

The Monthly Hilltopper News & Happenings



City of Somersworth
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.



City Council Meetings
Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report for the City Council Meetings available [here](#)



Missed the Meeting? Catch it again Online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council,

School Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Channel 22, you can catch them again, online and demand

Simply **watch Somersworth** to begin watching meetings on demand.

Don't Forget! City Hall's Dropbox is located outside City Hall entrance on Government Way. Dropbox may be used at any time for submitting property tax or utility payments or other drop off business. It is available and secure 24/7. If you have question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.



Save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online. Online vehicle registration is easy, safe and secure!

For your convenience, you can pay motor vehicle registration by credit cards. For more information on E-registration process click [here](#)

Website

REMINDER

The City of Somersworth's on-line services has changed from **somersworth.com** to **somersworthnh.gov**.

E-mail

Many State and local governments have transitioned to .GOV domains as this provides a more secure and trusted domain.

The City's website will now be **www.somersworthnh.gov**. The City's staff emails will also change to: somersworthnh.gov.
ex: **bbreda@somersworthnh.gov**

During this transition period, any activity directed to the .COM domain will be redirected to the .GOV

Board & Committee Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee (SRTC) view agenda
Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment view agenda
Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission view agenda

Planning Board view agenda
Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission view agenda
Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board view agenda
Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00

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

p.m.

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

The Mayor's Corner

“Multiple Voices, One Vision, Take Two”

In 2015 I submitted this piece for the Mayor's Corner, now more than ever the content continues to speak the truth. Over the past several years, we have witnessed an assault on our democracy from within our own nation. From the storming of our nation's capital, to lies being spread to discredit our open and fair election process. This election cycle, the stakes have never been higher for the preservation of our Republic. Each one of us holds the key, to the preservation and evolution of our democratic society. Will we continue to ensure that words of Abraham Lincoln resonate with each generation, **“That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”**. Or will the warnings of Benjamin Franklin come to fruition, **“You have a republic, if you can keep it”**.



The foundation of our democratic society is the universal right to suffrage. This November, Hilltoppers will again cast their vote for citizens seeking various State and Federal offices. While each candidate's platform and approach to governing may vary, the commitment to Somersworth reaching greatness continues to illuminate. Elections are about dialog and listening. They force a society to prove that they are more than just rhetoric. At times, our opinions will differ, our views will not be united, and tension will rise. However, our neighbors, our relatives, our friends, our fellow Americans are the individuals who have displayed compassion, commitment, and a willingness to serve. While we may not agree on the direction, they wish to steer the State or Nation, respecting their desire to serve is a reflection upon the values which identifies the spirit of our Nation. Not supporting one's candidacy does not give us the freedom of personal assault upon one's character. When that occurs, we must have the courage and strength to correct anyone who deviates from the practices which define our society. The strength of Somersworth is its citizens and the unsolicited willingness of each Hilltopper to celebrate and help one another.

Like all of you, I have a list of candidates I will and will not be supporting. Yet, I will continue to honor each of those listed upon the ballot as fellow citizens, give them the respect they deserve and embrace our differences. Our Democracy continues to grow with the flexibility and elasticity of the pillars defined within our United States Constitution. Our Community continues to progress by working together as a team and finding those common threads which are woven towards Somersworth success. Hold to the Hilltopper values throughout this election

cycle, and ask yourself which candidates reflect them.

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



National Event: October 5, 2022
8-10 am
Aroma Joes
10 Andrews Rd. Somersworth NH

If you have any questions please contact
Officer Ashley Fuller at 603-841-2919

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**General Election and Special
Municipal Election is
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



**Supervisors of the Checklist
Wednesday, October 26 - 5:00pm -
5:30pm
City Clerks Office, City Hall**

The Polling Locations are:

- Ward 1 - City Hall, One Government Way
Ward 2 - Summersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main St.
Ward 3 - Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Dr.
Ward 4 - Idlehurst Elementary School, 46 Stackpole Rd.
Ward 5 - Romeo J. Messier Building - 218 Main St.**

Residents may register to vote at their polling place on Election Day. Residents should bring proof of identity, age, domicile, and citizenship with them to register to vote. If a resident does not have this information, they may sign an affidavit.

According to State law, voters are now required to show identification at the time of voting.

**Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of the City Clerk
at 692-9511**



Mark your calendar for
October 8th!



19th 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 get entered into a 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



sfachild.festival@gmail.com • 603-692-5869 • nhfestivals.org



2022

Somersworth Senior Picnic

FREE TO ALL SOMERSWORTH SENIORS!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

11:00-1:00PM

FLANAGAN CENTER GYM- BARTLETT AVE

**Join us for the City's Celebration honoring
our Seniors! Event includes a BBQ lunch,
entertainment, raffles, prizes, & more!**

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:

Somersworth Police Department: 603 692-3131

Somersworth Fire Department: 603 692-3456

Somersworth Recreation: 603 692-9507

Strafford Meals on Wheels: 603 692-4211

Somersworth Housing Authority: 603 692-2864

**Transportation provided for Somersworth
Housing Authority Residents.**

For more info contact 603-692-5424

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

**September events at Somersworth
Public Library**

Programs for Bigger People



Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30

Read, talk, listen. Copies are at the library.

Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman

Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30

The “father of free verse” welcomes you to his room on the eve of his seventieth birthday celebration. As he reminisces, he transforms into his young vibrant self and traces the experiences that led him to create Leaves of Grass. Top notch actor, experience and cake.

Teatotaller Tasting

Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30

Chai curious? What’s rosehip? What is oat milk? Who is the largest producer of tea, and what is the process from farm to market? And how can a business thrive selling it? This program is limited to 15 participants and signups begin October 1.

Short Story Discussion, The Naked Giant by Wendy Hornsby

Friday, October 21 at 2:00

How does the writer put forth his/her ideas in 10-20 pages? What bits do you like? What details stay with you? Copies at the library.

Oil, Ice, and Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom

Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30

Oil, Ice, and Bone tells the story of two ships off the Alaskan coast and how they came to be lost in the greatest whaling disaster in American history. Nathaniel Ransom kept a journal - and held onto it as he and his shipmates jettisoned weapons and warm clothing to save their lives. His eyewitness account of whaling's brutal slaughter and sudden losses is enriched by presenter Helen Frink's affection for an ancestor she discovered through his journals a century after his death.

Littler People Programs

Scavenger hunts, art supplies and STEAM activities are always available. Come in, create, read, learn.

Stories Songs & Play, Tuesdays at 10:30

STEAM & Play

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00

Bring your problem solving skills and join us to create, build, and play. Recommended for ages 5-10.

Pumpkin Festival

Saturday October 8, 10:00-1:00 (Festival until 3:00)

Make a bookmark, read a story.

Sleepyhead

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00

She's back!!! Bring your littles for bedtime stories & fun. Pajamas optional.

Lego Engineers

October 15, Saturday from 11:00 to noon

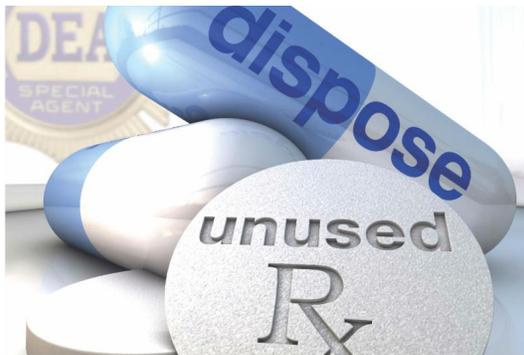
Calling all builders ages 5 and older! Come to the library for LEGO-building fun on one Saturday every month at 11 a.m. Build your own Lego creation or collaborate with new friends. LEGOs provided!

Music, history, author talks, presentations, games and good old book and short story discussions - come join us.

More detail on these programs is available at

<https://www.somersworth.com/somersworth-public-library/pages/library-services-programs>.

Somersworth Police Department



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

OCTOBER 29

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 29 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.



Officer Megan Tully Receiving Her Police Certification



Chief McLin, Officer Tully, School Resource Officer Fuller, Captain Sunderland and Officer South attended Officer Tully's graduation ceremony.



Public Safety Presentations Elderly Safety at Somersworth Housing

Chief McLin and Detective Sgt. Defrancesco conducted a talk with residents at Maple St Senior Housing on the following topics:

- Avoiding Scams
- Popular scams existing which target the elderly
- Online Safety
- Safety inside their residential community, and general safety topic
- Introductions and creating connections for the residents between them and the Somersworth Police Department

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING

Permits for Noble Street and River Street Parking during Snow Emergency Parking Bans will become Available beginning October 1, 2022.

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.

Please contact the Somersworth Police Department for more information at
(603) 692-3131



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 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

Somersworth Fire Department

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management

Fire Won't Wait – Plan Your Escape

A safety message from the Fire Chief's Office

The Great Chicago Fire began at approximately 9:00 p.m. on October 8, 1871, when a fire started on the southwest side of the city. Folklore suggests the fire started when a cow kicked over a lantern while it was being milked. The initial barn fire eventually grew into a conflagration that killed approximately 300 people, destroyed 17,500 buildings and scorched roughly 3.3 square miles of the city. 100,000 residents were left homeless. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in remembrance of this tragic event. The goal of Fire Prevention Week and now the entire month of October is to raise fire safety awareness to help prevent fires and be better prepared in the event of an emergency.

This year's Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15 with the theme **Fire Won't Wait**

Plan Your Escape.

In this day and age of plastics and synthetic materials, fires burn faster than ever before. In a typical fire, you may have as little as two minutes (or less) to safely escape after a smoke alarm begins to sound. Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. Your ability to safely escape depends on early warning from working smoke alarms and advance planning to include a home escape plan. This home escape plan should:

- Meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Include two ways out of every room, if possible. Ensure all doors and windows open easily.
- An outside meeting place - a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.

Practicing your escape plan a couple of times per year and during the day and night will better prepare everyone in the household.

Special considerations are necessary for adults who are mobility impaired – especially those living above ground level.

Evacuation Guidance for Adults with Mobility Impairments

Those with mobility impairments need to have a plan to evacuate their residence in the event of a fire or other emergency. This is especially important for those with mobility impairments who live above the ground floor because elevators should not be used for evacuation during a fire.

The objective in the event of a fire (and some other emergencies) is to get outside the building to a place of safety. If mobility impairments and living above the ground floor prevent direct movement to a place of safety outside, the goal becomes remaining in, or moving to a place of relative safety in order to await assistance moving to the final exit point. This place of relative safety is called an “area of refuge” and defined as a temporary haven from the effects of a fire or other emergency while waiting for assistance to the final exit point.

If possible, a person with a mobility impairment should partner with an “evacuation assistant”. This evacuation assistant can be a family member, roommate, or close neighbor who can assist those with mobility impairments to the final exit point or area of refuge. Any arrangement with an evacuation assistant should be made well before a fire or emergency occurs.

The landlord or housing authority should provide written directions/guidance and a map showing usable evacuation/circulation paths and areas of refuge (if applicable).

Prior to evacuating an apartment or room, the door should be felt to determine if it is hot. If the door is hot, leave the door closed, remain in place, and call 9-1-1. If the door is cool to the touch, slowly crack the door to check for smoke. If dangerous smoke is present, close the door, remain in place, and call 9-1-1 to report your location and circumstances. If necessary, place a rolled up wet towel at the bottom of the door to help prevent smoke and heat from leaking in.

Those with mobility impairments have four basic evacuation options:

1. **Horizontal Evacuation:** This is usually best for those living on the ground floor with accessible exits to the outside or into an unaffected area of a multi-building complex. If available, the evacuation assistant can walk beside those with mobility impairments to provide help in exiting the building or moving to an area of refuge.
2. **Stairway evacuation:** Those with mobility impairments, who are able to walk independently, may be able to negotiate stairs in an emergency with minor assistance. If there is no immediate danger (detectable smoke, fire, or unusual odor), those with mobility impairments may choose to stay in their apartment or in the stairwell (as described below) until emergency personnel

arrive and determine if evacuation is necessary.

3. **Stay in Place:** Unless danger is imminent, remaining in the room/apartment with an exterior window, a telephone (landline or cell phone), and a solid/fire resistant door may be a viable option. With this approach, those with mobility impairments may keep in contact with emergency services by dialing 9-1-1. Phone lines are expected to remain in service during most building emergencies. If the phone lines fail, the mobility impaired person can signal from the window by hanging a sheet or waving a cloth or other visible object. The Stay in Place approach may be more appropriate for those with mobility impairments who are alone when the alarm sounds or do not have an evacuation assistant.
4. **Area of Refuge:** Stairways are often an acceptable area of refuge because of the protection afforded from fire and smoke. If available, the evacuation assistant will help those who are mobility impaired to the area of refuge. The evacuation assistant will then go to the building evacuation assembly point or seek out emergency services personnel to make notification regarding those who are mobility impaired and their specific location in an area of refuge. If no evacuation assistant is available, those who are mobility impaired should remain in the area of refuge, call 9-1-1 on their cell phone (if available), and wait as emergency personnel will check those locations as soon as possible.

If staying in place or going to an area of refuge, emergency personnel will determine if further evacuation is necessary.

Prior planning and practice of emergency evacuation routes are important in assuring a safe evacuation. Those who are mobility impaired, should verify that they can travel unassisted through the usable circulation path to the final exit (ground floor) or area of refuge (above the ground floor) using their assistance device.

Stairway evacuation of wheelchair users should only be conducted by trained emergency response professionals who have the proper equipment and training. Moving a wheelchair down stairs by untrained or physically challenged persons is extremely dangerous.

Those who are mobility impaired may have to make the difficult decision to leave service animals or pets behind depending on the severity of the situation.

You can help yourself by planning ahead as the fire won't wait - so plan your escape.

Feel free to call the City of Somersworth Fire Department at 603-692-3457 should you have questions or concerns on this, or any other fire or life safety related topic.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities. Enjoy the beauty of the New Hampshire fall, be careful, and look out for each other.

Yours in service
George Kramlinger



- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.



September 17 SFD personnel with assistance from Dover Fire and Rescue operate at a brush/wildland fire in the Willand Pond recreational area. Pictured here is “the beast” – the unofficial nickname for the SFD forestry unit – with twin reel (“booster”) lines in operation operating off tank water along a narrow trail.



September 7 in the spirit of intra-department cooperation, the SFD uses an aerial ladder training exercise to the assist Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel inspecting the flag pole at The Pines. As another example of intra-department cooperation, DPW mechanic Roy Remick has saved the City thousands of dollars by maintaining and repairing

Fire Department fire apparatus. The SFD thanks all City Departments and

Staff as well as Stewart's Ambulance for their assistance, cooperation, and expertise in accomplishing the SFD mission.



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 and no sooner than the day before pick-up.**

THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER FOR Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday October 10.

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 11. Residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, October 10** 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 17th through 21st. Residents need to call Public Works at 692-4266 by Friday, October 15th to be placed on the pick-up list. Please note, 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 24th through 28th. 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

Water Mains/Hydrants 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 2, 2022 through Thursday,

October 6, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Day time hydrant flushing will continue the following week, October 10-14 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@somersworth.com.

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 town 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 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



Noble Pines Basketball Court Resurfacing
Construction of the Noble Pines Basketball court has been completed. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing completed a resurfacing of court, new striping, and added loam and seed to the edges of the court.

Jules Bisson Basketball

Court Resurfacing

The City is soliciting bids for the Jules Bisson basketball resurfacing project. Bids are due October 6th.

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/3muitHw1>

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.

Recreation Office News

Upcoming Events

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

YOUTH BASKETBALL

CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

SATURDAY MORNINGS; DECEMBER 10- FEBRUARY 11

*NO BBALL 12/24 OR 12/31

*GYM TIMES/LOCATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

IDLEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM:



8:00-8:50AM- 1ST GRADE COED

9:00-9:50AM- 2ND GRADE COED

10:00-11:00AM- 3/4 GRADE GIRLS

11:00-12:15PM- 5/6 GRADE GIRLS

HIGH SCHOOL GYM:

8:30-9:45AM- 3/4 GRADE BOYS

10:00-11:15AM- 5/6 GRADE BOYS



Join us for this 8-week instructional Rec Basketball program designed to teach players the fundamentals of basketball. This program emphasizes skill development and sportsmanship through age appropriate drills and fun games. All playing abilities are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We rely on volunteer to run all of our youth sports programs. Please consider coaching this season for the benefit of the youth in the community! Contact 603-692-9508 if you can coach or be a gym attendant. Background checks & volunteer waiver required.

REGISTRATION

Space is limited. First come, first serve. Please call to ensure space is available prior to mailing in forms or stopping by the office. Registration forms are available on website below or in the Rec Office at City Hall. 603-692-9507

Register by mail: Mail registration form & check to: 1 Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878 Attn: Recreation

Register in person: Cash or checks only. Rec Office is 2nd floor of City Hall

EARLY BIRD FEE~

REGISTER & PAY BY 10/28
\$45 RESIDENTS/\$55 NON-RES

FEE AFTER 10/28~

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOV. 15TH
\$60 RESIDENTS/\$70 NON-RES

WWW.SOMERSWORTHNH.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/YOUTH-PROGRAMS



SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

HALLOWEEN YOUTH COSTUME CONTEST



- Open to all Somersworth children ages 3-13
- Contest ages groups: **Ages 3-5 / Ages 6-9 / Ages 10-13**
- 1 entry per child/Free to enter!
- Registration deadline & costume photo submissions are due by Thursday, Oct. 27th in order to be eligible.
- Submitted costume photos will be shared on our Facebook page. People's Choice Facebook vote will be October 28-31. Photos with the most "likes/loves" for each age group will win!
- Winners will be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 1st! The winner from each age group will win a \$25 gift card!



HOW TO PARTICIPATE~



- Complete the registration & photo waiver located on our website-www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/2022-halloween-contests
- Email 1 photo per child dressed in their costume to recreation@somersworthnh.gov (please include your child's name, age, & costume name/description)



★ VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME PHOTOS ON THE SOMERSWORTH RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE OCTOBER 28-31!!

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

HALLOWEEN

PET COSTUME CONTEST

People's Choice Facebook Vote will be **October 28-31**. The photo with the most "likes/loves" will win a **\$25 Gift Card to Pet Supplies Plus in Somersworth!!**



Let's see your cute critters this Halloween! Email a photo of your pet(s) dressed in costume to recreation@somersworthnh.gov by Thursday, 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!

DEADLINE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS OCTOBER 27, 2022

www.somersworthnh.gov/parks-recreation/pages/2022-halloween-contests



Rec Youth Basketball- Early Bird Registration opens October 1st!

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.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Rec Basketball** coaches, assistant coaches, & gym attendants (Saturday mornings only for 8 sessions).
- **Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt-** Assist with decorating/set-up, refreshment table,

Santa line, hiding thousands of candy canes, and more!

· **Calling all hockey players!** We received a generous donation of street hockey equipment from the Boston Bruins & Mass General Brigham. We would love to start a street hockey program but we need your help! Please contact us if you're interested in helping us start a new program!!



Pee Wee Soccer – Our first session was held on September 10 and will continue through October 22 (no soccer on October 8). We have 31 kids registered this year and they had fun running around the field, learning new drills, and playing fun games! Big thank you to all the parent volunteers!



Tiny Toppers Play Program - Registration closed on September 16th. The program is free for Somersworth children ages 2-4 with an Adult attending. First session was held on September 21 and runs for 4 sessions on Wednesdays 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12 from 9:45-10:30 AM at Noble Pines Park.

We are excited to offer this new program!

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



What's up with Conservation Commission
Rapid and large-scale changes to our lands and waters mean wildlife are losing the habitats they once knew.

Roughly ten percent of New Hampshire's area is covered by turf, which is a habitat

desert.

Every habitat garden is a step toward replenishing resources for wildlife such as bees, butterflies, birds, and amphibians—both locally and along migratory corridors. By adding pollinator-friendly and monarch-friendly plants when you certify, your garden also counts toward



Somersworth's National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program.

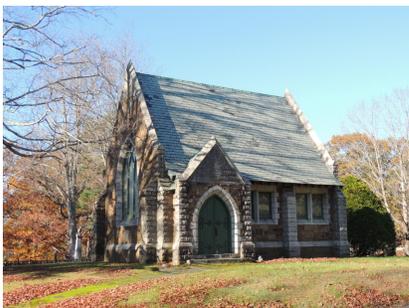
When you certify, please let the Conservation Commission know so that we can track our progress. Your participation will make a difference and address the issues leading to declining habitat for wildlife locally.

Resources:

Information on how to create a wildlife habitat can be found here: <http://www.nwf.org/GardenFor-Wildlife/Create.aspx>

Additional gardening tips and downloadable factsheets on how to create wildlife habitat can be found at here: www.nwf.org/gardenresources

For more information, contact the Somersworth Conservation Commission <https://www.somersworth.com/conservation-commission>



Join the Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees!

Somersworth's Cemetery Trustees are seeking a new member. Do you have an interest in local history, with a desire to help continue the preservation of a beautiful historic landmark? If so, you are encouraged to submit a [Boards, Commission and Committee application](#) to the

City Clerk's office. The Cemetery Trustees meet monthly to discuss ongoing initiatives relating to Forest Glade and other historic municipal burial grounds. For questions, please call Department of Public Works staff at 603-692-4266, or



What's Happening at Somersworth Farm to School

Sharing the Harvest *is* Sustainability!

As science points to more dire climate change impacts, Somersworth schools are working their way back to sustainability goals from pre-pandemic days. Maple Wood, Somersworth Middle School, and Somersworth HS/CTC all offer student sustainability clubs as after-school activities. Clubs are staff-led but student-driven and focus on activities such as composting, recycling, local food procurement, and sustainable gardening. HS Sustainability Club advisor Louise White shared this quick video with her students on “What is Sustainability” that’s relevant to all ages. [What is SUSTAINABILITY? Explained By An Expert](#)

The gift of giving is real, and our schools’ participation this year at the Malley Farm Community Gardens is driving that point home. We have a bounty of herbs to share with our cafeteria from the school plots at Malley Farm, and Chef Sarah at SMS has been eager to receive them. Putting the gardens to bed for winter will come soon enough, and we’re already planning what to grow in next year’s garden plot.

If you want to stay up to date on Somersworth Farm to School and sustainability efforts in our schools, follow [@farmtosomersworthschools](#) and [@shs_sustainabilityclub](#) on Instagram. Happy harvest and happy fall.

Wendy Berkeley
Somersworth Farm to School Coordinator



Chef Sarah at Somersworth Middle School ready to use some student-grown



Somersworth Festival Association's
Upcoming Events



Save the Dates!



Holiday Craft Fair
December 3rd
Somersworth High School
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Penny Sale
November 20th
Somersworth High School
Doors open at 11 a.m.
Raffle starts at 3 p.m.



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**City of Somersworth
Employment Opportunities**

Finalist 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](#)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Position Title: Code Compliance Officer
Starting Pay: \$50,377 - \$61,131 (\$24.22 to \$29.39 hr.)
Date Posted: June 2, 2022
Closing Date: Open until Filled

LIBRARY

Position Title: Library Assistant
Pay Range: \$41,308.80 - \$50,398 (\$19.86 - \$24.23 hr.)
Date Posted: September 22, 2022
Closing Date: Open until Filled

POLICE

Position Title: Patrol Officers
Starting Pay: \$49,524 to \$66,518
More Information: Somersworth Police Department Job Opportunities



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