



The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings



City of Somersworth
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

City Hall Hours

***Monday - Friday**
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
***Wednesday**
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



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City Council Meetings TONIGHT

Monday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m.

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



**Missed the
Meeting?
Catch it again
Online**

Don't forget: If
you missed the
live City Council,

School Board, Planning Board or
Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on
Channel 22, you can catch them again,
online and demand

Simply [watch Somersworth](#) to begin
watching meetings on demand.



Save yourself time and a trip to City
Hall by registering your vehicle

property tax or utility payments or other drop off business. It is available and secure 24/7. If you have a question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.

online. Online vehicle registration is easy, safe and secure!

For your convenience, you can pay motor vehicle registration by credit cards. For more information on E-registration process click [here](#)

Board & Committee Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee (SRTC) [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board [view agenda](#)

Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Safety Committee [view agenda](#)

Wednesday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m.



Have a Heart Like Uncle Eddie by Logan Murphy

My brother LCPL Edward L. Mann was killed in action at the battle of Dai Do on April 30, 1968. My brother and two other men volunteered to hold back the Viet Cong while our troops were retreating. They were told that they were not coming back and that they had to stay until the end. My grandson had to write a poem for school about a hero. He wrote this poem about his Uncle Eddie. Logan is 14 years old.

Karen-Raye Adams

"Have a Heart Like Uncle Eddie" by Logan Murphy

In the morning we surge,
as quiet as a shadow, they emerge.
The guns and bombs going off
Mustard and cholorform gas that makes you cough.
The sounds of my allies wailing and crying hurt my core
But I do this for the Country I fight for.
Raging bullets like hornets zip by my hair
It is raining bullets everywhere.

All of my allies that went from strangers to best friends
And how we care about each other to the ends.
The enemy is coming and we are no match
But I have an idea that is about to hatch.
I will stay back and fight and pray
So they may live another day.
I man my position and tell them "go"
My love for my friends is immeasurable, I now know.
So I stay an shoot and shout,
"This is Eddie signing out"

The Mayor's Corner

There are always interesting dances which occur in the world of politics and governing. Some are defined with clear limitations placed upon them, others are less clear and take time to sort, develop or gain clear answers to. In our Republic the rule book of the do's and don'ts are defined by our United States and States Constitutions. Further clarity or limitations at the municipal and town level are put into place by City or Town Charters. One dance which continues to be defined over time is the role that faith-based organizations play within the public spectrum. The 1st Amendment clearly defines that;



"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"

However, as a nation we continue to define the parameters of what the do's and don'ts list of our founders meant. The strength in our Constitution is its ability to adapt to our nation. As we continue to mature as a society, so too does our understanding of how this document protects the pillars of democracy and individual freedoms and liberties.

As an elected official, I have never shied away from building a partnership with faith-based communities. While I respect the limitations that government can establish, I also see the value and role they play in building a true community.

In 2017 when the Parishioners of St Ignatius of Loyola, Somersworth welcomed their new priest, Father Andrew Nelson. His journey in the church had begun when he was a teacher at a Catholic school and to be more exact, a history teacher. It was there that he got his calling to the priesthood and would soon find himself in seminary.

In June 2013, Father Andrew would be ordained into the priesthood, and he was assigned to Berlin, before he found his way to the Hilltop city. He received a warm welcome here and it was not long before he became a fixture in the city. He has attended sporting games, participated in the Christmas parade and other city celebrations, and has aided our community in navigation some of its most complex issues.

It was under his leadership that the doors of Holy Trinity church was kept open during some of winters harshest elements, offering those who are experiencing homelessness a place of shelter and a warm meal. It was these acts of kindness that directly aided in the opening of the Tri-City networks extreme weather warming center. Each citizen, organization, church, business and yes, even our city government, helps us to build and define what makes a great community. Each aspect plays a role and integral part in constructing a place where all of us can call home. A place that will continue to honor and celebrate its rich history and diversity. A place that acknowledges the strength in its greatness comes from the citizens who call Somersworth home.

Father Andrew, thank you for finding your way to Somersworth. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Hilltop City and the community all of us love On Sunday July 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola parish held their annual picnic, with a large attendance. For his dedication to the community, I proclaimed the week of July 31st – August 7th as Father Andrew Nelson week in the City of Somersworth.

As a democratic society we will continue to grow and mature with the framework of our Constitution. And while we do, I will on occasion do the dance. The dance of building partnerships to advance our community, and honoring those who believe in the Hilltopper Spirt, as Father Andrew does of 'neighbor helping neighbor.'

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



Tuesday, August 2nd
Jules Bisson Park
4:30 - 6:30pm



Free Hot Dogs ★ Games ★ Resources ★ Music
Fire, Police and EMS Emergency Vehicles
Community Organizations ★ Prizes ★ Family Fun
Demonstrations and More! Completely Free!



**Somersworth Police Department
& Community Organizations**



Sponsored by: Somersworth Police, Somersworth Police Association, Service Credit Union, and Favorite Foods, Somersworth Wal-Mart

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

HILLTOP CLASSIC CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE SUMMERSWORTH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM



CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES, CUSTOMS

SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2022
SUMMERSWORTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
157 MAIN STREET, SOMERSWORTH NH

10AM-3PM

TO PRE-REGISTER CONTACT

JENNE@603-507-0065

OR

FRANK@603-833-1115

HILLTOPCLASSICCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

August Events at Somersworth Public Library

Adult and Young Adult Activities:

**Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30, attend a Library
Trustees meeting.**

Every Tuesday from 11-2, Eli from Health Market Connect, a nonprofit funded by the Affordable Care Act, is here to **inform you of health insurance options and assist your enrollment. Have questions? Concerned about your eligibility? He will help.**

Every Tuesday from 4:00-6:45, play Dungeons & Dragons or other card and board games. Interested in D&D? Let us know and we'll put you in touch with



the Dungeon Master. Dungeons & Dragons not your thing? Play Trivial Pursuit, chess, backgammon, cornhole and more.

Tuesday, August 9 at 5:30, discuss *Freakonomics*, by Steven Levitt. Copies are available at the library and you can find e and audio books on Overdrive (Libby)

Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30 learn about invasive plants and the strategies to control them from Master Gardener Ruth Axelrod.

Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30, try your hand at the ancient art of felting.
Registration Required.

Friday, August 19 at 2:00, discuss a short story. Copies will be available at the library by August 1.

Activities for Younger People:

Utilize the art cart in the children's room.

Family story time takes place Tuesdays at 10:30. Listen to a story, play and make some art.

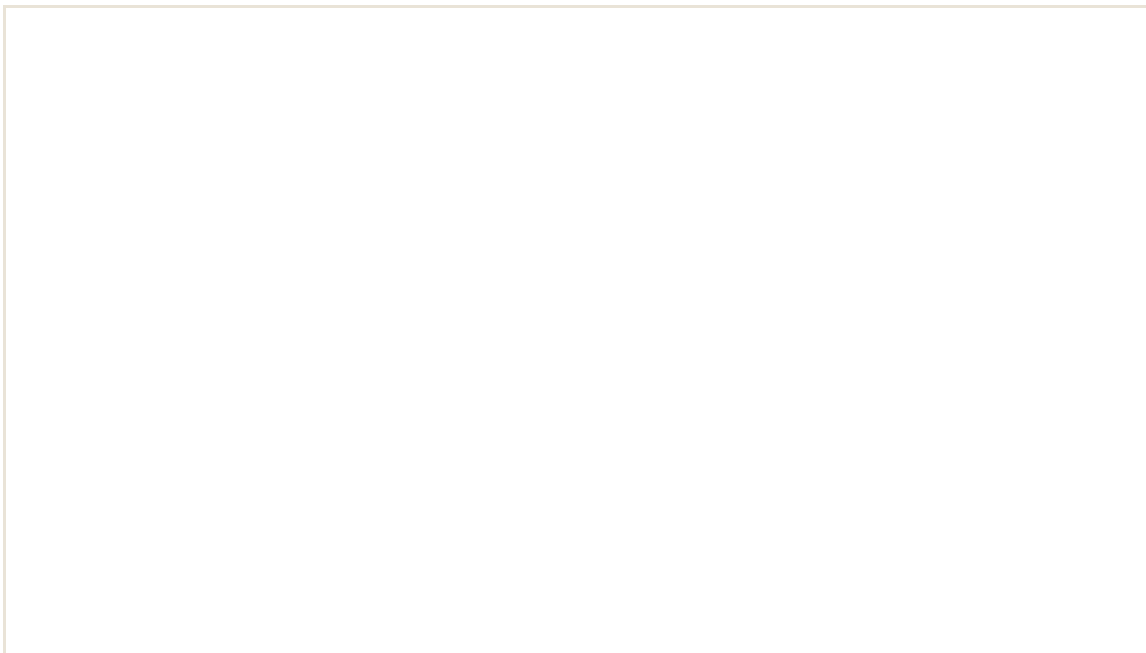
Open play is Thursday from 1:00-4:00. Lincoln logs, Legos, marbles and blocks are some of the toys available.

Saturday, August 27, from 11-noon, participate in Lego Engineers. Create, build, problem-solve and make a masterpiece. *Registration required.*

More detail on these programs is available at
<https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-services-programs>.

Somersworth Police Department

K9Bravo comes to Kid Camp





Bravo and his handler K9 Officer Colton Deschenes, Chief McLin, Officer Seawards and Officer Kochanowicz visited Kids Camp on July 18th. Bravo put on a demonstration of some of his skills for the Campers.

YOU CAN TEXT 9-1-1 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE!

HOW:

Type 911
in the 'To' field

Type short description
of the emergency
(no pictures, videos, emojis or group texts)

Type exact location
of the emergency

Answer 9-1-1
call taker's questions

Be brief and concise -
Follow instructions



WHEN:

If you are deaf, hard
of hearing or have a
speech disability

If you cannot speak
due to an injury or
medical condition

If you are in a
dangerous situation
and it's not safe to call

If you cannot make a
call because of poor
cellular service

If your battery is low



Visit: www.nh.gov/nh911 for more information

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

CALL - TEXT - CHAT

DIAL 9-8-8

- Free & Confidential
- Interpretation Services
Available in Over 150 Languages
- Chat with Trained Crisis
Counselors

If you or someone you care about is experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis, you can call/text 988 or 833-710-6477 (if you live in New Hampshire but do not have a 603 area code) to speak with trained and caring clinical staff. Please visit <https://www.nh988.com/> for more information or to use the chat feature.

Summer Pet Safety

We receive calls every day from caring citizens about animals left in vehicles on warm days. It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation.



Even when the outside air temperature is in the 60's, temperatures inside some vehicles can reach the danger zone on bright, sunny days. Many experts recommend not leaving pets or children in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60's or higher. Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently, the pet can escape.

Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death.

Precautions: Please leave your dog at home on warm days.



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

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management

A safety message from the Fire Chief's Office

On 16 July, 2022, 9-8-8 became the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline). 9-8-8 launched to provide free and confidential emotional

support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. When people call, text, or chat 9-8-8, they will be connected to trained counselors. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting the caller, provide support, and connect the caller to resources if necessary. The previous Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis. 9-8-8 is now used as it is easier to remember. Numerous studies have shown that callers feel less suicidal, less depressed, less overwhelmed and more hopeful after speaking with a Lifeline counselor.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities. Feel free to call the Fire Station regarding questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topic.

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

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



Initial occupancy of the Phase I of the new fire station occurred on Monday,
11 July 2022.



Department of Public Works & Utilities

Residential Solid Waste & Recycling 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. The City's contractor Waste Management (WM) 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 City Blue Bags 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 City Blue Bag that is not along the curbside, nor more frequently than once a week for any person,

firm or corporation.

Metal Pick-up

The 2nd Tuesday of the month. The August collection will occur on Tuesday, August 9 and Residents must call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, August 8 to be placed on the pickup schedule for August. 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

Advance Notice of Labor Day Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule– One Day Delay Labor Day is on Monday, September 5. 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.

Rocky Hill Road Culvert & Utility Replacement Project

Rocky Hill Road Culvert and Utility Replacement Project continues. Crews from Wickson Construction are currently working with staff on a plan modification for removing and replacing the water main within the area of the new culvert. Rocky Hill Road is closed at Winter Street and Hillside Street during this time. Work is continuing and construction is anticipated through mid-October. The Public Works Department is managing the project.

High Street Manhole Structures Repaired

Staff from the Highway Division repaired 6 storm drain and sewer main manhole covers that were failing and causing problems for motorists traveling on the busy High Street corridor in mid-July. The manhole structures required rebuilding the top layer of bricks that were failing which caused the covers to vibrate when traveling over. The segment of High Street from Franklin Street to Washington Street involved a closure and traffic detour.



Community Gardens at Malley Farm-A Growing Experience

Community Garden participants have been very active during this summer. The expansion improvements funded by Home Depot resulted in over 25 new plots all of which were “adopted” this past spring for planting; the existing plots were also all “adopted” and the Gardens are very active.

Residents interested in participating in the City’s community garden program are encouraged to call the Department of Public Works at 603-692-4266 and place your name on a waiting list for next years’ growing season.

Recreation Office News & Updates

Pee Wee Soccer registration is open~

Deadline to register is August 15th. Registration forms are available on the link below & at City Hall.

[Somersworth Recreation Website](#)

Volunteers are needed to help run the Pee Wee Soccer program! Please contact the Rec Office if you can help us out. We need head coaches, assistant coaches, & field attendants. No experience is necessary.

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

PEE WEE SOCCER

CHILDREN AGES 3 & 4

SATURDAY MORNINGS

SEPT. 10- OCT. 22

NO SOCCER 10/8

9:00-9:45AM

NOBLE PINES PARK



Join us for this exciting 6-week beginner program where players will learn the basic fundamentals of dribbling, passing, & shooting through a series of fun games and instructional drills. Parent participation is required for this age group. Registration forms are located on our website and at City Hall. For more info contact the Rec Office- 603-692-9507

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

we rely on volunteers to run all of our youth programs. Please contact us if you can help~ 603-692-9508

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Fee:

Register & pay in full by July 22
\$45 residents/ \$55 Non-resident

Fee After 7/22:

Deadline to register is August 15
\$60 residents/ \$70 Non-resident

Space is limited. First come, first serve. Please call to ensure space is available prior to mailing in forms or stopping by the office. Registration forms are available on website below or in the Rec Office at City Hall. 603-692-9507

Register by mail: Mail registration form & check to: 1 Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878 Attn: Recreation

Register in person: Cash or checks only. Rec Office is 2nd floor of City Hall

www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/youth-programs

2022 Kids Camp Program ~

Session 1 ended July 22 and Session 2 started July 25. Kids Camp is having a blast so far this summer! There were some hot days in July but they managed to stay cool! Thank you to the Gathering Place Studio for letting us create memories. Also, a big thank you to the Somersworth PD and K-9 Bravo for visiting Kids Camp in July.





What's Happening at Somersworth Farm to School

When Kids are in the Garden, Recreation is Education

The summer of 2022 is the first that has felt *kind of* normal since the pandemic started, following an entirely in-person, albeit hectic, '21-22 school year. Farm to School and gardening activities resumed in the classroom, in the cafeteria, and this year we branched out into the Malley Farm Community Gardens. With help and support from Somersworth Youth Connection Director Coty Donohue and Somersworth Recreation Dept. Supervisor Kristen Davenport, this summer's camp offerings include field trips to Malley Farm for young campers to help tend the school plots and learn more about where food comes from. Planting and watering are always favorite tasks, and many were involved in planting these plots with the Middle School Hug a Tree club. Now they get to harvest— basil, anise hyssop, tarragon, raspberries, kale, spinach, rosemary, lavender, and dill were all readily available to sample from the school plots so far this summer. Kids are asking, "How can I get a garden here next year?" (answer: contact Keri Gordon at the DPW next April). My favorite little nugget I overheard this month while gardening with kids— "food tastes better when it's fresh." Whether that's always true for everyone is subjective, but if it gets kids outside and interested in eating fresh healthy food, let's wholeheartedly agree.

Follow @farmtosomersworthschools on Instagram to see what other Farm to School activities are happening in our schools, and in our community.



K-5 Rec Program summer camp field trip to Malley Farm and SYC Grades 6-8 summer program, Working hard and having fun

SOMERSWORTH READY TOGETHER EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

IMPROVING SCHOOL READINESS
FOR SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN



JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR

THE BEACH BUGGY BOOK MOBILE!

LISTEN TO A STORY

PLAY GAMES

ENJOY SNACKS

TAKE HOME A BOOK

AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

SEACOAST EARLY LEARNING CENTER

WIC / GOODWIN COMMUNITY HEALTH

STRAFFORD COUNTY CAP

YMCA OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

NOBLE PINES PARK

July 12th & July 26th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

JULES BISSON PARK

July 19th & August 2nd from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Be a LOCAL observer to the Natural Wonder

Somersworth Conservation Commission invites you to get outside this summer and take part in the [City of Somersworth Project](#)! This project encourages people to make observations about the animals and plants they see in Somersworth – including in their own backyard – and log them at the [City of Somersworth Project on iNaturalist](#).

How It Works



How to Get Started

- [Download the iNaturalist App on your device](#)
- [Create an account with iNaturalist \(iNaturalist.org\)](#)
- Join the [City of Somersworth Project](#) to log your information
- When collecting data, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

		
Leave No Trace Treat nature with respect and minimize your impact while out recording observations for iNaturalist projects.	Respect Wildlife Make sure to keep your distance from wildlife to avoid disturbing them.	Watch Where You Walk Please be aware of your impact on habitat - if there are managed trails or pathways, please use them!

You can also help us [track the distribution of invasive, non-native species and forest pests](#) by logging those observations.

- [Exotic \(non-native\) wildlife](#)
- [Invasive, non-native plants](#)

For more resources on Invasive, non-native plants and Exotic (non-native) wildlife:

[Invasive Species | NH Department of Environmental Services](#)

[Spotlight on NH Invasive Plants | Extension \(unh.edu\)](#)



Somersworth Festival Association's

KIDS' CONCERTS 2022



Join us at the Festival Pavilion
(Somersworth High Football Field).

August 3rd ~ Wildlife Encounters
Sponsored by Kennebunk Savings

Aug. 10th ~ Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate
Sponsored by Spence & Mathews Insurance

Bring your blankets and watch the show!
Food will be available for purchase, including our
"meal deals." There will also be great raffles, with
prizes sponsored by Breezeline.

All shows start at 6:00 p.m. at the Festival Pavilion.
In the event of inclement weather, the show will be
held indoors at the Middle School.

Free Admission

Save the Dates!

Pumpkin Festival - October 8th (Somersworth Plaza)
Harvest Craft Fair - October 22nd (Somersworth High School)
Penny Sale - November 20th (Somersworth High School)
Holiday Craft Fair - December 3rd (Somersworth High School)



Coming Soon!

**City of Somersworth website, and email for City Staff
and Representatives transitions from .COM to .GOV**

City of Somersworth

Employment Opportunities

Finalist must complete pre-employment screening to include: physical, drug test & background check. Detailed postings available online at:
<https://www.somersworth.com/human-resources/page/employment-opportunities>

A completed City of Somersworth Employment Application is required for all job openings.

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Position Title: Code Compliance Officer
Starting Pay: \$24.22 to \$29.39
Date Posted: June 2, 2022
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

POLICE

Position Title: Patrol Officers
Starting Pay: \$49,524 to \$66,518
More Information: Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities

PUBLIC WORKS

Position Title: Equipment Operator I
Pay Range: \$21.20
Date Posted: June 28, 2022

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