

City Connection

Proud Past, Bright Future

February 2019



February Meetings in Council Chambers

City Council Meetings

Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Budget Workshop

Tuesday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Monday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Community Forum

Saturday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.
(please note: This date is changed from February 27th)

Please note meeting Calendar is subject to change.

To view Agendas of City Council meetings please visit City website
www.somersworth.com/calendar/



The Mayor's Corner

Somersworth is NH's Welcoming City

In 1729, the Parish of Somersworth was founded, beginning the two hundred and ninety year old journey which continues to establish Somersworth as a modern day City. Throughout our history, we have been defined by the citizens who have built this community and the vastly diverse backgrounds they have brought with them. From the early English settlers to members of the Indonesians community, each group sought refuge in a community where they would be protected, accepted and celebrated.

Today, two hundred and ninety years after our founding, we are guided by the principals outlined in the Declaration of Independence and re-affirmed in the United States Constitution; that all *citizens* are created equal, that each of us have been endowed by the creator with certain unalienable rights, and that despite our comfort level and misunderstandings of each other, we will continue to build upon the progression of the generation of Americans who came before us, to create a society where all will be validated and protected.

The struggle of America to achieve its creed, is a struggle which is worth fighting for. It is our struggle, mirrored in our history which reminds us of the Americans who were denied the rights and liberties we have been promised. Americans who were excluded from the table of liberty because of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, creed, national origin or handicap. Each of us share a common bond with those who have been denied the promise of America, we belong to one of their groups, and through the evolution of our society have escaped the pain, suffering and horrors of intolerance and discrimination.

For some of us however, in 2019 the injustice and daily encounters with hate continues. For some of us, the fear of harm or death upon our loved ones or ourselves is a reality of the nation and world we live in. I, myself have come to terms with the fact that out of our 50 United States, there may be some I can never visit, simply out of the fear of repression, intolerance and violence. Yet, with the same faith and hope which won this nation its independence, we continue to work towards building a City, State and Nation where all will be celebrated, accepted and treated with the dignity each human deserves.

Two hundred and ninety years after its founding as a parish and one hundred and twenty six years after its establishment as a City, Somersworth has once more awakened to the roots of its "Proud Past, Bright Future" through the acknowledgement that we are all linked together by a common thread; the thread of our humanity. While this thread will differ in the languages we speak, the customs we practice and the faith we hold or chose not to, in the Hilltop City, we are all united by the common bond of our sister and brother hood. While each of us is different, we are all Hilltoppers, Americans and Humans. It is through this understanding of our differences that Somersworth has emerged as *NH's Welcoming City*. A City which has, and will continue to open it's arms for all, and protect all who are dedicated to the values of equality and human dignity.

In the Hilltop City, *NH's Welcoming City* we rise above the level of just tolerating each other. Here we strive to create a community

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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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For a complete list of all upcoming meetings visit the [City calendar](#)

where differences are welcomed. We have long abandoned the practices of drawing invisible lines, or creating a society where individuals are deemed with value as long as they remain within their corners, their neighborhood or ghetto's, silent or in the "closet". In our 10 square mile community, we instead embrace that our home is and always has been comprised of; English, Irish, Greek, French and Indonesian. We are home to those of faith; Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims and those whose faith does not encompass a god, but the faith in the progression of humanity. Each believer and non-believer sharing in the bond of their commitment to continue keeping Somersworth **"On the Move"**.

We are a City of straight's, gays and transgender, a City of police, fire and first responders, a City of lawyers, doctors and service workers, a City of tradespeople and military. All with the hopes and dreams for ourselves and family, united by the common vision of creating a community, state and nation with "liberty and justice for all".

The recent series of articles by the Fosters Daily Democrat helped highlight how in 2019, Somersworth continues to progress not as **NH's Rainbow City**, but as the **NH's Hilltop Welcoming City**. It helped to awaken how in 2019, the **"Dream"** of equality that the Rev. Martin Luther King spoke and fought for, is still a journey in progress. The articles helped to foster attention, conversation and for some tested our comfort levels and understanding of these words; equality, freedom and justice. For some, it brought celebration and validation that they too are Hilltoppers and Americas. For others, it tested the doctrines, preaching of their faiths and their individual comfort levels. The articles helped guide some to a level of understanding, while with others it exposed the hate they possess and their willingness to exclude, discriminate or use age old rhetoric to justify practices which divide, hinder and destroy the promise of American.

In the 10 square mile community known as Somersworth, we will continue **"On the Move"** as **NH's Hilltop Welcoming City**. We will continue to learn from each other, to acknowledge and celebrate our differences and to build a community where all who are committed to the values of democracy will be embraced as neighbors, brothers and sisters. We will continue to work towards seeking and finding common ground, by uniting on the issues which will progress our community while practicing respect, dignity and civility to each other on the issues where we are divided. In our democratic society, we will continue to openly engage in discourse upon the issues facing our nation; crime, healthcare, education, immigration, security. However, we must never yield to the temptation of debating if the principals of this nation only apply to a few.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools" Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The greatest asset of New Hampshire's smallest City, Somersworth has been reaffirmed, its citizens. The citizens of **NH's Hilltop Welcoming City** helped guide the immigrant groups of our **"Proud Past"** to a 10 square mile community where they could work to

overcome barriers and obstacles to achieve the American dream. Their efforts crafted the lineage **"Bright Future"** for many of our citizens and families who call Somersworth home today. With the same determination, we continue to illuminate the torch of liberty and guide all who are committed to continuing the journey of reaching our Hilltopper and American destiny of freedom, equality, liberty and justice for all.

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

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard

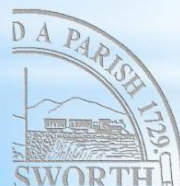


**Mayor's Community Forum
Saturday, February 16
9:00am – 10:30am
City Hall**

Included in this Forum will be the Mayor and Historic District Commission Members.

The purpose of these forums are to foster dialogue and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our Community forward.

All members of the Community are welcomed to attend



SAVE THE DATE!
Mayor's Community Forum Upcoming Dates

March 16 - Mayor & Fire Chief
April 13 - Mayor & School Representatives

**Mayoral Winter
Office Hours**

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](#).

From the City Manager's Office



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

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH - PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY COUNCIL WARD 4
VACANCY**

The City Council of the City of Somersworth announces the vacancy of the City Council Ward 4 seat, with a term to expire November, 2019. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest addressed to the Somersworth City Council, c/o Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878. Interested persons must be a registered voter in the City of Somersworth and a resident of Ward 4 for a minimum of 6 months.

The Office of the City Clerk must receive all letters of interest by February 13th, 2019 at 4:30p.m.

Questions may be directed to the Office of the City Clerk at 692-9511.



Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Dog licenses for 2019 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee.

**2019
DOG TAGS
are available!**

Puppy:	\$7.50
Adult Male/Female:	\$10.00
Adult Spayed/Neutered:	\$7.50

First Dog owned by Senior Citizen (over 65)	\$2.00
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Late fee after May 31	\$1.00 (per-month)
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Civil forfeiture (for unlicensed dogs)	\$25.00
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The City Clerk's office requires up-to-date information from the rabies certificate which is provided by your veterinarian.

To register by mail:

Check or money order payable to: City of Somersworth
Mail to: One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878
Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope

To renew on:line:

<https://www.somersworth.com/home/pages/online-services>

You will need your dog's previous tag number to renew on-line.

Questions.....call the City Clerks office at (603) 692-9511

from the Economic Development

Dear Somersworth Businesses,

This is to let you know that the deadline for 2018 Economic Revitalization Zone Incentive Applications is: February 10, 2019.

If your business is in an ERZ, and if you have created new jobs and made capital investments, based on the demands of the growth of your business, you may qualify for this incentive. If you have any questions about ERZ zones, or other details about this incentive program, please reach out to either me at rcomstock@somersworth.com or Bridgett Beckwith bridgett.beckwith@nh.gov.

The application is located on our web site <https://www.somersworth.com/economic-development/pages/resources-incentives>

Sincerely,

Robin

Robin A. Comstock

Economic Development Manager

Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:00

(603) 692-9516/(603) 496-5841



**Somersworth Police Department Provides
Crime Reduction Training**



L-R : Lt. Matt Duval, Ann French, Chief David Kretschmar, Lauren J. Hennessey, Laraine Holts, Nichols Hall Smith, Theresa Butterfield

On January 24, members of the Somersworth Police Department Patrol Division conducted their first, in the series crime reduction training, to the staff of Profile Bank. Today's topic was focused on what to do during a bank robbery. The course was designed to show different points of views on reactions and response from the tellers and law enforcement. There was a heavy emphasis placed on safety as well as what types of information SPD would be looking for going forward on an investigation.

Laraine Hults the Business Development Manager, for the Somersworth Profile Bank was instrumental in helping set up this course. She and the staff appreciated the efforts that the SPD put forth and the community connections that were made today. Additional trainings will be scheduled with the other financial institutions of the city and going forward the SPD will be reaching out to conduct crime prevention surveys and will assist with the creation of preemptive drills to other local branches in the city.

For more information on these type of programs offered contact Lt. Matthew Duval, Patrol Division Mduval@Somersworth.com or call him at 692-3131.



Permit Parking for Snow Emergencies Noble Street and River Street

The Somersworth City Council passed an Ordinance to allow Permit Parking during snow emergency parking bans on Noble Street adjacent to the Noble Pines Park, and on River Street adjacent to Jules Bisson Park.

Permits to park there during parking bans resulting from a snow emergency are available from November 1st thru March 31st at a rate of \$20.00 per month, and are available at the Police Department.

There are 17 spaces available on Noble Street and 5 spaces available on River Street. Permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The permits are only valid during the dates listed when there is a snow emergency parking ban in effect.

Vehicles parked in this area with a valid permit must be moved by 8 a.m. on the day following the completion of the parking ban to allow for snow removal from the designated area. Vehicles not moved per the Ordinance will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

please call Karen at the Somersworth PD at 603-841-2917 or email: Kcantrell@Somersworth.com



2019 Alarm Permit

Alarm permit renewals are due to the Police Department by the end of January or the \$10.00 fee increases to \$20.00. If you own a fire alarm or security system alarm, our City Ordinance requires you to obtain a permit. If the alarm is for a residence and you are 65 or older, your permit is free. If you have questions, please call Karen Cantrell at the Police Department at 841-2917 or email her at kcantrell@somersworth.com.



Snow Emergencies Winter Parking Ban

Snow Emergencies can be called at any time, day or night. During Snow Emergencies, a Parking Ban is in effect. Always be aware of overnight weather forecasts and have alternative parking plans when snow is predicted. Your vehicle can be towed during a Snow Emergency and you will have to pay the tow charge to get it back. The purpose of the parking ban is to enable Public Works to safely maintain the roads. This means sometimes there will be a Snow Emergency declared even when it is no longer snowing. Snow emergencies are announced on the following stations: WTSN, WOKQ, WERZ, WSHK, WHEB, WMUR Channel 9 and Local Cable Station

Channel 22. You may also call the **Winter Ban Hot Line at 692-9131** or go to www.Somersworth.com. To receive news of parking bans via email, go to www.Somersworth.com and click "Subscribe-City Email".

Somersworth Police Department also uses Facebook to give important community information and we send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for Nixle at www.Nixle.com.

Avoid the parking ticket and the tow (at your expense) by paying attention to snow emergency 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



From your Local Fire Department
692-3457

Welcome New Firefighter "*Brian Flood*"



Left to right: Patrick Casey, Brian Flood, Mike Spinney, Patrick Casey

Be prepared for Winter Storms

The New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency has a lot of good information at www.readynh.gov so pay it a visit!

- If you have a power venter on your oil or gas furnace, be sure to keep your exterior vent free from snow. Often drifting snow can temporarily block the vent, and if does not clear itself from snow upon firing, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can build up in your home.
- The winter months often cause wood burning stoves and furnaces to build creosote layers in chimneys and manufactured stovepipes. Burn your initial fires hot each day to clean out any lingering effects of creosote build-up and avoid soft woods, if possible.
- Winter storms sometimes cause power failures. If you have a portable generator, be sure to follow directions on the methodology to connect it to your home's power source. If you connect it incorrectly, the generator may power the electrical lines outside your home - endangering anyone who could contact them, including power company linesmen.
- Citizens living adjacent to fire hydrants are requested to "adopt a hydrant" for the winter and keep it clear after snowstorms. City personnel often are tied up with other storm duties and often are not able to get to fire hydrant clearing immediately. Please consider this volunteer program.



FROZEN PIPES

With the recent stretch of very cold weather we have had several reports of frozen pipes bursting and causing extensive water damage. Your facility maintenance personnel should already have a plan for preventing frozen pipes and responding to emergencies.

Here are a few reminders:

- Keep building temperatures as consistent as possible, never less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Insulate areas where water supply lines are located and eliminate drafts.
- If you have water pipes in basements, crawl spaces, or outside walls, insulate the pipes, using *pipe-sleeves* or other insulating material.
- Allow warm air to circulate by opening up doors to closets and cabinets where pipe chases are located.
- On at least a daily basis, all areas of the building should be monitored for open windows, heating failures and water leaks. This especially includes nights, weekends, and school breaks.
- Provide training in emergency response, i.e. shutting off the water supply.

If you suspect that a pipe is particularly susceptible to freezing, as an emergency measure, leave water running at a trickle to prevent freezing. This is never recommended as a permanent measure and should be monitored frequently.

Dry sprinkler systems are still susceptible to freezing, as water can accumulate in low spots and through condensation. All sprinkler systems should be regularly maintained. Contact your sprinkler maintenance company for recommendations.

Have a plan in place for responding to water leaks and heating failures. Your facility maintenance department should have a plan for safely thawing any pipe you believe to be frozen; however, if you are unsure, call a professional. **Never** use torches or devices with open flames to thaw frozen pipes.

Should you require additional information, please contact Primex³ Risk Management Services at 1-800-698-2364 or at www.nhprimex.org.

Calling ALL 3rd Grade Students to Participate in the 7th Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest

The NH State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society are calling out to ALL 3rd Grade Students within the state of New Hampshire.... "WE NEED YOU!"

We all know that Fire Prevention and Life Safety Awareness should be a part of daily life throughout the year. Every year we invite 3rd grade students (in public, private and homeschool settings) to take on this fun, educational challenge of researching a fire and life safety theme and designing a poster showing their important fire prevention and life safety message. Students will need to:

- Research chosen topic from list to ensure message and picture are accurate.
- Use white paper not exceeding 11x17.
- Hold paper in landscape orientation.
- Fill out the contact information (form online) and attach to the back of poster.
- Submit by mail or at one of these [drop off locations](#) BY Friday, Feb 22, 2019.

Now remember, we encourage you to ask your classroom, or art teacher, to get the whole class involved, but you can certainly enter individually. Winners will be notified and invited to attend an Evening of Recognition with Sparky the Fire Dog!



Information from Public Works 692-4266



No Change to Residential Trash and Recycling Collection Services on Presidents Day in February

The City would like to let all Somersworth residents know that there will be no delay in the collections for trash and recycling during the week of February 18, 2018. President's Day is on Monday, February 18, and solid waste and recycling collection services will occur on this day. Reminder for residents to have your trash and recyclables out on the curb side in front of your residence by 7am.

Use Caution While Driving in Winter Conditions

While spring is around the corner, we still have more winter ahead. Motorists are asked to use caution when driving in snow and ice conditions, allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Adjust your speed and avoid tailgating vehicles especially City plow truck as there are operator blind spots. Reminder to check the City's winter parking ban phone at 692 -9131 during snow events to confirm if a City Parking Ban is in place; Check the City's website for updates and/or sign-up to receive alerts and emails when an emergency parking ban is in place. To sign up please [click here](#)

You may also sign up for [Nixle Alerts](#) to receive a text of an emergency announcement, parking ban, road closures, or you can call the Somersworth Police Department non-emergency number at 692-3131.

Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:



Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.



Empty recyclables directly into your cart - NO bagged recyclables.



#RORR

To Learn More Visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com



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What's Happening at the Library?



Want to add something new to your 2019 Resolutions? Plan to join the Somersworth Library Book Club...

The Library book discussion group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We read a variety of book selections throughout the year. Each month we get together to have a fun and interesting discussion on that book.

Library Facebook

We had an awesome response on our Library Facebook page from acclaimed Children's author Laurie Keller after we posted our Story Time crafts based on her latest book "Potato Pants":



Laurie Keller What talented young fashion designers!! 🍟 📖 I love these!!! Thanks for sharing!! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

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Be sure to "Like" the new Somersworth Library page if you haven't already

Winter Break is Coming
Need something for your children to do?

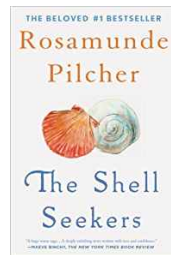


Our new Tinker Table Programs will kick-off the last week of February. Come build and create with our S.T.E.A.M based Games & Activities.

- Tuesday, February 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 6 and up (through elementary age)
- Thursday, February 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 6

When school is in session, the days and times for these programs will change to be held after school. Check our website <https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library>

What Somersworth is Reading in February (Wednesday February 27)



"Shell Seekers" by Rosamunde Pilcher

An instant bestseller when it was first published, *The Shell Seekers* is an enduring classic which has touched the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. A novel of connection, it is the story of one family, mothers and daughters, husbands and lovers and of the passions and heartbreak that have held them together for three generations.

This magical novel, the kind of reading experience that comes along only once in a long while is the perfect read, whether you are returning to it again, or opening the cover for the first time. At the end of a long and useful life, Penelope Keeling's prized possession is

The Shell Seekers, painted by her father, and symbolizing her unconventional life, from bohemian childhood to wartime romance. When her grown children learn their grandfather's work is now worth a fortune, each has an idea as to what Penelope should do. But as she recalls the passions, tragedies, and secrets of her life, she knows there is only one answer, and it lies in her heart.

Story Times are offered on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. All ages are welcomed for Stories and Crafts.



Enjoy our Free or Reduced Admission Museum Passes! Call us today to reserve a date for any of the following museums - available to any Somersworth Residents:

Children's Museum of Dover
Strawbery Banke - Portsmouth
Seacoast Science Center - Rye
Museum of Science - Boston
New England Aquarium - Boston
Museum of Fine Arts - Boston

The Library now has a Facebook page! We will gradually be adding news, programs and photos, so 'Like' and follow "Somersworth Library" today so you're one of the first to know about all the new things that will be going on!



Recreation Office



Somersworth Recreation Presents

**Father/Daughter
Valentine's Dance**

**Thursday, February 7th
Idlehurst Elementary School Cafe
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Daughters in grades K-8 and their dads (or grandfathers, uncles, brothers, etc.) can share a fun filled evening as they dance the night away to the latest tunes. We'll also have dance contests, raffles, Valentine goodies and desserts, and more! Please note families are asked to donate a dessert or finger food for the dance.

**\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door**

**For couple / no charge for additional daughters to attend*

Tickets can be purchased in advance from now until Tuesday, February 5th through the Recreation Office at City Hall. After Feb. 5th all tickets must be purchased at the door. There is no extra charge for additional daughters. Please contact the Recreation Office for more information.

603-692-9507



2019 Somersworth Youth Athletics:

Soccer Programs:



Fee Wee Soccer- Ages 3-4
www.somersworth.com
Somersworth Recreation
Kristen Davenport, Rec Supervisor 603-692-9508
kdavenport@somersworth.com

ROSO Rec Soccer- Ages 5+

Rec & Travel
www.rososoccerclub.com
Matt Caffelle, President
rososoccerclub@gmail.com

Football / Cheerleading Programs:



Fee Wee Football- Ages 7-11 & SORO Flag Football- Ages 5-13
Jeremy Lambert, Coach 603-781-2716
calvin04@comcast.net

Somersworth Youth Football- Grades 7-8
John O'Brien- SYFLtoppers@yahoo.com

Fee Wee Cheerleading-
Melissa Lambert- calvin04@comcast.net

Basketball Programs:



Somersworth Recreation Basketball
Youth Recreation Basketball- Grades 1-6
Biddy Basketball- Ages 3-6

www.somersworth.com
Somersworth Recreation
Kristen Davenport, Rec Supervisor 603-692-9508
kdavenport@somersworth.com

Granite State Track & Field Program:



Granite State Track and Field- Ages 9-14
www.somersworth.com
Somersworth Recreation
Kristen Davenport, Rec Supervisor
kdavenport@somersworth.com

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Kristen Davenport, Rec Supervisor 603-692-9508
kdavenport@somersworth.com
Youth programs, special events, field use, parks, & volunteer opportunities
www.somersworth.com

Softball Programs:



SBR Girl Softball League- Ages 4-16
www.sbrfastpitch.com
Mark McGuire, President
SBRFastPitch@gmail.com

Baseball Programs:



Somersworth Little League- Ages 4-12
www.somersworthbaseball.com
Michael Boehm, President 515-450-7360
michael.boehm42@gmail.com

Somersworth Babe Ruth- Ages 13-15
Dave Witham, President 603-496-0444
onmax2@comcast.net

Somersworth Lions Youth Hockey



Ages 5+ (boys & girls)
somersworthlions.org
Peter Houde, President 603-834-3420
SomersworthLionsClub@gmail.com /

Somersworth Athletic Association:



Please contact the Somersworth Athletic Association for questions regarding youth sports financial assistance or to learn how your organization can fundraise for upcoming events.

Somersworth Athletic Association- All ages
Dave Nagy, President 978-302-9093
somersworthathleticassociation@comcast.net

Middle School Athletic Programs:



Middle School Athletics- Grades 6-8
Kaley Waterman, Athletic Director 603-692-2126
kkwaterman@SAU56.org

Athletic Programs offered: Fall- Soccer, Volleyball / Winter- Basketball / Spring- Track & Field, Baseball

High School Athletic Programs:



High School Athletics- Grades 9-12
Steve Hodsdon, Athletic Director 603-692-2431
shodsdon@SAU56.org

Athletic Programs offered: Fall- Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Field Hockey / Winter- Basketball, Ice Hockey / Spring- Track & Field, Baseball, Softball
*Please check with the A.D. about Varsity, JV, Freshman teams (all programs are based on participation #s)

Save the Date!

Friday, April 19
Easter Egg Stravaganza Egg Hunt



Volunteers needed!

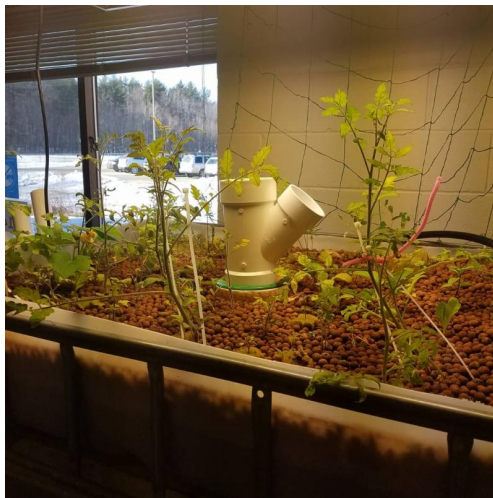
Please reach out to Kristen Davenport in the Recreation Office to obtain more information and learn how you can get involved. 603-692-9508 or email kdavenport@somersworth.com



Ready Set Grow!

Year Round Gardening at Somersworth Middle School

While most of us wait (im)patiently for the snow to melt and our gardens to sprout, 7th graders at Somersworth Middle School operate on an entirely different schedule. SMS science teacher Chris Asbell introduces hydroponic growing systems in his classroom, for a truly year round gardening experience. Students learn by doing, and see valuable classroom lessons in action.



What an effective, impactful response to the age old student question... "Why do I need to know this?" So you can eat!

Sweets in the Making at Somersworth Middle School

Though the School Gardens are put to bed for the winter, some quiet work is happening at Somersworth Middle School. Last year Daryl Dunbar and his

students tapped over 20 trees on the Middle School and abutting property and was awarded a NH Ag in the Classroom grant toward building an evaporator.

The results were, as expected, delicious, and more maple syrup is on it's way this spring.

This video link https://mail.sau56.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=6DZ3LmB9gotQBgBFkU53e2vUcTgk49-kHPd_dSIBRHFSri41JILWCA...&URL=https%3a%2f%2fdrive.google.com%2ffile%2fd%2flm0CH5ONCjxj8QT6WusR3Q8tWiuL-dMb-%2fview%3fusp%3dsharing_eil%26ts%3d5aabf775 from 2018, is just a primer of what sweet things are coming from Somersworth Middle School in the next few months!

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.



Somersworth Athletic Association

SAA Mission

Somersworth Athletic Association (SAA) was founded in May 2016 by a group of local volunteers that are active in the city's athletic community. SAA realized that Somersworth athletic programs are currently pay to play and this pay to play fee has effected the sign ups due to the cost to families, thus enrollment in city wide sports has been declining over the years.

SAA goal is to raise money to support Somersworth Athletic teams of all ages, specifically for pay to play fees so that kids have the chance to play sports.

SAA will also help toward the funding of uniforms, equipment and any other expenses that team boosters may need help with. SAA does not replace current booster clubs and does not guarantee donations to all athletic teams or organizations. Memberships is open to any athletic organization upon approval of the SAA Executive Board. SAA will work directly with head coaches and league presidents to provide the support needed.

We look toward Head Coaches, Booster Clubs, Sports Organizations, Local Businesses, Community Clubs and our Community for membership, sponsorships and support.

Please feel free to contact us by email and like our Facebook page.

Email: Somersworthathleticassocation@comcast.net

Sincerely

SAA Executive Board

President - David Nagy



Welcome the New Falls Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

The Falls Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is delighted to welcome their new Executive Director, Amanda Gazlay. Amanda began her role with the Chamber on January 2, 2019.

Please stop in on **Thursday, January 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** to say hello to Amanda, you will find her warm and welcoming!

If you are a not-yet member, we will have applications available. Kindly let Amanda know you are attending by emailing her at amanda@thefallschamber.com.

**Winter Pancake Breakfast
Somersworth High School
Saturday, February 3
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

The Somersworth Festival Association will be cooking at the annual "Winterfest Pancake Breakfast" with Frosty the Snowman. Breakfast is available for only \$3 for either pancake meal (3 pancakes, 3 sausage and your choice of beverage) or a breakfast sandwich. A la carte items will also be available for younger folks.



Children can interact with Frosty and get their picture taken with him by our on hand photographer before heading over to play in the Funfest games area. Each game costs 25 cents to play and win Frosty bucks to use in our toy store. Frosty's Funfest promises to be a whole lot of fun priced right for families.

Tricky Dick the Magician will be doing his Magic at 11am.



WENTWORTH GREENHOUSES WINTER FARMERS' MARKETS
141 Rollins Road, Rollinsford

Each year, Wentworth Greenhouses offers a series of indoor Winter Farmers' Markets, which we host and sponsor in collaboration with Seacoast Eat Local.

*Come, shop local on Saturday February 23 from
10:00am - 2:00 pm*



Master Gardener Training

The next Master Gardener Training will be held at NH Audubon's McLane Center in Concord beginning February 28. It will run for 12 Thursdays and include classes in horticulture entomology, soils, program planning and more. Application forms are available at Cooperative Extension office in Strafford County Complex. If you are interested but have questions contact Ruth at

ruth.smith@unh.edu

<https://scmga.wordpress.com/2018/12/08/upcoming-master-gardener-class-2/>

SAVE THE DATE!



lobster rolls Gourmet Desserts CREOLE
BBQ gyros Hamburgers
Salads BEER cupcakes
music all day!

NEW THIS YEAR: FREE ADMISSION

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

What do you get when you pair food trucks with craft beer? A perfect day! The Falls Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the Seacoast Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival is coming back to downtown Somersworth on **Saturday, June 8th, 2019 from 1pm to 7pm**. Live music ALL day!



City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18 for the President's Day Holiday.

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