

Spring & Summer Recreation 2014

KIDZ CAMP



Enjoy this active outdoor summer camp filled with fun! Activities include field trips, arts & crafts, swimming, special events and athletics. The cost of camp includes breakfast, lunch, two weekly state park trips, special field trips, arts and craft materials, and a camp t-shirt.

Half Day Camp

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Cost: \$100 residents/\$150 non-residents

Who: Children entering Grade 1-5

When: Monday - Friday

Where: Noble Pines Park

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session I: June 23 - July 18

Session II: July 21 - August 15

Cost: \$300 per session/resident

\$400 non-resident

Before/After Camp Care

COST: \$90 per session

Before Camp begins: 7 a.m.

After Camp ends: 5 p.m.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT

Join the Easter Bunny for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Millennium Park on Stackpole Road. Bring a basket or bag to help gather up all the colorful and prize-filled plastic and chocolate eggs. Rain or shine.



Who: Children ages 9 and under

When: Friday, April 18th

Where: Millennium Park on Stackpole Road

Time: The Hunt begins at 4:30 p.m. SHARP!

Cost: FREE!!!

Trends Summer Camp

Join us with this exciting and active outdoor summer camp! This program will feature community service projects, trips to state parks, special field trips, swimming, and lots of other engaging and fun events and activities.

Who: Children entering grades 6-9

Where: Millennium Park

When: Monday-Friday

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session I: June 23 - July 18

Session II: July 21 - August 15

Cost: \$400 session/resident

AARP Driver Safety Course

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

When: May 5th & May 6th

Time: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers

Cost: \$15 for AARP Members
\$20 for Non-Members



HERSHEY TRACK & FIELD

Hershey Track is a national program for young athletes between the ages of 9-14 that allows them to learn the basics of Track & Field and to compete at local and state meets. Athletes who excel at the state meet may have the opportunity to compete in regional and national competitions as well.

Who: Children ages 9-14

When: Starting May 26

Monday & Wednesday's

Where: Idlehurst School Track

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Family Board Game Bash...Coming soon!

Bring your family and friends for a fun school vacation afternoon where you can dabble in some of your favorite childhood board games, card games, and enjoy treats. This is a great way to get out of the house and get the family involved. Check the Recreation Dept. for more information.

Community Walking Club

Join the Somersworth Community as we walk towards wellness in this six week program designed to promote walking as a healthy option to those looking to get out of the house for some leisure exercise. This program is free and we welcome all walking abilities. The walking paths are flat and circular, allowing many different options of walking time, speed, and distance.

When: Monday & Wednesday's May 12 - June 18

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Mount Calvary Cemetery, Maple Street Extension

Call the Recreation Office with any questions at 692-9508

WELCOME Somersworth New Hampshire

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



Spring/Summer

"Proud Past, Bright Future"

2014

Coming Soon to Downtown Somersworth



Conceptual Gateway Signage

In 2009 the resident's of Somersworth expressed the need for a revitalized downtown through both a public forum and a design charrette. After careful planning that included securing State and Federal funds, three major improvement projects will be taking place during the upcoming construction season in downtown Somersworth.

Somersworth/Berwick Bridge

The Somersworth/Berwick Bridge will be completely rehabilitated with a new road surface, sidewalks on both sides and decorative railings and lighting. This project will begin in late February/early March 2014 and will continue through the entire 2014 construction season with an anticipated completion date of June 1, 2015.

Downtown Infrastructure Project

The downtown infrastructure project will continue starting in late March/early April which includes new drainage, water and sewer upgrades, decorative street lighting, and new roadway and sidewalks on High and Market Streets from the West High/High Street intersection to the Somersworth Berwick Bridge; Main Street from the High Street/Market Street intersection to John Parsons Drive; and Station Street. The anticipated completion date for this project will be November, 2014.

Transportation Enhancement Project

The Transportation Enhancement project is expected to begin by late summer/early fall 2014 and will include a major landscape focal point at the High Street/Market Street/Main Street intersection that will include plantings, seating walls, and courtyard sidewalks to provide a high quality public gathering and meeting space. Other TE improvements will include sidewalks; gateway and decorative signage, street plantings, and the creation of a pedestrian mall area on Market Street.

At the completion of these three exciting projects, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a completely rehabilitated bridge, new roadways surfaces, wider sidewalks, improved pedestrian safety and streetscape enhancements throughout the downtown. The transformation of the look and feel of our downtown is in accordance with Vision 2020, created by the citizens of Somersworth.

Stay Informed

In order to help our citizens stay informed with the latest construction updates, the City will post periodic construction updates on our website at www.somersworth.com or you can call Christine Soutter, our Economic Development Manager at 692-9516. In addition, variable message signs will be placed at strategic locations to alert motorists of traffic patterns throughout the project.

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Quality Somersworth
Vision 2020

Welcome Mayor Dana Hilliard



On January 7th, 2014 Dana Hilliard was sworn in as the 36th Mayor of the City of Somersworth. His Inaugural address encompassed the theme of **"We Believe in Somersworth"** This theme Mayor Hilliard will continue to carry out during his term.

Mayor Hilliard's Inaugural Address

In 1729 a new timeline in history would begin, when villagers along the Salmon Falls River found travel during winter to attend church services in Dover too difficult. Those villages would begin the motions of a 284 year history which continues to move forward this evening. The small parish named Somersworth would gain a town charter in 1754 adding a new chapter in its own personal history. During this time our small village parish would begin its journey of transforming itself into a "mill town"

A mill town which would soon gain recognition for being among the many other great communities of the Industrial

Revolution; Manchester, Lowell, Nashua and Dover. Our Yankee work ethic would continue to be developed and etched into stone as the early morning bells of the mill signaled the beginning and ending of the day. Our deep ethnic cultural heritages would develop, as the families of our early English settlers began sharing streets and neighborhoods with the newly arriving immigrants from Ireland, Greece and Quebec, all drawn to our community with the promise of hope, opportunity, and a new beginning. These new arrivals would not only continue to build the foundation for the identity of our community today, but would discover what the Parish, Town and soon to be City of Somersworth's greatest asset is: **its citizens.**

To read more of Mayor Hilliard's inaugural address, please visit: <http://www.somersworth.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/January-7-2014-INAUGURATION-Minutes.pdf>



Mayor Dana Hilliard's Spring Office Hours

Monday: 4:30 pm — 5:30 pm
 Wednesday: 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 Friday: 3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Residents are encouraged to attend the office hours to share with the Mayor any concerns they may have or residents should feel free to contact the Mayor at 603-692-9501.

Mayor Hilliard has 2 St. Anselm's College interns who will staff his office at City Hall: Christian Dubois and William Trascasio. The interns office hours are:

Monday: 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Wednesday: 9:30 am — 4:00 pm
 Friday: 9:30 am — 4:00 pm

UPCOMING 2014 MEETINGS

City Council

Meeting Dates

The City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

March 17, April 7 & 21
 May 5 & 19, June 9 & 23
 July 14, August 11
 September 2 & 15

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 22. Replays City Council meetings every 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 Dates

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

March 11 & 25
 April 8 & 29, May 13 & 27
 June 3 & 17, August 7 & 21
 September 11 & 25

Watch School Board meetings live on Channel 22. Channel 22 replays their meetings every 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.

Planning Board

Meeting Dates

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

March 19 & April 16
 May 21 & June 18
 July 16 & August 20
 September 17

Watch Planning Board meetings live on Channel 22. Channel 22 replays Planning Board meetings every 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.

April 2 & May 7
 June 4 & July 2
 August 6 & September 3

Watch Planning Board meetings live on Channel 22. Channel 22 replays Zoning Board meetings every 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.

Meetings are available online at www.somersworth.com. Click on the video camera on the home page.

City Department Phone Numbers

City Hall

City Hall/Voice Directory 692-4262
 City Manager's Office 692-9503
 City Clerk 692-9511, 692-9512
 Development Services (Assessing, Building & Code, Planning) 692-9519, 692-9520
 Finance & Administration 692-9505
 Recreation 692-9508
 Tax Collector/MV Registration 692-9555
 692-9514, 692-9515
 Water/Sewer Clerk 692-9523

City Departments

Fire Department 692-3457
 Police Department (non-emergency) 692-3131
 Public Works 692-4266
 Somersworth Public Library: 692-4587

City Officials

Mayor Dana Hilliard

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 Mayor's Office: 692-9501

City Council

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News from the City of Somersworth

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Hours

Monday—Friday
 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays
 8 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Tax Office, City Clerk & Development Services (Planning, Building, Code & Assessing)

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 WWW.SOMERSWORTH.COM
 FOR THE
 LATEST INFORMATION,
 TRASH DELAYS, WEATHER &
 CITY EVENTS**

SAU 56—School Department News

Kindergarten Registration & In-

Date & Time:

May 21, 2014, 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Place:

Maple Wood Elementary School



Kindergarten Sign-up and PALS Screening

Date & Time:

May 29, 2014
This will be held in the AM. Information will be discussed on registration night. At Maple Wood Elementary School. For more information please call: Lori White, Secretary at Maple Wood at 692-3331

Spring/Summer Programming Elementary & Middle School

Summer School

Dates: July 7 through August 6, 2014

Time/Days: 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Somersworth Youth Connection

Dates: July 7—August 7, 2014

Location/Age: Idlehurst—Elementary Age

Time/Days: 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Location/Age: Middle School—Teens

Time/Days: 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Monday through Friday.

Lori White, Secretary at Maple Wood at 692-3331

Children Attending Private Schools

Under Title I regulations, the Somersworth School District must determine if any resident children are attending private schools outside the City of Somersworth. Private Schools may be eligible for services through Title I. Please call Caroline Butler, Title I Project Manager at 692-2126 if you have a child attending school outside the City.

ALERT NOW - SCHOOL INFO

We have ALERTNOW phone system to notify families of inclement weather and emergencies. Please make sure your child's school has the correct contact information on file.



FIRE Department

FireWorks Permits

The City of Somersworth requires a permit for Fireworks. Applications can be picked up at the Fire Station (fee applicable). Please contact the Fire Department at 692-3457 as lead time to permit is subject to change.



Seasonal Campfires

Seasonal campfires and cooking permits should be renewed for the 2014 year. These permits can be obtained at the Fire Station during business hours, seven days a week.

Dog Licenses are now available on-line...



Dog licenses for 2014 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). The fees for licensing are: 4 months old but less than 7 months (not spayed or neutered); 7 months old or older (spayed or neutered) is \$7.50; 7 months old or older (not spayed or neutered) is \$10. Persons 65 years of age or over may license one dog for a fee of \$2 and any additional license (s) shall be at the regular fees. In addition to the fees noted, a charge of \$1 per month will be assessed if fees are not paid before June 1, 2014. Any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 692-9511. Please visit www.somersworth.com to do on-line.

Community Gardens



In 2012, the Sustainability Committee created a Community Garden at Malley Farm. Check out the Community Garden's amazing plants last summer and fall. Small garden plots are made available to anyone who wishes to grow vegetables and herbs for their own consumption. The Public Works Department is assisting the Sustainability Committee in assigning garden plots in the Community Garden. The plots are either 50 or 100 square feet. To reserve a plot, contact Jennifer at Public Works at (603) 692-4266 or email at jnalley@somersworth.com.

Bagged Leaves & Brush Pick-up

Brush will be picked up the **third week in April and the third week in May**. You must call 692-4266 by **Friday, April 18th** and/or **Friday, May 16th** to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7 a.m. on **Monday, April 21st** and/or **Monday May 19th** 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 the fourth week in May. You do not have to call ahead for bagged leaves pickup. Please have **leaves curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your trash pickup day the week of April 28th and/or May 27th**. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores. Malley Farm Facility

Adopt-A-Spot



Please contact Public Works at 692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com if you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Spot program. Check www.somersworth.com for this year's application and further information on the program.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester. Residents must bring a photo ID with proof of Somersworth residency.

Items that **WILL** be accepted include:

- Oil or enamel based paint stains & finishes
- Paint thinners and turpentine
- Weed killers and fertilizers
- Bug and rodent sprays
- Pool chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline

Items that **WILL NOT** be accepted include:

- Zinc and alkaline batteries
- Propane Tanks
- Car batteries
- Latex paint
- Computers
- Motor oil
- Tires

More information will be posted at www.somersworth.com as it becomes available. You can also contact Public Works at (603) 692-4266 or jnalley@somersworth.com

Understanding your Water Bill

The City of Somersworth Water Division is always happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have about your monthly water/sewer bill. Some of the most common questions are answered below, or you can call the Water Dept at 692-9523



1. What are Units?

We measure your water usage in Units. A unit of water is 100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons of water. If your bill states you used 3 units of water, you will have used approximately 2,244 gallons of water during the billing period (748 x 3 = 2244). Sewer usage is calculated using your water meter as well.

2. My bill has been the same amount for 3 months. How can I use the same every month.

It is very common to see the same usage amount on your bill for a consecutive number of months. For example, your bill could state that your previous reading was 1749 and your current reading is 1753, showing a usage amount of 4 units. But the odometer on the meter actually shows that the reading was 1749.01 last month, and 1753.36 this month. Your actual usage was 4.35, but are you not billed for partial units. The reader registers full units after they are used.

3. My bill went up about \$10.00 this month. Why the increase?

A small increase like this indicates you used one unit more of water and sewer than usual. A unit of water is \$4.11 and a unit of sewer is \$5.50, for a total of \$9.61. If your usage is consistent, it is normal to have a small increase occasionally as your usage "catches up".

4. Why does my bill seem high compared to my neighbors, or compared to previous bills?

All families use water differently, so it is not advised to compare usage with other households. However, if there is a substantial difference, you may have a leak?

5. High usage & Investigating Leaks. One of the first indications of a Water Leak is an unexplained usage amount. We encourage customers to check for leaks before scheduling an appt with our office, to save themselves both time & money, however, we will always help whenever we can! Common places for leaks are a running toilet and dripping faucets: A leaking toilet tank can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day, 6,000 gallons per month. A dripping faucet at 100 drips per minute can waste up to 33 gallons per day, 1,000 per month. Other causes of High Bills: Running your sprinkler for just 1 hour can use 400 gallons or washing car can use 100 gallons of water.

6. Pools & Abatements. As we enter the summer months and warmer weather, people will be preparing their pools for summertime fun! The City of Somersworth Water Division will consider abatement for the sewer portion of your bill when you fill a pool under certain circumstances. You will need to complete an Abatement Form that you can get from the Water Clerk at City Hall. If the pool is new, we require proof of the size of the pool and the beginning and ending read from your meter is also helpful, but not required. If you had to make a repair or replace the liner of an existing pool, we will consider abatement of the sewer portion if you provide copies of receipts for the repairs along with the completed Abatement Form. We do not abate the sewer usage if you are 'topping off' a pool, filling a hot tub or a small child-sized pool. Happy Swimming!

Assessing—Tax Cards & Tax Maps

Tax Cards for the City are available online at www.patriotproperties.com; Tax Maps are also available online at <http://www.somersworth.com/departments-services/development/development-services/assessing/tax-maps/>

Exemptions and Credits

Applications for Elderly Exemptions and Veteran's Credits are due no later than April 15th, 2014. The guidelines for the Elderly Exemption are as follows:

The taxpayer must be 65 or over.

The taxpayer must be a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years as of April 1st and own the real estate individually or jointly, or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years.

The taxpayer must have gross income of not more than Thirty Thousand, (\$30,000) Dollars (single) or, if married a combined gross income of less than Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars.

The taxpayer must not own assets in excess of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars, excluding the value of the person's residence and up to 2 acres of land.

Application are also available in the Assessing office in City Hall. For further information call 692-9520.

Library Dream Big, Read at the Library

The Library will be offering access to its shelves online with the Koha Library system through the nhaisLocal consortium of the NH State Library in March. You may visit the shelves virtually; place a hold on books, movies and audio books, check to see what you have out on loan, and more! Visit the Library in March to register for the new card that will your

gateway to the Koha system. Just bring your identification and proof of residency; for most that will be your driver's license or non-drivers I.D. Call the Library if you have questions about what you will need to get your card at 692-4587.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of Somersworth Public Library will hold the annual Spring Book Sale Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:00am. There will be hardcover, soft cover and paperback books as well as movies on VHS and DVD and also audio books. Members of Friends of Somersworth Public Library will be able to preview the book sale on Friday prior to the start of the sale. Prices are low and regular discounts happen during the following weeks. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the sale. Watch for Children's Book Sale on June 21, 2014. Contact Librarian Debora Longo for more details at 692-4587.



Storytimes in the Children's Room



Visit the Library for a complete schedule and contents of each story time and the craft offered. Story time for 2 to 6 years old is on Wednesday at 11:15 am and for all ages on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm. The story times are free to residents. Library cards are recommended but not required. Come join in the fun as your child learns all the knowledge and fun just waiting to enjoy in the Children's Room of the Somersworth Public Library.

Reading at the Library



Fizz, Boom Read at the Library this Summer

Reading program with signup on June 21, 2014. Readers will explore science this summer when the library presents "FIZZ, BOOM READ". Color & Light, Weather, Animals & Plants, Shapes & Numbers, Sound, Movement, Water and the Senses will all be part of the story times, crafts, books and activities. Our program is for young people pre-school through the sixth grade. We would also like to offer a summer reading opportunity for teens in grades 7 & 8. If you are interested, please contact librarian Debora Longo.



Library Book Club

The Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM. Join us for an informal and interesting hour of discussion, The books have been chosen for this year's book discussions. The group is reading best selling and critically acclaimed novels published in 2012. The books are available for free loan at the library. The library can offer large print and audio book copies, too. The group is free and open to everyone.

The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling	Wed., Feb. 26
The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan	Wed., Mar. 26
The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin	Wed., Apr. 23
The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro	Wed., May 28
City of Women by David R. Gillham	Wed., June 25
The Round House by Louise Erdrich	Wed., July 23
Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo	Wed. Aug. 27
The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson	Wed., Sept. 24
Quiet by Susan Cain	Wed., Oct. 22
Canada by Richard Ford	Wed., Nov. 19*
Year End Recommendations - Which Books Were Your Favorites?	Wed., Dec. 17*

*Check the dates for this month for changes due to holidays