

# City Connection

*Proud Past, Bright Future*



April 2018

## April Meetings in Council Chambers at City Hall

### City Council Monthly Meetings Monday, April 2.

Please note Public Hearings may  
be scheduled to the meeting  
start time of 7:00 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m. City Manager  
presents Proposed FY 18/19  
Budget
- 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on  
FY 18/19 Proposed Budget
- 7:00 p.m. City Council  
Meeting

**Monday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Conservation Commission**  
Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**Historic District Commission**  
Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**Site Review Technical  
Committee**  
Wednesday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.

**Traffic Safety Committee**  
Wednesday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14

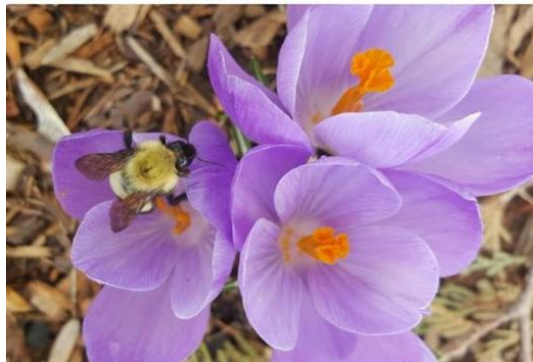


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**School Board Meetings**  
Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayors Community Forum**  
**Ward 3 Councilor, Martin P.**  
**Dumont Sr. & Ward 3 School**  
**Board Member, Karen Hiller**  
Saturday, April 14 - 9:00 - 10:30  
a.m.

**Please note meeting Calendar is  
subject to change.**

**To view Agendas of City  
Council meetings please visit  
City website**  
[www.somersworth.com/calendar/](http://www.somersworth.com/calendar/)



**City of Somersworth**  
**City Hall**  
**One Government Way**  
**Somersworth, NH 03878**  
**(603) 692-9555**

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

**Wednesday**  
**City Hall is open until**  
**6:00 p.m.**



## The Mayor's Corner

### *Long Winter!!*

It has been a long hard winter. The unforgiving cold, the barren earth, the isolation, it has had an effect and taken a toll on us all. The conditions of the New England winters however reinforces the values of the Yankee identity all of us share. It strengthens, gives us resilience and restores our faith. It tests our determination, and our ability to have hope. With each winter that passes we are changed, we are enlightened a little more with a greater understanding of nature's patterns and the circle of life; birth, growth, aging, death, resurrection.  
[Read More...](#)

**We are a community! We are achieving progress and greatness!**

***WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!***

***Mayor Dana Hilliard***



**Mayor's Community Forum**  
**Saturday, April 14**  
**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers**

Please join the Mayor, Ward 3 City Councilor, Martin P. Dumont, Sr. and Ward 3 School Board Member, Karen Hiller Come discuss Community issues and voice your concerns.

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



Stay in touch with City Happenings.

- Business Email List
- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation Department

[Join our mailing list](#)

## Mayor's Winter 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 these times. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at 692-9503 or email [Brenda](#).



### City Manager Notes

- State of the City Address [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- FY 2018/2019 Proposed Budget on the City website [here](#)
- The City's Recreation Department has completed the 2018 Inventory of all the [City Park's](#). In this Park Booklet you will see a brief description of the Park, it's location and amenities.
- [City Manager Reports](#)
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day.** There will be a Household Harzardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester. Residents must bring a photo I.D. with proof of Somersworth Residency

**Somersworth Police Department**



### **Pizza with the Police**

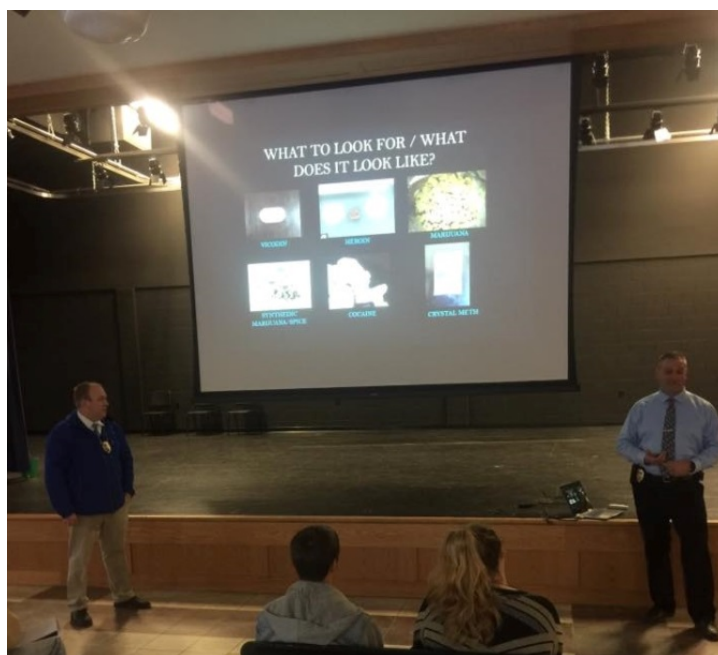
We had a Pizza With Police Event in March at Maplewood Elementary School for both the Kindergarten Class and Head Start Program. This program provided for one-on-one interaction between students and police officers in an informal setting at the schools.



**Old Rail Pizza** on High Street provided the pizza for our "Pizza with Police" event at Maplewood Elementary School. We sincerely appreciate their support to this community policing event....*Many Thanks!!*

### **Alcohol, Tobacco & Vaping**





Somersworth Police, in conjunction with Somersworth Youth Connection provided a presentation to parents at Idlehurst Elementary School on the Alcohol, Tobacco and Vaping on March 20th. Captain Tim McLin and Detective Rick Campbell are shown.

### **Somersworth Police Facebook Page**

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use this to inform you know about important community information including crime information, road closures, snow emergencies/ parking bans, and community events. Here is the link:

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

We send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for free Nixle at [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com)



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

**Information from Fire Department**  
**692-3457**



### **Springtime Tips...**

Spring is the time to cleanup garages, basements and yards. Lubricants and hazardous materials can be disposed of during advertised collection days dedicated solely to the pick-up of these items. Otherwise metal and electronic items can be dropped off at the Department of Public Works yard once stickers for disposal have been purchased at City Hall for \$4 per item.

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

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**Information from Public Works  
692-4266**



## **Prepare for Spring Clean-up!**

### **BAGGED LEAVES AND BRUSH PICKUP**

#### **Brush will be picked up the third weeks in April and May.**

You must call 692-4266 by Friday, April 13th and/or Friday, May 18th to be added to the pickup list. Please have your brush curbside no later than 7:00 am on Monday, April 16th and/or Monday, May 21 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**

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 20 and/or May 28. Leaves and grass clippings must be in brown paper leaf bags, sold at many local stores.

### **Malley Farm Facility**

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

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 5, 2018 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 and 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

## **Community Gardeners at Malley Farm**

### **New Steering Committee**

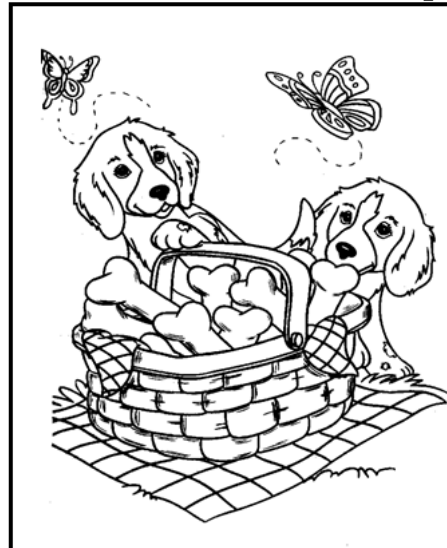
In preparation for the upcoming spring gardening season, the Department of Public Works will host a special meeting for all returning Malley Farm Community Gardeners on Saturday, April 21, from 10am -11:30am at the City's Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane. A steering committee made up of the Gardeners was established last year to assist with managing the program and representatives of the Committee will lead the informational and sign up meeting for upcoming spring participants. The meeting is mandatory for those community gardeners planning to return to garden their assigned plot this coming year. Topics covered at the meeting will include a review of the Community Garden Rules; Completing the Garden User and Voluntary Service Agreement Forms; updating personal contact information, and a discussion about upcoming spring and fall volunteer work days. Additional information and reminders about the meeting will be sent to the current participants prior to the Saturday meeting. Those interested in participating in the Community Garden program but do not yet have an assigned garden plot are encouraged to attend.

### **Highway Crews to prepare for spring work details.**

Highway crews will be initiating spring cleanup work as soon as the snow melts, including replacing temporary road patch material with hot mix asphalt, sweeping downtown sidewalks and all City streets. In addition, the Department will be preparing City streets this to enable our traffic marking contractor to repaint City street lanes, pedestrian crosswalk and stop bars which is anticipated to occur during the later in May.

Please call Public Works with questions at 603-692-4266 or [jnalley@somersworth.com](mailto:jnalley@somersworth.com) with questions.

## ***Time to License the Dogs!***



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pet(s) \_\_\_\_\_



### **Dog Licenses Due**

All dogs living in the City of Somersworth, including puppies who have received their first rabies shot, must be licensed annually, on or before April 30, in accordance with RSA 466.

Dog licenses are issued by the City Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Remember to bring the dog's current rabies certificate, if not on file, and spaying/neutering certificate, if applicable.

#### **Fees**

- Puppy (older than 3 months, younger than 7 months): \$7.50
- Male and female dogs (not spayed or neutered): \$10.00
- Spayed or Neutered dogs: \$7.50
- Group License for 5 or more dogs: \$20.00
- Commercial Kennel License for 5 or more dogs: \$20.00
- Senior Citizen (65 or over): \$2.00 (for 1 dog. Additional license(s) shall be at the regular fees)

In addition to the regular licensing fee listed above, a charge of \$1 per month will be assessed if fees are not paid before June 1.

Owners of dogs that are not licensed by July 15 may also be subject to a civil forfeiture fee of \$25.00 in addition to the fees as noted, due within 15 days of receiving notice.

If you have moved or no longer have your dog, please notify the City Clerk's Office at 603-692-9555 or by email at [tharris@somersworth.com](mailto:tharris@somersworth.com).

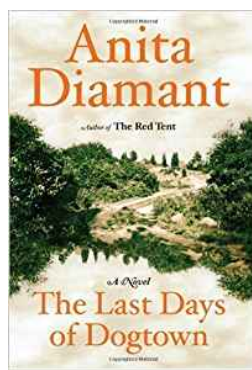
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### **What's Happening at the Library?**



#### **Have You Checked out a Reading Kit Yet?**

Have some rainy day fun this spring with one of the library's new reading kits. Each kit has one or more books, puppets and toys, games or puzzles, or even a CD for listening. Help your children discover a bigger world through reading, all in a 15" x18" tote bag. Just ask to borrow one at the Front Desk!



## What Somersworth is Reading in March 2018 "The Last Days of Dog Town" by Anita Diamant

Set in the outskirts of Cape Ann, the village of Dogtown is peopled by widows, orphans, spinsters, scoundrels, whores, free Africans, and "witches." The inhabitants include Black Ruth, who dresses as a man and works as a stonemason; Mrs. Stanley, a madam whose grandson, Sammy, comes of age in her brothel; Oliver Younger, who survives a miserable childhood; and Cornelius Finson, a freed slave. At the center of it all is Judy Rhines, an independent soul, who nonetheless builds a life for herself against all imaginable odds. Join the group for a casual discussion of this book on April 25th at 7:00PM at the library, and pick up May's book, The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman.



## National Children's Book Week Voting Begins

As part of the longest-running national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading, Somersworth Public Library and over 750 libraries, schools, and bookstores in every state will celebrate Children's Book Week from April 30 to May 6. This May marks the 99th anniversary of Children's Book Week; the theme for this year's celebration is "One World, Many Stories." Voting for the 11th Annual Children's & Teen Choice Book Awards, the only national book award voted on solely by kids & teens, will begin at the Library on April 2nd, and will continue until May 6, when voting ends. Come in and find the voting booths in the teen area and the Children's Room and cast your vote for your favorite book.

## Story Times for April

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



## Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library annual Spring Book Sale will begin on April 28 and continue through May 12 during regular library hours. Hardcover, soft covers and paperback books as well as DVDs and audio books are all arranged on tables in both alphabetical and subject order. Prices begin at 25¢ for paperbacks, \$1.00 for softcovers

and \$2.00 for Hardcover, with half price on May 4 and 5. Beginning May 8, take all you want and make a donation to the Friends. All proceeds benefit the Somersworth Public Library.

### **April Photo Exhibit**



Amateur photographer, and full-time librarian, Debora Longo will exhibit her photos at the library during the month of April. Debora has literally traveled to both ends of the earth and many points in between with friends and family, and has returned with the memories of those travels saved in photographs. She has won several awards in local competitions; this is her first solo exhibit. Stop by and take a look at what an amateur can do with the right camera, advice from professionals, and reading about your hobby.

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**Recreation Office Activities  
TONIGHT!!!!**

Somersworth Recreation presents

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EGG HUNT

March 30, 2018

Hunt begins at  
4:30 p.m. Sharp!

FREE!

Millennium Park-  
99 Stackpole Road

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

For more information  
please call  
603-692-9508



Now seeking  
volunteers!

PosterMyWall.com



**SOMERSWORTH RECREATION PRESENTS...**

# **GRANITE STATE TRACK & FIELD**

**Children ages 9-14 (As of Dec. 31st 2018)**

**May 9-June 22**

**Practices:**

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

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

**Idlehurst Elementary Track**

**Regional Meet: June 16/ State Meet: June 22**

This is a replacement program of the Hershey Track and Field Games and is for boys and girls ages 9-14. Track and Field is a wonderful way to promote youth physical fitness, great for meeting new friends, and a fun way to keep in shape. Join our 2018 team as we help our athletes develop new skills and discover their potential. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program.

**\*\*(Please note practices on 6/11, 6/13, 6/18 are only for participants who will be competing in the regional & state meets.)**

**Early Bird Fee: \$20 (Register by March 30th)**

**Fee: \$35 (After March 30th)**

**Deadline to Register is April 20th**

## **Recreation Volunteer Opportunities!**

Community members and friends we need your help! We have special events coming up that takes the help from several volunteers to facilitate. Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, build relationships, earn volunteer hours, and so much more. We have many different volunteer tasks so please reach out to see if there's something you can help with. If you have any special skills please reach out as we're always looking for new and creative ways to improve our special events. This is also a great way for high school students to receive volunteer hours.



### **Sweet Winter Harvest**

Winter in New England still provides fresh local food, and Daryl Dunbar is the Farm to School hero of the season. Using his NH Ag. in the Classroom grant to build a new maple syrup evaporator, he and his students have put it to the test this cold winter/spring season. The fruits of their labor is fresh, sweet, and local. These Middle Schoolers can now speak fluently about the evolution of tree to sap to syrup. Math may be Mr. Dunbar's subject matter, but the delicious science he teaches every sap season is a lucky break for Somersworth Middle School.

On April 7 the District Wellness Committee will host a Wellness Fair in partnership with Goodwin Community Health from 10am-12 at the Somersworth HS/CTC. Farm to School will be there with a free make-and-take seed starting activity. Great way to start a Saturday morning in mud season!

Calling all farmers: interested in cafeteria food scraps from our two super elementary schools? For 70 years the Turcotte family has faithfully picked up cafeteria scraps for their pigs from all Somersworth Schools every school day, and "Farmer Phil" is finally scaling back. Though he'll still be seen picking up from the Middle and High School cafeterias, Idlehurst and Maple Wood Elementary Schools have bid a bittersweet farewell to the beloved Phil Turcotte. Students and staff alike will miss his friendly smiling face. Thank you Phil, and to the Turcotte Family for this wonderful community service you've provided our schools for 7 decades!

For more information on Farm to School programs and activities in the Somersworth schools, please contact Wendy Berkeley at

[wberkeley@sau56.org](mailto:wberkeley@sau56.org)

Somersworth School District

# Health and Wellness Fair

Hosted by the District Wellness Committee

*In cooperation with the Strafford County Public Health Network, Somersworth Youth Connection, and the Somersworth Prevention Coalition*

Come engage with a variety of local organizations focused health and wellness for the mind, body, and spirit



Saturday, April 7th  
10am-12pm  
Somersworth High School

**Family Friendly**

**Free Admission**

**No RSVP necessary**

**Games and Prizes for families**

## What to Expect...

- "Yard" Games
- Raffles & Prizes
- Informational Booths
- Family Yoga Demonstrations
- Tae Kwon Do Demonstrations
- Sole City Dance Performance
- 30 min video on dangers of mixing drugs and alcohol
- Food Samplings
- and more!





# **A Taste Of Somersworth**

**Wednesday April 18 at Mulligans Grill, Career Technical Center  
18 Cemetery Road  
Somersworth from 5.30 - 7.30pm.**

The Somersworth 125th and Cultural Commissions have joined forces with the culinary students of the Somersworth Career Technical Center to bring you "A Taste of Somersworth" An evening where we celebrate the rich and diverse culinary history of the city of Somersworth. The evening will feature tastings from four of the cultures that helped shaped Somersworth over the years: French, Greek, Irish and Indonesian foods will be featured.

Tickets are \$15 each and pre order is recommended as space is limited. Those who preorder tickets will be admitted at 5.30pm and those who buy at the door will be admitted at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased here : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-taste-of-somersworth-tickets-44082839961>



# JOIN SYC AND THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY!

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH



**SIGN UP YOUR  
FAMILY, GROUP,  
ORGANIZATION OR  
BUSINESS**

**New this year! Pick up your  
supplies at any of our  
neighborhood locations**

**including:**

**Jules Bisson Park  
Willand Pond (Somersworth  
Side)  
Idlehurst Elementary  
Flanagan Center  
Noble Pines Park**

**KICK-OFF AT 7:30 AM  
IDLEHURST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WITH COFFEE AND  
PASTRIES!**

**7:30- 12:00: City wide  
Cleanup**

**11:30-1:00: Displays,  
Vendors, Demos & Touch a  
Truck**

**12:00: All Volunteers  
welcome for drinks, lunch  
and desert**

**\*raffle prizes\***

**12:30: Bike Safety Day!**

Join Our  
Somersworth  
Cares  
Campaign!

Look For More  
Info!

For more information contact Maureen Jackman at  
[Mjackman@SAU56.org](mailto:Mjackman@SAU56.org) or 692-2126



**Somersworth Festival  
Association  
Spring Craft Fair**

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, May 5  
Somersworth High School  
9:00 am-3:00 pm**

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

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



***Proud Past, Bright Future***