

# City Connection

*Proud Past, Bright Future*



**April  
2017**

## **April Meetings in Council Chambers**

### **City Council Meetings**

Monday, April 3 at  
5:30pm City Manager  
Presents 2017/2018  
Budget.

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing  
FY 17/18 Budget

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing  
Ord. No. 13-17  
Hilltop Overlay

6:50 p.m. Public Hearing  
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7:00 p.m. City Council  
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### **Site Review Technical Committee**

Wednesday, April 5 at  
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 12 at  
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### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Wednesday, April 5 at



Photo courtesy of Jenne Holmes, Somersworth Now

**PLEASE....Bring Spring!**

7:00 p.m.

### **Mayor's Community Forum**

Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m.



### **Hydroelectric Plant Public Hearing**

Monday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Conservation Commission**

Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

### **School Board Meeting**

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### **Traffic Safety**

**Committee** Wednesday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Planning Board**

Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Historic District**

### **Commission**

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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### **The Mayor's Corner**

#### ***The State of the City Address.***

Honorable members of the City Council, School Board, City and School Officials, citizens of Somersworth; The state of our City is our journey on what many believed was the "Never Forever Endeavor".

The ending of the roar of the industrial machines of the once great mills, ushered in a dark chapter for our community. The closing of the mills brought the era of the shoe shops but as so often occurs, this too, would end. As the shoe shops closed, another industrial giant chose to call Somersworth its home; General Electric. They brought with them the hope of jobs and growth. Then, after decades of generational employment opportunities, commitment and engagement within our Hilltop city, their gates and openness also closed.

[Read more...](#)

***We are a community, we are on the move, and we are achieving progress and greatness.***

***WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!***

***Mayor Dana Hilliard***



### ***Mayor Hilliard's Community Forum***

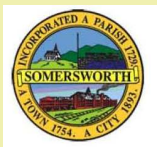
**Saturday, April 8**

**9:00am -10:30am**

**City Hall, City Council Chambers**

Please join the Mayor, At - Large City Councilors Dave Witham and Jessica Paradis, School Board Members Kelly Brennan and Matt Hanlon

Come discuss Community issues, voice your concerns and help move Somersworth



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forward! The purpose of the forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Please use High Street entrance to enter City Hall.

**Please note:  
The Mayor's Office Hours at City Hall**

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.



***Now Showing!*  
Episode 7 of "The Echo"**

Mayor Dana Hilliard and Jenne Holmes, Editor and Founder of "Somersworth Now" will be talking about the newly remodeled Career Technical Center and Career Technical Center Education in the Hilltop City

**Echo 7 will air on:**  
Channel 22 & Channel 95  
You may also go to the [City Website](#)

### *Citizen's Place*



The City of Somersworth raised another Flag on Friday, March 20th the Greek National Flag for Greek Independence Day on March 25th

### **Cultural Commission Upcoming Flag Flying Dates**

April 14 -Earth Day

Flag raising on Friday April 14th at 4:00 pm.

April 23 - Flag of United Kingdom for St. Georges Day

Flag raising will be on Monday April 17th at 4:00 pm.

June 24 - The Province of Quebec for St. Jean the Baptiste Day

Flag raising will take place on Friday, June 16 at 4:00 pm.

Also, the flag of Indonesia will be flown during the annual Somersworth Indonesian Festival (TBA).

### ***Citizen Place***

To celebrate and honor the many and varied organizations and cultures that exist within this place we all call home in Somersworth.





*Summersworth Historical Society  
and Museum  
Celebrates Hilltop School  
Sunday April 9      12:30 - 3:30 pm*

Last year the Hilltop school was placed on the National Historical Registry. But for over 100 years it has served many of Somersworth's citizens as a place of education. Last year the former school was placed on the National Historical Register and this year it begins a new chapter in it's life high above the city.

The Somersworth Historical Society and Museum invite all those who have attended, taught or have some connection with Hilltop school to join us at the museum from 12.30 - 3.30pm on Sunday April 9 to join us and share your memories, adventures and experiences of the times spent in the school over the many years it served Somersworth. There will be a special exhibit dedicated to the Hilltop school.

Light refreshments will be served.

<https://www.facebook.com/summersworthmuseum>

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*Summersworth Historical Society  
and Museum to Host Stamp Show  
Saturday April 22 10:00 - 2:00 pm*

The Summersworth Historical Society and Museum is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Great Bay Stamp Club and will be hosting a stamp show at the the Summersworth Historical Museum located at 157 Main Street, Somersworth, on Saturday April 22 from 10am until 2pm.

This will be an opportunity to buy, sell and trade as well as talk to experts in the filed of stamps. The museum will also be open during this time and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**City of Somersworth's Water & Sewer E-Z PAY**

An automated payment plan for Water & Sewer Utility Bills.  
How do I enroll??

- Call the water department at 692-9523 or,

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- Pick up at the Water Department at City Hall, One Government Way or,
- Print a copy here of the enrollment form [EZ Payment Form](#)

**Save Time! Save Gas! Save Stamps!**



*It's Time - Dog Licenses*  
**Due on or before April 30th**

Dog licenses for 2017 are now available in the Office of the City Clerk. Owners or keepers of dogs 4 months old or over must annually license their dog(s) on or before April 30th. A current rabies vaccination must be presented. If the dog has been neutered or spayed, a certificate must be furnished (for the first time). Any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 692-9511.

To register your dog on-line, please visit  
<https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?towncode=924>

Children have fun and color this [photo](#) bring it in to the City Clerk's office. Colored photos submitted will be displayed in City Hall.

2:00 p.m.

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*Somersworth Recreation Presents...*

*Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt*

*Friday, April 14*

*Millennium Park*

Join the Easter Bunny for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Millennium Park. Be sure to bring a basket or bag to help collect all the colorful prize-filled eggs. This event is rain or shine. Please note ALL children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny so don't forget to bring your camera.

**Hunt begins at 4:30 p.m. sharp!**



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## Somersworth Recreation Presents...



# 2017

**Early Bird Fee: \$20** Register by March 31, 2017

**Fee: \$35** (After March 31) Deadline to Register is April 28

This is a replacement program of the Hershey Track and Field Games and is for boys and girls ages 9-14. Track and Field is a wonderful way to promote youth physical fitness, great for meeting new friends, and a fun way to keep in shape. Join our 2017 team as we help our athletes develop new skills and discover their potential. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program.

(Please note practices on 6/12, 6/14, 6/19 are only for participants who will be competing in the regional & state meets.)

**Who:** Children ages 9-14 (As of December 31, 2017)

**When:** Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30-4:30; May 8-June 23

**Where:** Idlehurst Elementary School Track

Regional Meet: Saturday, June 17, 2017– Location & Times TBD

State Meet: Friday, June 23, 2017– TBD

## Somersworth Police Department



On March 17, 2017 Somersworth Police were able to reunite Rosie the Dog with her Owner. The one year old Boxer had been on the run for over 40 days in this harsh time of year. She had lost half of her body weight and possibly been struck by a vehicle. Pictured is Officer Tony McKnight. Officers Lefebvre, Orlando and Wright also were involved in her rescue.

### **FREE A.L.I.C.E. Training for Businesses**

We are offering FREE Active Shooter Training for any business in Somersworth. ALICE stands for Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. Contact Chief Kretschmar at [dkretschmar@somersworth.com](mailto:dkretschmar@somersworth.com) for more information.



**Somersworth Crime Line:  
You can leave anonymous information at 692-9111**



**Spring is Here**

Spring is the time to cleanup garages, basements and yards. Lubricants and hazardous

materials can be disposed of during advertised collection days dedicated solely to the pick-up of these items. Otherwise metal and electronic items can be dropped off at the DPW yard once stickers for disposal have been purchased at City Hall for \$4 per item.

Spring also means that citizens will be burning their downed tree limbs and garden preparation materials. A Permit is required by the State of New Hampshire for such activities and that Permit can be obtained at the Fire Department.



**Information from Public Works  
692-4266**

**Residential Solid Waste Service Updates  
Prepare for Spring Clean-up!**

**Bagged Leaves and Brush Pickup**

Brush will be picked up the third week in April and May. You must call 692-4266 by Friday, April 14th and/or Friday, May 12th to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7:00am on Monday, April 20th and/or Monday, May 18th 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.

Bagged Leaves will be picked up the fourth week in April and May. 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 April 24th and/or May 22nd. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores.

**Malley Farm Facility Opening Soon**

Malley Farm Facility will be opening in April for disposal of brush and leaves, weather conditions permitting. Call the Public Works Department at 692-4266 for hours of operation.

**Community Gardeners at Malley Farm**

In preparation for the upcoming spring gardening season, the Department of Public Works will be hosting a special meeting for all returning Malley Farm Community Gardeners on Saturday April 22, from 10am -11:30am at the City's Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane. A steering committee made up of the Gardeners was recently established to assist with managing the program. The meeting is mandatory for those community gardeners planning to return to garden their assigned plot this coming year. Topics covered at the meeting will include a review of the updated Community Garden Rules; Completing the Garden User Agreement and the City's Voluntary Service Statement and Agreement Forms; updating personal contact information, and a discussion about upcoming spring and fall volunteer work days. Additional information and reminders about the meeting will be sent to the current participants prior to the Saturday meeting.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

**May 6, 2017**

**8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Waste Management - Turnkey Landfill**

**90 Rochester Neck Road, Rochester**

**What are Household Hazardous Waste Products?**

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), also called retail hazardous waste or home generated special materials is a product that when it's used or disposed of poses a threat to your health or the environment. To help you identify these hazardous products, federal law requires them to be labeled with warnings about their use, storage, and disposal. The words "Danger" (most toxic), "Warning", "Poison" and "Caution" (least toxic) are used to help identify the various degrees of toxicity. These words and the properties that make the product hazardous are listed to help you use these products safely.

**What To Do With a Potential Hazardous Product**

- \* Identify which items are hazardous household wastes
- \* Set aside those products that you will use up before you move
- \* Ask someone if they want any of the remaining products.
- \* Check with your city or town to see when the next household hazardous waste collection day will be held
- \* DO NOT dispose of any chemicals, petroleum products, or other hazardous wastes down the drain or on the ground. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW.

[Read more about what you can bring...](#)

**Highway Work - Potholes**

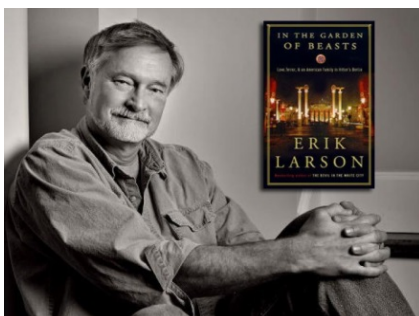
Be safe, drive careful, use proper distance and be aware of road conditions. The heavy winter has contributed to numerous potholes on key corridors of the City, and Highway crews are being dispatched to make repairs. To report a pothole or other concerns to the Department of Public Works for follow-up please call 603-692-4266.



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## Somersworth Library News

### What is Somersworth Reading in April



#### **"In the Gardens of Beasts" by Erik Larson**

The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Nazi Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history. As evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by chilling first-person testimony, Dodd telegraphs his concerns to an indifferent State Department. They all watch with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. As the shadows deepen, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, and romance-and ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character and ruthless ambition.

### Story Times for April

The library offers story time weekly on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm, Wednesday morning at 11:15 am, and Friday morning at 10:00 am. Each story time offers books, a fun and easy craft and the chance to borrow more books to take home all on the same theme. Visit the library for a schedule of times and themes. The story time themes for April are Police, Bears, Easter, and Cows! No registration is required and the program is free. Come listen, do and read!



### Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library annual Spring Book Sale will begin on April 29th and continue through May 13th during regular library hours. Hardcover, soft covers and paperback books as well as DVDs and audio books are all arranged on tables in both alphabetical and subject order. We have lots of cookbooks in the sale, so come get some new recipes! Beginning May 9th, take all you want and make a donation to the Friends. All proceeds benefit the Somersworth Public Library.

### Hours at the Library

Tues - Thurs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fri - Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sun, Mon and Holidays.

If you have any questions, call the Library at 692-4587 or visit our website.

<http://www.somersworth.com/departments-services/library/>

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### *A Message from the Sustainability Committee*



#### **Emptying the Medicine Cabinet Disposal Guidelines for Pharmaceuticals in the Home**

Unused or expired medications are a public safety issue and can lead to poisoning, abuse and overdose. They can also leach into the water supply and surface water.

- 1) Pour medicine into a sealable plastic bag.
- 2) If the medicine is a solid, add a small amount of water to dissolve it.
- 3) Add coffee grounds, kitty litter or something similar to the liquid medicine in the plastic bag.
- 4) Seal the bag and immediately dispose of it in the trash.
- 5) Use a marker to black out any personal contact information on the empty medicine container prior to disposing of it in the trash.
- 6) For more information, consult [www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety) . Disposal information for household generated sharps may also be found on this website.

For the full article, go to:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/documents/dwgb-22-26.pdf>

#### **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Mercury: What Consumers Should Know**

Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) are more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs, and overall CFLs have a lower impact on the environment, including a reduction of mercury emissions from coal plants. However, one of the components of CFLs is a small amount of mercury. When released, mercury can pose a serious hazard to human health and harm the environment.

It is against the law in New Hampshire to dispose of any mercury-containing products in landfills, incinerators, or transfer stations. Instead, return burned-out bulbs to the retailer, who will recycle them (call ahead).

If a bulb breaks, you should protect yourself from inhalation or absorption into your skin.

For more details, go to:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/co/documents/co-19.pdf>

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## EVENTS AROUND THE CITY MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### *10th Annual Spiritup Somersworth Clean-up Day* *Hosted by Somersworth Youth Connection* *Saturday, May 6th*

#### **7:00am - 7:30am**

Registration at Middle School for all groups, families. Pick up gloves, trash bags, rakes and head to designated locations throughout the Community.

#### **12:00pm - 2:30pm**

Meet back at the Middle School for Block Party. Free luncheon for all volunteers. Raffles, entertainment, demos & displays. Bike Safety course and Touch a Truck.

For more information or to sign up your family or organization please contact Maureen Jackman at 692-2126 or email her at [mjackman@sau56.org](mailto:mjackman@sau56.org)

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**Somersworth High School  
Drama Club Presents  
"Pippin"**

**Performances are April 6 through April 8 at 7:00 pm with a matinee Saturday April 8 at 2:00 pm.**

Tickets are \$7 for all. We recommend reserving your seats in advance by emailing Julie McTague at [jmctague@sau56.org](mailto:jmctague@sau56.org) or call 692-2242 to reserve the performance you wish to see and how many tickets you want. You can also specify where you would like to sit and they will do their best to accommodate you. If you wish to pay in advance you can leave the money (checks made out to SHS Music Boosters) at the front office at the High School. If you don't wish to pay in advance your tickets will be reserved until 15 minutes before the show opens. There is wheelchair accessible seating, if you need this please specify in your email.



**Somersworth Schools Celebrate  
EARTH DAY**

Seed starting has begun to take root in classrooms at the Idlehurst and Maple Wood elementary schools, as well as the already established plant starting that Mr. Asbell has been doing with his classes. Some of these seedlings will become a part of



Plants for Growth gardens, some will be planted in the Idlehurst gardens that are slated to be planted in time for Earth Day. On April 21, the Idlehurst Elementary School plans to host and Earth Day Community Day, inviting the whole school to plant seeds and plants in the raised bed gardens there. Generous donations from Somersworth Home Depot, Strawberry Banke, Wentworth Greenhouses, UNH Cooperative Extension, and the Somersworth DPW are helping to make this happen. This will include cold season vegetable gardens so kids can enjoy the fruits of their labors before the end of the school year. Full season gardens will also be planted, and we will be looking for many volunteers to help maintain and harvest the vegetables. Some will be enjoyed and consumed by participants, some will be donated to local food pantries.

We await news of a grant through Strafford County Master Gardeners. If this money is awarded, it will go toward the purchase of materials for the building of ADA compliant garden beds for all 4 schools, so that students of every ability can engage in growing.



**Cultural Commission Presents  
Ethnic Food Sampling Event  
Wednesday, May 10**

The Somersworth Cultural Commission is proud to announce their Ethnic Food Sampling Event. This will take place on Wednesday, May 10 at Mulligan's Grill in the Somersworth High School Career Technical Center from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Our City is home to various ethnic populations who's culinary skills will be explored and enjoyed at this event. Reserve now to enjoy Irish, French, Indonesian, Asian, Greek, English and other ethnic selections.

Tickets are available at the Greater Somersworth Chamber of Commerce. There is a limit of 80 tickets for this unique experience so be sure to get your tickets early. Registration/contact information [www.somersworthchamber.com/events](http://www.somersworthchamber.com/events)



### **Spring Craft Fair - April 29th**

The Somersworth Festival Association will be hosting a Spring Craft Fair on April 29th from 9am to 3pm at Somersworth High School. The Spring Craft Fair features over 100 of the best crafters in New England. There is plenty of free parking and come shopping where you will be able to shop from our talented crafters to your heart's content. Delicious food will be served by Festival Association volunteers offering both breakfast and lunch at reasonable prices. Come and spend the day with us and do all of your Spring decorating, Mother's Day and birthday shopping. For more information call 692-5869 or go to our website @ [nhfestivals.org](http://nhfestivals.org) or you can email us at [sfachild.festival@gmail.net](mailto:sfachild.festival@gmail.net)



### ***A Blue Ribbon Affair***

**Friday May 12 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Spring Hill, South Berwick, ME**

This Annual Flagship Event recognizes awardees throughout our 5-town area. Winning recipients are chosen for their outstanding achievements, dedication and service with our community. Awards and honors are based on criteria of leadership, service, volunteerism and more. Categories include:

- Business of the Year

- Citizen of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Non-profit of the Year

Widely promoted throughout the NH Seacoast and Southern Maine region. Nominations forms available at the Chamber.

More information please call 692-7175 or visit

[www.somersworthchamber.com](http://www.somersworthchamber.com)

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### **Somersworth Schools Notice!**

Due to Snow Days this Winter-  
All Somersworth Schools will be open and school in session on April 14th. It will be a normal school day with the same daily hours and bus pickup times.  
**THIS WILL NOT BE A TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY**

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**Missed the meeting? Catch it again online.**

**Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, Planning Board or Zoning Board on Channels 22 and School Board on Channel 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.**

Watch Somersworth City Hall Online

Simply visit the City's website at [www.somersworth.com](http://www.somersworth.com) to begin watching meetings.

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**Quality Service, Quality Schools  
Quality Somersworth  
Vision 2020**

***"We Believe in Somersworth"***



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