

City Connection



Proud Past, Bright Future

**March
2018**

March Meetings in Council Chambers at City Hall

City Council Meetings

Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

State of the City Address

Monday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Goal Setting Workshop

Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m.

City Council FY 18/19 Budget Workshop

Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Historic District Commission

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

Planning Board

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

Site Review Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings



The Mayor's Corner

History is the fabric of everyone's identity, it allows insight into who we were, who we are, and who we will become. Our Hilltop community has a rich history, a community which reflects the foundations of the American dream. Our pages are filled with stories of immigrants traveling from distant lands to seek freedom, liberty and successes through the toils of their labor. As we celebrate our 125th anniversary of being a City, we celebrate some of the stories which reflect the pride and resolve of the Hilltopper Spirit.

Franklin Chase was elected to serve as the first Mayor of Somersworth in 1893, the words of his first oratory have relevance to the community of today, as it did in 1893. For some reason, his words were never recorded in the official City records. During the February 20th City Council meeting I read the inaugural speech of Franklin Chase of 1893, adopting it as part of the official City records.

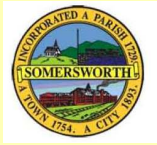
Read Mayor Franklin Chase's speech from 1893 [Mayor Chase](#)

Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayors Community Forum
Ward 2 Councilor & Ward 2
School Board Member
Saturday, March 17
9:00 a.m.- 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/**



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

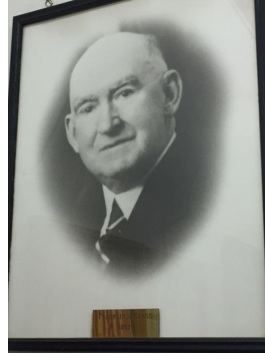
**City Hall Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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



Stay in touch with City
Happenings.

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



Mayor
Franklin Chase-1893

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

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard



**Mayor's Community Forum
Saturday, March 17
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers**

Please join the Mayor, Ward 2 City Councilor, Kenneth Vincent, Ward 2 School Board Member, Matthew Hanlon. Come discuss Community issues and voice your concerns.

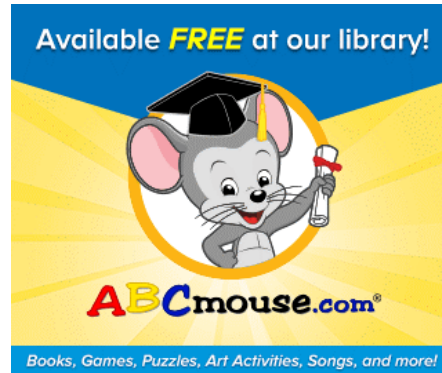
The purpose of the forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our Community forward. All members of the Community are welcome to attend.

**Mayor's Winter
Office Hours**

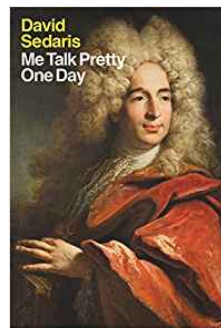
Monday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

Free To Use at the Library



With more than 4,000 interactive books, educational games, puzzles, and other learning activities, ABCmouse.com's award-winning online curriculum is a comprehensive online educational resource for young learners (ages 2-7+). It is now free for use on the library's public access computers.



What Somersworth is Reading in March 2018 "Me Talking Pretty One Day" by David Sedaris

This collection from David Sedaris is cause for jubilation. His move to Paris has inspired hilarious pieces, including Me Talk Pretty One Day, about his attempts to learn French. His family is another inspiration.

Join the group for a casual discussion of this book on **March 28th at 7:00PM** at the library, and pick up a copy today at the Library to read!

Story Times for March

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. The story time themes for March are Birthdays, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Easter! No registration is required and the program is free. Come join the fun!

Borrowing Reading Fun in a Bag

The newest items for loan in the Children's Room are five Reading Kits. Each kit contains books and more. The Little Mouse kit has three books, 2 plush toys, a puppet, and an audio CD of one of the stories. The Rainbow Fish kit has three books, two puppets, Rainbow Fish dominoes, cards and instructions to play "Go Fish". And there are three more kits: The Princess and the Dragon, The Musical Mole, and the Alphabet & Counting kits. See what fun you can have with reading! Ask at the Front Desk for the kits, or reserve them online at the library's online catalog.





Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library annual Spring Book Sale will begin on Saturday, April 28th and continue through May 12th during regular Library hours. All proceeds benefit the Somersworth Public Library.

Somersworth Police Department



SCHOOL SAFETY

In light of events that have occurred in the last couple of weeks across the Country, and more specifically in Parkland, Florida, I wanted to speak briefly to school safety. I want to assure everyone that we take school safety very seriously. We do all that we can to ensure the safety of staff and students in all of our schools. Our School Resource Officer, Colton Deschenes is in our schools every day and responds immediately to any concerns that may arise.

I would ask that you encourage your kids to let you or another adult know of any concerning issue that they may become aware of relating to school safety.

As I have said numerous times in the past week, the safety of school staff and students, your children children is of paramount importance to all of us here at the Police Department. Thank you.

David B. Kretschmar, Chief of Police

Somersworth Police Department

(603) 692-3131 or Email: Dkretschmar@Somersworth.com

Coffee with a Cop



Our second Coffee with a Cop event was held on February 22nd at Aroma Joe's on High Street. They provided a relaxed atmosphere for our Citizens to stop in and chat.

Aroma Joe's graciously provided coffee to our Officers and Guests. A very good time was had by all!

Pizza with Police



Another fun event held at John Powers School.

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/>

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





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



FIRE SAFETY

Permits are required by the state to burn tree branches that have fallen over the winter or to prepare garden areas. These Permits can be obtained free of charge from the Fire Department. They outline safety for burning these materials.

While snow accumulations are lessening, it still is possible that we could get some storms which may result in fire hydrants outside your property being buried. As always, we appreciate your help in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow after storms.

Information from Public Works
692-4266



Solid Waste Collection

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The March collection will occur on Tuesday, March 13 and participants are asked to call Public Works not later than 3:00 pm on Monday, March 12 to be placed on the pickup schedule for March. Participants are reminded to place the proper number of tags on the item when setting the item out on the street for collection. Typical TV's require three (3) stickers - \$12.00 and PC's require one (1) sticker - \$4.00. Residents may also opt to drop off metal and electronic items with proper bulky waste stickers at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane from 7:00 am-2:30 pm Monday - Friday.

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

Spring is Coming....

Motorists and pedestrians are reminded to use caution and be alert during inclement weather and be mindful of Public Works snow plow equipment clearing our roads and sidewalks and use caution when traveling near these large pieces of equipment.

The Public Works Department assigns Highway crews daily to address potholes on primary streets that have been reported and or observed by the Highway staff. To report a pothole or other concerns to the Department of Public Works for follow-up please call 603-692-4266.

City 125 Anniversary Banners

In recognition of the City of Somersworth 125th Anniversary, new downtown street banners have been produced and will be installed soon. Public Works crews plan to install these banners in the Spring.



Volunteer Opportunities!

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt
Friday, March 30th
4:30 p.m.

Millenium Park- 99 Stackpole Road

Volunteer tasks needed: decorating, set up & break down, hiding Easter Eggs.

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

Photo by [unreadable]

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.



**Logo created by Somersworth
High School/CTC Junior
"Breanna Flanagan "**

Slow time of year for Farm to School? Not so!

The plants may be buried beneath snow and ice, but Somersworth Schools continue striving toward local food access and better sustainability.

Middle School teacher Daryl Dunbar and his students are building a maple syrup evaporator with the help of a NH Ag in the Classroom grant award, and have placed 50 taps in 8 trees so far this season. 6th Grade teacher Matt Gerding and his yearbook crew helped with the most recent taps, and with a 100 more to go, we can expect an abundant and delicious maple syrup harvest this spring!

Keeping up with the Joneses is the new norm, as Maple Wood and Idlehurst Elementary Schools mirror the Middle School's excellent recycling and full food composting efforts. Though not practicing full composting at the elementary level, students continue to work with a local pig farmer in sorting even more of their food scraps, and diverting it from landfills. The kids are asking more questions now about what we all can do to waste less. Smart happy kids, well-fed pigs, and a happier planet.

PTA, Title 1 and SYC co-hosted a well-attended Community Dinner during Family Game Night at Idlehurst on February 20. Local carrots, potatoes, maple syrup, and *even more local garlic from the Middle School gardens* were part of the menu. The success of the evening has the Somersworth school community already planning ahead for more community dinners.

And the long awaited Somersworth Farm to School logo is here! Somersworth HS/CTC junior *Breanna Flanagan* created a beautiful logo as part of Renee Dodge's Advanced Digital Media curriculum. From concept, to design, and with a few revisions, her skill, diligence and creativity has given Somersworth Farm to School it's brand-- thank you Breanna! Honorable mentions go out to Casey Menter(junior), Mamadou Diallo(junior), and Tyler Britton(sophomore), whose professional-caliber work made for a very difficult decision in choosing a Farm to School logo.

**For more information on Farm to School in Somersworth, please contact
Wendy at wberkeley@sau56.org**



Join SYC & the Somersworth Police
Department for a Parent Informational
Workshop:
Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco & Vaping
Prevention

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

IDLEHURST CAFETERIA

WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS
OF
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE
SCHOOL
STUDENTS GRADES K-8

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DESCHENES WILL
PROVIDE
INFORMATION, FACTS, AND ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



REDUCE the RISK



CHILDCARE PROVIDED
ACTIVITIES

HOSTED BY YOUTH 2 YOUTH

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN JACKMAN @ SMS 692-2126



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Somersworth Police Department

Saturday, April 28th

10am-2pm

Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal, for free, no questions asked!

70% of teens who have *abused* prescription drugs took them from family or friends



**Do You Know
Who is in Your
Medicine
Cabinet?**

Don't let your home be a place of temptation.

For more information about Prescription Drug Take-Back Program
visit DEA.gov



Don't Leave It To Luck!

Building relationships with the parents of
your teen's friends doesn't happen just
by chance.



How?

- Go to the door and say 'hello' when dropping your teen off at a friend's house
- Take advantage of events – ask your teen to introduce you to their friends and their friends' parents
- Get a number. Talk directly with parents about what's happening at their houses.



Somersworth Prevention Coalition
Tip of the Month





MARCH 9TH
6PM-9PM

Indonesian CULINARY NIGHT

BUFFET
DINNER

FUNDRAISING EVENT

SOMERSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL-CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER

12 MEMORIAL DRIVE SOMERSWORTH, NH 03878

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.INDONESIANCONNECT.ORG

LEARN MORE ABOUT INDONESIAN CULINARY CULTURE AND TASTE THE AMAZING INDONESIAN CUISINES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHIPELAGO



Tickets Available at

www.indonesianconnect.org

District Health and Wellness Fair

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 7

10am-12pm - Somersworth High School

Join the District Wellness Committee as we host a fun filled day of mind, body, and spiritual health and wellness. There will be numerous community resources, interactive booths, engaging presenters, and fun games! Light refreshments will be available.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter and on Facebook at Somersworth Prevention Coalition.



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"



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