



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.



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City Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00

p.m.

Monday, September 26 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.



Save yourself time and a trip to City

property tax or utility payments or other drop off business. It is available and secure 24/7. If you have a question please call the City Clerk's office at 692-9511 or 692-9512.

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](#)



State Primary Election is September 13, 2022

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are two separate ballots in a primary election: One for registered Republicans, and one for registered Democrats.

[Ward 1 Sample Ballots](#)

[Ward 2 Sample Ballots](#)

[Ward 3 Sample Ballots](#)

[Ward 4 Sample Ballots](#)

[Ward 5 Sample Ballots](#)

Voters who are undeclared, and who wish to vote, can declare a party on the day of the primary and will receive that party's ballot. Voters can change party status back to undeclared by signing a form at the polls, following the vote.

Deadline to change party affiliation was May 31, 2022

The last day a registered voter could change their party affiliation before the 2022 State Primary Election was May 31, 2022. Per State law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

Supervisors of the Checklist in Session on September 7

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, One Government Way.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, make changes to addresses and names, and other necessary corrections to the checklist.

Voters cannot change party affiliation during this session.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at (603) 692-9512

**City of Somersworth
Special Municipal Election – Ward Boundary Adjustments
September 13, 2022**

The City of Somersworth is having a Special Municipal Election simultaneously with the State Primary Election on September 13th. The Special Election is regarding a City Charter Amendment proposing Ward Boundary changes and will be voted on a separate ballot. Changes to Ward Boundaries are reviewed every 10 years in conjunction with the Federal Census in order to seek population equalization within the 5 Wards of the City of Somersworth.



Effective Immediately

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



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, September 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment [view agenda](#)

Please note this meeting is cancelled this month

Conservation Commission [view](#)

Planning Board [view agenda](#)

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

Historic District Commission [view agenda](#)

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

School Board [view agenda](#)

Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Corner

In 2014 I offered this piece for the City newsletter. Eight years later, our Community has continued to progress forward. The commitment of our schools has continued to strengthen, as the school district and Community we call home has become “ONE”. While somethings have changed, and the years I have with the system have grown, the foundational commitment that each public-school educator holds has not. Our teachers have overcome COVID and a series of adversities to maintain the journey of each student towards their personal success. Somersworth, we are truly blessed with the Community of caring professionals who each day, guide our children, lift their spirits, strengthen their skills, and help them reach their hopes and dreams. The Hilltopper Spirit of neighbor helping neighbor is alive in all four corners of our ten square mile Community and will continue with each generation thanks to our public schools.



Professionally, this year marks 23 years within the Somersworth school district for me. Each step, each journey, has been filled with rewards as I have had the honor of helping the next generation of Hilltoppers achieve personal success. I love the beginning of the school year... the first is filled with the faces and eyes of determination. The young bodies and souls are mirrored with the “Belief” that anything is possible, and that through the implementation of commitment and discipline, coupled with the foundations of caring and support, all visions can become a reality - hopes and dreams alive.

At the beginning of each year, the values of Community are re-taught, the lessons of caring reinforced, and we, as a full team, rededicate ourselves to excellence as we once again begin our journey toward success. The spirit of opening day is the same spirit which permeates the re-birth of our Community. Two years ago, Somersworth began re-connecting with its ‘Proud Past’.

From its role as a giant during the industrial revolution, it has emerged as a shining light, welcoming waves of immigrant groups yearning for a piece of the American dream.

Our Hilltopper Spirit represents all who are committed to the values of hard work-neighbor helping neighbor - bringing hope, and fulfilling dreams. In two years we have reclaimed our Community’s greatness, reassuring the current and future generations of Somersworth citizens that the future will indeed be bright. Our successes, our celebrations, have been a reflection of what can occur when leaders are not afraid to listen, not afraid to seek help, and not afraid to lead. This is reflective of the model for the roots of democracy, the roots of Community, the

roots of caring.

With our team, comprised of the Mayor, Council, School Board, City officials, State and National leaders, and united committed citizens, we have energized the belief in Somersworth and our recommitment towards the success of each citizen while celebrating the vast diversity which is the foundational strength of our City.

With the opening of school, each morning, our Hilltopper youth will enter the brick buildings where they will be taught that, by working together, we can all achieve our dreams. As a Community, we need to “Believe” in the same principles being taught to our youth. We are the models for greatness; we are the hope of our Community; we are the “Bright Future” of Somersworth. By listening, respecting, dreaming, hoping, believing, we will continue to be the bright light on the Hill of the Seacoast.

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

Need to Contact your Elected Representative?

The City of Somersworth makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, **[Find My Representative](#)**, for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out **[more information about the City Council here](#)**.

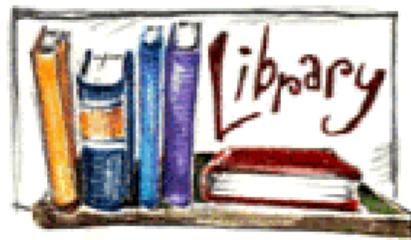
A list of School Board members and contact information can be found **[here](#)**.

What's Happening at Somersworth Library

September events at Somersworth Public Library

[Programs for Bigger People](#)

Tuesday, September 6 at 5:30, attend a Library Trustees meeting and get some behind-the-scenes info.



Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30, discuss *Truth & Beauty*, by Ann Patchett. Copies are available at the library.

Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30, learn about the Irish emigration experience through stories and songs with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki on the fiddle and guitar.

Friday, September 16 @ 2:00, discuss the 14th century Miller's Tale by Geoffrey Chaucer. Translated into modern pros, it's bawdy, ridiculous and unexpected. Copies available at the library.

Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30, welcome award-winning author, speaker and life coach Chris Duffy-Wentzel. Determined to find her birth mother and medical history against all odds, *Finding the Missing Peace* is a compelling mystery and spiritual search for a deeper identity.

Wednesday, September 28 at 5:30, join The Sonatina Center for Creative Arts Therapy for a presentation targeting the value of creative arts for personal health and well-being.

Daily through September 22, find the green worm/eel/snail/caterpillar for a chance to win a 6'x 5' nature-themed room divider.

Every Tuesday from 4:00-6:45, play Dungeons & Dragons or other card and board games. Interested in D&D? Let us know and we'll put you in touch with the Dungeon Master. Dungeons & Dragons not your thing? Round up some people to play Trivial Pursuit, chess, backgammon, cornhole and more.

Littler People Programs

Create a masterpiece anytime using art cart materials in the children's room. **Family story time takes place Tuesdays at 10:30** . Listen to a story, play, maybe sing some songs or make art.

Open Play time/Lego Engineers to be determined by our new children's library assistant.

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



National Night Out Another Success!

National Night Out 2022 was held on Tuesday, August 2nd at Jules Bisson Park. This year's sponsors of our event were Somersworth Police Association, City of Somersworth, Favorite Foods and Service Credit Union. A very big thank you to Wal-Mart for donating (2) bicycles that were won by (2) lucky children. Those who attended ate hot dogs, chips and ice cream and made the circuit of all of the tables with free goodies and watched the Soul City Dance Group, shot some hoops, had their face painted, played games, made crafts, got fingerprinted for a DNA kit, listened to Chief McLin read a book and we listened to great music by a DJ. The Fire Department, Chandler's and the Stewart's Ambulance was there as well as other law enforcement agencies from New Hampshire. **National Night Out** is a community event that promotes police-community building partnerships that is being held throughout many communities in the United States. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. **Together, we are making communities safer and more caring places to live.**





**Somersworth Police Dispatcher
Holly Langmaid -Swag Table**



**Somersworth Resource Officer
Ashley Fuller with 1 of our
Bike Winners**



Random Acts of Blue



Friday, August 19th, Chief Tim McLin and Officer Ashley Fuller were at the Splash Pad handing out Hoodie Cups ... What a perfect day for an ice cream for 75 children. You scream, I scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!



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

Summersworth Historical Society Hilltopper Car Show - Another Hilltopper Success!!





Photos Courtesy of: AJ St. Hillaire

On Sunday August 14th, the Summersworth Historical Museum on Main Street celebrated its 20th anniversary. As part of those celebrations the first annual Hilltop Classic Car show took place and we are pleased to report that almost 100 vintage cars filled Main Street that Sunday. The celebration was opened by Mayor Dana Hilliard who presented the museum with a proclamation declaring the day, Summersworth Museum day in Somersworth. Local reenactor, Mark Richardson, sounded his musket signaling the start of the day's celebrations.

The museum Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took the time to come down and enjoy the celebrations and a special thanks to the local businesses who so generously sponsored the day and helped make it a success.

**Also don't forget the museum, located at 157 Main Street, is open every Sunday from 12:30 - 3:30pm with free admission.
We would love to see you.**

Somersworth Fire Department

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management

A safety message from the Fire Chief's Office

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) and this year's theme is – “A Lasting Legacy: The life you've built is worth protecting”. With the heart of hurricane season upon us, September is a great month to promote personal disaster planning. Note the following considerations:

- **STOCKPILE BOTTLES OF WATER.** During a flood, hurricane, or other emergency, normal water sources may not be available. A few cases of bottled water on hand can make a huge difference in an emergency.
- **STORE READY-TO-EAT CANNED FOOD.** In the event of a major emergency with associated power outages it's important to have food on hand that can be eaten without requiring a heat source. Canned food works as it has a long shelf life, making it easier and less expensive to store. Store your stockpiled canned goods separate from your household food, and try not to borrow from your stockpile; the goal is to make sure you're prepared in the event of an emergency. Check your stockpile periodically for expiration dates.
- **KEEP A MANUAL CAN OPENER** with the stored canned food.
- **KEEP PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS AVAILABLE.** Keep extra medication and a list of the medications each family member takes, why they take them and their dosages.
- **STORE PERSONAL CARE ITEMS AND TOILETRIES IN YOUR "GO BAG".**
- **HAVE A GOOD LED FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES.**
- **HAVE A BATTERY-OPERATED RADIO AND FOLLOW LOCAL MEDIA FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.** The national weather service, as well as state and local officials use TV, radio, and a variety of social media outlets to disseminate urgent warnings and emergency information. Many news outlets use a variety of smart device applications. Extra chargers and batteries for mobile phones and devices are a must. Make sure you stay connected.
- **STORE EXTRA CLOTHES IN YOUR "GO BAG".** Lightweight rain gear and a mylar blanket are good additions.
- **INCLUDE A BASIC FIRST AID KIT.**
- **ORGANIZE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.** Include important phone numbers and emergency contact information, credit cards, birth certificates, deeds, photo IDs, proof of address, etc. In addition, consider cash in small bills kept in a waterproof container, extra set of car and house keys, notepad and pen,

contact and meeting place information for your household, and a small regional map. Store important documents such as social security cards, birth certificates and licenses in air-tight and waterproof containers to minimize damage. Include sentimental items that can't be replaced, such as photographs. Insurance documents should be included along with a list of serial numbers for your valuable belongings. Organize and store these documents so you can “grab and go” in an emergency.

Finally, always be prepared to leave. In the event of an emergency, you may only have a short amount of time to evacuate. Being prepared will contribute to your survival should disaster strike.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities.

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

Yours in service

George Kramlinger

Fire Chief/Emergency Fire Management Director



Tuesday, August 2nd Somersworth Fire Department personnel participated in National Night Out festivities. The Somersworth Fire Department personnel helped prepare a landing site and provided standby for the Boston Med Flight Airbus H145 helicopter.



Department of Public Works & Utilities

Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Reminders

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. The City's Solid Waste Ordinance states: Residents will place their rubbish to be collected along the curbside or street-side where normally the curbing would be, in specially marked bags City Blue Bags on the evening before, or by 7:00 a.m. on their scheduled pickup day. No rubbish will be picked up that is not contained by an approved specially marked City Blue Bag that is not along the curbside, nor more frequently than once a week for any person, firm or corporation.

Metal Pick-up

The 2nd Tuesday of the month. The September collection will occur on **Tuesday, September 13. Residents must call Public Works no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, September 12**, to be placed on the pickup schedule for September. Typical TVs require three (3) stickers - \$12.00 and PC's require one (1) sticker - \$4.00. Residents may also opt to drop off metal and electronic items with proper bulky waste stickers at the Public Works Facility located at 18 Lilac Lane from 7:30 am-2:30 pm Monday –Friday. Please ensure the proper # stickers are on each item.

Reminder Notice of Labor Day Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule – One Day Delay

Labor Day is on Monday, September 5. Trash and Recycling collection services will be delayed one day, with Monday collection occurring on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday and Wednesday collection on Thursday.



Cemetery Trustees honor Former Chair Maggie Roberge with a Tree Plaque.

The Cemetery Trustees arranged to have a tree plaque made recognizing former Chair of the Cemetery Trustees, Maggie Roberge. The special plaque was installed recently at the base of the magnolia tree planted at Forest Glade Cemetery near the Furber Chapel this past late spring.



Noble Pines Park Basketball Court gets a Face Lift.

The City contracted with Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing, Inc. to complete the resurfacing of the Noble Pines Basketball Court. Work is approximately 75% complete. The contractor will be returning later this September to install the paint for the court layout lanes and boundaries and to provide shoulder material around the sides of the court. The new surface was part of the City's FY22 Budget. Staff will be soliciting bids this fall for a new surface on the Jules Bisson Park Basketball Court as well.

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

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



Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Fall Reminder – Pet Waste

Dog waste negatively impacts our water quality; please remember to pick up your pet waste. This message is being conveyed as part of the City's outreach and education requirements for our stormwater discharge permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Rocky Hill Road Culvert Replacement Under Way

City Council awarded a contract to Wickson Construction to replace a culvert located on Rocky Hill Road, close to the intersection with Winter Street and Maple Street. The project involves replacing an old failing corrugated metal culvert and a segment of water and sewer lines in the vicinity of the culvert. The project will involve a temporary road closure from the first week in July through the beginning of October in this area. Rocky Hill Road will be closed at Winter Street; during the temporary road closure period.

The project began on July 5th. The water main has been replaced and the culvert is being installed. Remaining work includes sewer main replacement, headwall installation, final paving and guardrails. Work is expected to be completed October 2022.



Recreation Office News & Updates

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

TINY TOPPERS PLAY PROGRAM



SOMERSWORTH CHILDREN AGES 2-4 & ADULT CAREGIVERS
NOBLE PINES PARK

NEW!

WEDNESDAYS; 9:45-10:30AM

4 SESSIONS- 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY 9/16/22
FREE!

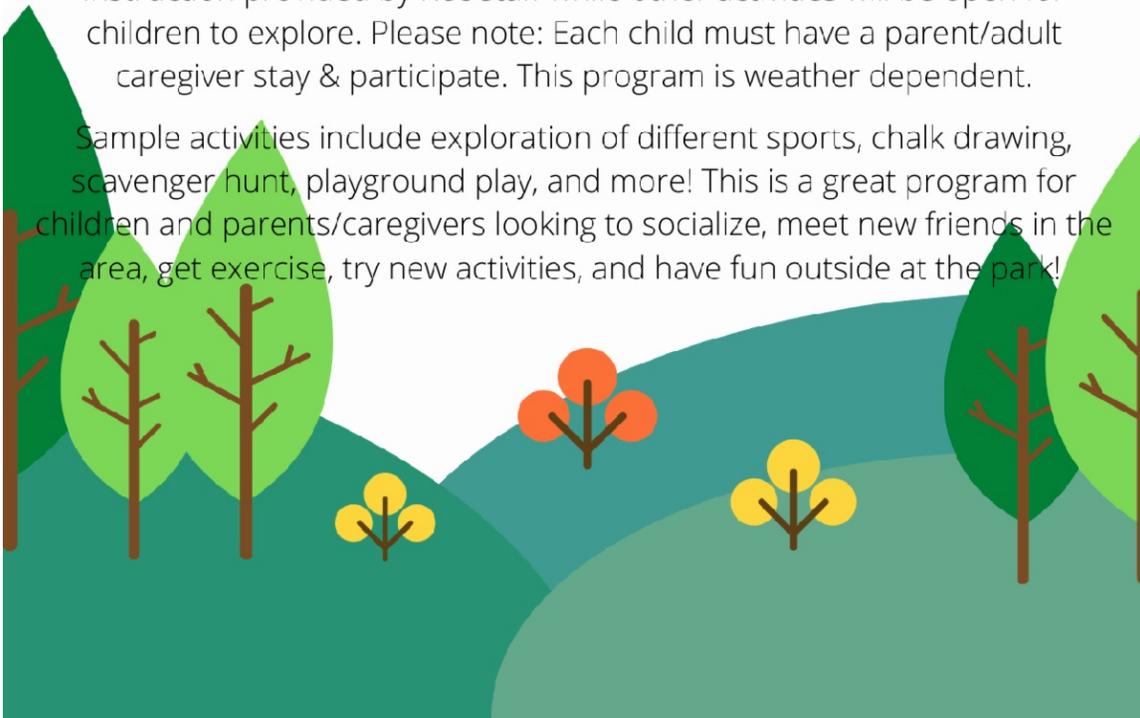


TO REGISTER:

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION & ONLINE WAIVER BY SEPT. 16TH:
WWW.SOMERSWORTH.COM/PARKS-RECREATION/PAGES/YOUTH-PROGRAMS

Join us for this fun outdoor play program at Noble Pines Park! Rec Staff will provide fun outdoor games, activities, & sports equipment for children to try at the park with their caregivers & friends. Some activities will have instruction provided by Rec staff while other activities will be open for children to explore. Please note: Each child must have a parent/adult caregiver stay & participate. This program is weather dependent.

Sample activities include exploration of different sports, chalk drawing, scavenger hunt, playground play, and more! This is a great program for children and parents/caregivers looking to socialize, meet new friends in the area, get exercise, try new activities, and have fun outside at the park!



- Pee Wee Soccer program begins on September 10th~We currently have a Wait List and are still looking for a Volunteer Head Coach and Assistant for our program! Please contact the Recreation Office to add your child to the Wait List or if you can help us out. No

experience is necessary.

- Check out our new free Tiny Toppers Play Program on Wednesday mornings this fall at Noble Pines Park! Pre-registration is required, visit the link on our city website to register. Help us spread the word! <http://www.somersworth.com/parks.../pages/youth-programs>

**Save the Date – Senior Picnic -
Wednesday October 19, 2022 – more details to come!**



What's Happening at Somersworth Farm to School



**Recreation Program Summer
Camper enjoying the Harvest at
Malley Farm Community Garden
School Plots**



**Fresh produce from the
Community Gardens for Cheryl
from 45 Market St Bakery and
Cafe**

Building Community with Farm to School

Though Farm to School programming stalled during the pandemic and remote-learning, the summer of 2022 has seen a refreshing jump-start

with some valued community partners and friends. Composting with Mr. Fox continued through the SYC summer program. SYC middle school camp and the Rec. Dept. K-5 camp bridged the summer gap at the Malley Farm Community Gardens school plots, taking field trips to maintain and harvest there. And our long-time friends at 45 Market Street Bakery and Cafe took some fresh produce off our hands, where good food is always the end result.

It's back to school season, and a very exciting time to what's next for Farm to School this brand new school year. Enjoy your rest of summer, eat well, be safe, and be kind.

Follow [@farmtosomersworthschools](#) on Instagram to see what other Farm to School activities are happening in our schools, and in our community.

Wendy Berkeley
Farm to School Coordinator



Somersworth Festival Association's
Upcoming Events



Save the Dates!

Pumpkin Festival

October 8th
Somersworth Plaza
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Harvest Craft Fair

October 22nd

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.



www.nhfestivals.org sfachild.festival@gmail.com 603-692-5869
Visit us on Facebook!

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: \$24.22 to \$29.39
Date Posted: June 2, 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

PUBLIC WORKS

Position Title: Equipment Operator I
Pay Range: \$21.20 to \$23.22
Date Posted: August 31, 2022
Closing Date: Open until Filled

Effective 9/1/2022 the City of Somersworth is changing its domain from a .com to a .gov domain. Our email will also be changing to @somersworthnh.gov. Please update my email in your contacts to icorriveau@somersworthnh.gov



**City Hall will be Closed on
Monday, September 5 for the
Labor Day Holiday**



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