



*October*

## **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, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Site Review Technical  
Committee**

Wednesday, October 4 at 10:00  
a.m.  
Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00  
a.m.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00  
p.m.

**Conservation Commission**

Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00  
p.m.

**School Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Board**

Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30  
p.m.

**Historic District Commission**

Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00  
p.m.

## The Mayor's Corner

All of us have our places of peace. Some find peace among the grandeur of the mountains, while others find serenity in the flowing of a country brook. Our places calm us, ground us, balance us and reconnect us to what is truly important: life, and those who we cherish, respect, honor and love. Despite how disciplined we are, all of us lose focus, all of us neglect the fabrics which bind us to each other, and the earth and spirits which inspire and guide us.



The strong connections we build are engraved upon us like the notches of the White Mountains. Some of these connections walk beside us as we continue life's journey, while others are faces from the past who will continue to influence us for eternity. They mold our daily interactions, they influence our decisions, and they help us grow. Throughout our childhood, we will experience influencers, and continue the motion by influencing others. Yet the foundation of how we can continue to progress our nation, State and City is quite basic: connections. Each one of us offers to our community the positive and negative experiences of life. Each of us has talents, skills, weakness and deficiencies. Each of us contributes a building block towards creating a society where every person will be honored and celebrated, and where we will continue to ensure that each person can reach potential, uncovering their hopes and dreams, and gaining an understanding of the connections each one of us shares.

For ten years I have had the honor of leading and helping our Community reconnect with the power, the skills, and the experiences each one of us holds, morphing this knowledge with a single mission dedicated to keeping Somersworth “On the Move”. Each morning I arise renewing my dedication to the mission we carry forward, knowing with unwavering confidence that I stand aside citizens who share the same values. I take pride in knowing that in our Community we value each person as a living human being, one who experiences joy and sadness, happiness and pain, success and failure, and that Somersworth, celebrates and honors all. As my final term comes to a close, it brings me comfort knowing that these foundational pillars of our Community have been re-strengthened over the last decade.

“Family is not about blood. It’s about who is willing to hold your hand when you most need it.” – Unknown

**Together we will extend our hand to all who need it.  
Together we will continue on our journey of success for everyone who  
calls Somersworth home.  
Together we will celebrate, overcome obstacles, and honor all, together  
we will keep Somersworth “On the Move”!**

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



**City of Somersworth  
2023 Municipal Election is  
Tuesday, November 7**

**Polls are open from:  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**A Supervisors of the Checklist session is scheduled on Friday,  
October 6, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please note that October  
6, 2023 is the last day that registered voters can change their party  
affiliation before the Presidential Primary.**

**Registering to Vote in New Hampshire**

You can register to vote at the City Clerk's office, Monday through Friday

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voter registration must be done at least 7-10 days prior to any election to be on the election day checklist. These sessions are based on when the Supervisors of the checklist need to meet prior to the election(s) or filing period(s). Please reference the website for when the sessions are posted. The Supervisors of the Checklist session are also an additional time to register to vote. In addition, you may register to vote at the polls on election day.

A person must meet the following to register and vote in New Hampshire:

- 18 years of age or older on election day;
- A United States Citizen; and
- Domiciled in the City and/or ward where the person seeks to vote.

For additional information on registering to vote in New Hampshire please use the following link:

[Register to Vote | New Hampshire Secretary of State \(nh.gov\)](#)

### **City of Somersworth Polling Locations:**

- Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way
- Ward 2 - Somersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street
- Ward 3 - Somersworth High School Cafeteria, 11 Memorial Drive
- Ward 4 - Idleshurst Elementary School Cafeteria, 45 Stackpole Road
- Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building, 218 Main Street

[Ward Map](#)

[City of Somersworth Interactive Map](#)

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## **What's Happening at Somersworth Library**

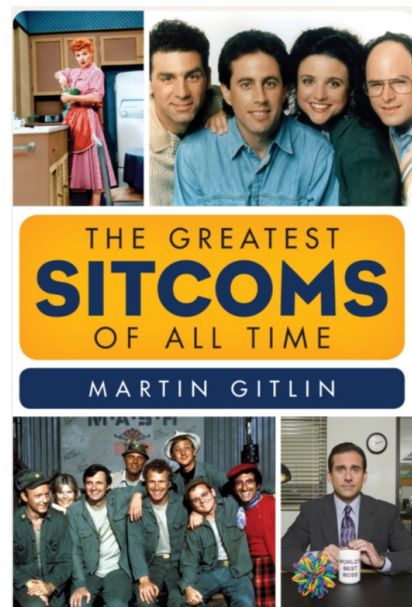
### **A Funny Program**

#### **About Funny Programs:**

#### **The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time**

**Tuesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, *The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time*. Attendees will enjoy funny snippets from famous sitcoms, respond to interactive trivia challenges, and talk about how sitcoms have evolved over the decades. This is sure to be a fun and entertaining presentation, so don't miss it!







**Puzzle Swap**  
**Saturday, October 21**  
**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

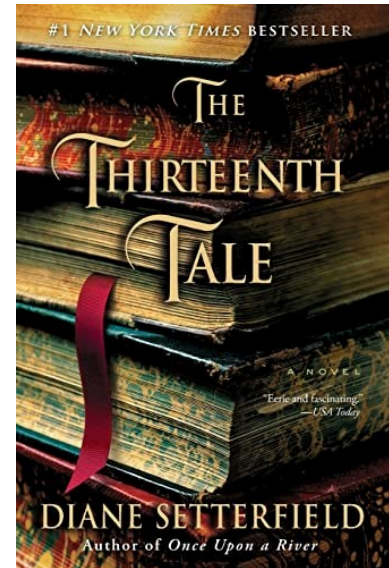
Join other local puzzlers for a puzzle swap here at the Library. The swap starts promptly at 10:13 a.m., so be sure to arrive by 10:15 a.m. to place your puzzles on the swap tables. Bring 1 puzzle, swap for 1 puzzle. Bring 5, swap for 5. Once everyone has selected their puzzles, any leftovers are up for grabs! Please only bring puzzles that have no missing pieces and secure all pieces in a Ziploc bag to ensure that none

are lost during the Swap

**Book Discussion Group**  
**Tuesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

Octobers book club will meet to discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. As reviewed by Booklist, "Readers will be mesmerized by this story-within-a-story" tinged with the eeriness of *Rebecca* and the willfulness of *Jane Eyre*. The author leaves no strand untucked at the surprising and satisfying conclusion"

We are 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 Seniors: Coffee & Conversation**  
**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

We welcome our senior community members to gather in our lower-level lounge every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Help yourself to free coffee and tea while enjoying the company of new friends by the fireplace. Open to all local seniors in the area. Come meet your neighbors!



### **Dungeons & Dragons Club** **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.**

**First Meeting is October 6**

Teens and adults get ready to enter a world of limitless imagination, where you will become the characters you create. Find treasure, battle evil, discover secrets, and enter into an epic role-playing adventure led by Dungeon Master Aaron. Players of all levels including beginners are welcomed.



**Saturdays • 11 am**



**October 1-7, 2023**

### **Banned Books Week**

The theme for Banned Books Week 2023 is "Let Freedom Read". When we ban books, we're closing off readers to people, places and perspectives. But when we

stand up for stories, we unleash the power that lies inside every book. We liberate the array of voices that need to be heard and the scenes that need to be seen. Let freedom read!

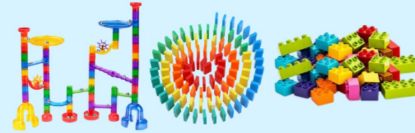
### **Weekend Builders**

**Saturdays - 11:00 a.m.**

Children are invited to build and create together every Saturday in the Children's Room. Various materials such as Legos,

Blocks, Dominoes and Magfromers will be available to use. Recommended for ages 12 and under.

## WEEKEND BUILDERS



## KIDS CLUB



Wednesdays • 5:30pm

### Session 2: Gift-Making

Meeting on: 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6

### Kids Club

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Kids Club is the Library's newest program for elementary-aged children. This program will run in 3- or 4-week sessions. Session 1 is currently in session and

is focusing on the theme of "Messy Science". Our next session will begin on November 8 and will be themed around gift-making. Children will have the opportunity to design and create various crafts that can be used as holiday gifts for friends and family. Registration is required and will be capped at 12 participants per session. For more information, and to sign up, please visit our circulation desk.

### Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our weekly story time is geared towards children ages 1-5, and features songs, movement and of course wonderful stories. Story time teaches children important pre-literacy skills, while encouraging a natural and organic love for reading. It also creates an opportunity for children to learn valuable life and social skills by participating in a group story time. No registration is required, and all are welcome



## FAMILY STORY TIME



**Baby Play Group**  
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Play Group is an informal program to encourage play and social interaction between parents, care givers and babies.

# BABY PLAY GROUP



Little ones can enjoy age appropriate toys such as a ball pit, crawling tunnel, infant climber and activity table. Recommended for age 2 and under.



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STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM



SEACOAST  
SCIENCE CENTER




CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM  
of NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Discounted Museum Passes

Did you know we have discounted museum passes available for our patrons? We offer passes to Strawberry Banke Museum, Seacoast Science Center, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, and starting this month, we offer a discounted Zoo New England pass. You can reserve the passes ahead of time so that you're well prepared for your excursion. Ask us for more details at the circulation desk!






# SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY


## 1000 BOOKS

### BEFORE KINDERGARTEN




Help your child develop strong literacy skills at an early age! One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a day, you'll reach your goal in less than three years.

Each child who meets their goal before Kindergarten earns a free book from the library!



25 Main Street, Somersworth, NH | (603) 692-4587 | [somersworthnh.gov/library](http://somersworthnh.gov/library)

If you have a young child at home, be sure to take advantage of the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program at the Library. Reading aloud to your child will help strengthen their language skills, build vocabulary and foster a lifelong love of reading. Children who participate in the program receive milestone stickers as well as free book upon completion of their goal. Stop by the Library to sign your child up today. Recommended for ages 0-5



<https://nhais.agshareit.com/>

### To Login:

Select Somersworth Public Library, then enter your library card number and your password (if you haven't selected a password, "greatfalls" is your initial password).

NH libraries and authorized library patrons can log in to request items and manage accounts and lists.

Select your library:

Username/Barcode

Password:

☐ Remember Me?

## Interlibrary Loan Program

If you're looking to read, listen to, or watch something that we don't have available on our shelves here, we can request it from another New Hampshire Library through NHAIS, our interlibrary lending program. You can also request items yourself by logging into [NHAIS](#). If you have any questions about accessing NHAIS, feel free to ask us at the circulation desk and we'll walk you through the process.

Simple login instructions:

1. Visit [nhais.agshareit.com](http://nhais.agshareit.com)
2. Select "Somersworth Public Library" as your library.
3. Enter your library card number, followed by your password (your default password is greatfalls).
4. Click submit! Then search for and request any available items you would like.



## Hoopla & Libby

Did you know that your Library card gives you access to thousands of books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music items? Simply download the Hoopla or Libby app and you'll be amazed at the materials that are available to you at no cost. If you need help setting these apps up on your device, stop by the Library. We are happy to help with any technology questions you might have.

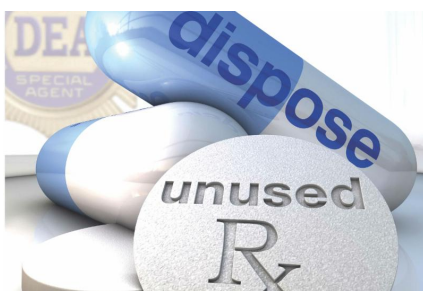


## Somersworth Police Department



### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Please join the Somersworth Police Department for "Coffee with a Cop" on Wednesday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts at 89 Whitehouse Road (off of Route 108). This event is a chance for you to meet and get to know officers from the Somersworth Police Department in a casual setting over a casual cup of coffee.



### **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**OCTOBER 28**

**10:00am until 2:00pm**

**Police Station at**

**12 Lilac Lane**

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see

thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously. Please join us on October 28 at the Police Station as we are a registered collection site.

We also have a locked prescription collection box in our lobby that can be used any time of the day or night that is available year-round.

**We had two promotions here at the PD:** Colton Deschenes (K9 Officer) was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant on 8/20/23 and Officer Jesse Wentworth was also promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant on 9/10/23.



### **SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING**

#### **Permits for Noble Street and River Street parking during snow emergency parking bans will become available beginning October 1, 2023.**

On January 7th, 2019, the Somersworth City Council passed Ordinance 9-19 to allow permit parking during snow emergency parking bans on Noble Street adjacent to the Noble Pines Park, and on River Street adjacent to Jules Bisson Park.

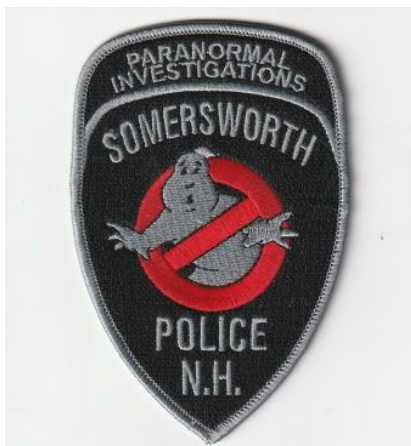
Permits to park there during parking bans resulting from a snow emergency are available from November 1st thru March 31st at a rate of \$20.00 per month, and are available at the Police Department.

There are 17 spaces available on Noble Street and 5 spaces available on River Street. Permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The permits are only valid during the dates listed when there is a snow emergency parking ban in effect.

Vehicles parked in this area with a valid permit must be moved by 8 am on the day following the completion of the parking ban to allow for snow removal from the designated area.

Vehicles not moved per the Ordinance will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Questions: Call Cheryl Robinson at 603-841-2915.



### **TRICK or TREAT**

Somersworth Halloween Trick or Treating will be held on Monday, October 30 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.



# PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY

If you **see** something,  
**say** something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

## Call 9-1-1

Somersworth Police Dispatch  
Somersworth Police Crime Line

603-692-3131  
603-692-9111



"If You See Something, Say Something" used with permission of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority.



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



### Fire Prevention Month – “Cooking safety starts with YOU”

#### A safety message from the Fire Chief's Office

At approximately 9:00 p.m. on October 8, 1871, a fire started on the southwest side of Chicago eventually growing into a conflagration that killed approximately 300 people, destroyed 17,500 buildings and roughly 3.3 square miles of the city, and left more than 100,000 residents homeless. In 1922, the National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. The goal of Fire Prevention week and now the entire month of October is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family prevent fires as well as being prepared for the unexpected.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the U.S. Consequently, this year's Fire Prevention Month theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU". This is a good time to remind ourselves and educate our children on the dangers of cooking hazards and unattended cooking as well as the precautions we can take to prevent cooking-related fires and injuries. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

When cooking, stay in the kitchen, use a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or the TV. Here are some steps that everyone can take to "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool. Do not use water on a grease fire. Do not put yourself in jeopardy or risk burns – if the fire is too big, get everyone out and call 911 from outside.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Avoid the use of heat producing plug-in cooking appliances where a child could trip over the cord and pull the hot food, grease or cooking oil onto themselves and cause severe burns.

Other important and enduring safety considerations associated with Fire Prevention month:

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level and in every bedroom.
- Test alarms regularly.
- Alarms don't last forever, remember to replace your alarms at least every 10 years.
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of fires in the kitchen. Be alert while cooking.
- Plan and practice an escape route with your family.
- If your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm sounds, leave the home immediately for fresh air and call 911.

## Monthly Activity Statistics

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

	<b>Aug 2023</b>	<b>Aug2023</b>
Fire (All Types)	3	5
Overpressure/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0
Rescue - EMS	66	99
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	7	6
Service Call	12	18
Good Intent Call	18	20
False Alarm / False Call	17	15
Sever WX / Natural Disaster	2	1
Special Incident	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>165</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

# FIRE SAFETY

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Every day at least one child dies in a home fire.**

And every day, 293 children are injured by fire and burns.



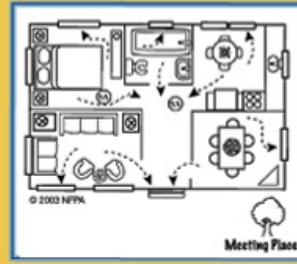
**Home fires account for nearly 90 percent of all fire-related fatalities.**

**Working smoke alarms reduce the chance of dying in a home fire by half.**





**77%** of families have **not** developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, one of the most important components to surviving a home fire.



**Fire can spread rapidly through a home, leaving a family as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds.**

**HAVE WORKING SMOKE ALARMS.  
PRACTICE AN ESCAPE PLAN.**

**SAFE  
KIDS**  
WORLDWIDE™

# Do's & Don'ts

of

## FIRE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 - 10, 2015  
to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

### DO

Keep a smoke alarm on every level of your home.



Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Stay safe with smoke alarms outside of every bedroom and each separate sleeping area.



### DONT

Forget to test your smoke alarm every month.



The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. If your alarm doesn't sound when tested, it's time to replace it.

### DO

Ensure your eyeglasses, hearing aid, cane or wheelchair are next to your bed to quickly grab if necessary.



If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Be ready to act immediately.



### DONT

Assume you'll hear the fire alarm if it sounds.



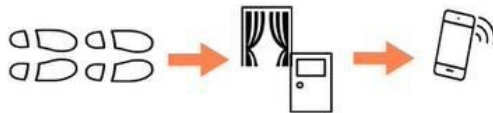
If you test the alarm and can't hear it, consider getting a strobe light that will flash or a bed shaker that will shake when the smoke alarm sounds.

### DO

Make a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.



In a fire, get out as fast as you can.....



### DONT

Stop to call 911 until you're safely outside and away from the fire danger.



.....THEN call for help. For even more fire safety information, visit [USFA.FEMA.gov](http://USFA.FEMA.gov).





September 26, 2023. Consistent with the SFD vision of “always ready, constantly improving, and ever vigilant”, the City’s apparatus undergo annual pump testing to ensure the safety, operational capability, and reliability of the fire pumps which are rated from 1500 gallons per minute to 2000 gallons per minute.

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## Department of Public Works & Utilities



### **Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services -7am set outs:**

Residents are asked to set out trash bags and recycling bins during their weekly collections **no later than 7am on the day of collection.**

**THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER FOR Columbus Day/Indigenous**

**Peoples Day, Monday October 9.**

### **Non- Metal Bulky Waste Disposal:** Please get “Bulky Waste” Stickers

All non-metal bulky waste items require “Bulky Waste” Stickers. These stickers cost \$4.00/per 50lbs and can be purchased at City Hall or the Department of Public Works (checks only). Non-Metal Bulky items will be collected by Waste Management and must be placed curbside by 7:00am on your normal trash collection day with the appropriate amount of Bulky Waste Stickers visible to the Waste Management driver.

Residents are reminded that items set out for collection without Bulky Waste Stickers will not be collected. Bulky items left in front of your property set out without bulky stickers are subject to code violations for a property non-compliance, Bulky Waste stickers can be purchased at City using checks, cash or credit/debit cards. Stickers may



also be purchased at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane **with checks only**. Each sticker is \$4.00.

### **Metal Pick-up**

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The October collection will occur on Tuesday, October 10. Residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, October 9** to be placed on the pickup schedule for October. 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 7:30am-2:30pm Monday –Friday.

### **Brush and Bagged Leaves Collection:**

Public Works Highway crews will start collecting residential brush during the week of October 16th through 20th. Residents need to call Public Works at 692-4266 by Friday, October 13th to be placed on the pick-up list. Please note, in order to be served, brush can be up to five (5) inches in diameter and ten (10) feet long.

Department Highway crews will also be collecting bagged leaves the week of October 23rd through 27th. Residents should place their bagged leaves curbside on their regular trash pick-up day. The paper leaf bags can be purchased at grocery store chains, hardware stores, and Home Depot.

### **Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder-Winter Moratorium takes effect November 15-April 15.**

As a reminder, any work done within the Right-Of-Way requires a permit. Examples include resurfacing or rebuilding your driveway, with a new driveway apron connecting to the streets, street openings for utility connections and if occupying a street or sidewalk with staging or roll- off for debris removal /property repairs. The annual winter moratorium is not too far off and takes effect from November 15-April 15; prohibiting any excavating in the ROW during this period. If you have questions on the work you intend to complete within the Right-Of-Way, please call the Public Works Department at 692-4266. Permit applications can be located at the City website on the Public Works & Utilities Engineering page. [www.somersworth.com](http://www.somersworth.com)

### **Water Mains to be flushed in October**

The Water Distribution Division staff will be conducting night time hydrant flushing on high traffic streets starting on Sunday, October 1, 2023 through Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Day time hydrant flushing will continue the following week, October 9-12 as needed, on local streets until complete.

This routine maintenance program helps to maintain water quality throughout the water distribution system. Water main flushing can cause a temporary discoloration of your water supply. If you do experience discoloration, please run a cold water tap for a short time to clear your water.

Any questions or need for additional information can be addressed by calling Michael Bobinsky, Director of Public Works & Utilities at 603-692-4266 or email [mbobinsky@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:mbobinsky@somersworthnh.gov).

### **MS4 Stormwater Compliance Information**

The US EPA MS-4 Stormwater Permit was issued in January, 2017. The permit covers stormwater discharges into waterways in urbanized portions of New Hampshire, and



requires identification of illicit discharges and mitigation of non-point source pollution. The permit came into effect on July 1, 2018. Timelines contained in the permit required the City to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) indicating our plans to comply with permit requirements, and development of a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) that implements the tasks outlined in the NOI. The goal of the program is to address non-point source (storm water run-off) pollution of our waterways, and to adopt measures that will protect and enhance water quality. Please reach out with any questions regarding the MS-4 Stormwater Permit to the Department of Public Works and Utilities, by phone at 603-692-4266 or via email at [ahall@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:ahall@somersworthnh.gov)



### **Free Musical Events at Forest Glade's Furber Chapel and Historic Walking Tour**

The Somersworth Cemetery Trustees are excited to host the upcoming events at Furber Chapel this month. This is the first time the Chapel doors have opened for live performances since 2019. All events are free, all ages, and open to the general public.

Saturday, Oct 14, Live Music @ 2pm:  
Furber Chapel will host Ashlyn Bard, a singer-songwriter based in Maine.

Emerging into the Seacoast music scene only a couple of years back, Ashlyn now

performs frequently around the NH and ME area. Look forward to his innovative songwriting and undeniable talent. <https://www.ashlynbard.com/>

Sunday, Oct 22, Cemetery Tour @ 1:30pm: Local historian Peter Michaud hosts this one-of-a-kind walking tour across Forest Glade Cemetery. Discover the origins of the cemetery beginning in 1851. Explore the significance of the unique historic structures, tombstones and plots. The tour begins at the Italianate Well House located next to Furber Chapel. Live Music @ 3:00pm: Furber Chapel hosts Green Heron, a well-renowned and acclaimed folk duo representing all old-time styles including Americana, bluegrass, country, Celtic and blues music. <https://greenheronmusic.com/>

# DIY Halloween Scarecrow

Use your yard waste to stuff your scarecrow!



## Materials:

- Twine
- Scissors
- Old boots
- Straw hat
- Yard stick
- Old pillow case
- Old pants/overalls
- 5 gallon paint stick
- Yard waste/grass clippings
- Old long sleeve shirt/flannel

For this DIY, follow this link:  
<https://thd.co/3muiHw1>



## Directions:

1. Create backbone/shoulders by placing the yard stick vertically on a flat surface and centering the paint stick horizontally at the 8 inch mark. Secure with twine.

2. Dress and stuff your scarecrow. Begin with the shirt and tuck it into the pants or overalls. Stuff the scarecrow with your yard waste scraps and supplement if needed with straw. Tie the sleeves and pant legs with twine.

3. (Optional) Draw a face on the pillow case in permanent marker. Wrap the pillow case around the top of the yard stick, stuff, and tie together with twine. Top with the straw hat, give your scarecrow their boots, and display outside.

Dumping yard waste in our local waterbodies is detrimental to our environment. Protect our waters by either composting it, leaving grass clippings on your lawn for a natural fertilizer, or bringing it to a place that can mulch it.



# DIY Falling Leaves Mobile

Use fallen leaves to create a mobile!

For this DIY, follow this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3uRRfvP>

## Materials:

- Twine
- Scissors
- 8 pinecones
- Hot glue gun
- Embroidery hoop
- Leaves with intact stems
- 8, 3-foot long waxed strings



## Directions:

1. Collect leaves with intact stems and press in a heavy book for a few days.

2. Wrap twine around the embroidery hoop, securing the ends with hot glue.

3. Tie the 8, 3-foot long waxed strings at even intervals around the hoop.

4. Attach pinecones to the bottom of the waxed strings to act as weights.

5. Knot the string around each stem, creating randomized spacing.

6. Secure the hoop to a ceiling hook using twine.



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**Volunteers Needed** - We rely on volunteers to run most of our programs and events. We're currently seeking volunteers to help run the Rec Basketball program and we have special events coming up in December. Please contact the Rec Office if you can help us out this year!  
**603-692-9508.**



A patriotic poster for Veterans Day. At the top, the words "VETERANS DAY" are written in a large, red, serif font, flanked by two American flags. Below this, a banner reads "HONORING ALL WHO SERVED". The text "SOMERSWORTH RECREATION" is written in a curved path, with "presents" in the center. The main title "A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS" is in a large, blue, serif font. Below this, the text "WE HONOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO FOR US!" is written in a smaller, blue, serif font. A star is centered below this text. The next line of text is "COME JOIN US AT CITY HALL AND HELP US WRITE NOTES, LETTERS OR CARDS TO OUR VETERAN'S TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION". Below this, it says "All supplies will be provided." and "EVERYONE IS WELCOME". A photograph of a table covered with a blue cloth and red cards is shown. Below the photo, it says "~THIS EVENT IS FREE ~". The text "COME SEE US AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FROM 11:30AM UNTIL 4PM" is written in a red, serif font. At the bottom, the website "https://www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation" is listed. The poster is framed by a red border with American flags at the corners.

**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED  
SOMERSWORTH RECREATION  
*presents*  
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### **Honoring our Hero's**

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Recreation Office every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the month of October from 11:30-4 pm to write or make a card for our Veterans.



# SOMERSWORTH RECREATION REC YOUTH BASKETBALL

**CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS; DEC. 9TH- FEB. 3RD**

No BBall 12/30 for Holiday Break

Gym Times/Location subject to change

**IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY GYM**

8-8:50am- 1st Grade Coed

9-9:50am- 2nd Grade Coed

10-11am- 3/4 Grade Girls

11-12:15pm- 5/6 Grade Girls

**HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

8:30-9:45am- 3/4 Grade Boys

10-11:15am- 5/6 Grade Boys

**PROGRAM FEES**

**EARLY BIRD FEE: \$45 Residents/ \$55 Non-Res**

Register & pay by 10/15

**FEE AFTER 10/15: \$60 Residents/ \$70 Non-Res**

Now seeking volunteer coaches & gym attendants to help run the program!

Please contact us if you can help!

603-692-9508

**NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS!**

**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. Create your RecDesk account in advance or you may create when you come in to register. We accept credit cards\*, cash, or checks (Made payable to City of Somersworth)

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

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





**SOMERSWORTH RECREATION &  
SOMERSWORTH LIONS CLUB**

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28TH  
FROM 10:15AM - 11:15AM AT  
NOBLE PINES PARK  
BASKETBALL COURT**

**INSTRUCTION WILL BE LED BY  
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE  
SOMERSWORTH LIONS CLUB.**

**ALL PLAYING ABILITIES WELCOME!**

**OPEN TO  
CHILDREN  
AGES 5 - 8**

# **STREET HOCKEY CLINIC**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE**

**NEW-Online Registration:**

Scan the QR code or visit our website below  
to create your RecDesk account & register.

**In-Person:** Visit the Rec Office at City Hall. Create your  
RecDesk account in advance or you may create when  
you come in to register.



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

**Somersworth Recreation & Somersworth Lion Club are offering a Free  
Street Hockey Clinic on October 28 at 10:15 at Noble Pines Park.  
Pre-registration is required to attend. (Flyer Attached)**

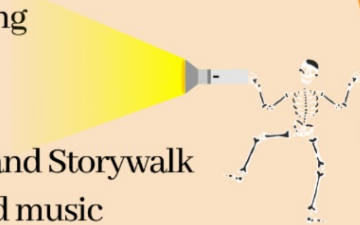
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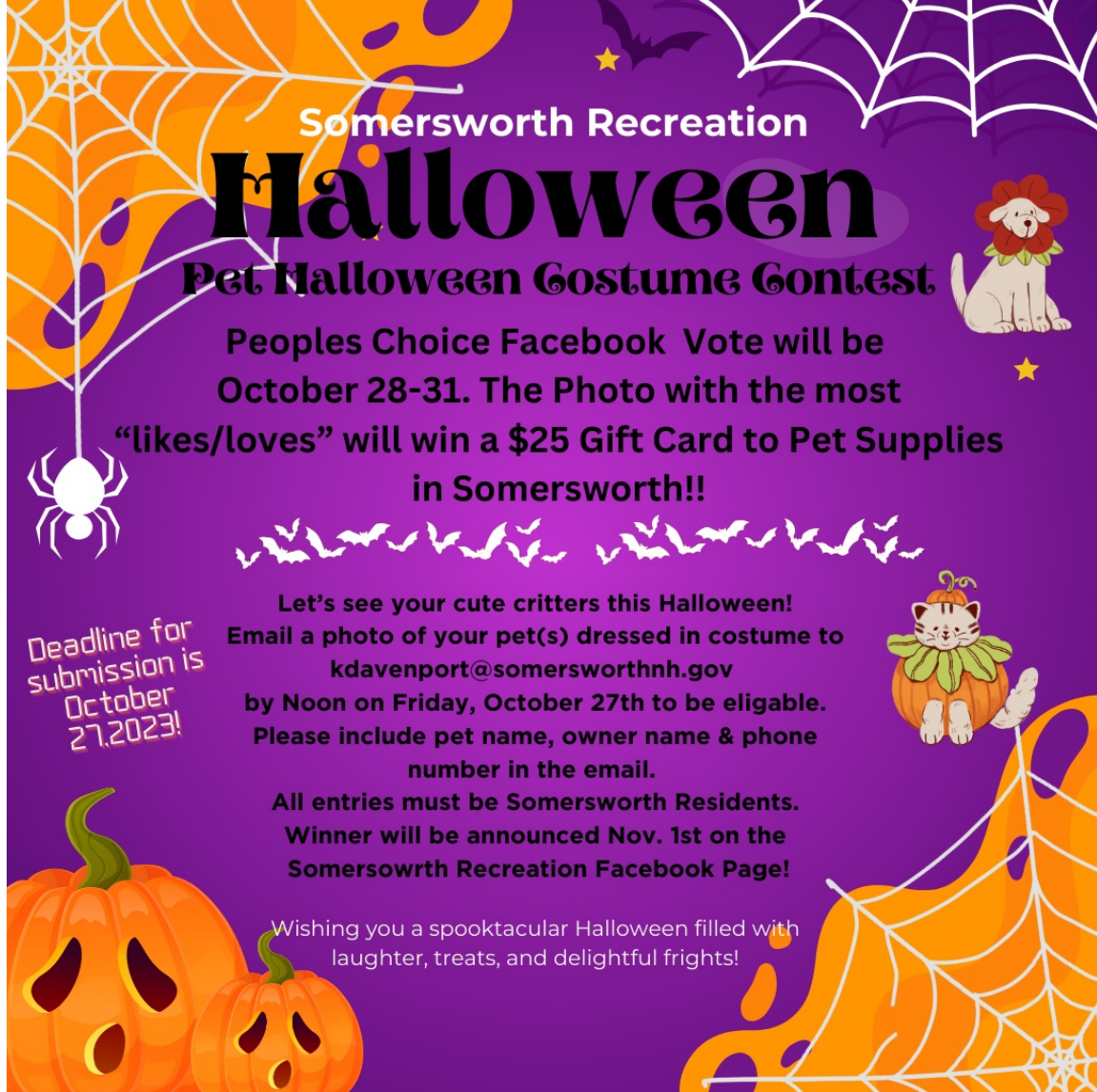
Tuesday, October 31 • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join us for a spooky celebration at the library! Activities include:

- Halloween cookie decorating
- Creepy taste-testing
- Mystery sensory boxes
- Flashlight scavenger hunt and Storywalk
- Halloween craft, games, and music

Bring a friend, bring a flashlight, wear a costume! No registration required.





**Somersworth Recreation**

# **Halloween**

## **Pet Halloween Costume Contest**

**Peoples Choice Facebook Vote will be  
October 28-31. The Photo with the most  
“likes/loves” will win a \$25 Gift Card to Pet Supplies  
in Somersworth!!**

**Let's see your cute critters this Halloween!**  
Email a photo of your pet(s) dressed in costume to  
[kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov](mailto:kdavenport@somersworthnh.gov)  
by Noon on Friday, October 27th to be eligible.  
Please include pet name, owner name & phone  
number in the email.

**All entries must be Somersworth Residents.  
Winner will be announced Nov. 1st on the  
Somersworth Recreation Facebook Page!**

Wishing you a spooktacular Halloween filled with  
laughter, treats, and delightful frights!

**Deadline for  
submission is  
October  
27, 2023!**

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

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**Somersworth Festival Associations Upcoming Festivities!**





Mark your calendar for  
**October 14th!**



**20th Annual Somersworth**

# **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Somersworth Plaza**  
**Main Street, Somersworth, NH**

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**\$10 Bracelet per Child**

*Come in costume and be entered into a costume raffle.  
Adults are free when accompanying a child.*

**Pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, pumpkin crafts,  
hayrides, family/child photos, games, entertainment, food court,  
and much more (while supplies last)! This is a rain-or-shine event.**



*Entertainment featuring:*  
**Bad Breath Microphone**  
**Tricky Dick's Magic Show**  
**Sole City Dance**



Hosted by the Somersworth Festival Association  
sfachild.festival@gmail.com • 603-692-5869 • nhfestivals.org





# 30th Annual Harvest Craft Fair



**Saturday, October 21st, 2023  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Somersworth High School  
11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth, NH**

**Over 175 vendors  
inside and outside!**

**Food! Great raffles!**

**Free parking Free entry**



Phone: 603-692-5869 • Email: [sfachild.festival@gmail.com](mailto:sfachild.festival@gmail.com)  
[www.nhfestivals.org](http://www.nhfestivals.org)

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GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

**Goodwin**  
Community Health

**Families  
First**

**Lilac City**  
Pediatrics

## 2023 Family Programs

### Meeting Other Babies & Caregivers at Babytime

A weekly playgroup for babies 1-12months  
and their caregivers. Meet other caregivers

while socializing your baby. Join us!

Signup not required. Drop-in's welcome!  
Question? Call our Family Center at (603)  
422-8209



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### **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



**October 9: 10:00-11:00 a.m.**  
Second Monday of Every Month at  
Families First

[Sign up for PT Development Talk & Play](#)

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## **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

### **FIRE**

#### **Secretary II**

**\$44,200.00 (\$21.25 hr.) to \$58,156.80 (\$27.96 hr.)**

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

# WASTEWATER

## Wastewater Treatment Mechanic

**\$48,755.20 (\$23.44) to \$64,168.00**

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

## 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)  
<https://www.somersworthnh.gov/police/pages/job-opportunities>



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