages 2-4 & their adult caregivers. Adult participation is required for this program.
- **Pee Wee Soccer Program-** This beginner soccer program for children ages 3 &4 is currently full with a waitlist. Visit our website to create your account or get on the waitlist. We're still in need of volunteer coaches to help run the program! Please contact Rec Supervisor, Kristen Davenport if you're able to become a volunteer coach this season! 603-692-9508



Tiny Toppers Play Program Program – registration opens July 1st for the fall session and the deadline to register is August 23rd. The program runs from September 6-27 Wednesday mornings 9:45-10:30 am. Visit our website at www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation to register. Space is limited

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

HILLTOPPERS 50+ WALKING/HIKING PROGRAM

Somersworth Residents Ages 50+ Thursdays; Sept. 7th- Oct. 12th 10:00am



Free/Registration is required

Join our Recreation Supervisor this fall for some fresh air & exercise as as we explore our beautiful local trails and downtown area! This program is for Somersworth residents ages 50+ looking to get some exercise and meet new friends. Walks will be approximately 1-2 miles depending on the location. This program is weather dependent. Registration is required.



WALKING LOCATIONS/SCHEDULE:

**Please meet at the walking locations 5-10 minutes prior to start time for check-in. An email will be sent if we need to cancel for the day. Walks will begin at 10am. Visit our website below for more info on walking route descriptions.

Sept. 7th & Sept. 28th- Downtown

Meet in the City Hall Parking Lot on 1 Government Way



Sept. 21st & oct. 12th- Mast Point Dam Trail
Meet in the parking lot off of Salmon Falls Rd





SCAN TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT & REGISTER

www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs

NEW Hilltoppers 50+ Walking/Hiking Program - Calling all Somersworth residents ages 50+! Join our Recreation Supervisor this fall for some fresh air & exercise as we explore our beautiful local trails and downtown area! This free program is for Somersworth residents ages 50+ looking to get some exercise and meet new friends. Walks will be approximately 1-2 miles depending on the

location. This program is weather dependent & registration is required. Registration opens July 1st, please share with your friends!

Visit our website at www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation to register.

Program Updates:

• Kids Camp 2023- The 8-week summer program concluded on Friday, Aug. 18 Session 2 was jam packed full of field trips, special events, and awesome activities. Week 7 Campers enjoyed ice cream treats from a local Ice Cream Truck and Somersworth Fire Dept came out to help with the camp egg drop challenge. We enjoyed making awesome Tie Dye t-shirts with local business Soul Shine and Somersworth Public Library. We had a special field trip to Hilltop Fun Center this year where campers got to do unlimited mini golf, go karts, laser tag, & batting cages. Wildlife Encounters came the last week of camp and they brought some of their favorite ambassador animals to show the kids. Big thanks to all the kids who attended the program, we had so much fun this summer!









Fore more information about any of the Recreation Department Programs please call (603) 692-9507 or (603) 692-9508.



Somersworth Schools Accept the Monarch Challenge!

A few years ago our Mayor proposed the Monarch Challenge, to promote the planting of pollinators in public spaces and private residences around Somersworth, and help sustain monarch caterpillars and butterflies on their migration route south. Our schools accepted that challenge with enthusiasm, with pollinator gardens now planted at all 4 of

our schools. This summer of rain was a boon to their growth and there will be no shortage of pollinators on our campuses for years to come.

Maple Wood 3rd graders planted beans, squash and corn within their "Parts of a Plant" spring science unit, also known as the Three Sisters. Three Sisters Gardens are a Native American tradition of planting, and this fall, this year's 4th graders will finally harvest what they planted as part of their Indigenous Peoples of New Hampshire Social Studies unit. Over all a great lesson in science, history, and the age old gardening lesson of "good things comes to those who wait."

It's back to school season, and there's also plenty of excellent weather to keep getting outside, keep growing things, and keep eating well. Work hard and keep playing—it's all about balance.





Join us as we lace up our sneakers to CELEBRATE, SUPPORT, and remember to STRETCH!

CELEBRATE Lydia Valdez's heavenly Birthday!
SUPPORT Lydia's House of Hope in Somersworth, NH
STRETCH our minds, bodies, and limits as we walk or run for a great cause!

Date: September 10th, 2023

Time: 10am

Location: Tri City Subaru &

CDJR on Route 108 in

Somersworth

Cost: \$20 to register

CLICK OR SCAN
THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER OR
DONATE!





Lydia's House of Hope - 21 Grand St Somersworth NH - lydiashousenh.org





Goodwin Community Health Families First Lilac City Pediatrics

2023 Family Programs

Babytime

A weekly playgroup for babies 1-12months and their caregivers. Meet other caregivers while socializing your baby. Join us!

Signup not required. Drop-in's weccome! Question? Call our Family Center at (603) 422-8209



Developmental Talk & Play Series Join us for an Hour of Play with a Pediatric Specialist

An hour of play in out children's room where parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to hear from a pediatric specialist how to help your child learn and grow, with time for an open Q & A. At Families



Sept 11: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Pediatric Occupational Therapist with a focus on fine-motor development

Sign up for PT Development Talk & Play

City of Somersworth Employment Opportunities

Finalists 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 <u>Application</u> is required for all job openings.

For more information please call Linda Corriveau at (603) 692-9529 or email Linda

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Water Distribution Operator

\$46,467.20 (\$22.34 hr.) to \$61,256 (\$29.45 hr.)

Closing Date: Reviewed as Received, Open Until Filled

WASTEWATER

Wastewater Treatment Mechanic \$48,755.20 (\$23.44) to \$64,168.00

Closing Date: Reviewed as Received, Open Until Filled

POLICE

Patrol Officers

\$54,329.60 (\$26.12 hr.) to \$74,339.20 (\$35.74 hr.)

More Information: Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities



City Hall will be Closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday.









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