

FALL & WINTER RECREATION 2013/2014

Basketball Program

3 & 4 Years Old

This program is for boys and girls ages 3-4. This instructional program focuses on introducing the basic fundamentals of basketball through fun games.

When: Saturdays,
Jan. 25 - March 1

Time: 9-9:45 a.m.

Where: Idlehurst Gymnasium

Cost: \$45 residents

\$55 non-residents

For questions, call 692-9508.



5 & 6 Years Old

This program is designed for boys and girls ages 5-6. This instructional program focuses on introducing basketball fundamentals through stations, basic drills and games.

When: Saturdays,
Jan. 25 - March 1

Time: 10-10:45 a.m.

Where: Idlehurst Gymnasium

Cost: \$45 residents

\$55 non-residents



Youth Basketball

This 8-week program focuses on fundamentals, skill development, sportsmanship, fun and a better understanding of basketball for boys and girls in 1st grade through 6th grade.

When: Saturdays, Nov. 16 - Jan. 11

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Where: Idlehurst and SMS
gymnasiums

Cost: \$45 residents

\$55 non-residents



Youth Softball Program

The Somersworth Recreation Department is partnering with the Somersworth-Berwick-Rollinsford Girls Softball League to offer skill building session this Fall.

Who: Girls born in 1999-2006

When: Thursday night from 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Where: Flanagan Center on Bartlett Avenue

Cost: \$50 for the 8 week session: \$25 for the second child: \$15 for the third child.

Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

For anyone who still believes! Bring your flashlight and a bag to help collect the candy canes nestled throughout Millennium Park. Afterwards we will enjoy cookies, cocoa and good cheer while awaiting Santa Claus to arrive upon a fire truck.

Who: Ages 3+

Time: Hunt begins at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

When: Friday, Dec. 13th

Where: Millennium Park

Contact Nick at 692-9508 with any questions.



PEE WEE Soccer

A six week program designed to teach the simple, basic fundamentals of soccer. Loads of fun for the little one.

Who: Children ages 3-4

When: Saturdays
Sept. 7 - Oct. 12

Time: 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Where: Somersworth High
School, next to the
football field

Cost: \$45 residents,
\$55 non-residents



Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance

Daughters in grades K-8 and their dads (or uncles, brothers, grandfathers, etc.) can dance the night away to the latest tunes as well as take part in dance contests, games, raffles, Valentine desserts, and goodies. Families are asked to donate some goodies, either finger sandwiches or dessert treats.

When: Thursday, February 13th

Where: Idlehurst Elementary Cafetorium

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

Cost: \$25/couple; no extra charge for additional daughters

Contact Nick at 692-9508 with any questions.



WELCOME Somersworth New Hampshire

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



For The Somersworth Community 2013/2014 Fall/Winter Newsletter

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Property Tax Cards

The City's real estate property tax cards can be viewed online through our website at www.somersworth.com

School Holiday Closings

October 12, 2013

Columbus Day

November 11, 2013

Veteran's Day

November 28, 29, 2013

Thanksgiving

December 23, 2013- January 1, 2014

Holiday Break

January 20, 2014

Martin Luther King Day

February 24-28, 2014

Winter Break

Please visit SAU 56 website @ www.sau56.org for further information Regarding SAU and the Districts of Somersworth & Rollinsford

Community Gardens



Check out the Community Garden's amazing plants. This community garden is at the Malley Farm. Small garden plots were made available to anyone who wished to grow vegetables and herbs for their own consumption. What a success!!!

Thank you to the Sustainability Committee in helping to make this year a tremendous success!!

Somersworth Professional Firefighters 2013 Toy Drive



The holiday season is upon us, and the Somersworth Professional Firefighters are planning our annual toy drive. Together with local merchants and community members, we have made the holiday season brighter for many families. This year, we are once again asking for your help to make the toy drive successful! You and your organization can help by donating

New, unwrapped toys, clothes, and gift cards for children ages newborn to 14 years-old. Monetary contributions for the purchase of gifts. Please make checks payable to the Somersworth Firefighters Toy Bank. Donations can be mailed or delivered to the Somersworth Fire Station, 195 Maple Street, Somersworth, NH 03878. Or contact the Somersworth Professional Firefighters at 603-692-3456 to arrange for us to pick up your donations at your location. Contact Matthew or Jessica at 603-692-3456 for further information.

Santa's workshop will be opening soon...

Fall/Winter 2013/2014 Community Newsletter
Questions please call City Manager's Office 692-9503 or
[email: bbreda@somersworth.com](mailto:bbreda@somersworth.com)

Municipal Elections November 5th

Filing Period For Municipal Election

The Filing Period for the November 5, 2013 Municipal Election will open on September 10 and close on September 25, 2013. The following positions will be open for filing:

Mayor; At-Large City Councilors (4); Ward City Councilors (1 from each of 5 Wards); At-Large School Board (4); Ward School Board (1 from each of 5 Wards); Moderators (1 from each of 5 Wards); Ward Clerk (1 from each of 5 Wards); Selectmen (3 from each of 5 Wards).

The Term for all positions is 2 years. The filing fee for Mayor is \$25, all other positions is \$5. In lieu of paying a filing fee, candidates may submit petitions signed by 50 registered voters if filing for the office of Mayor or for an At Large Position, or petitions signed by 25 registered voters if filing for a Ward position.

Supervisors Of The Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at City Hall, One Government Way on September 9, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to register voters, accept any changes in wards, names and addresses or party affiliations.

Polling Places Open 8 am To 7 pm

Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way
Ward 2 - Somersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street
Ward 3 - Flanagan Community Center, 9 Bartlett Avenue
Ward 4 - Charpentier Apartments, 28 Franklin Street
Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building, 218 Main Street

Residents may register to vote in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays). Residents may also register to vote at their polling place on election day. In order to register to vote, proper identification showing the person's Somersworth address and their date of birth should be presented. Questions regarding elections, call the Office of the City Clerk at 692-9512.



Receive free text messages or emails from the Somersworth Police Dept. who broadcast emergencies, accidents to avoid and other important information. Visit www.nixle.com to sign up.

Snow Emergencies/Parking Bans

During Snow Emergencies, a Parking Ban is in effect. Always be aware of overnight weather forecasts and have an alternative parking plan when snow is predicted. Your vehicle can be towed during a Snow Emergency and you will have to pay the tow charge to get it back. The purpose of the parking ban is to enable Public Works to safely maintain the roads. This means sometimes there will be a Snow Emergency declared even when it is no longer snowing. Snow Emergencies are announced on the following stations: WTSN, WOKQ, WERZ, WSHK, WHEB, WMUR Channel 9 and Local Cable Station Channel 22. You may also call the "Winter Ban Hot Line at 692-9131 or click the "parking Bans" tab at www.somersworth.com. To receive news of parking bans via email, go to www.somersworth.com and click "Subscribe-city E-mail"



City Services

City Staff have put together a few brochures that can be found online at



www.somersworth.com or in the Tax Office at City Hall. A 'Frequently Asked Questions' booklet, 'A Citizen's Guide for Comments and Complaints'; 'Somersworth Home Owners Responsibilities and Privileges' and 'Winter Operations Guide' fliers are available.

Stop by and pick one up today!

E-Z PAY - Automatic Payment Plan For Water & Sewer Utility

The City offers E-Z pay to its utility customers. It is a fast and convenient way to pay your monthly utility bill. Your bill can now be debited directly from your checking or statement savings account.

For more information, see the News section of our website or stop by the Tax Office for a brochure and sign-up form. For any questions, please contact the Water Department at 692-9523.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants from September 23rd through October 11th. A slight discoloration may occur in your water and should clear up within a few hours after flushing is completed. Residents may also experience low water pressure during flushing. Formal notice of this year's flushing effort will be posted on our website, Channel 22 and Fosters Daily Democrat. A proposed schedule will be posted on www.somersworth.com as to when and where flushing will occur. Daily updates will be posted in the Yellow Notices box on the City's homepage. Call City Water Clerk with questions at 692-9523.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Please have your tree curbside no sooner than the evening before and no later than 7 a.m. on your trash pickup day the week of January 6th. Put out time is specified due to the possibility of inclement weather this time of year. If your tree is snowed/iced into the curb/snowbank it will not be picked up. You do not need to call ahead for pick up. A drop off location will be designated from the last week in December until January 31st. Call Public Works Dept. at 692-4266 for the location and hours.



Fall & Winter Recreational Activities

Senior Activities

SENIOR WALKING CLUB

The free popular program will begin on Monday, September 9th and run until October 16th. Walks take place on a drop-in basis on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30—9:30 a.m. at the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Maple Street Extension. All abilities welcome. Walking paths are flat and circular, allowing seniors the option of walking any amount of time, distance or speed. It's a great way to make new friends and keep in shape. For more information, call 692-9508.

2013 Senior Picnic Celebrating Somersworth Seniors

Come join in the fun with your community at the Senior Picnic. This fun-filled day at the Somersworth Fire Department is full of food and entertainment. All you have to bring is a smile!

When: Thursday, September 19
Time: 11:00 am
Where: Somersworth Fire Department
195 Maple Street



This year we are welcoming American Ambulance Service to our little get-together. They will be there doing free blood pressure checks and showing off their state of the art ambulances.

For more information contact Arlene Reynolds at 692-5169 or Nick Campion at 692-9508



AARP Driving Safety Course

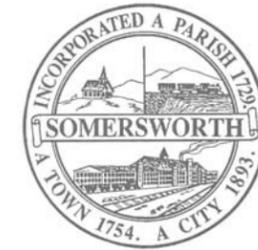
A classroom refresher course for drivers 50 years of age and over. This course is given over a two-day period. For more information, call 692-9508.

Who: Anyone 50 years or older.
When: Mon. & Tues., Oct. 28 & 29
Where: City Hall Council Chambers
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cost: \$14 includes booklet



Cribbage Tournament

Enjoy an afternoon of pegging, 15's, 31's, Skunks and all things playing cribbage brings. Awards given to winners. Public welcome, all ages!!
Where: Senior Center, Fillion Terrace on Washington Street
When: Monday, October 21st. At 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 per player



Harlem Trick Hoops & Alley-Oops



Come join us for a fun-filled night, experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing and aerodynamic athleticism combined with high-energy

comedy and audience interaction. It's the Harlem Wizards vs. SORO Pride Community members from Somersworth/Rollinsford

All Proceeds to Benefit The Somersworth Children's Festival

Date: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013
Time: 7:00 PM
Presented by: SAU #56
Location: Somersworth High School
Student Admission: \$10 in Advance
Adult Admission: \$12 in Advance
VIP Courtside Tickets: \$25 in Advance
Tickets at the door will be \$2 additional, if available.

Hosted by SAU 56
Call SAU 56 for more information: 692-4450

Registration Forms

Forms to register for Recreation activities can be found at the Public Library, Recreation Office or City Clerk office at City Hall. They are also available online on the Recreation portion of our website, www.somersworth.com.

If you would like to be included in our e-mail list to receive occasional updates on programs, trips and activities being offered by the Recreation Office, please email:

Nick Campion at
ncampion@somersworth.com.

Upcoming 2013/2014 Meetings on Comcast Government Access Channel 22

City Council Meeting

The City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Public Hearings may be scheduled for an earlier start time.

2013

September 16
October 7 & 21
Nov. 12 & Dec. 9

Check website for 2014 dates

Channel 22 replays City Council meetings:
Thursday at 3 a.m. & 3 p.m.,
Friday at 12 a.m. & 12 p.m.,
Saturday at 9 a.m. & 9 p.m., and
Sunday at 6 a.m. & 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting

The School Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

2013

Sept 24
Oct 8 & 22
Nov 7 & 19, Dec 10

Check website for 2014 dates

Channel 22 replays their meetings:
Thursday 9 a.m. & 9 p.m.,
Friday 6 a.m. & 6 p.m.,
Saturday 3 a.m. & 3 p.m. and
Sunday 12 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Meetings are available online for live internet viewing from the link at www.somersworth.com

City Hall Numbers

City Hall/Voice Directory

692-4262

City Manager's Office

692-9503

City Clerk

692-9511, 692-9512

Development Services

(Assessing, Planning
Building & Code)

692-9519, 692-9520

Finance & Administration

692-9505

Recreation

692-9508

Tax Collector/ MV Registration

692-9555

Water/Sewer Clerk

692-9523

Planning Board Meeting

The Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2013

September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18

Check website for 2014 dates

Channel 22 replays Planning Board meetings:
Thursday at 12 a.m. & 12 p.m., Friday
9 a.m. & 9 p.m.,
Saturday 6 a.m. & 6 p.m., and
Sunday at 3 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Zoning Board

The Zoning Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2013

October 2
November 6
December 4

Check website for 2014 dates

Channel 22 replays their meetings:
Thursday at 6 a.m. & 6 p.m.,
Friday at 3 a.m. & 3 p.m.,
Saturday at 12 a.m. & 12 p.m. and
Sunday 9 a.m. & 9 p.m.

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One Government Way

Somersworth

New Hampshire

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www.somersworth.com

Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

Wednesdays

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

Tax, City Clerk &
Development Services
(Planning, Building/Code &
Assessing)

City Manager

Robert M. Belmore

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2013/2014 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

The recycling schedule can be found on our website @ www.somersworth.com or can be picked up at City Hall or at the Somersworth Library.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, Nov. 3**. This is a reminder to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Test batteries monthly and replace annually.



Assessing Information-Property Values

Somersworth Assessing Office

Cycled Inspections

The City of Somersworth will be continuing the cycled inspection program starting in September. Representatives from the Assessing Department will be out measuring and inspecting properties for data accuracy. If you are not at home at the time of the 1st visit, we will verify the exterior dimensions. A notice will be sent requesting an interior inspection.

The process will be going on throughout the fall and winter. The tax maps slated for 2013 are maps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 51, 52, 53 & 54. To review a list of the streets that are included in these map numbers please visit our website.

To review your property record card online visit: www.somersworth.com

Economic Development News

Downtown Improvements

The downtown improvement project is in full swing. This two year project will include new water, sewer and drainage systems, a new bridge, improved roads and sidewalks and streetscape improvements. We appreciate your patience as we go through the construction and hope you will continue to support our downtown business community during the process.

RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief

The City approved their first application for RSA 79-E that provides short term tax relief to property owners in the downtown district that make significant improvements to their property. A formerly vacant building has been completely renovated and now boasts a beautiful two bedroom apartment on the 2nd floor complete with exposed beams and river views and a restaurant on the ground floor. This project is a perfect example of how RSA 79-E can help improve our downtown community. Contact Dave Sharples at dsharples@somersworth.com or 692-9517 to learn more.

Economic Development Working w/Career Technical Center

Christine Soutter in the office of Economic Development is working with the Career Technical Center at the high school and the City of Dover to create a stronger partnership between our schools and our business community. We are actively seeking businesses interested in offering internships to our students. Your participation not only improves the educational experience for the students but will also create better qualified candidates for your business. We are also looking to add to our various CTC advisory boards and welcome your participation. Please contact Christine Soutter at 692-9516 or csoutter@somersworth.com to learn how you can get involved.

The Office of Economic Development is here to help both emerging and established businesses. Call us for information on starting a new business, expanding your current business, staffing needs, resource assistance, etc. You can stay informed on local and regional business news by signing up for our monthly e-newsletter at www.somersworth.com

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Quality Somersworth
Vision 2020

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Trash Delays, Weather &
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Fire Department

ANNUAL ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CAMPAIGN



The Somersworth Fire Department is asking residents to "Adopt-A-Hydrant" this winter season in an effort to help clear snow from nearby fire hydrants. Firefighters will be doing their best to clear snow from hydrants to maintain access in the event of an emergency as it is critical to life safety that hydrants are accessible. Please consider volunteering your time for a better and safer community. Please call 692-3457 for more information.

Thank you for volunteering your time.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12

The Fire Department will sponsor an "Open House" at the fire station on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 am—3:00 pm. Address: Somersworth Fire Department, 195 Maple Street. There will be information on fire safety, general safety information, health and refreshments will be served.

Assisting the Somersworth Fire Department will be the Police Department, American Ambulance, Wentworth Douglas Hospital and Smokey the Bear.

The Public is Invited to the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 5th.

Police Department

Fire Alarms/Police Alarms



Per Somersworth ordinances, all residences and businesses with fire alarms and/or police alarms must register their alarm with the City. Alarm Permits are due by January 31, 2014. Reminder letters should be received in early December. Renewal permits are \$10 if received by Jan. 31 or \$20 if received after.

Residents 65+ are free for renewal. Initial alarm permit fee: \$25.00. Somersworth Police Department, 12 Lilac Lane. Phone: 692-3131

Going South for the Winter

House checks are available if you are a snowbird traveling south for the winter. Stop by the Police Dept and let us know. We will patrol your home while you are away. Call 692-3131 to find out more information.



Want to Be Involved in Shaping Your Community?

Are you a Somersworth resident that wants to be involved in important decision making ?

If so, joining a Land Use Board may be just right for you! The City of Somersworth has four Land Use Boards and they are: Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission and Historic District Commission. Each board has different responsibilities and functions but all offer a way to be involved, have your voice heard and make important decisions in your community.

If interested submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, which includes your name, address, contact information, which Board you want to be a part of and any information you have on what would make you a great Board member. Mail your letter to:

City Clerk
City Board Membership Interest
City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

LIBRARY

What Somersworth is reading in December

Following Atticus

A middle-aged, overweight, and acrophobic newspaperman Tom Ryan and miniature schnauzer Atticus M. Finch are an unlikely pair of mountaineers, but after a close friend dies of cancer, the two pay tribute to her by attempting to climb all forty-eight of New Hampshire's four-thousand-foot peaks twice in one winter while raising money for charity. Enjoy this great memoir, then join to talk about the book.

Books are now available for loan.
The book group meets Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm and Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 am.



Storytimes In The Children's Room

Visit the library for a complete schedule and contents of each story time and the craft offered. Story times begin September 17th, and will be weekly until December 18th. After the holiday break they will begin again January 14th and will be weekly until 11th. Story time for 2-6 year olds is on Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. and for all ages Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.. The story times are free to residents. Come join in the fun as your child learns of all the knowledge and fun just waiting for them to enjoy in the Children's Room of the Somersworth Public Library!

Christmas Wish Tree

Need a unique gift for someone special, stop by the Library after Thanksgiving, and choose one of the book suggestions from the tree to give the Library in their honor. The Library will take either a donation to purchase the book, or accept a copy of that book that has already been purchased. There are novels, biographies, and children's books to choose.

Got a new Kindle or Nook for Christmas

If you have a new reading device, stop by the library to either get a library card or get your password to access the NH Downloadable Books Consortium for free e-books. The Consortium has over 7,000 e-books for both adults and kids, and their site has a link to a blog to help you with issues you might have getting started. The library can provide you with computer time if need a high-speed connection to download your books!

Need Information About the ACA (Affordable Care Act)

Remember the library can offer you free computer time, information about the websites to use, and assistance with your search as this new health care initiative takes effect January 1, 2014, with sign up beginning on October 1, 2013. Use <http://www.healthcare.gov/> to begin your education about the ACA today.

Income Tax Forms

Beginning mid-February 2014, the Somersworth Public Library will have basic income tax forms and instruction booklets for 2013. Some of the more common forms for other deductions such as Earned Income Credit and a notebook of reproducible forms will be available. The general public may have access to the IRS website for special forms and e-filing of returns on the library's seven public access computers. The cost for printing forms from the website or copying from the reproducible forms is 15¢ per page.



2013 Somersworth Christmas Parade

"Christmas through a Child's Eye"
Saturday, December 14th at
4:00 p.m.

Starts on Memorial Drive goes to Franklin then to Main Street to Market Street
Disbanding on Constitutional Way.

Float Entry information Please call:
Cheryl Gagnon, Somersworth Parade
Chairman, 692-6938 or email
Elizabeth.curry-miller@myfairpoint.net



Holiday Wish Tree

During the December holidays, when you're looking for that perfect gift for someone

who has everything, the library's wish tree will be up and decorated with all the books we would like to have for our shelves for both adults and children. You may donate the book in honor of someone special. You may purchase the book, read it first, and then donate it to the library or donate its cost and we will be sure you are the first to read it.