



November

The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings



City of Somersworth City Hall

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

City Hall Hours

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

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

Boards & Committee Meetings this Month

City Council Meeting

Monday, November 13 at 7:00
p.m.

**Site Review Technical
Committee**

Wednesday, November 1 at 10:00
a.m.
Wednesday, November 8 at 10:00
a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00
p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00
p.m.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00
p.m.
Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00
p.m.

Planning Board

Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30
p.m.

Historic District Commission

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00
p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make touch decision, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader but become one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the End, leaders are much like Eagles.....they don’t flock, you find them one at a time”
- **Douglas MacArthur**

**Leadership is Developed.**

It is studied, acquired, and learned through observation and life experiences of failures and successes. True leadership is a willingness to sacrifice; a sacrifice of the gift of time and willingness to navigate through the turbulent waters of negative discourse, manipulation of truth and personal attacks. Yet, those that lead stride through. They stride through to ensure the success of Community moves forward. The leader has a keen understanding that there is something bigger than self, and does not abandon their morals, ethics, or commitment towards that direction.

The passion for Community and creating systems that will continue to evolve our democratic principles is what must be at the base of those that lead. Ensuring possibilities exist for achievement and economic advancement of all citizens must be a foundational pillar of those who were given our consent to govern. One simply does not lead with ethics or integrity because they claim to. Nor, are those

words bestowed upon one seeking to lead because they have imbedded them within their personal psyche or campaign slogans. Instead, it comes natural to those who are willing to serve from the pure heart and continue doing so even when attacked or demonized. Over the course of our human history, names have been inscribed within the halls of global leadership, leaders who have led by heart and soul despite the barrage of hateful discourse or violence they encountered; Christ, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, all have joined the ranks of those who were followed and adamantly opposed. Yet, they stayed the course, pure of heart and intentions and led. All bringing society and the world to a better place, all while attacked and losing their lives on the journey to human betterment.

The status quo is not something which is acceptable for the leader. Some free advice was one bestowed upon me by a close friend and mentor, the advice spoke truth about the complexities of modern leadership.

“The universe can be divided into two types of energy, dense and vibrant. The leader leads those towards the vibrant, while given little time to argue and engage with those who wish to occupy the dense. For the leader knows if you fight and argue against those who wish to remain in the dense, you lose, and have moved yourself into the space they wish to remain in. Instead, one stays the courses, leads towards the vibrant and side steps attacks, and uses opportunities to enhance vision and wisdom. It is wisdom that is an invitation to vibrancy and the best tool to diffuse density. It is the wisdom, knowledge and vision of a true leader that can guide a Community away from the ill nature of the big fishes who consistently live for the world of detriments in a small pond”.

Leadership is not easy. It is tiring, wearing on the soul and a very empty lonely place. It is a place that many claim to occupy but the harsh reality is few will rise to represent the meaning of the word. Having gained consent, or winning an election does not make you a leader. Engaging in postings, tweets or acting like one has strength from the safety of their computer does also not give one rights to the word leadership. Leadership is not making statements to others that “This is about a revolution” or discrediting those attempting to ensure the waters of stagnation do not suffocate the pulse of progression.

Leadership is not about self. Leadership is about others. Leadership is an understanding that others have joys, and experience pain. That others live in a world of happiness and loneliness. That some will reach incredible success, while others will live in a world of struggle. It’s about striking a balance between the have and have nots. Between those with faith, those who do not believe and those seeking answers. Its ensuring, ensuring the rights we were promised are delivered upon. Delivered to everyone! And it is about commitment, commitment to the struggles and pain of growing democracy into the system that can truly deliver hope to the human spirit.

Leadership is not about self, it’s about others. It is with this matrix that those who have attempted or are attempting to lead will be judged upon the passages of history.

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!



**City of Somersworth
2023 Municipal Election is
Tuesday, November 7**

**Polls are open from:
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Registering to Vote in New Hampshire

You can register to vote at the City Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voter registration must be done at least 7-10 days prior to any election to be on the election day checklist. These sessions are based on when the Supervisors of the Checklist need to meet prior to the election(s) or filing period(s). Please reference the website for when the sessions are posted.

The Supervisors of the Checklist session are also an additional time to register to vote. The Supervisors of the Checklist is Tomorrow, November 2 at 4:00 pm in the City Clerk's Office. In addition, you may register to vote at the polls on election day.

A person must meet the following to register and vote in New Hampshire:

- 18 years of age or older on election day;
- A United States Citizen; and
- Domiciled in the City and/or ward where the person seeks to vote.

For additional information on registering to vote in New Hampshire please use the following link:

[Register to Vote | New Hampshire Secretary of State \(nh.gov\)](#)

City of Somersworth Polling Locations:

- Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way
- Ward 2 - Somersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street
- Ward 3 - Somersworth High School Cafeteria, 11 Memorial Drive
- Ward 4 - Idleshurst Elementary School Cafeteria, 45 Stackpole Road
- Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building, 218 Main Street

[Ward Map](#)

[City of Somersworth Interactive Map](#)

Replacement of Residential Water Meters

Attention – Somersworth Water Customers

The City of Somersworth has contracted with Hydro Utilities of Westford, Massachusetts to replace residential water meters throughout the City. The project is expected to start this fall. Property owners will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the contractor to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. Homes recently constructed will not require a new meter, and will not be contacted to schedule an appointment. Contractors will also be inspecting water connections to see if any lead water service components are present. In the event there is evidence of lead water service components, property owners will be notified and may wish to have them replaced.

Any customers that have questions or concerns may contact the Water Department at 603-692-9523



City of Somersworth Intends to Apply for a Federal EPA Brownfields Grant for the Property located at 261 Main Street, the former J.A. Prince & Sons Garage. The City is requesting feedback to the draft grant application, Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA Report 2022), and Threshold Criteria. The draft proposal will be available until November 10, 2023 which includes description of site contamination and cleanup proposal, cost and implementation plans. The draft is available on the [website](#), Somersworth Planning Office at One Government Way, Somersworth, NH and the Somersworth Public Library at 25 Main Street, Somersworth, NH. Please submit comments no later than November 10, 2023 to Anna Stockman, Planning Secretary email astockman@somersworthnh.gov.

Somersworth's new Butterfly Park

More work to come, but the transformation is amazing. Exciting moments touring the progress which has been made on the Ash Street Monarch butterfly and pollinator park. Special thanks to all members of the Public Works Department and Home Depot for their dedication, work, and countless hours put towards its creation. Can't wait until next spring when the plantings will fill in the garden beds.





Left to Right: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard, Councilor Marty Pepin, Councilor Richard Michaud and Councilor Nancie Cameron

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

Staff News

We are excited to welcome Autumn as our newest Library Assistant. Autumn has previously worked in public libraries throughout New Hampshire and is happy to be serving in the Seacoast Region. Her focus will be on expanding teen and adult programs and services, as well as contributing to the upbeat atmosphere of the Library. She's also your go-to advisor for Fantasy, Mystery, or Non-fiction book recommendations. Welcome, Autumn!



**Adults, join us on
Wednesdays at 2pm for a
viewing of a great feature
film!**

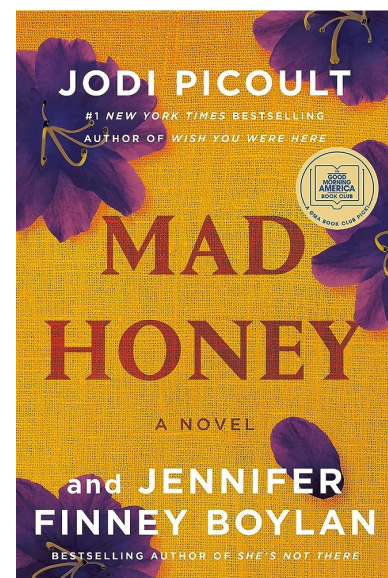
Upcoming Titles Include:

- 11/1: Sweet Home Alabama
- 11/8: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
- 11/15: Tower Heist
- 11/22: Clue
- 11/29: Knives Out

Book Discussion Group Tuesday, November 14 • 5:30pm

November's book group will meet to discuss *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. As summarized by Picoult, "Mad Honey has all of the things: alternating narratives, suspense, courtroom drama, and a love story at its core. It's about authenticity, identity, and it explores the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become our true selves."

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



GARDENING in a Changing Climate

Tuesday, November 21 • 6pm



Join us for a presentation that explores the science of climate change and its ramifications for our daily lives. Gardeners are all too familiar with the effects of climate change – from late frosts and earlier planting times to heavier rains and prolonged

droughts. Michael Koutelis, a Master Gardener with over 30 years of experience in the energy and environmental sector, will lead this workshop aimed at reducing the effects of climate change on our gardens. Learn how to adapt your gardening strategies and practices to mitigate your impact on the environment while still enjoying the plants you love.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

First Meeting is October 6

Teens and adults get ready to enter a world of limitless imagination, where you will become the characters you create. Find treasure, battle evil, discover secrets, and enter into an epic role-playing adventure led by Dungeon Master Aaron. Players of all levels including beginners are welcomed.



Saturdays • 11 am



Propagation Station

Check out the Library's newest collection at the Propagation Station on our main level. Here you will find propagated houseplants available to all of our patrons. Plants can be donated, traded, or taken. This initiative is a great way for the Community to share its resources freely and easily with one another!

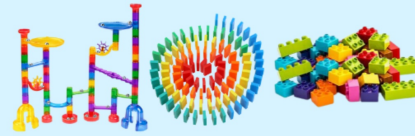
Check out these instructions [here](#)

Weekend Builders

Saturdays - 11:00 a.m.

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

WEEKEND BUILDERS



KIDS CLUB



Wednesdays • 5:30pm

Session 2: Gift-Making

Meeting on: 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6

Kids Club

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Kids Club is the Library's newest program for elementary-aged children. This program will run in 3- or 4-week sessions. Session 1 is currently in session and

is focusing on the theme of "Messy Science". Our next session will begin on November 8 and will be themed around gift-making. Children will have the opportunity to design and create various crafts that can be used as holiday gifts for friends and family. Registration is required and will be capped at 12 participants per session. For more information, and to sign up, please visit our circulation desk.

Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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



FAMILY STORY TIME



Baby Play Group

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Play Group is an informal program to encourage play and social interaction

BABY PLAY GROUP



between parents, care givers and babies. Little ones can enjoy age appropriate toys such as a ball pit, crawling tunnel, infant climber and activity table. Recommended for age 2 and under.



FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

STONE ZOO



STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM



SEACOAST
SCIENCE CENTER




CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM
of NEW HAMPSHIRE


Discounted Museum Passes

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

SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY




1000
BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN




Help your child develop strong literacy skills at an early age! One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a day, you'll reach your goal in less than three years.

Each child who meets their goal before Kindergarten earns a free book from the library!



25 Main Street, Somersworth, NH | (603) 692-4587 | somersworthnh.gov/library

If you have a young child at home, be sure to take advantage of the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program at the Library. Reading aloud to your child will help strengthen their language skills, build vocabulary and foster a lifelong love of reading. Children who participate in the program receive milestone stickers as well as free book upon completion of their goal. Stop by the Library to sign your child up today. Recommended for ages 0-5



<https://nhais.agshareit.com/>
To Login:
Select Somersworth Public Library, then enter your library card number and your password (if you haven't selected a password, "greatfalls" is your initial password).

NH libraries and authorized library patrons can log in to request items and manage accounts and lists.

Select your library:
NHHSC9 : Somersworth - Somersworth Public

Username/Barcode

Password:

☐ Remember Me?

Submit

Cancel

Interlibrary Loan Program

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

Simple login instructions:

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



Hoopla & Libby

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





Somersworth Police Department



Chief McLin is pictured with award winners Sergeant Jesse Wentworth, Dover Police K9 Officer Timothy David, Sergeant Erich Lutz, Officer Michael Sloane after the ceremony where a Unit Citation The citation was given by Senator Maggie Hassan for their actions in saving the life of a suicidal subject with a firearm. The Somersworth Police Department is extremely proud of these and all of their officers for the hard work and dedication that they do every day.



Have you heard? New Hampshire 911 C.A.R.E.S. has officially launched!

If you or a loved one have certain chronic medical conditions, you can register your phone number so that #NH911 telecommunicators know about your condition as soon as they answer your call. Conditions eligible

for CARES entries include those that may affect the caller's state of mind, may affect the initial actions of the first responders arriving on scene, or may affect the caller's ability to communicate.

Visit their website to learn more or go to <https://cares.desc.nh.gov> to register or view our FAQ.



National Coffee with a Cop

October 4 was National Coffee with a Cop Day and Dunkin' Donuts on Route 108 hosted our event. This event is where people can meet officers of the Department informally and can ask any questions or just shoot the breeze. We saw many faces we already know and we met some new people as well. Thank you Dunkin' Donuts for your community support and hosting us as you did.

Blessing of the Animals

First Parish UCC Church in Somersworth, Pastor Tom presided over the Blessing of the Animals for the parish. Somersworth Police K-9 Sgt. Colton Deschenes and his partner K9 Bravo were on hand to attend. Sgt. Deschene and Bravo also conducted a K9 demonstration for all those who were in attendance.

We would like to thank Pastor Tom and his congregation for the gracious invitation. It was greatly appreciated.



**Deputy Wright and K9 Cara visit
Maplewood Elementary School**



We would like to give a huge thank you to Deputy Josh Wright and K9 Cara from Strafford County Sheriff's Office for visiting the students at Maplewood Elementary School last week. We think School Resource Officer was more excited to see Cara than the students. Thank you Josh and Cara

Be on the look out for some more four legged friends in the future at our Somersworth Schools.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING PERMITS

Permits for Noble Street and River Street parking during snow emergency parking bans are available.

Somersworth allows 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 am on the day following the completion of the parking ban to allow for snow removal from the designated area.

Vehicles not moved will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

**For more Information on Permits Please Call the Police Department at
(603) 692-3131**

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.



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



Somersworth Police Facebook Page

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



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

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management



Veteran's Day, Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month, and Thanksgiving A Monthly Update and Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office

Veteran's Day and the Fire Service: On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, in the 11th month of 1918, the armistice between the allied powers and Germany went into effect ending "the war to end all wars". Over the years, recognition of the

armistice ending WW I has evolved into the national holiday that we now know as Veteran's Day.

On Wednesday, 11 November we pause to remember and thank all veterans for their sacrifices and commitment to the defense of freedom including Somersworth Fire Department personnel Lt Mathew Moore (USN), Lt Michael Spinney (USAF), and FF Donald O'Brien (USMC).

The presence of veterans across the Fire Service in the United States has been prevalent since the military demobilization following WW II. This enduring presence has strengthened the Fire Service by reinforcing the fire command system, placing an emphasis on training and procedures, and focusing on mission accomplishment where "failure is not an option". Our most important activity is responding to emergencies and calls for service today while our second most important activity is preparing to respond tomorrow.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month: Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that is produced as a byproduct of incomplete combustion of wood and fossil fuels (charcoal, heating oil, propane, natural gas, etc.). CO is also present in the exhaust of diesel and gasoline powered engines. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, CO poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the United States and is responsible for an average of 450 deaths each year.

To guard against CO, have your chimney and furnace/boiler serviced on a regular basis. In addition, if there is an electrical power failure, don't move your grill inside or use other unauthorized or dangerous heating devices to keep warm. Place a portable generator well away from the house – not in the garage, or in a breezeway, or on the deck.

With CO being colorless and odorless, medical signs and symptoms often appear when it is too late and can mimic other conditions including nausea, headaches, dizziness, weakness, chest pain and vomiting. In more severe poisoning cases, people may experience disorientation or unconsciousness, or suffer long-term neurological disabilities, cardiorespiratory failure, or death.

Consequently, a properly placed and maintained CO detector/alarm is an absolute necessity in your home. For details on CO alarm placement and other CO considerations, see the CO Safety sheet that follows.

In the event of a CO alarm activation, move all occupants to fresh air and call 9-1-1. Please do not call the business line to the Somersworth Fire Department as it is not answered if Fire Department personnel are out of the Fire Station on a call. The 9-1-1 call centers are staffed 24/7/365 – your call will always be answered.

We are all well aware of the strain that heating prices are placing on households across the City. However, please do not use grills, space heaters, ovens, the stove, or other dangerous heating sources especially those with an open flame. Carbon monoxide (as described above) and the risk of fire are very real and life threatening.

With the celebration of Thanksgiving near the end of the month, the SFD wants to remind you that Thanksgiving is often the worst day of the year for house fires. With crowded home kitchens, children running around, hot stoves and ovens, pots and pans that may have improperly placed handles, as well as other hazards,

the potential is high for someone to get hurt or burned, or for a fire to ignite. Take a moment to think through your activities so as to keep those celebrating with you safe.

Feel free to call the Fire Station if you have questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topic.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities.

Thanks to all of our Veterans and Happy Thanksgiving.

Your in Service,
George Kramlinger, Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director

Monthly Activity Statistics

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

| | Sept 2023 | Sept 2023 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fire (All Types) | 4 | 4 |
| Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire) | 0 | 0 |
| Rescue - EMS | 59 | 53 |
| Hazardous Conditions (No Fire) | 5 | 5 |
| Service Call | 7 | 15 |
| Good Intent Call | 18 | 18 |
| False Alarm / False Call | 11 | 12 |
| Sever WX / Natural Disaster | 1 | 0 |
| Special Incident | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 107 | 117 |

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

- low frequency event such as a citizen's complaint of an ordinance or code violation.

For the most recent reporting period of September, 2023, Stewart's Ambulance responded to 126 emergency calls in the City, transported on 89 of those calls, and had an average response time of three minutes and fifty-three seconds (03.53). A mutual aid ambulance was required to respond into the City four (4) times during the reporting period.

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



Thanksgiving is one of the largest get-togethers in the US

follow these safety tips to keep your friends and family safe:

- Be sure **electric cords are not dangling** off the counter within easy reach of children or pets.
- **Keep the floor clear** of kids, toys, pets, bags, etc., so you don't trip while carrying hot food or liquids.
- Stay with your food in the kitchen while you're cooking. Stove fires start when we become distracted! —"**When You Cook, Stay and Look!**"
- Kids should stay **3 feet away** from the stove.
- Use the **back burners** when cooking, and **turn pot/pan handles towards the back** where little hands can't reach.



To the Veterans of our Armed Forces



Thank You for Your Service



Happy Veteran's Day to all Veteran's including Somersworth Fire Department members Lt. Mathew Moore (USN), Lt. Michael Spinney (USAF), and FF Donald O'Brien (USMC).



Fire Prevention Month activities included demonstrations and tours to younger children. Shown here, FF/AEMT Dalton Huestis (left) and FF/EMT Spenser Barnes (right) demonstrate how a firefighter appears when engaging in fire rescue and suppression operations so a child will not be afraid of the protective equipment.

Department of Public Works & Utilities



Department of Public Works & Utilities: Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection 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 WMI follows the Solid Waste Ordinance which states:

Residents are asked to not assume that WMI trucks arrive later in the morning and set out materials after 7am based on past experiences. WMI trucks are assigned daily routes and are subject to starting specific routes at different times due to equipment, traffic and other operational needs. Only constant is they all begin collection on City streets at 7am. Asking WMI to return to missed stops due to late set outs can contribute to cost increases to the City and WMI trucks are not always available to return due to other schedule priorities.

THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER FOR THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Non- Metal Bulky Waste Disposal Please get “Bulky Waste” Stickers

All non-metal bulky waste items require “Bulky Waste” Stickers. These stickers cost \$4.00/per 50lbs and can be purchased using cash, check, or credit/debit cards at City Hall or at the Department of Public Works, **checks only**. Non-Metal Bulky items will be collected by Waste Management and must be placed curbside by 7:00am on your normal trash collection day with the appropriate amount of Bulky Waste Stickers visible to the Waste Management driver.

Residents are reminded that items set out for collection without Bulky Waste Stickers will not be collected and are subject to code violations for a property non-compliance.

Metal Pick-up

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The November collection will occur on Tuesday, November 8. Residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, November 13** to be placed on the pickup schedule for November. 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 7:30am-2:30pm Monday –Friday.

Brush and Bagged Leaves Collection:

Public Works Highway crews will start collecting residential brush during the week of November 20 through the 24. **Residents need to call Public Works at 692-4266 by Friday, November 17th to be placed on the pick-up list.** Please note, brush can be up to five (5) inches in diameter and ten (10) feet long.

Department Highway crews will also be collecting bagged leaves the week of November 27 through December 1. Residents do not need to call to be put on a list for this service. Bagged leaves should be placed curbside on your regular trash pick-up day, no later than 7am. The paper leaf bags can be purchased at grocery store chains, hardware stores, and Home Depot.

Malley Farm

Reminder that the Malley Farm brush and leaf pile will remain open through the Fall and early Winter as long as the weather conditions permit. Typically, Malley Farm will close after the first major snow event in the City. Hours of operation are: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder-Winter Moratorium takes effect November 15-April 15.

As a reminder, any work done within the City Right-Of-Way requires a permit. Examples include resurfacing or rebuilding your driveway, with a new driveway apron connecting to the streets, street openings for utility connections and if occupying a street or sidewalk with staging or roll- off for debris removal /property repairs. The annual winter moratorium takes effect from November 15-April 15; prohibiting any excavating or work in the ROW during this period. 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.

Prepare for this winter, sign up to receive City alerts and emergency notices about parking bans, closures.

Residents that have not yet signed up to receive City of Somersworth alerts and notices about winter related parking bans, traffic delays due to construction, water main breaks, or City facility closures are encouraged to sign up to receive text or emails by registering at www.somersworth.com. If you know residents or your neighbors that have not done so, please encourage them to sign up. The information received is very helpful. Click on **Subscribe to E-alerts** and follow the steps to complete your subscription.

Protect your household water lines

The colder weather can put your water pipes at risk of freezing and bursting which could cause extensive water damage.

Here are a few things you can do to protect your water lines:

- 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.

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. Never use torches or devices with open flames to thaw frozen pipe.



Eric Mommsen's third grade class took a tour of the DPW Facility; Department Staff including the General Highway Foreman, City Engineer and the Director played host to the Third Graders. A highlight of the tour was showing the students the various pieces of equipment used in maintaining City Streets, Drains, Sidewalks and plowing City Streets.

Recreation Office Upcoming Programs & Events

Volunteers Needed - We rely on volunteers to run most of our programs and events. We're currently seeking volunteers to help run the Rec Basketball program and we have special events coming up in December. Please contact the Rec Office if you can help us out this year!
603-692-9508.



SOMERSWORTH RECREATION REC YOUTH BASKETBALL

CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

SATURDAY MORNINGS; DEC. 9TH- FEB. 3RD

No Bball 12/30 for Holiday Break

Gym Times/Location subject to change

IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY GYM

8-8:50am- 1st Grade Coed

9-9:50am- 2nd Grade Coed

10-11am- 3/4 Grade Girls

11-12:15pm- 5/6 Grade Girls

HIGH SCHOOL GYM

8:30-9:45am- 3/4 Grade Boys

10-11:15am- 5/6 Grade Boys

PROGRAM FEES

EARLY BIRD FEE: \$45 Residents/ \$55 Non-Res

Register & pay by 10/15

FEE AFTER 10/15: \$60 Residents/ \$70 Non-Res



Now seeking volunteer coaches & gym
attendants to help run the program!
Please contact us if you can help!
603-692-9508

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS!

NEW-Online Registration: Scan the QR code or visit our website below to create your RecDesk account & register. Online payments must be made with a credit card* at time of Registration.

In-Person: Visit the Rec Office at City Hall. Create your RecDesk account in advance or you may create when you come in to register. We accept credit cards*, cash, or checks (Made payable to City of Somersworth)

**All credit cards will be charged a 2.99% transaction fee + an additional \$0.50*

WWW.SOMERSWORTH.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/PROGRAMS



Hilltoppers 50+ Walking Program

Thank you to all our Hilltoppers 50+ friends who joined our walks through our beautiful trails and downtown area this fall! We had a lot of fun and really enjoyed meeting new friends. We're looking forward to resuming this program in Spring 2024!

Honoring our Hero's

Thank you to everyone who has written or drew a Veteran's Day Card/Letter. These beautiful notes, letters, cards will be distributed at a Veteran's Hospital. "One kind word, in this case a note, card or letter, will defiantly change someone's day" Thank you!!

Pee Wee Soccer

The 2023 Pee Wee Soccer program concluded on Saturday, Oct. 28. Players received a medal for all their hard work this season. Congratulations to all our young athletes!

Halloween Hoopla

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Library for this fun & spooky good time!

Upcoming Events

Somersworth Recreation

**Flashlight
Candy Cane
Hunt**

*Free for
ages 3-12*

Friday, December 1st
Hunt kicks off at 6pm sharp!
Somersworth High School
Football Field

Join Somersworth Recreation as we kick off the holiday season! Bring your flashlight & a bag/bucket to help collect all the candy canes nestled throughout the field. Families will have the chance to get a photo with Santa. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided. Supplies are limited. Please note, **all children** must be accompanied by adult during the event.

For more information contact
603-692-9508 or visit our website
www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation

SOMERSWORTH HOUSING AUTHORITY
CITY RECREATION & LIBRARY
THE GATHERING PLACE STUDIO



Hilltoppers 50+ Holiday Create & Take

Dec 6th 10 AM - 11 AM

AT THE FILION TERRACE CENTER
75 WASHINGTON STREET, SOMERSWORTH

We invite you to celebrate the most beautiful and festive time of the year with us! Come enjoy some holiday tunes & refreshments while crafting!

Registration required:

Sign up online at www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs
or stop by the Rec Office

BRING A
CANNED GOOD
ITEM TO BE
ENTERED FOR
A RAFFLE

THIS EVENT
IS FREE FOR
RESIDENTS
AGES 50+

COME DECORATE
AN ORNAMENT &
MAKE A
SNOWMAN CRAFT



For further questions or information
contact Kristen Davenport
kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov or call 603-692-9508



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

Somersworth Festival Associations Upcoming Festivities!

SOMERSWORTH FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

PENNY SALE

Sunday, Nov. 19th
Somersworth High School

Doors open 11 am - Hourly Series Raffles

We have 2 rooms and plenty of seating!

Drawings start at 3 pm.

Food is available for purchase.

You do not have to be present to win.



*Win great prizes and help support
our family-oriented activities, such
as the International Children's Festival,
Kids' Concerts, Pumpkin Festival, and
Breakfast with Frosty/Winterfest.*



30th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

**Saturday, December 2nd
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Somersworth High School
11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth**

Over 175 talented crafters!

**Food! Great raffles!
Free parking Free entry**



Phone: 603-692-5869 • Email: sfachild.festival@gmail.com
www.nhfestivals.org

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2023 Family Programs

Babytime Playgroup
Ongoing / Weekly/ Wednesdays
10:am - 11:30 am

- A free weekly playgroup in Somersworth for babies 0-1 year and their caregivers
- Join us for a fun morning out while socializing your little ones and chatting with other adults.



- Held in the Families First classroom at Idlehurst Elementary

Signup not required. Drop-in's welcome!

Question? Call our Family Center at (603) 422-8209



Parenting a Second Time Around (P.A.S.T.A.)

Tuesdays, October 17 through December 5

**5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. YMCA of the
Seacoast, Portsmouth.**

- All kinship caregivers, grandparents and other relative caregivers in the position of raising children under the age of 18
- Topics include child development, guidance, caring for oneself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues and advocacy.
- Dinner and Child Care will be provided at no cost.

P.A.S.T.A Sign-up

City of Somersworth Employment Opportunities

Finalists must complete pre-employment screening to include: physical, drug test &

background check. Detailed postings available online at:

<https://www.somersworth.com/human-resources/page/employment-opportunities>

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

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

WASTEWATER

Wastewater Treatment Mechanic

\$48,755.20 (\$23.44) to \$64,168.00 (\$30.85)

Reviewed as Received, Open Until Filled

Wastewater Treatment Operator I

\$46,467.20 (\$22.24) to \$61,256 (\$29.45)

Open Until Filled

PUBLIC WORKS

Equipment Operator

\$48,027.20 (\$23.09) to \$54,808 (\$26.35)

Open Until Filled

Winter Seasonal - Plow Operator

\$18.50 without CDL - \$20.50 with CDL

Open Until Filled

POLICE

Patrol Officers

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

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

<https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities>



**City Hall will be Closed on Friday
November 10 in Observance of Veteran's
Day.**

**City Hall will also be Closed on Thursday,
November 23 and Friday, November 24 for
the Thanksgiving Holiday.**



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