

*July*

## **The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings**



### **City of Somersworth City Hall**

One Government Way  
Somersworth, NH 03878

#### **City Hall Hours**

**\*Monday - Friday**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**\*Wednesday**  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## **Boards & Committee Meetings this Month**

**City Council Meeting**

Monday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**Site Review Technical Committee**

Wednesday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

**Conservation Commission**

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m.

**Planning Board**

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

**Historic District Commission**

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

## The Mayor's Corner

**Thetford Mines Delegation Visits The Hilltop City.**

It was 43 years ago that the Cities of Somersworth, NH and Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada forged the path to a friendship between the two Communities when they became sister Cities. The original twinning of the City was brought about by the creation of the Somersworth International Children's Festival and then Mayor George Bald.

That relationship was reignited once more with a visit from Thetford Mines Mayor Marc-Alexandre Brousseau accompanied by a delegation of seven to the Hilltop City on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023.



The party was welcomed by Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Staff and Mayor Hilliard would proclaim the day as "Thetford Mines Day." Many Somersworth residents have their roots in Thetford Mines as many of their ancestors took, "the long walk south," as it was known, to work in the textile mills in Somersworth.

The two Mayors last met in 2016 when Mayor Hilliard travelled to Thetford Mines and was himself welcomed with open arms by the mainly French speaking Community. Coincidentally the two Mayors have both served their respective communities for 10 years, a fact that did not escape either of them during the visit.

As the Canadian party arrived 4 days before St. John the Baptist day it seemed appropriate that the flag of Quebec was raised by Mayor Brousseau at Citizens Place and it will fly above the Hilltop City for the next week as the City's tradition.

After a tour of Somersworth City hall the party took a walk along Main Street to the Somersworth Historical Museum where they learned about some of the rich history of their sister City. Then it was time for dinner at Anatolia Mediterranean Restaurant before the parties bid each other farewell. The party from Thetford Mines would travel to Lowell on their departure but expressed their desire to return to the Hilltop City in the near future. In the meantime the two municipalities vowed to continue to foster relationships between the two Cities.

For Somersworth we are "On the Move"! and our "Future is Now"  
" We are a Community" " We are Achieving Progress and Greatness" "Let our Journey  
Continue" as we Venture Forward United as Hilltoppers!

***WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!***

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

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**The City of Somersworth Jumpstarts Housing Planning**

The Somersworth Planning Office is working with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to create a new plan for housing in Somersworth. As part of our City's Master Plan update, this work will span from June until November.

The City will be engaging the residents and businesses in Somersworth throughout the project, including a survey in early summer, a community event in September, and a Planning Board workshop to finalize goals and actions in October. This work is being funded through a grant from the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program.

Please stay tuned as we launch a webpage and finalize the Steering Committee to guide our work. For more information on this project, please contact Michelle Mears at [mmears@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:mmears@somersworthnh.gov)

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On June 2, 2023 at the NH Planners Association Spring Conference Planning Board Chair Ron LeHoullier was awarded the NH Planners Association 2023 Citizen Planner of the Year. The New Hampshire Planner's Association (NHPA) award annually recognizes citizen planners from New Hampshire for their advancement to the science and art of planning and commitment to community involvement through planning initiatives. The New Hampshire Planners Association promotes, assists, and supports professional planners in the State with the goal of achieving planning excellence to improve the quality of life today and tomorrow in New Hampshire's Communities. The Citizen Planner of the Year is a reflection of that ideal, and is sought annually through nominations.

Ron currently serves as the Planning Board Chair for the City of Somersworth. He has been an active Land Use Board member for the past 32 years serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board. He has been the Planning Board chair since 2014. Ron exemplifies institutional knowledge of the City and applications throughout the years. Providing historic background to ensure projects are fully vetted and consistent with prior approvals. As Chair of the Planning Board Ron makes sure meetings stay on track and the all parties receive a full and fair hearing before the Board. Ron does a superb job balancing abutters interest and making sure the Community land use regulations are being implemented. Please congratulate Ron!

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## What's Happening at Somersworth Library



**We've kicked off our 2023 Summer Reading Program, but there's still plenty of time for you to join!** Open to the entire Community, the All Together Now Summer Reading Program offers participants of all ages the opportunity to engage in reading challenges, attend library programs, and embrace this year's theme of togetherness, friendship, and community. For more information about the program, including the full schedule of events, please visit our [website](https://somersworthnh.gov/library).



### **Mahjong Group** **Tuesdays • 10:30am**

Enjoy the popular game of Mahjong here at the library every Tuesday at 10:30am. Mahjong group aims to connect locals with a love of Mahjong, while encouraging others to join in the fun! Stop by to experience this abstract strategy game that is beloved by so many.

### **Book Discussion Group** **Tuesday, July 11 • 5:30pm**

July's book group will discuss *Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly, a beautiful historical fiction novel set during the Civil War and based on a true story.

We are always looking for new members who can offer their unique perspectives during our discussion groups! If you are interested in joining, stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of

this month's book.



SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY TECH HELP

**FRIDAYS • 2PM \***

*\*with the exception of the third Friday of the month*

Learn to:

- search for paper, audio & e-books
- place holds & check your library account
- download audio & e-books
- perform basic computer operations

*Bring your own device, or use one of ours!*

SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY • 25 MAIN STREET • (603) 692-4587

### Library Tech Help

#### Fridays • 2pm

Weekly drop-in tech help is available on Fridays at 2pm (with the exception of the third Friday of each month). Stop by with your device, or borrow one of ours, to learn more about how technology can help you to fully utilize all of our library's services.

### Short Story Discussion Group

#### Friday, July 21 • 2pm

Authors of short stories have to pack more into less, which often requires the use of narrative devices to bring forth an idea in mere pages (as opposed to novels, which have the leisure of space and time to provide information for the reader). Where novels tend to focus more on the plot, short stories focus more on conveying an idea. Because of this, the short story discussion is often a deep dive into the central ideas of the story. Pick up a copy of this month's story at the circulation desk!





# STITCHED TO Gather



Crocheting • Knitting • Sewing •  
Quilting • Felting • Needlepoint •  
Basket weaving • All Fiber Arts

## Fiber Arts Group

Craft & Create Together.

Bring your project in progress, or use our materials to get started!  
Beginner crochet and knitting instruction provided.

✧ **Teens:** 2nd Wednesday of each month • 5:30pm ✧

✧ **Adults:** 3rd Wednesday of each month • 5:30pm ✧

## Stitched toGather: Fiber Arts Group

Stitched toGather is the Library's fiber arts group. This group meets monthly - teens on the second Wednesday of each month, and adults on the third Wednesday of each month.

Participants are able to

work on individual projects in a group setting.

Our library assistant, Sarah, will be in attendance to offer guidance, support and instruction for crocheters and beginning knitters. Attendees are encouraged to bring whatever project they're working on, but we'll also have yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks to share with the group. **This month, Stitched toGather will meet on Wednesday, July 12 (for teens) and Wednesday, July 19 (for adults).**

## Gnome-Making with Tanya

Join us for an hour-long workshop where you will make your own gnome friend to bring home. This program is for all ages, and we encourage families to participate together! To register, click [here](#).



## Gnome-Making Workshop



Friday, July 21 • 10:30am

## COMMUNITY HELPER FRIDAYS:



### Ambulance Storytime & Touch-a-Truck

FRIDAY, JULY 14 • 10:30AM



### USPS Storytime & Touch-a-Truck

FRIDAY, JULY 28 • 10:30AM



## Community Helper Fridays

**Friday, July 14 • 10:30am**  
- Ambulance Storytime &  
Touch-a-Truck

**Friday, July 28 • 10:30am**  
- USPS Storytime & Touch-  
a-Truck

As part of our All Together

Now Summer Reading Program, we've been featuring a different Community Helper Storytime on various Fridays throughout the summer! These storytimes are geared towards children aged 10 and under and will help expose children to

the different ways in which our community works together to keep people safe, informed, and healthy. On Friday, July 14th, we'll have an EMS first responder here at the library to share a story and to show off his ambulance! On July 28th, we welcome a USPS postal worker who will discuss his role in the community while showing off his mail truck. For more information about these programs, and to see the full lineup of community helpers, please visit our [website](#).

### **Lego Movie Night** **Tuesday, July 18 • 5pm**

Join us for a movie night here at the library! Children can build with Legos while enjoying a showing of The Lego Movie. Rated PG, this animated movie features an ordinary Lego minifigure who helps a resistance movement as they attempt to stop an evil tyrant from destroying the world.



### **Somersworth Seniors Group** **Tuesdays • 10:30am**

We welcome our senior community members to gather in our lower-level lounge every Tuesday at 10:30am. Complimentary tea and coffee provided. Come meet your neighbors!

### **Find That Gnome!**

Beezly, pictured above, is the mascot for our Summer Reading Program. This bee gnome is a bit mischievous and has decided to go adventuring around town on his own. We're hoping you can help us keep track of him this summer. He's likely to be found in the windowfront of a downtown shop in Somersworth center. Between June 24th and August 15, take a walk downtown and see if you can spot him! If you find Beezly, stop by the Library to report your sighting and be entered into a raffle to bring him home to keep at the end of the summer!





## New Technology!

Patrons are now able to check out an iPad (four available), check out a hotspot wi-fi device, use one of five new laptops in the library, and experience virtual reality with the Meta Quest 2 VR headset. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more about these great new additions to our library's collection!



## Weekly Children's Programs

### Family Story Time

**Tuesdays • 10:30am**

Join our Children's Librarian for a morning filled with stories, songs, crafts and plenty of play time. *Recommended for ages 4 and under.*

### Baby Play Hour

**Thursdays • 10:30am**

Informal playgroup to encourage play and social interaction between parents, caregivers, and babies. *Recommended for ages 2 and under.*

### Lego Engineers

**Saturdays • 11am**

Build your own Lego creation or collaborate with new friends. A new Lego challenge is offered each week. Legos provided! *Recommended for all ages.*



**The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in  
Observance of Independence Day**

**Check out the Library's Monthly Newsletter  
[here](#)**



Police Officer Watts completed the law package program for the NH Police Academy. He was presented his collar brass by Sergeant Major on June 6. This symbolizes the completion of his field training. He joined his shift as a fully certified NH Police Officer.



Joslyn Bald was hired as a full-time dispatcher. This addition makes the Somersworth Dispatch Center fully staffed.





Chief McLin joined Sergeants Lefebvre, Lutz, and Major, Detectives Harper and Fuller, and Officers Tully, South, Chanthavong, and Ontiley in running the Law Enforcement Torch Run's leg through Somersworth. They joined officers from across the state carrying the torch for the New Hampshire Special Olympics.



#### **Please remember! Summer Pet Safety**

It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car on a balmy day. However, on a 78-degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees -- and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun!

Even when the outside air temperature is in the 60's, temperatures inside some vehicles can reach the danger zone on bright, sunny days. So many experts recommend not leaving pets in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60's or higher.

Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently, the pet can escape. Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they only have overheated air to breathe, animals and children can suffer brain damage and possibly die of heatstroke.

Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death. **Precautions: Leave your fur babies at home on warm days.**



## SAVE THE DATE!



**National Night Out 2023** will be held on Tuesday, August 1 from 4:00pm. to 7:00pm. This event will be held at the Jules Bisson Park. **National Night Out** is a community event that promotes police-community building partnerships that is being held throughout many communities in the United States. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. There will be family activities, food and prizes. Come and join the fun!! **Together, we are making Communities safer, more caring places to live.**



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 Police Facebook Page**

Check out Somersworth Police Department's Facebook page. We use it to let 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/>



**Somersworth Crime Line:** You can leave crime tips or anonymous information at 603-692-9111

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**Somersworth Fire Department &  
Emergency Management**





It is with profound sadness that the City of Somersworth Fire Department reports the off duty, untimely passing of Firefighter/EMT Brian Flood. We extend our deepest sympathies to Brian's family. As a USMC veteran, Brian brought a hard-charging, can-do approach to the Fire Service. Brian was generous with his knowledge and his presence in this Fire Department will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brian, his family, City of Somersworth Fire Department personnel, and all those impacted by his loss. Please visit the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home website at the link that follows for visitation and service times on Sunday, 2 July, and Monday, 3 July: <https://www.remickgendron.com/upcoming-services/>

#### **Safety Message from the Fire Chief**

With Independence Day and the majority of summer in front of us, everyone is reminded that thousands of emergency room visits a year throughout the country occur due to fireworks injuries. More than 30 percent of those injuries are blamed on sparklers. Sparklers are exciting for children but burn at 1,200 degrees. Children should always be supervised around fireworks. When using sparklers remain at least six feet away from one another and have a water bucket close by to dispose of the spent sparkler. Do not simply drop spent sparklers on the ground especially if children are running around with bare feet. Improper use of fireworks can change a life in an instant - even a sparkler.

#### **Monthly Activity Statistics**

Our monthly run numbers for the most recent reporting period with a comparison to last year.

	<b>May 2023</b>	<b>May 2022</b>
Fire (All Types)	9	2
Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0
Rescue - EMS	80	76
Hazardous Conditions	7	9

(No Fire)		
Service Call	23	13
Good Intent Call	21	25
False Alarm / False Call	14	13
Sever WX / Natural Disaster	0	0
Special Incident	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>139</b>

Note: The categories used to report monthly incidents are those mandated by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Most categories are self-explanatory. For those categories that are not obvious, the following examples can add clarity: Good Intent Call - a reported fire that turns out to be steam from a dryer vent; Severe WX/Natural Disaster - a lightning strike or tree falling on a house that requires an inspection to ensure there is no fire; and a Special Incident - low frequency event such as a citizen's complaint of an ordinance or code violation.

For the most recent reporting period of May, 2023, Stewart's Ambulance responded to 187 emergency calls in the City, transported on 123 of those calls, and had an average response time of three minutes and fifty-two seconds (03.52). A mutual aid ambulance was required to respond into the City seven (7) times during the reporting period.

Note: The SFD responds with Stewart's on the more serious medical calls and any time a mutual aid ambulance responds into the City. In addition, FD EMTs and AEMTs assist Stewart's with transports when a driver and/or additional EMS providers are required.

Please see the following background photos, safety messages, and pictures of recent SFD activities. Feel free to call the Fire Station if you have questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topics.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 as SFD personnel may be out of the fire station.

Please stay safe, be careful and look out for each other.

Yours in service, George Kramlinger  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director



## **Department of Public Works & Utilities**

### **Curbside MSW/Household Garbage & Recycling Collection- Modified Schedule**

City trash bags and recycling containers must be at the curbside no later than 7:00 am & no sooner than the evening before your designated collection day.

**Trash and Recycling Collection for the week of July 4 will be delayed one day for Independence Day.**

- **Monday, July 3 collection will be on Monday, July 3,**
- **Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday, July 5**
- **Wednesday collection will be on Thursday, July 6.**

### **Metal Pick-up: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month**

When - next Curbside Collection: Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

How: Call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, place curbside with the proper number of Bulky Waste Stickers on each item. 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 weather emergencies may delay collection.***

### **Malley Farm Facility**

Malley Farm is now open for disposal of brush and leaves, Monday – Friday 7:30am – 2:30pm and Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm. **Please note: Any Contractor serving a Somersworth residence with leaves and brush hauling, will need to obtain a permit from Public Works to dump at Malley Farm. Root balls and wood larger than 5" in diameter and 10' in length are not permitted. Please call the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266 for further information.**

### **Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder**

As a reminder, **any work done within the Right-Of-Way requires a permit and a Digsafe.** Trench Opening and Obstruction permits will also require a Certificate of Insurance and Bond. If you have questions on the work you intend to complete within the Right-Of-Way, please call the Public Works Department at 603-692-4266. Permit applications can be located at the City website on the Public Works & Utilities Engineering page. <https://www.somersworthnh.gov/node/715/files>



Public Works Highway crews assisted students and staff at Idlehurst Elementary for tree planting event. Tree were provided by a State Department of Natural Resources Canopy Grant.

New cedar shingles being installed on the Italianate Wellhouse at Forest Glade Cemetery. The City received a State of NH Moose Plate Historic Preservation Grant for the funding, Weatherguard Industries is doing the roof installation.



City plow truck with painted wing plow on display. Art teacher Holly Pim worked with her 5th grade Maplewood Elementary School students. on painting the Charlie Brown winter scene on Highway Truck #303



# 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](https://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](https://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. Over-applying 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 Pay Per Bag Program

Effective July 1, 2023 the cost for garbage bags used for curbside pickup will be \$2.40 per bag for 30 gallon bags (\$24.00 for a roll of 10), and \$1.85 per bag for 15 gallon bags (\$18.50 for a roll of 10).

## Recreation Office Upcoming Programs & Events





## Granite State Track & Field Program

Our Granite State Track & Field team competed at the State Meet Finals at Winnisquam High School on June 17. We are proud of all our athletes for their hard work and good sportsmanship representing Somersworth! Congrats to the following athletes who placed in the top 8 in their events:

- **13/14 Girls Division:** Hannah P (3rd place 400M & Softball throw, 4th place 800M)
- **11/12 Boys Division:** Nathan R (5th place Softball throw) & Kamden T (8th place Softball throw)
- **11/12 Boys Relay team:** Nathan R, Liam K, Everett L, Kamden T (6th place)
- **9/10 Boys Division:** Blake D (2nd place 100M & 4th place 50M) & Parker K (6th place 100M & 5th place 50M)

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

# TINY TOPPERS

## Play Program

**SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 2-4 & ADULT CAREGIVERS**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

**9:45-10:30AM**

**SEPT. 6-27**

**NOBLE PINES PARK**

**FREE**



- ✓ HAVE FUN OUTSIDE
- ✓ MEET NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ EXPLORE NEW ACTIVITIES
- ✓ GET EXERCISE

SCAN TO CREATE YOUR  
ACCOUNT & REGISTER!



**REGISTER BY AUGUST 23RD**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE INFO**

**[WWW.SOMERSWORTHNH.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](http://WWW.SOMERSWORTHNH.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/YOUTH-PROGRAMS)**

**Tiny Toppers Play Program Program** – registration opens July 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall session and the deadline to register is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program runs from September 6-27 Wednesday mornings 9:45-10:30 am. Visit our website at [www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation) to register. Space is limited



**SOMERSWORTH RECREATION**  
**PEE WEE SOCCER**

Saturday Mornings: Sept. 9- Oct. 21  
Children ages 3 & 4  
Noble Pines Park  
9:00-9:45am

*No Soccer 10/7*

Early Bird Fee: Register by July 9th  
\$45 Residents/ \$55 Non-residents

Fee: After July 9th/Deadline to register is Aug. 13th  
\$60 Residents/ \$70 Non-residents

**Volunteer Coaches needed!**

We rely on volunteers to help run our youth programs. Please contact us if you can coach or be a field attendant! [kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov)/603-692-9508

**New Registration Process!**

All customers registering for programs will need to set up an individual & family profile on our new Registration Portal. Scan the QR code or visit our website below to create your account at any time. Visit our website below for more info on how to create your account & register.

**NEW-Online Registration:** Scan the QR code or visit our website below to **create your RecDesk account & register**

Online payments must be made with a credit card\* at time of registration

**In-Person:** Visit the Rec Office at City Hall

You'll need to have an account already set up in RecDesk or you may create your account when you come in to register. We accept credit cards\*, cash, or checks (Made out to City of Somersworth)

*\*All credit cards will be charged a 2.99% transaction fee + an additional \$0.50*

[www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs](http://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs)



**Pee Wee Soccer** – registration is open and we have limited space available. Early bird fee ends July 9 and the deadline to register is August 13. The program runs September 9 through October 21 on Saturday mornings 9:00-9:45 am. Visit our website at [www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation) to register.



**SOMERSWORTH RECREATION**

# **HILLTOPPERS 50+**

## **WALKING/HIKING PROGRAM**

**NEW!** Somersworth Residents Ages 50+  
Thursdays; Sept. 7th- Oct. 12th  
10:00am  
Free/Registration is required



Join our Recreation Supervisor this fall for some fresh air & exercise as we explore our beautiful local trails and downtown area! This program is for Somersworth residents ages 50+ looking to get some exercise and meet new friends. Walks will be approximately 1-2 miles depending on the location. This program is weather dependent. Registration is required.



### **WALKING LOCATIONS/SCHEDULE:**

**\*\*Please meet at the walking locations 5-10 minutes prior to start time for check-in. An email will be sent if we need to cancel for the day. Walks will begin at 10am. Visit our website below for more info on walking route descriptions.**

#### **Sept. 7th & Sept. 28th- Downtown**

Meet in the City Hall Parking Lot on 1 Government Way

#### **Sept. 14th & Oct. 5th- Willand Pond Trail**

Meet in the parking lot across from the Market Basket Plaza in Somersworth

#### **Sept. 21st & Oct. 12th- Mast Point Dam Trail**

Meet in the parking lot off of Salmon Falls Rd



**REGISTER BY SEPT. 1ST**

**SCAN TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT & REGISTER**

**[www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs](http://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/programs)**



**NEW Hilltoppers 50+ Walking/Hiking Program** - Calling all Somersworth residents ages 50+! Join our Recreation Supervisor this fall for some fresh air & exercise as we explore our beautiful local trails and downtown area! This free program is for Somersworth residents ages 50+ looking to get some exercise and meet new friends. Walks will be approximately 1-2 miles depending on the location. This program is weather dependent & registration is required. Registration opens July 1st, please share with your friends!

Visit our website at [www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation) to register.



Splash Pad at Noble Pines is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily - Weather Permitting

### **Recreation Volunteer Opportunities**

Did you know we rely on volunteers to help run most of our programs & special events!? We're looking for volunteer coaches & field attendants for the upcoming Pee Wee Soccer program. Please contact the Rec Office for more details or if you can volunteer this season. 603-602-9508. All volunteers are required to complete a background check form & Volunteer Service Agreement.

**Fore more information about any of the Recreation Department Programs please call (603) 692-9507 or (603) 692-9508.**

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We want to hear from you!

# 2023 SOMERSWORTH HOUSING SURVEY



The Hilltop City  
**SOMERSWORTH**  
Est. 1729



The City of Somersworth is developing a new Housing Plan! To do this, we want to hear from you. What kind of housing do we need?

What are the opportunities and challenges facing housing in our City? Your responses will shape the goals and actions to plan for the future of existing and future housing. Survey ends July 28th.

Questions? Email: [astockman@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:astockman@somersworthnh.gov)

**Take the survey now:**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/67PTG9L](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/67PTG9L)

Click the QR Code for the survey:







Join us as we lace up our sneakers to  
**CELEBRATE, SUPPORT, and remember to STRETCH!**

**CELEBRATE** Lydia Valdez's heavenly Birthday!

**SUPPORT** Lydia's House of Hope in Somersworth, NH

**STRETCH** our minds, bodies, and limits as we walk or run for a great cause!

**Date:** September 10th, 2023

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** Tri City Subaru & CDJR on Route 108 in Somersworth

**Cost:** \$20 to register

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**Families**  
First

**Lilac City**  
Pediatrics

## 2023 Family Programs

### Parenting Classes

**Communication is Key** Online, Wed  
Aug 16 at 5:30 p.m.

**[New] Developmental Talk & Play**  
Families First, Mon Jul 10 at 10 a.m.

### Support Groups

**The Families We Make, Coffee &**

**Company** 2nd Tuesday at Idlehurst School, Somersworth, 4 Tuesday online at 9:30 a.m.  
**Parents & Caregivers of Children with an Incarcerated Parent Online**, last Mondays at 7 p.m.



### **Family Morning Out Playgroups**

**Babytime** Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Idlehurst School, Somersworth

**Portsmouth** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Families First

**Exeter** Breaking for summer, will resume in Fall

**Epping** Breaking for summer, will resume in Fall

**Somersworth** Fridays at 9:30 a.m., Idlehurst School

### **Detail & Program Signup**

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### **New Developmental Talk & Play Series**

#### **Join us for an Hour of Play with a Pediatric Specialist**

An hour of play in our children's room where parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to hear from a pediatric specialist how to help your child learn and grow, with time for an open Q & A. At Families First in Portsmouth



**July 10: 10-11:00 a.m.**

Pediatric Physical  
Therapist with a focus on  
0-18 month gross-motor  
development

**August 14: 10-11:00  
a.m.**

Pediatric Speech with a  
focus on speech and  
communication  
development

**Sept 11: 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Pediatric Occupational  
Therapist with a focus on  
fine-motor development

**Sign up for PT Development Talk & Play: July 10**

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### **Somersworth Festival Association**



## **Kids' Concerts 2023**



We hope you will join us for our summer Kids' Concerts on Wednesdays starting in July. They are held at the Festival Pavilion (Somersworth High School football field). All shows start at 6:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the show will

field). All shows start at 6:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be held indoors at the school. Admission is free. Food will be available to purchase, and we will have some fun raffles! Bring your blankets and enjoy the shows!



## July 12th

*Our kickoff concert features Steve Blunt & Friends! This concert is being sponsored by American Legion Post #69.*

*To make the kickoff extra special, there will be a free ice cream social!*

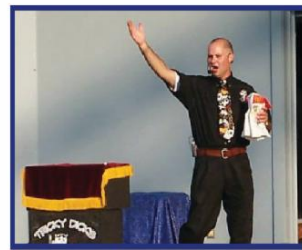
## July 19th

*Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate*



## July 26th

*Tricky Dick's Magic Show*



## August 2nd

*McDonough-Grimes  
Irish Dancers*

*and*

*Lindsay and Her  
Puppet Pals*



## August 9th

*Wildlife Encounters*





# City of Somersworth Employment Opportunities

Finalists must complete pre-employment screening to include: physical, drug test & background check. Detailed postings available online at:  
<https://www.somersworth.com/human-resources/page/employment-opportunities>

A completed City of Somersworth Employment Application is required for all job openings.

For more information please call Linda Corriveau at (603) 692-9529 or email Linda

## RECREATION

### Recreation Clerk

**Starting Pay: \$16.68 - \$21.98**

**Closing Date: Reviewed as Received, Open until Filled**

## PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

### Equipment Operator I

**Starting Pay: Effective July 1, 2023 - \$48,027.20 (\$23.09 hr.) - \$54,808.00 (26.35 hr.) with overtime opportunities**

**Closing Date: Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

**Summer Seasonal (40 hours a week / May - Sept) \$17.00 - \$20.00hr.**

**Closing Date: Reviewed As Received, Open Until Filled**

## FIRE

### Firefighter

**Starting Pay: \$48,659.52 plus 13 paid holidays and \$500 annual incentive for EMT License**

**Closing Date: July 12, 2023**

## POLICE

### Patrol Officers

**\$54,329.60 (\$26.12 hr.) to \$74,339.20 (\$35.74 hr.)**

**More Information:** [Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities](https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities)

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## City Hall will be Closed on Tuesday, July 4 in Observance of Independence Day



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