

May 2021

City of Somersworth, NH

One Government Way
Sommersworth, NH 03878
603-692-4262

City Hall Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Visit our
website



Starting in May, City Council meetings are open to the Public; however, the Public is encouraged to submit comments in lieu of attending. All meeting attendees are required to wear a mask in accordance with CDC COVID-19 Guidelines. Public comments should be emailed to jslaven@sommersworth.com or bbelmore@sommersworth.com.

Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the City Council meeting. The meeting can be viewed via the Local Government Cable Access Ch. 22 (Comcast) or via live stream at the

The Mayor's Corner



"It's a Wonderful Life"

Holidays are bound in traditions. Each of us has our customs and practices which are embedded within our family traditions and identities. These traditions help ground us, rejuvenate us and remind us of our lineage and the values which are an important aspect of existence. Throughout our childhood, we are guided on the practices that have become important to our cultures and families. For most of us, these identifying webs of our existence are lost within our youth. We look upon the gatherings, the meals, the songs, dances, or matching pajamas as an embarrassing burden we must partake in, voicing our discontent at the continuation of the traditions and holding the same childhood desire to exit from them like our hometown.

Age is something each of us learns to

City's website www.somersworth.com .

Scheduled May City Council Meetings

Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting

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

embrace. For some of us, it's embracing comes with the celebrations that adulthood bares; personal establishment, raising a family, and finding your place and role within the community. For others, it is a battlefield moment of raising a white flag of surrender. It is coming to the realization that you are outnumbered by the forces of nature, and that like the leaves on a tree, each of us has a life cycle. Within those moments in the embracing of age comes our personal moment of enlightenment when our personal traditions become sacred, and new ones are created and passed on.

[Read more....](#)

Committee/Board Meetings this Month.

Site Review Technical Committee
Wednesday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee
Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Minor Site Plan (SRTC)
Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings
Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board
Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission
Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor's 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 this time. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at 692-9503 or email

bbreda@somersworth.com

Residents are encouraged to wear face coverings/masks and meetings will take place in the Council Chambers to adhere to CDC Guidelines of Social Distancing.



City Hall's Dropbox is located outside City Hall entrance on Government Way.

Dropbox may be used at any time for submitting property tax or utility payments or other drop off business.

It is available and secure 24/7. If you have question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.



The Mayor's Corner Continued...

Despite the recently in my opinion, untimely announcements by the Governor. I urge all Hilltop residents to continue to adhere to the safety practices which have kept our City and its resident's safe throughout this pandemic. Each of us, have known individuals or families who have had to battle the virus. Throughout this pandemic, we have looked after each other and have brought to life our Hilltopper spirit of neighbor helping neighbor. As our population continues to move forward with vaccinations, and we slowly return to an adjusted state of normalcy, it imperative that we continue the practice of the CDC recommendations and guidelines.

Both Dr. Fauci and New Hampshire's own Dr. Chan have continued to state the mask wearing practices even after being vaccinated, ensure that as a society we will gain progress against COVID and evert future surges. Today, I am urging all Hilltoppers to hold the line. We have traveled miles down the road in battling COVID 19, now is not the time to lay down our guard. Instead, let us maintain our practices of mask wearing, social distancing when possible and supporting each other. Slowly we are returning to some of the activities all of us have missed and desired. Let us as community, continue to gain progress, step by step. Let us continue to maintain the safety of each Hilltopper, and ensuring all of us can celebrate our progress together as a united Community.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

At the Turnkey Landfill, 18 Isinglass Drive, Rochester NH (off from Rochester Neck Rd)

RESIDENTIAL DROP OFF WILL BE CLOSED THE ENTIRE DAY

Communities that are Participating Include:

Please Bring The Following:

House and Garden Products:

Weed killers and fertilizers, no pest strips, ant spray and baits, bug and rodent sprays, poisons, flea repellents and shampoos, bug sprays houseplant insecticides, oven cleaners, bleach, pool chemicals, tub, tile and shower cleaners, button cell and lithium batteries.

Garage Products:

Car wash and polish, fuel additives, carburetor / fuel injector cleaners, air conditioning, refrigerants, starter fluids, creosote, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluid.

Workshop / Painting Products:

Oil or enamel based paint, stains and finishes, paint strippers and removers, photographic chemicals, fixatives, adhesives, glues and other solvents.

Not Hazardous Please Do Not bring:

Latex Paint:

Use the paint or open can and let paint dry out. If necessary mix with saw dust, kitty litter or sand and dispose with regular trash.

Tires, Computers, Computer Monitors, and Televisions:

For the collection center nearest you, call your municipality.

Motor Oil:

The Rochester Public Works Department will be open HHW Day May 1, 2021 to take used motor oil. The Rochester DPW at 45 Old Dover Road is open 7 AM to 3 PM Monday-Friday year round and will take used motor oil that is not contaminated with other solvents.

Batteries & Fluorescent Bulbs:

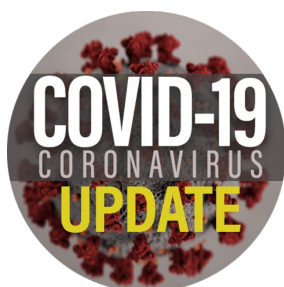
Zinc carbon and alkaline batteries (regular household) that were sold after 1996 are not hazardous and can be place in the regular trash.

Car Batteries:

Most places that sell car batteries will take them back. Some communities may have battery collections, check with your municipality.

Propane Tanks:

Most places that fill or sell these tanks will also take used tanks. Rochester residents may drop them off at the Rochester DPW at 45 Old Dover Rd.



Vaccine Registration Now Open to All

COVID-19 vaccine registration is open to everyone in New Hampshire ages 16 and older. Parental consent is required for anyone 16 and 17 years of age. To register and schedule your vaccine appointment, go to vaccines.nh.gov and create an account in NH's Vaccine and Immunization Network Interface (VINI). Once registered you will receive an email to activate your account and schedule your appointment. You can also call 2-1-1 for help with registering and

scheduling. When registering, please be prepared to answer questions about allergies and medications. Information about health insurance is requested, but this information is not required. You will not be charged if you are vaccinated at a state-run site.

For tip sheets and videos that help guide you through the process, visit the [NH Resident Resources](#) page.



Department of Public Works & Utilities

City recognizes Arbor Day with a special Tree Planting Event.

City personnel will recognize Arbor Day by planting a new shade tree at Millennium Park. The tree will be donated to the City by the State of New Hampshire Department of Natural Resources, Community Forestry Program and will be planted near the horseshoe pits and volleyball area. The City of Somersworth is a Tree City USA community and has maintained that designation since 1999.

Community Gardens at Malley Farm

The Community Gardens at Malley Farm is getting ready for spring planting. There are 30 garden plots at the Malley Farm and all spaces have been reserved by Somersworth residences. Residence who participate, sign gardening agreements, and are allowed to grow vegetables for their use. The program is supported by the Department of Public Works and volunteer garden stewards provide oversight and are lead points of contact for the gardeners. This year's garden stewards are Judy Goodrow, Lynette Hamblen and Frank Palella. A waiting list for the 2022 season is being developed now. For more information, please contact Public Works at 603-692-4266

Cemetery Road Reconstruction

The City Council awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Cemetery Road to SUR Construction at their April 5, 2021 City Council meeting. The project involves:

- Complete reconstruction of Cemetery Road's travel lanes and shoulders from Maple St to W. High St.
- Replacement of underground water, storm, and sewer mains.
- Replacement of the existing sidewalks, as well as adding a new sidewalk along the southern edge of the road between the High School and Maple Street.

This Project is planned to start May/June and last two construction seasons.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Spring Reminder –Assist with Water Quality Protection.

As part of the City's obligations under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, we remind residents to address disposing of leaf and yard waste properly, consider composting and avoid material blocking street catch basins. Residents with septic systems are

asked to make sure those systems are in good working order.

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

As a reminder, any work done within the Right-Of-Way requires a permit. If you have questions on the work you intend to complete within the Right-Of-Way, please call the Public Works Department at 692-4266. Permit applications can be located at the City website on the Public Works & Utilities Engineering page.

Metal Pick-up

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The May collection will occur on Tuesday, May 11 and residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works not later than 3:00 pm on Monday, May 10 to be placed on the pickup schedule for April. Participants are reminded to place the proper number of tags on the item when setting the item out on the street for collection. Typical TV's 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. Note that winter weather emergencies may delay collection.

Bagged Leaves and Brush Pick-up

Brush will be picked up the third week of May, (May 17-21) You must call 692-4266 by **Friday, May 14** to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7:00 am on Monday, May 17 for pickup. Brush can be up to five (5) inches in diameter and ten (10) feet long.

PLEASE NOTE: Brush pickup is limited to 20 minutes per stop. Any remaining brush and cleanup of debris is the responsibility of the property owner. City Highway personnel is not allowed to remove brush from private property so please make sure the piles are adjacent to a sidewalk or close to the street edge along the front of your property.

Bagged leaves will be picked up the fourth week in May. (May 24-28) You do not have to call ahead for bagged leaves pickup. Please have leaves curbside no later than 7:00am on your trash pickup day the week of May 24. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown recyclable paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores.

Malley Farm Facility

Malley Farm is now open for disposal of brush and leaves. **Please note: Any Contractor serving a Somersworth residence with leafs and brush hauling, will need to obtain a permit from Public Works to dump at Malley Farm. Wood larger than 5" in diameter and 10' in length is not permitted. Please call the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266 for further information.**



WHY SHOULD I PUMP?
Every home generates wastewater – via toilets, showers, sink drains, and dish and clothes washers – which must be treated and disposed of properly to protect human health and the environment.

WHEN SHOULD I PUMP?
Don't wait for a failure! Septic tanks should be inspected or pumped every **3-5 years**. Get Pumped today!

Only contact a NHDES licensed septic hauler.
Visit getpumpednh.com to find a New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers (NHASH) member in your area.

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Our community cares about clean water and is doing its part to help prevent water pollution in local waterways. This outreach message helps our community meet US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements (including as part of the MS4 program) to share pollution prevention information with its residents.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

If your septic system gets clogged with too much solid waste, it can force the wastewater to back up into your house... it can also overwhelm your leach field, which will turn your yard into a soggy mess. The bacteria in wastewater are not just smelly – they are also a health hazard!

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

If a septic system fails, untreated wastewater can run off into local lakes, ponds or streams, negatively impacting water quality, wildlife and community enjoyment of the water body.

PROTECT YOUR WALLET

Getting your tank pumped costs about **\$250-\$500** every **3-5 years**. If you have a failure, it could cost you **\$6,000-\$15,000** to **replace** or **repair** your system.

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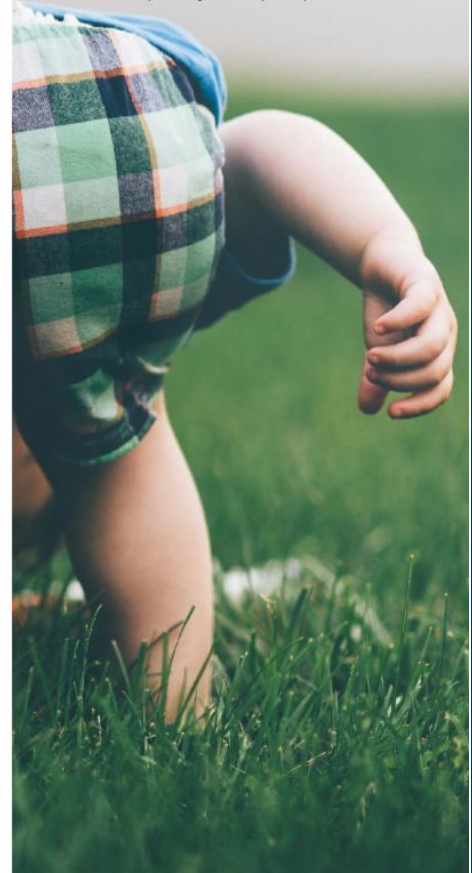


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GET PUMPED! New Hampshire

Don't wait for a **failure** to schedule a septic system pumpout



RAKE IT, LEAVE IT OR REMOVE IT

*What to do with
your leaves, grass
clippings and yard
waste?*

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

*You Choose - your leaves and grass clippings can be a
valuable resource OR a source of water pollution.*

AS A RESOURCE

Mulched leaves or grass clippings on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter.

Composting leaves and grass clippings saves money.

AS A SOURCE OF POLLUTION

Decaying leaves and grass kill critters in streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.

Yard waste dumped near waterbodies and wetlands contributes to stream algae and odors.

**Yard waste and grass clippings can be disposed of at
the Malley Farm Facility, at Malley Farm Road**

Green Grass & Clear Water



Did you know that you can have a healthy, green lawn that is both attractive and safer for the environment?

Some lawn care practices create local water quality problems. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorus found in fertilizers) that run off our properties into nearby waterbodies can trigger harmful algal blooms.

Many of us enjoy the time we spend working on our lawns and are willing to try new practices as long as our lawns continue to look good. This information card shares simple and easy tips, customized for northern New England, that can lead to **Green Grass & Clear Water**.

For more details about these tips and others:

extension.unh.edu/tags/home-lawn-care



1 Choose the right grass seed. The best seed mixes include low maintenance varieties with higher % of fine-leaf fescues and turf- or compact-type tall fescues, and lower % of Kentucky bluegrass and perennial rye grass.



2 Mow smart. Leave grass at least 3" high. Cut no more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the blade each time you mow to encourage longer, stronger roots. Leave the grass clippings after mowing so they can return nutrients to the soil.



3 Don't overwater. 1" of water per week (from rain or irrigation) is usually enough. Overwatering can cause nutrients to move out of root zones and into waterbodies or groundwater.



4 Have your soil tested to learn more about specific characteristics and needs of your lawn. Contact UNH Cooperative Extension: extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services

Only if your lawn requires added nutrients from fertilizer:



5 Avoid overapplying. Measure the area where you plan to apply and calculate the square footage. For lawns 10+ years old, apply half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the amount recommended for your square area one time per season. New lawns may need another application. Apply no more than 4 times per season.



6 Choose the right fertilizer. Select fertilizers with zero or low phosphorus unless a soil test says otherwise. Slow release nitrogen fertilizer is generally preferable. Over-applying fertilizer (any type) can cause water quality issues.



7 Know when and where to apply. Apply only after spring "green up" and before mid-September. Avoid applying in mid-summer. Never apply near waterbodies or storm drains.

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office

Wildfires - Not Just in the West!

Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office

For those who pay attention to the national news, often times there is a brush fire or forest fire burning somewhere in the western part of the United States. These fires are often devastating with dry conditions, an abundance of natural fuel, and many homes in the wildland urban interface (WUI). This type of fire seems remote and distant when viewed on TV.

One of the charms of our great City is that it is a unique array of urban, suburban, and rural areas with large swaths of forested lands and open space. Various storms over the past few years and the normal four-season cycle have added to the fuel load on the ground. Consequently, the potential for wildfire in Somersworth can be elevated with dry conditions, high winds, and irresponsible open burning.

To place all of this in an east coast perspective, nearly 60 years ago in the Staten Island Burrough of New York City, on a day known as "Black Saturday", 100 homes were destroyed, as three different fires simultaneously burned through multiple neighborhoods. This year in our own Strafford County there have been several serious wildland fires with actual or threatened damage

to buildings and homes.

The threat of wildfire in Somersworth is very real. As Smokey Bear has said for decades "Only YOU can prevent forest fires". The Somersworth Fire Department asks that you keep your property clear of dead vegetation, abide by all open burning restrictions, use good judgement when authorized to burn, and ensure your fire is completely out when finished burning.

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 at 692-3457.

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

George Kramlinger
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director



For over five decades starting in 1947, Smokey Bear's official message was "Remember... Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires". In April 2001, the message was officially updated to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires".

Protect Your Home

7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

#1

Clear

Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

#2

Store Away

Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.

#3

Screen & Seal

Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.

#4

Rake

Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.

#5

Trim

Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.

#6

Remove

Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats – anything that can act as a large fuel source.

#7

Close

If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.



NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent Somersworth Fire Department activities



Always Ready, Constantly Improving, Ever Vigilant is the SFD Vision. Pictured late one

night is Engine 4 at the ready for immediate response 24/7/365 with a crew of four.

On April 16th, 2021, The City of Somersworth Emergency Management in coordination with SAU-56, the Strafford County Public Health Network, and Somersworth Fire Department conducted a very successful second dose vaccination clinic at Idlehurst Elementary for the SAU staff as part of the State's Phase 2a plan. Fire Department members acted as vaccinators and logistical support staff for the clinic which was changed from a drive through to an indoor model due to inclement weather. Funding to hire Fire Department members was provided by NH Health and Human Services.

Somersworth Police & Friends



Successful Drug Take Back Day

We had a very successful drug take back day on Saturday, April 24th. Did you miss Drug Take Back Day? If you have unused medications in your home, we also have a Locked Prescription Drop Off Box in our lobby. You can visit us at any time and drop off unused medications.

Congratulations to Officer Matt Baril

Officer Baril graduated from the 184th New Hampshire Full Time Police Academy on April 23, 2021. This is a 16-week academy. Officer Baril attended remotely and in person to be certified as a New Hampshire Police Officer.



K9 Officer Deschenes and K9 Bravo Has Received Certification from the United States Police Canine Association

On April 20, 2021 K9 Officer Colton Deschenes and his partner, Bravo, a four year old male Dutch Shepherd, participated in the United States Police Canine Association Region 4 Narcotics Certification in Chelmsford, MA. Officer Deschenes and Bravo were tested in the detection of several controlled substances and obtained their national narcotics detection certification. The USPCA Narcotics Certification is regarded as one of the toughest certifications to achieve and most regarded within the courts.



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/>



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.

PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY

If you **see** something,
say something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call 9-1-1

Somersworth Police Dispatch
Somersworth Police Crime Line

603-692-3131
603-692-9111



"If You See Something, Say Something" used with permission of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority.



Somersworth Crime Line:

You can leave anonymous information at 692-9111 - 24 hours a day/7 days a week.



What's Happening in Recreation

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION



NOBLE PINES SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM



We still have available space for children entering grades 1-5 this fall!! Contact staff in the Recreation Office to register:

Call the Rec Office (692-9507 or 692-9508) to sign up OR

Email kdavenport@somersworth.com or mpotter@somersworth.com.



***Please note this is a weather dependent program. The program may be canceled for the day in the event of inclement weather & parents will need to seek alternative care. This program will follow CDC and State of NH Safer at Home Day Camp guidelines. Please review the handbook prior to registering your child.**

Guidelines & policies are subject to change.

NOBLE PINES PARK

JUNE 21– AUGUST 13 (No Program 7/5)

MONDAY-FRIDAY; 8:00-4:30 P.M.

OPEN TO SOMERSWORTH RESIDENTS ONLY

24 SPOTS AVAILABLE BASED ON GRADE LEVEL

GOING INTO FALL 2021:

Group 1 (grades 1-2) 8 spots / Group 2 (grades 2-3) 8 spots
Group 3 (grades 4-5) 8 spots

COST/8-weeks: (Includes \$100 non-refundable deposit)

\$750 (If paid in full at time of registration) or
\$400 due at registration to hold spot & remaining
balance \$400 due by July 2nd

- Check-in & check-out times will be assigned to each group in 15 minute increments between 8-8:30 am & 4-4:30 pm.
- No extended care available this year
- No field trips due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Program may be canceled for the day in the event of inclement weather.
- Review handbook for COVID-19 policies & program procedures

**ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES,
SPORTS, FUN, & MORE!**



Call Somersworth Recreation with any questions 603-692-9508

We currently have some spaces available for Grades 1-5. Contact the Recreation Office at 692-9507 or 692-9508 for more info or Email Kristen Davenport at kdavenport@somersworth.com



Hello Everyone,

Lately, we've been appraising and boxing old attic-storage books, some dating from the original Manufacturers and Village Library. They are in a sad state but antiquarian book buyers will be contacted and proceeds used to fund library programs. The attic will get a good cleaning in the process. We're not going full Marie Kondo here, but there is logic in knowing what you have and need. We don't need carapaces on the attic floors.

Word is that we can hold outdoor discussions. Let's aim for this month. Stay tuned. We'll post on Facebook early in May, or just ask at the desk. I'm partial to short stories as it's hard to get through a 300 page book you don't like. Reading an 8-20 page story that elicits ambivalence is doable. The point is always discussion, and to maybe view the work in a different way after participating in the discussion. If you have short story suggestions, let us know.

Soon, we'll be getting the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. The WSJ is not just finance, they provide international news coverage. We've also added a few magazines requested by patrons.

The library is your space. It's here for you to meet with friends, scroll Instagram, read, contemplate. Need to get out of the house? Come here.

Here's to good health for all and a warm, memorable latter part of spring.

See you soon!

To see what books and movies are new, check out our catalog page
<https://somersworth.nhais.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-main.pl>.

For general information about our library and services, see the city page
<https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library>.

The Hours of the Library are:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday & Monday: Closed



Have you seen our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/SomersworthLibrary/> It's updated at least once a week and usually more. You don't have to be on Facebook to find links to author-related videos, new books and virtual events.



“Tomb Stone History from Forrest Glade Cemetery
Grand Army of the Republic -

After the end of Civil War, fraternal organizations were formed for veterans to network and maintain connections with each other. A perfect fit for Somersworth, where a large amount of its population served in the Army of the North.

Many of the veterans used their shared experiences as a basis for fellowship.

Groups of men began joining together, first for camaraderie and later for political power, strength in numbers.

Emerging as one of the most influential among the various organizations was the Grand Army of the Republic, founded on April 6, 1866, on the principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," in Decatur, Illinois.

The building at the corner of High Street and Highland Street what was to become known as the GAR Building before the demise of the Grand Army of the Republic the Post in Somersworth could be considered the meeting place of those who had helped form the city, and those who would influence its future direction.

The Post was dedicated to and named after, Capt. Joshua Littlefield.

Capt. Joshua Littlefield

April 1861, shots were fired at Fort Sumter; the War Between the States had begun.

It should be remembered that Somersworth was a town that revolved around the mill, a cotton mill. The War Between the States would adversely affect life in Somersworth. Without Southern cotton every aspect of Somersworth would suffer.

Joshua enlisted in the Union Army the 27th of May 1861.

Although Joshua was in his early forties he lied and said his age to be 32 when he enlisted.

Quickly those of rank realized his maturity and promoted him to Lieutenant within a couple of weeks of his enlistment, a wise decision for those who saw a potential leader. By August of his first year of service he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

On the evening of August 28th 1861 Capt. Littlefield was told of his transfer to the 11th NH and subsequent promotion to Lt. Col., a rank he would never see.

Disregarding his order of transfer Capt. Littlefield chooses to ride with his present Company into a planned battle the next day.

The 29th of August 61, the Second Battle of Bull Run began. Capt. Littlefield led his Company in a charge over a heavily fortified railroad, a trap where the Confederates lay in waiting on three sides.

The battle was a disaster for Joshua, receiving three severe wounds he would lay dying ever so slowly on a battlefield that both sides would eventually retreat from.

Lying severely wounded with no food, no water, the hot day of the battle turned into a cold night of mourning and screaming. Hundreds of the critically wounded lay crying and praying aloud. The fortunate died the first night.

With both sides in full retreat left the wounded to fend for themselves or die.

Days brought on the heat and thirst, nights the cold and hunger.

They were abandoned for almost a week.

Eventually both sides returned to the battlefield not to resume the fight but to bury the dead. It was during this battlefield burial the body Capt. Joshua Littlefield was discovered and found to be alive. Hanging on by a thread he was rushed to a Union Hospital only to meet his own death on the 4th of September.

He was accorded one of the grandest burial services in Forest Glade Cemetery.

You can locate his GraveStone on Ave. C North in Forrest Glade Cemetery

Clean-up Day at Forest Glade

The Friends of Forest Glade Cemetery invite you to join us on May 15th from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

We are having our first clean-up day. We will be working in the Veterans section getting things ready for



Memorial Day services to be held there as part of our City's Tribute to all Veterans.

We will be outside so we will all be safe, six feet apart. Please feel free to wear a face mask if you feel more comfortable. Bring your rakes, work gloves and sunscreen, and if you have a pickup truck and willing we could make trips to Malley Farm.

For More Information: Please Contact Maggie
E-MAIL Maggiein03878@comcast.net



A City Sustainability Committee? Tell Me More!

Danger!

As we unearth hazardous materials from our basements and garages for spring-cleaning, it presents a quandary of what to do with them. Utilizing the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste collection event on May 1, 2021 at Turnkey landfill is a safe way to dispose of these materials. This event is held annually in early May. But we *can* make better choices today and every day:

Window Cleaner: Fill a spray bottle $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way with vinegar, then top off with water.

Oven Degreaser: Sprinkle grease stains with baking soda and scrub with a dry rag.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner: Use baking soda or vinegar

Rug Deodorizer: Deodorize dry carpets by sprinkling liberally with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum.

The Somersworth Sustainability Committee is focusing on reduction of pesticide use, which significantly jeopardizes our ecosystem (and subsequently our own human health). Somersworth is among 14 Seacoast communities signed on to the EPA Great Bay Nitrogen Reduction General Permit. Among the requirements is measurably reducing the release of nitrogen in the Great Bay Estuary over the next 5 years, and implementing/promoting the use of fewer chemical-based herbicides and fertilizers.

The Somersworth Sustainability Committee meets monthly. If you are interested in getting involved on the Committee or wish to learn more about what we are up to, contact Committee Chair Sarah Eckstein at sarahmeckstein@gmail.com

Somersworth Festival Association
Donate and Win!



You can help the Somersworth Festival Association and hopefully win great raffle prizes! We have started a new Facebook group called SFA Donate and Win. You

have to join the group to participate in our periodic raffles.

Our first raffle is for a \$100 Amazon.com gift card. This raffle is going live on Friday, April 30th. Tickets are \$6.00 each and there will be 25 tickets (slots) sold. The raffle is being held totally online. For details about how this raffle works, please visit our SFA Donate and Win Facebook group page.

\$6.00 per ticket

There will only be 25 tickets sold for this drawing!

These raffles are for NH residents only, and you must be at least 16 years of age to participate in them. If you have any questions, please email us at sfachild.festival@gmail.com or call us at 603-692-5869.

Somersworth Festival Association May Spring Fling Calendar Raffle

Are you feeling lucky? You can help support the Somersworth Festival Association's events and programs for the children by participating in our May Spring Fling Calendar Raffle. The tickets are \$10 each and will give you the opportunity to win great items 31 times. All winning tickets are put back into the raffle bin for each item. We will be drawing winners of all 31 items on June 2nd on Facebook Live. We will also be posting the winners on the Somersworth Festival Association's Facebook page.

Our Calendar Raffle tickets will be available starting May 1st and will be sold until May 31st. There are several ways you can purchase your tickets.

You can pay by credit card, debit card or electronic funds transfer at our website, www.nhfestivals.org.

You can pay by check. There is a Raffle Ticket Request form on our website, www.nhfestivals.org, for you to complete and send in with your check.

You can pay by cash. Complete the Raffle Ticket Request form on our website and put it in an envelope with the cash payment and put it into the mail slot of our office at 163 Main Street, Unit 8, in Somersworth. There is a big "Globe Kid" logo in the window of our door.

You will receive email confirmations for all methods of payment.


You can also get our Calendar Raffle tickets at the following Somersworth stores:

Poppy Seed Studio
The Cozy Nest
The Gathering Place Studio
Toys from the Attic

Our Calendar Raffle tickets will also be available at our upcoming Spring Craft Fair from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 8th at Holy Trinity Church.

If you have any questions, please email us at sfachild.festival@gmail.com or call us at 603-692-5869. For further details, please visit www.nhfestivals.org.

<div>  <div> Somersworth Festival Association </div> </div> <div> May 2021 Spring Fling Calendar Raffle </div> <div> Thank You for Your Support! </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Gift Basket 1 from Sweet Meadows Flower & Gift Shop
One Hour of 2 Bowling for up to 6 People at Dover Bowl	\$25 3 Amazon.com Gift Card	2 Full Sets 4 of Color Street Nails \$25 Value	\$25 5 Gravy Restaurant Gift Card	\$25 6 Hilltop Fun Center Gift Card	\$50 7 Home Depot Gift Card	\$25 8 The Gathering Place Studio Gift Certificate
Dog-themed 9 Gift Basket	\$25 10 Strafford Farms Restaurant Gift Card	\$25 11 Walmart Gift Card	\$25 12 Kohl's Gift Card	Handcrafted 13 Beach-themed Coasters Set of 4	\$50 14 Hannaford Gift Card	\$25 15 Cozy Nest Gift Shop Gift Certificate
\$25 16 Tucker's Restaurant Gift Card	\$25 17 Dunkin' Gift Card	\$25 18 Applebee's Gift Card	Terranova Rain 19 Body Lotion and Bath Gel from Poppy Seed Studio	\$25 20 Toys from the Attic Gift Card	\$50 21 Tupperware Gift Certificate	\$25 22 Stripe Nine Brewing Co. Gift Card
\$25 23 99 Restaurant Gift Card	\$25 24 Speakeasy Restaurant Gift Certificate	Norwex 25 Laundry Helper Set	Cat-themed 26 Gift Basket	\$25 27 Smoke & Cream Restaurant Gift Card	\$50 28 Lowe's Gift Card	Mystery 29 Box
Tastefully 30 Simple Griller's Gift Box \$40.99 Value	Samsung 31 40 inch Smart TV	Be sure to visit our website, www.nhfestivals.org for links to our wonderful sponsors!				

Outdoor Spring Craft Fair



Saturday, May 8, 2021

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Holy Trinity Church

404 High Street, Somersworth, NH

*Talented crafters and great raffles!
Shop for your Mother's Day and
graduation presents!*

Face masks and social distancing
will be required.



*This event is being hosted by the Somersworth Festival Association.
It replaces the indoor craft fair that we usually have at
Somersworth High School.*

For vendor inquiries, email sfachild.festival@gmail.com
or call 603-692-5869 or visit www.nhfestivals.org

Monday May 31
Memorial Day Schedule of Events
Everyone is Welcomed



Schedule of Events

Everyone is Welcome

- 8:45 Memorial Dr High School
- 9:10 Forest Glade Cemetery
- 9:30 Greek Orthodox Cemetery
- 9:50 St. Martin Cemetery
- 10:15 Holy Trinity Cemetery
- 10:40 Tri City Cemetery
- 11:00 Veterans Memorial
- 11:15 Somersworth-Berwick Bridge
- 11:30 VFW Flag
- 11:45 American Legion Flag

Burgers and Hot Dogs at 12:00pm at the VFW (more details coming)

Script at cemeteries, bridge and Posts

Detail fall in. Call to attention. Prayer

GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

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To stay on top of what's going on at Families First, please sign up for their [newsletters](#).

Family Focus: Info on each month's

parent and family programs, monthly parenting tips and ideas, useful links and more. Sent monthly. ([Read issues.](#))

Coming up: Mind in the Making, Positive Solutions, ACT for Strong Families, Parent Cafe for Dads, a workshop with Lynn Lyons, and more. Details below, and signup info for all is **on our website**.

Spring Programs Announced

Parent & Family Programs | Spring 2021

All families are welcome. All services are free.
Learn more at (603) 422-8209 | FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org

Individual Support

PARENTING CHATS

Sign up for a confidential conversation to discuss parenting challenges you are facing. Chats can be by phone or Zoom. Look for "Parenting Chat" on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays on our website calendar (tinyurl.com/FFParenting).

KINSHIP CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Our Kinship Navigator provides resources, information and support to grandparents and other relatives who are raising children. Call (603) 422-8209.

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive parenting tips, resources and info about upcoming programs at tinyurl.com/FamilyFocusSubscribe

Spring 2021 Classes & Groups

All programs are free and currently offered online.

- Mind in the Making (4/7-5/26)
- Positive Solutions (4/20-5/25)
- ACT for Strong Families (5/12-6/30)
- Parent Cafe for Dads (6/15)
- Helping Children (and Parents) Manage in Uncertain Times, with Lynn Lyons, LICSW (6/22)
- Mother-to-Mother Group (weekly)
- Relative Caregiver Recharge (2x/mo)

Program listings and links to sign up:
tinyurl.com/FFParenting

OR see QR code on back

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Home Visiting

Your home visitor will help you set goals and move forward to achieve them. Meetings usually take place on Zoom; limited in-person meetings, including outdoors, are also offered.

Home visitors assist with navigating school, insurance and medical systems, connecting to local resources, and helping you support your children as they grow and learn.

Call us to learn more or to sign up:
(603) 422-8209.



Positive Solutions
Tuesdays, April 20 - May 27
6-7:30 pm, on Zoom

Social-emotional skills are the strategies a child has for:

- managing big feelings
- navigating relationships
- playing well with others

- solving difficult problems
- making responsible decisions.

One of our most important roles as parents and caregivers is to help children express and manage emotions, communicate needs, and establish positive and rewarding relationships. Teaching and reinforcing these skills helps increase kids' self confidence, motivation to learn and positive attitude toward themselves and school, while making them less likely to experience emotional distress.

Positive Solutions for Families is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program, developed by the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning. The program is especially appropriate for parents/caregivers with children under age 7.

[Sign up Now](#)

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Vision 2020

"We Believe in Somersworth"



Proud Past, Bright Future
