

April 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



Meetings will be held via Zoom online platform. This meeting is open to the Public, though the Public is not encouraged to attend. The public is asked to submit comments via email jslaven@sommersworth.com. Comments must be received no later than 4:00pm the day of the City Council meeting. The meeting can be viewed via the Local Government Cable Access Ch. 22 (Comcast) as well as via live stream at the City's website www.sommersworth.com.

Scheduled April

The Mayor's Corner



The State of our City is
***"Perseverance, Resiliency, Strength
and the Hilltopper Spirit."***

It is in times of crisis that one learns the ***strength*** of their fortitude. It is in times of crisis that those who can lead hold steady to their commitment to the community and are separated by those whose words are simply rhetoric. It is in times of crisis that the true values of a community are demonstrated, solidifying into the books of history the foundation of what reflects the citizens who call our 10 square mile home we call Somersworth.

One year ago this month, our community, our state, our nation, our planet, our lives were turned abruptly into a direction unknown by the outbreak of the global pandemic COVID 19. The norms all of us had grown accustomed to disappeared, as

City Council Meetings

Monday, April 5

**6:00pm City Manager Presents
FY21/22 Proposed Budget**

7:00pm FY21/22 Budget Public Hearing
City Council Meeting

Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m.
City Council Budget Workshop

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

Land Use Board Meetings – Planning. Zoning Board of Adjustment, etc.

These meetings will continue to be held in a ZOOM meeting format. Please check [City Website calendar](#) for Agendas.

Committee/Board Meetings this Month.

Site Review Technical Committee via Zoom

Wednesday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment via Zoom

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee via Zoom

Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Minor Site Plan (SRTC)

Wednesday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board via Zoom

humanity was forced to adjust to the new practices of mask wearing and social distancing. Throughout this last year, the foundation of what has made our community successful, the pillars of the *Hilltopper Spirit* have been put to a test.

[Read more....](#)

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.

Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission via Zoom

Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

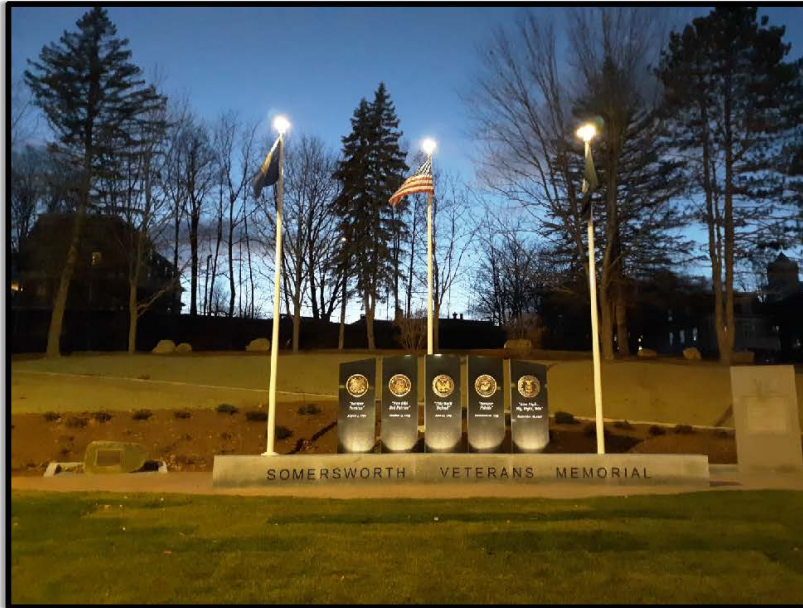


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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

**PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

"PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE"

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FY 21/22 Proposed Budget
Monday, April 5**

6:00 pm

FY 21/22 Budget Presentation

7:00 pm

FY 21/22 Budget Public Hearing

View City of Somersworth FY 21/22 Proposed Budget [here...](#)



The Mayor's Corner continued....

Hilltoppers Stand with our Asian Brothers and Sisters

For 245 years, as a nation we have been on a perpetual journey. A journey to deliver on the promise we announced to each other, and the world upon our independence, *“That all men are created equal that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”*

For 245 years, we have fought off the enemies who wished to extinguish the torch of liberty. We have stood strong with each other from the smell of musket fire to the roaring of the howitzer. Yet, while we have victories in our battles to defend freedom, in the war against our biggest enemy to liberty, our biggest enemy to our dreams, our biggest enemy to our hope, we have painstakingly advanced on little ground.

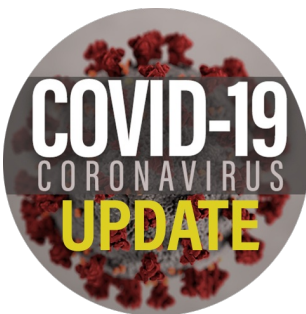
[Read more...](#)

Thank you Senator Shaheen, for your hard work on the passage of the American Rescue Plan

While others used stall tactics Sen. Shaheen used skill. While others said “No” to moving our nation forward from the grips of the pandemic, Senator Shaheen used her fortitude to lead her colleagues ensuring that citizens, businesses, schools and local governments would be able to recover, rebuild and move forward.

Today, the Hilltop City stands with pride in thanking Senator Shaheen and members of our Congressional team in the US House and Senate, for their dedication to our 10 square mile community known as Somersworth. Because of your efforts, your hard work and your dedication, our community will continue to remain “On the Move!”

[Read more...](#)



When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

We're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19.

After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

What's Changed

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, **you do not need** to stay away from others or

get tested unless you have symptoms. However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

What Hasn't Changed

For now, if you've been fully vaccinated:

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:

- In public gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

Information from [CDC](#)

Statewide Mask Mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through Friday, April 16, 2021. The order, which was set to expire today, March 26, was extended by Gov. Sununu this week.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here.](#)



Don't Forget! Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Dog licenses for 2021 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$2. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to [**jslaven@somersworth.com**](mailto:jslaven@somersworth.com) or by mail to City of Somersworth, City Clerk's Office, One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512



Department of Public Works & Utilities

Metal Pick-up

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The April collection will occur on Tuesday, April 13 and residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works not later than 3:00 pm on Monday, April 12 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 weeks in April and May, (April 19-23/May 17-21) You must call 692-4266 by Friday, April 16 and/or Friday, May 14 to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7:00 am on Monday, April 19 and/or 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.

Bagged leaves will be picked up the fourth weeks in April and May. (April 26-30/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 weeks of April 26 and/or May 24. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown recyclable paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores.

Malley Farm Facility

Malley Farm will be opening in April weather conditions permitting for disposal of brush and leaves. Staff will update the City Website and other social media outlets on the specific opening date in April. Call the Public Works Department at 692-4266 for the latest on opening and hours of operation.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the [City Newsletter](#) and receive City alerts and announcements including when Malley Farm will be open.

Please note: Contractors will need to obtain a permit from Public Works to dump at Malley Farm and wood larger than 5" is not permitted.

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.

Upcoming Road Work

The City received bids for the Cemetery Road Complete Streets Improvements Project on 3/23/2021. 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.

Staff anticipates this Project will start this Spring.



Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Spring Reminder – Pet Waste

This message is being conveyed as part of the City's outreach and education requirements for our stormwater discharge permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Dog waste negatively impacts our water quality; please remember to pick up your pet waste.



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

Barrington
Northwood

Farmington
Rochester

Milton
Somersworth

Middleton
Strafford

New Durham
Wakefield

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.



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 (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 (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. Overapplying 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

"... Life's better now than it was back then ..."

New York City - 1911 Fire Tragedy

For those who remember the song "Photograph" by the artist Nickleback, you may recall the lyrics "... Life's better now than it was back then ...". That introspective line of thinking is especially true when considering how much we have improved fire safety based on the lessons of past tragedies. In 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory occupied floors 8-10 of the 10-story Asch Building in the lower Manhattan neighborhood of Greenwich Village in New York City. The factory employed nearly 500 workers – mostly young women working in "sweatshop" like conditions – to produce upscale women's blouses, known as "shirtwaists". Housekeeping within the factory was extremely poor and there were months of highly flammable cloth scraps on the floor and in bins among the workstations. To prevent workers from taking unauthorized breaks and reduce theft, the doors to the very narrow stairwells and exits were always locked. On March 25th, just before the 4 PM closing time, a fire started in a fabric scrap bin on the eighth floor most likely caused by a discarded cigarette. In a matter of minutes 146 people – mostly young women - had perished.

Fire Prevention Tips

Tragedies like the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire led to better fire codes and life is truly better than it was back in 1911. However, complacency is ever present, and we need to remember the lessons from over 100 years ago in present day Somersworth:

- Improperly discarded cigarettes and smoking materials continue to start fires. Always use extreme caution when smoking and discarding cigarettes and matches. Do not smoke in bed or when falling asleep.
- Keep your home, garage, storage shed, business, rental property and the like free of excess or unnecessary flammable materials such as wood, paper, trash, and flammable chemicals.
- Keep all exit paths in your home, garage, storage shed, business, rental property and the like clear of obstacles that could prevent safe and efficient egress in the event of an emergency.
- When out in public, always know where another exit is in addition to the way that you entered the premises.

With Spring upon us, the potential for storms with thunder and lightning is here. Seek shelter if caught outside during a thunder or lightning event. Portable generators produce carbon monoxide which is an odorless and colorless silent killer.

If you lose electricity and use a portable generator, run it at least 20 feet (FEMA guidance) away from the house – never inside the house, in the garage, in a breezeway, or on a deck.



When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

- STOP all activities
- Seek shelter in a substantial building or hard-topped vehicle
- Wait 30 minutes after the storm to resume activities

weather.gov/lightning



Stay safe, be careful, and look out for each other.
George Kramlinger, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

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



In coordination with the City of Somersworth Emergency Management, the Strafford County Public Health Network (SCPHN) conducted a



closed, drive-through vaccination clinic for the Somersworth school district and personnel from other educational facilities in the City consistent with New Hampshire's Phase IB vaccination plan. The clinic was conducted on the campus of Idlehurst Elementary School. Eleven members of the Somersworth Fire Department - including those on duty - assisted the short staffed SCPHN team in providing vaccinations and logistical support. Shown here is FF/EMT Daniel Toof administering the final vaccination of the clinic.

On Sunday, March 7th, 2021 at approximately 2:00 PM, a skater on the Salmon Falls River plunged through the thin ice near the trail off Buffinsville Road. With full on-duty staffing, excellent equipment, modern procedures, and several recent training sessions, the City of Somersworth Fire Department completed a rapid rescue of the victim who called 9-1-1 using his Apple watch. The entire emergency response system including the State 9-1-1 call taker, Somersworth Emergency Dispatcher, Somersworth Police Officers, Stewart's Ambulance, and the Somersworth Fire Department performed flawlessly. Off-duty Somersworth Firefighters provided station coverage assisted by Dover Fire while Berwick Fire assisted carrying the victim to the ambulance.



Members of the SFD C-Shift take a well-deserved breather after navigating a challenging obstacle course known as the "Pittsburgh Drill" to locate then rescue a simulated down firefighter in distress within a building. This drill is a module within the SFD's Firefighter Assistance and Search Team

Somersworth Police & Friends



SCAM ALERT!

We have seen an increase recently in scams and attempted scams. These scams typically target the elderly, and prey on emotions and fears. The callers may tell you they are from the IRS, or a Police Department and that if you don't send them a certain amount of money that a warrant for your arrest will be issued. A dead giveaway that you are being scammed is that the caller will ask for the money in gift cards or bitcoin. Following are a few things to be aware of to avoid losing your hard earned savings.

- The caller identifies as a Police Officer and tells you they have your granddaughter/grandson in custody and the only way for them to be released is for you to send them money be in the form of gift cards or bitcoin. They will have a young person speak to you identifying as your grandchild in an effort to make it realistic and will demand thousands of dollars, and beg you not to tell their parents.
- The caller identifies as a representative of the IRS and tells you that unless you send them money there will be a warrant issued for your arrest. Again, they will request payment in gift cards or bitcoin. The IRS does not ever make phone calls of this sort.
- Finally, callers will provide addresses to send money to that are street addresses, and often vacant lots, not Police Departments or Government buildings.

In closing, if you receive any calls asking for any type of payment in gift cards or bitcoin, it is a scam. If any of the above situations are presented to you in a phone call, please call us, we will reach out to the caller for you. That alone will save you from losing savings that you have worked a lifetime for.

Chief Kretschmar

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.



Somersworth Police Department also uses our Facebook page to give important community information.



What's Happening in Recreation



SOMERSWORTH RECREATION



NOBLE PINES SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM

***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!**



2021 REGISTRATION PROCESS: *MUST REGISTER FOR ALL 8-WEEKS THIS YEAR

Spots are limited and registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis for Somersworth residents only.

Sign-ups will begin at 9 AM on Monday, April 12th via Registration Request Google form found on our website www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/summer-camp. You must complete this form to get on the list. (Please do not call or email our office to get on the registration list.)

PLEASE NOTE, THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD(REN) A SPOT IN THE PROGRAM. Staff will contact you via email to confirm if your child has a spot in the program or if they are on a wait list. Once the program is full, we will start a wait list.

If you have been confirmed in the program, you will have 10 days to submit the completed registration packet and submit payment (cash or check only) to reserve your spot. Staff will email you the registration packet or you may come to City Hall to complete it in person.

If space becomes available, we will notify the next person on the wait list until the program is full.

Call Somersworth Recreation with any questions 603-692-9508

Somersworth Recreation 2021 Rec Running & Cardio Club

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our traditional Granite State Track and Field program is canceled for the 2021 season. This is an alternative program we're offering Somersworth kids ages 9-12. CDC and State of NH Safer at Home Youth Sports guidelines will be followed. Please review the program COVID-19 protocols on our website www.somersworth.com/parks-recreation/pages/programs

Children ages 9-12

Open to Somersworth Residents only

Millennium Park field

Monday & Wednesday; 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Session dates (7 total): 5/12, 5/17, 5/19, 5/24, 5/26, 6/2, 6/7

Cost: \$20 (cash or check only)

To Register: Call or email the Rec Office to get on the list (see info below). Staff will let you know if there's space available & we'll email you the registration form to complete and mail with payment or you may register in person at City Hall. Registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to register is Friday, April 30th.



Children ages 9-12 are invited to join Somersworth Recreation for this casual beginner program where the focus will be on individual skills & providing a safe and fun environment for children to be active. Participants will learn basic running and stretching techniques, will practice running various distances, and try cardio fitness challenges. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program! Stations will be used to help with social distancing & children will rotate to stations individually when possible.

Masks will be required when social distancing is not possible.

Space is limited, don't wait to register! We are seeking volunteers to assist with the program, please let us know if you can help out!

kdavenport@somersworth.com / 603-692-9508 / 692-9507

Email Kristen at kdavenport@somersworth.com

City of Somersworth ~ Job Opening



Noble Pines Summer Play Program 2021

Program Dates: June 21 – August 13

Openings for Camp Director and Counselors

40 Hours a week, Mid-June through Late August includes pre camp training and post camp clean up

Position Title: Camp Directors
Pay Range: \$14.00 Must be 18+
Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED required. Experience in coordinating, planning, and implementing activities for children in grades 1-5. Interested individuals should have strong organizational and communication skills, be self-motivated, enthusiastic, and exercise leadership skills. Ability to maintain accurate and detailed records regarding participants' attendance or any camper related issues. Ability to establish effective working relationships with parents, employees and the public. Knowledge in safety precautions and occupational hazards. Ability to work outdoors in summer heat. Supervision of Counselors to ensure program rules and policies are followed for the safety of all. Supervision of children on playgrounds, park grounds, walking trips, and during various activities expected at all times. First Aid/CPR/AED certification desirable.

Duties/Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Recreation Supervisor, Directors are responsible for providing leadership, supervision, and safety to children and staff at all times during the program day. Directors will plan and implement a full 8-week program with activities & games that are designed to keep children engaged and active. Position is responsible for ensuring that environments are safe and that all children are accounted for at all times. Director's full attention should be placed on the children as you work to bring fun and security to their summer.

Position Title: Camp Counselors
Pay Range: \$11.25 Must be 16+
Qualifications: Attending High School or received Diploma/GED required. Previous experience working with children. Interested individuals must enjoy working with children, be energetic, and enjoy working outdoors. Ability to establish effective working relationships with parents, employees, and the public. Knowledge of safety precautions and occupational hazards. Ability to work outdoors in summer heat. Supervision of children on playgrounds, park grounds, walking trips, and during various activities expected at all times. First Aid/CPR/AED certification desirable.

Duties/Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Recreation Supervisor and Camp Director(s), Counselors are responsible for providing supervision and safety to campers at all times during the camp day. Duties may include leading and/or assisting in supervision of various games & activities, arts & crafts, and special events for children in grades 1-5. Counselor's full attention should be placed on the children as you work to bring fun and security to their summer.

Scope of Examination:

Finalist must complete pre-employment screening to include; physical, drug test & background check.

To Apply:

City of Somersworth, City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Linda Corriveau, Human Resources Manager
603-692-9529

Date Posted: March 26, 2021

Closing Date: Open until Filled, Interviews start mid-April

The City of Somersworth is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Somersworth Little League Registration is Now Open for the 2021 Season!

A Message From the Somersworth Little League President:

Hi All!

From March 1 to April 1, registration for the 2021 season will be open! You can go to the [Somersworth Little League website](#) and sign up

starting today. [Season rules regarding COVID-19](#) will look very similar to 2020 and can be found on the website. Also, if you are interested in helping out in any way, please reach out to [me or any board member](#) to go through the [volunteer application process](#). We're looking for those interested in coaching, umpiring, helping out with the concession stand, being a board member, helping with field maintenance, and other ways that you might think of helping. We're very thankful for the help of our volunteers in making each season possible and look forward to seeing new people step up in keeping this tradition going forward!

We look forward to having a great season in 2021, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Let's get ready to play ball!

Sincerely,

Michael Boehm

Somersworth LL - President

What's Happening at Somersworth Library



Hello Everyone,

March brought a Dr. Seuss week-long celebration, and we're aware of the controversy surrounding him, and support a discussion targeting stereotypes and knowledge within a historical context. There were truffula tree cupcakes if you were lucky enough to get there early and a photo booth

designed by Miss Tasha. Just about every week there is a take and make craft connected with a story read online.

Many new young adult graphic novels are in the collection. We're also really interested in reading suggestions from our young adults. Ask and you shall receive. There are slips in the YA area to submit your requests.

The NY Times bestseller lists are posted weekly for our adult and young adult populations. Most of the books are in our collection or ordered. While the children's lists are not posted, these books too are ordered.

The magazine/newspaper collection is a work in progress. We have solicited suggestions and continue to do so. What national newspaper would you come to the library to read?

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. We'll be happy to see you.

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>.

Come visit us. See you soon.

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"

submitted by Mark Richardson
Cemetery Trustees Board Member

Leander Monroe Nute
A Man of Many Professions

While walking through Forest Glade Cemetery, have you ever wondered about the history of Somersworth as told by those who are forever resting among us? One day I came upon Leander Nute, and noticed he was born in 1831. I thought he was certainly of age to have been a soldier of the Civil War, but his name didn't appear on any known list of Somersworth soldiers of the war. It turns out, Leander was engaged in one of the few occupations that exempted him from service, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

[Find a Grave...](#)

Leander was born to David and Lavina (Cook) Nute of Milton, NH on April 16, 1831. His grandfather had been Sergeant Jotham Nute who was a veteran of the Revolutionary War with the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, and had earned a Badge of Merit for his seven years of service. After his education, he first worked in a shoe factory, but he had other ambitions, such that he became a teacher in Pittsfield, New Hampshire. This experience gave him a leg up when he decided to attend Dartmouth College. His teaching experience gave him one years credit towards his degree, and he graduated in 1854. Still, he returned to take additional scientific courses and became a railroad man, running a 198 mile rail line from Saratoga, New York to Sackett's Harbor on Lake Ontario. During this time, he married Cordelia "Delia" Forbes Furbush in 1857, and they moved to Michigan and then on to Iowa where he continued as a Railroad Agent and Civil Engineer. During the Civil War, those who worked for the railroads or in transportation services were considered essential workers, which exempted them from military service.

Following the war, Leander and Delia returned to New Hampshire, first to Farmington and then to Somersworth, where Leander established himself as an owner of a shoe manufacturing factory in Berwick, Maine. Through his efforts, he employed 250 persons who turned out 1,200 pairs of shoes each day. All along, Leander had another talent, and that was making violins. Upon his retirement, at the age of 68, Leander and Delia moved to Portland, Maine, where Leander set up shop as a violin maker. It's known that he made at least 278 violins, because it was number 278

that won him a first place prize in a competition sponsored by the Maine Violin Makers' Association. The New Hampshire Historical Society is the proud owner of number 40, made in 1902, which can be seen on their online collection at: [New Hampshire Historical Society](#). Another, made in 1914, was sold by the Skinner Auction House in Boston in 2018 for \$369.00. It was given a pre-auction value of \$600.00-\$800.00, so someone got a deal.



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In 1875, Leander represented Somersworth in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He was a Freemason and served many posts within Somersworth's Libanus Lodge #49, including that of Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He died February 9, 1925, at the age of 94, in Portland, Maine. He was the last surviving member of his Dartmouth graduating class. Leander and Delia had four children, W. M. Nute, Fannie E. Nute, Ella Lavinia Nute Buffum and Edith Nute Robinson. Delia passed away in 1904, and returned to Somersworth to be buried in Forest Glade Cemetery. Leander joined her in 1925. So, the next time

you take a walk through Forest Glade Cemetery, feel free to stop and say Hello to Leander and his family. I'm sure they'll appreciate it.

[The Boston Globe, Monday, February 9, 1925.](#)

Originally the obituary for Leander Monroe Nute (L. M. Nute) appeared in the *Boston Transcript*, February 10, 1925

Thank you to Mark Richardson for this Article



A City Sustainability Committee? Tell Me More!

If you're interested in seeing greater environmental responsibility in Somersworth, you are not alone.

In 2011, the Somersworth Sustainability Committee was formed, seeking to make City government services as energy efficient and sustainable as possible.

Examples include anti-idling policies for city vehicles and on city property; improving reduce/reuse/recycle practices within the city; reduction of energy consumption from the City Council decision to convert all street lights to LED technology; and the City's investment in the wastewater treatment plant to increase efficiency of water consumption & waste production in municipal buildings

Within the Somersworth community, resolutions were passed for single-use plastics reduction among local businesses. Somersworth schools began composting food waste & growing produce in school gardens. The Malley Farm Community Gardens have become a more active group of local volunteers and food growers.

The recognition of Earth Day(April 22) is a perfect time for us consumers and users of resources to evaluate and make small, easy shifts in our habits.

- Do you really need that single-use plastic straw?

- Is it time to gather your reusable grocery bags instead of using plastic?
- Can your food waste be composted instead of thrown in the trash?
- Is this the year you visit Turnkey Landfill for the annual **free-to-residents Hazardous Waste Disposal Day** in early May?

April 30 also marks Arbor Day. Somersworth will celebrate its designation as a Tree City USA Community, with a tree planted on City property.

For updates on Sustainability Committee meetings(Zoom for now), or if you're interested in learning more about sustainability initiatives and resources available in Somersworth, check out our **Sustainability Committee page** on the city website, or contact Committee Chair Sarah Eckstein at sarahmeckstein@gmail.com.

Happy Spring at Last!

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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.](#))

Parent Cafe: Growing Joy this Spring



**“Why so optimistic about 2021?
What do you think it will bring?”**

I think it will bring flowers.

“Yes? How come?”

Because I am planting flowers.

Join us for a Parent Café to talk about how we can plant seeds of optimism and joy in our families this spring.

- What brings you a sense of joy?
- When do you see your kids feeling joyful and how do you support that?
- Are your children natural optimists or pessimists?
- How do you balance everyone's need to “feel their feelings” while also encouraging a positive attitude?

These informal but structured café conversations encourage us to celebrate successes, explore challenges and learn more about our kids and ourselves. We will gain insights and tools for strengthening our families ... and we will experience a bit of joy together!

**Thursday, April 1
6:00 - 7:45 PM**

virtual
Parent Cafes are open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers.
Sign Up for Parent Cafe

[Sign up for Parent Cafe](#)



Mind in the Making: The 7 Essential Life Skills

Do you want to help your kids learn to take on life's challenges and achieve their full potential?

If so, there are simple everyday things you can do to help children develop seven life skills needed in today's complicated world. These skills are important for adults too, and we have to practice them ourselves in order to help our children.

The essential skills include things like Focus and Self Control, Perspective Taking, Communicating, Taking on Challenges, and Critical Thinking.

This series will focus on tools and strategies that don't cost money, are based on the latest brain science, and will help you feel more confident in your parenting.

Open to parents and grandparents of children of all ages.

**Wednesdays, April 7 - May 26
6-7:30 p.m.**

[Sign up for "Mind in the Making"](#)

Survey for Parents of Kids under 8



Do you have the family support and early-learning resources you need? United Way of the Greater Seacoast and the school districts serving Hampton, North Hampton, South Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Seabrook want to know! Families with children under age 8 are invited to take a survey and enter into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Survey results will be used in a needs assessment that aims to help make sure all families have what they need to prepare their children for kindergarten.

[Take the Survey Enter to Win \\$25](#)



News from the Somersworth Festival Association

Frosty Coloring Contest

We would like to congratulate the winners of our Frosty coloring contest!

3 to 5-year-old group: Daisy Bradshaw

6 to 9-year-old group: Athena Thompson

Everyone who entered our contest did a great job!

Thanks go out to Toys from the Attic, the Gathering Place Studio, and the Somersworth Recreation Department for their help with our coloring contest and Frosty video! Also, thanks to everyone who participated in our video!

Raffles!

If you like our penny sales, stay tuned for more raffles! We are working on some good ones! Details will be announced in April. They will be announced on the Somersworth Festival Association's Facebook page and on our website, www.nhfestivals.org.



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