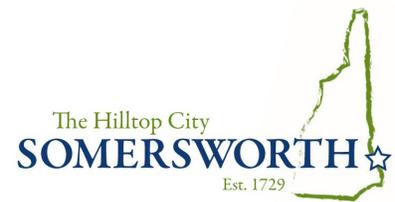


July 2021



City of Somersworth
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-4262

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, July 12
Special City Council
Meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Council Meeting

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

Committee/Board Meetings this Month

Site Review Technical Committee

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

Conservation Committee

Wednesday July 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Minor Site Plan (SRTC)

Wednesday, July 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning Board of Adjustment

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic District Commission

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

[Visit our Website](#)

The Mayor's Corner



Graduation Speech for the Class of 2021

The road speaks to us.
Each morning we awaken and begin our daily routines we are part of a never-ending race, constantly battling and trying to gain time. Yet with each sunrise, we gaze upon the clock as our enemy, fighting against it to capture just a few seconds.

The sounds of the Earth coming to life, the birds, the beginning of traffic and the echoes of morning news from our neighbors resonate with us, the start gun of another day in the race of life has begun.

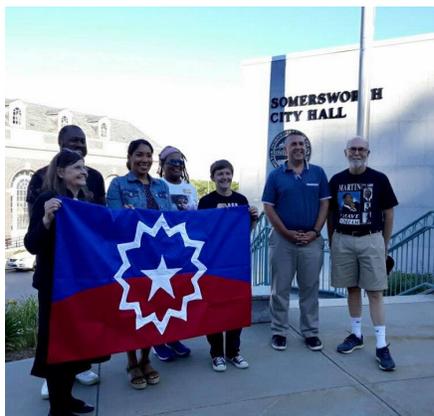
The pace we set for ourselves will deprive us of the wisdom and guidance around us. [Read More...](#)



Pride 2021

In 1973 Richard Nixon was President of the United States, General Electric located on Main Street was the work place for almost 3,000 people, and Pearls Bakery was in such high demand that if you arrived there after 8am on a Saturday the likelihood of you leaving with a Maple Round was poor Vegas odds.

In 1973 the national gay rights movement was four years young. While generations before had protested and worked towards acceptance and equality, it would not be until the Stonewall uprising on June 28th, 1969 that the movement was born. [Read More....](#)



Juneteenth Day Speech

On January 1, 1863 two years into a Civil War which would cost our nation 620,000 lives, President Lincoln took a long overdue historic step, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation declaring;

“that all persons held as slaves” within the rebellious states “are, and henceforward shall be free”.

While the issuing of the Proclamation essentially ended slavery, the Union forces would have to battle through two more years of our nations bloodiest conflict before the proclamation would becoming a reality. [Read More...](#)

Mayor's Summer Office Hours Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

People are welcomed to stop by during this time. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling Brenda at (603) 692-9503 or email bbreda@somersworth.com

COMPOSTABLE ITEMS



ALL FOOD SCRAPS
INCLUDING:



- Meat
- Meat Bones
- Eggshells
- Bread
- Seafood (including shells)
- Fruits & vegetables (pits & nuts too)
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Wooden stirrers
- Sugar packets
- Brown paper napkins & towels
- Teabags (staples removed)
- Ground Tea
- Muffin wrappers
- Flowers & floral trimmings
- Corks
- Plastic - PLA#7
- Certified BPI Packaging



customerservice@mrfoxcomposting.com

Center Located at Public Works at 18 Lilac Lane

Did you know food composting is available for Somersworth residents at the Public Works facility. The City of Somersworth has partnered with Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost, composting option to divert waste and tonnage from solid waste stream that gets landfilled.

Any questions or need additional information can be addressed by calling:

Michael Bobinsky

Director of Public Works & Utilities

603-692-4266

or email mbobinsky@somersworth.com



Summer Reading Program at the Library

Tales and Tails has started! Come in, sign up, track your reading and earn a different prize every week. If you'd like, you can also track your reading online

<http://somersworthlibrary.readsquared.com/>.

Tales and Tails Story Time

For Pre-k and early grades, summertime stories take place at 11:15 Wednesdays through July 28.

Crafts to Take Home

After every Wednesday story time, leave with a craft to make at home. We'll have some extras, too, that we'll leave in the children's room just in case you couldn't make it.

Live Animals at the Library

Saturday, July 31 at 11:00, come meet some live animals presented by Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Will there be a porcupine? A falcon? A snapping turtle? It's a surprise. They're all native to NH though.

Get Your Caffeine

Coffee is ready for you at the library. We have fresh high octane and decaf as well as black tea. No Cremora here, only real dairy creamer for you.

Short Story Discussions

5:45 the third Tuesday of every month, discuss a short story that will be available online and in paper at the library. Short stories pack a lot in 12-20 pages. Let's break it down.

Here's to more time to do the things you like.

Happy July!



**Squam Lakes Natural
Science Center
is coming to
Somersworth
Public Library!**

Saturday, July 31st at 11 a.m.

**Three of these
animals will
join us!**



FUN FUN in the Sun - Somersworth Recreation!



**Splash Pad at Noble Pines is open daily 10 AM – 7 PM
Weather Permitting**

SOMERSWORTH RECREATION

PEE WEE SOCCER



CHILDREN AGES 3 & 4
SATURDAY MORNINGS

9:00-9:45 AM

SEPT. 11- OCT. 23

(NO SOCCER 10/9/21)

NOBLE PINES PARK



Join us for this exciting 6-week beginner program that's designed to teach players basic soccer skills through fun games, instructional drills, and friendly scrimmages. Parent participation is required for this age group. Registration forms are located on our website and at City Hall.

For more info contact the Rec Office- 603-692-9507

Now seeking volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, and field attendants. We can't run this program without your help! Please reach out to the Rec Office if you can help coach this season. No experience is necessary.



~EARLY BIRD FEE~

REGISTER & PAY BY JULY 23RD

\$45 RESIDENTS/ \$55 NON-RESIDENTS

~FEE~

AFTER JULY 23RD

\$60 RESIDENTS/ \$70 NON-RESIDENTS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 20TH



**Noble Pines Summer Play Program is now into Week 2
Kids and Staff are having a Blast!**

Learn more about the City Parks and amenities on our [website](#):

Department of Public Works & Utilities

Residential Solid Waste & 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**. The City's contractor Waste Management (WM) follows the Solid Waste Ordinance which 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 as defined in Section 7.1 of the Code, 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 bag that is not along the curbside, nor more frequently than once a week for any person, firm or corporation.

Residents are asked to not assume that WM trucks arrive later in the morning and may set out materials after 7am based on past experiences. WM trucks are assigned daily routes and are subject to starting specific routes at different times due to equipment, traffic and other operational needs. Only constant is they all begin collection on City streets at 7am. Asking WM to return to missed stops due to late set outs can contribute to cost increases to the City.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no changes in the collection schedule for the July 4th Holiday.

Metal Pick-up

The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The July collection will occur on Tuesday, July 13 and residents wanting this service are asked to call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, July 12** to be placed on the pickup schedule for July. 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 7:30 am-2:30 pm Monday –Friday. Note that winter weather emergencies may delay collection.

City Waste Bags Price Increase effective July 1, 2021

The City Council approved an increase in the price of trash bags to offset program expenses including an increased cost of bag production and recycling expenditures. The increase takes effect as of July 1, 2021. The following lists the new trash bag prices retailers will charge for City Trash bags: **30-Gallon \$2.15/each 15-Gallon \$1.60/each**

Adopt-A-Spot

Somersworth residents are encouraged to participate in the City's Adopt a Spot program. Subject to review by the Public Works staff, any public space may be a candidate for volunteers to "Adopt" and help the City reduce litter along City streets, improve and maintain landscaping at a corner traffic island, a garden in Forest Glade Cemetery, or a raised

flower bed in the Downtown District. Volunteers interested in applying for a “spot” may complete an application and submit to the Public Works Department. Further materials including the application can be located on the City’s website at www.somersworth.com

Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

As a reminder, any work done within the Right-Of-Way requires a permit. 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

Road Resurfacing

The City has contracted Continental Paving to complete pavement resurfacing on several streets beginning on June 1st – July 30th. The City is imposing a daytime (6am to 8pm, Monday – Friday) parking ban on those streets during this time frame. The parking ban remains in effect until the paving is complete on that street (see below for a list of streets scheduled to be resurfaced).

Bartlett Ave	Ben Rich Drive	Cass Street
Drew Road	Edmund Street	Fox Court
Laurier Street	Lemelin Court	Lin-Nor Ave
Locke Ave	Midway Park	Pinkham Street
Portland Street	Primrose Lane	Rowland Street
Shady Lane	South Street	Wilson Street
Nadeau Street		

Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management

A Safety Message from the Fire Chief’s Office

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

A new report compiled by the Fire Protection Research Foundation highlights the fact that residential fires continue to be the largest category of structure fire and lead to the majority of the civilian fire injuries and deaths. Although residential fires have seen a decrease in the past decades, statistically, occupants in a house fire are more likely to die today than 40 years ago. Many fatal home fires and home fire deaths can be traced back to a lack of investment in safety such as not maintaining smoke alarms or using inexpensive, unskilled labor to work on electrical and/or heating systems. Extra precautions and greater vigilance in these areas are necessary.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” as the theme of 2021’s Fire Prevention Week (October 3 through October 9). The theme seeks to better educate the public about the sounds of smoke alarms, what they mean, and how to respond to them. Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a fire by more than half. 41% of household fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarm and 16% in homes with alarms that failed to activate.

The key points of “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” include:

- Respond immediately to smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds by exiting the home.
- If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean the batteries need to be replaced or the alarm needs replacing altogether.
- Test all smoke and CO alarms on a monthly basis.

- Install a bed shaker and strobe light alarms if someone in your household is deaf or hard of hearing.
- Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a CO alarm — three beeps for smoke, four beeps for CO.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

With Independence Day and the majority of summer in front of us, learn from the experience of a dad in another state who attempted to light three sparklers at one time on Memorial Day weekend and severely burned his hand. The dad freely admits that he should have followed the instructions on the packaging and been more careful. Unfortunately, this is an all-too-common story. Thousands of emergency room visits a year throughout the country occur due to fireworks injuries. More than 30 percent of those injuries are blamed on sparklers. Sparklers are exciting for children but burn at 1,200 degrees. Children should always be supervised around fireworks. When using sparklers remain at least six feet away from one another and have a water bucket close by to dispose of the spent sparkler. Do not simply drop spent sparklers on the ground especially if children are running around with bare feet. Improper use of fireworks can change a life in an instant - even a sparkler.

Please see the following safety messages and pictures of recent SFD activities. Feel free to call the Fire Station regarding questions about any emergency management, fire prevention, or life safety topic.

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

George Kramlinger, Fire Chief
Emergency Management
Director



Four City of Somersworth firefighters along with personnel from Pease, Sanford ME, Newington, and Epping participate in a confined space rescue technician certification course. The course was hosted by the Pease Fire Department, sponsored by the Seacoast Chief Fire Officers Mutual Aid District and conducted by the New Hampshire Fire



A class of fourteen students – including four from Somersworth - all successfully earned national level confined space rescue technician certification. Shown here a Somersworth firefighter uses a cervical collar, spinal immobilization device, and emergency air supply to prepare the simulated victim for removal from the confined space.

Academy. Shown here, a Somersworth firefighter prepares to be lowered into a confined space with a simulated hazardous atmosphere.



Always Supervise Children

Nothing can substitute constant supervision



Keep Children Away from Pool Drains and Openings

Small children can become entrapped by their powerful suction



Have a Phone Close

Use for emergencies only, don't be distracted by calls, texts or games



Shut and Lock Gates, Doors and Screens

Unlocked doors leave nothing between your child and the pool



Establish a 'Pool Watcher'

Have a designated person to watch the pool and enforce rules



bit.ly/take60seconds

Drowning is 100% Preventable

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.



Patrol Sergeant Promotion

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Connor Mele to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Mele has been with the Department for almost 4 years and has been a field training officer in the Patrol Division. Be sure to congratulate him if you see him on the streets.

New Patrol Officer

Officer Logan Major, is our new Patrol Officer. Welcome aboard Officer Major.

Did you License your Dog with the City?

Just a reminder to dog owners in Somersworth: the City does require you to register your dog every year. We are currently preparing our annual forfeiture notices where additional fees and fines are levied and you could be summonsed to court.

If you haven't licensed your dog yet, it is easy and licenses can even be renewed online if you have the dog's tag number at www.Somersworth.com and click on the Online Services and then Dog Licensing. If you are unable to complete it on line, City Hall staff will help you. Just bring your current rabies certificate. City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Summer Pet Safety

We receive calls every day from caring citizens about animals left in vehicles on warm days. It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation.

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

Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently, the pet can escape.

Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they have only overheated air to breathe, animals can collapse, suffer brain damage and possibly die of heatstroke. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death.

Precautions: Please leave your dog at home on warm days.



Somersworth Police Department also uses our [Facebook page](#) to give update on important Community information including crime information, road closures, snow emergencies, parking bans and Community events.



We also send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for Nixle [here](#)



Sustainability Through Community Gardening

Summer is much revered in New England, after many months of leafless trees, frigid temperatures, snow, ice, and cold drizzle. To home gardeners, or even simply garden- appreciators, this season is equivalent to a high-holiday. The ability to grow one's own produce, and the beautiful plants that bring essential pollinating bees and wasps, is a sustainability practice that is both enjoyable and environmentally responsible.

Residents in our City who lack the space at home to garden, or the most optimal sunlight, need not be left out of the gardening loop. The Malley Farm **Community Garden** is open to any Somersworth resident who wishes to grow their own produce and flowering plants, in a communal setting, with lots of sunlight and space. Individual plots are assigned in April, though there may still be a plot or two available for this season.

Another option is Somersworth's Adopt-A-Spot Program. With this program, residents or organizations adopt an existing Adopt-A-Spot locale, or nominate a new public plot of land of their choosing, and care for it throughout the growing season. Maybe there's a blighted corner in a resident's neighborhood that would really dazzle if given some attention during the growing season. Or space in front of a public building that looks a little forgotten.

Find the link to application packets for Community Garden plots [here](#): For more information on the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact Keri Gordon at the Somersworth Department of Public Works, (603) 692-4266.

As we seek to increase sustainability practices throughout Somersworth, the Sustainability Committee welcomes your input. The Committee meets monthly. If you are interested in getting involved on the Committee or wish to learn more about what we are up to, contact Committee Chair Sarah Eckstein at sarahmeckstein@gmail.com

Forest Glade Cemetery

A Busy location this Summer

During July the Epoch Preservation will be in the cemetery doing some restoration of stones in the south area of the cemetery near the Cremation Garden.

Moose Plate Grant

We have applied for a Moose Plate Grant which is a \$10,000 Grant funded by the purchasing of a New Hampshire Moose Plate when you register your car. We have received 2 of these grants so far so we are hoping a third is a charm! The funds will go to re-roof the well house to the left of the Furber Chapel.

For more information about any of these items contact Maggie at
Maggiem03878@comcast.net

Much Needed Makeover \$30.8 Million Somersworth Housing Authority (SHA) Apartments Upgrades



Mayor Dana S. Hilliard



**Lindsey Gagnon
RAD Relocation Coordinator
Somersworth Housing Authority**

A \$30.8 Million overhaul of 169 Somersworth Housing Authority units at Albert J. Nadeau Homes, Fillion Terrace and Charpentier Apartments has begun.

The renovation are a result of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development sponsored Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program., which is tailored to help public housing authorities preserve and improve housing properties by addressing costly backlogs of deferred maintenance and upgrades.

Somersworth Mayor Dana Hilliard praised SHA's "aggressive commitment to redefining a Community of hope" through these modernized housing opportunities, during a ceremonial groundbreaking on June 9 at the Nadeau Homes Complex.

Somersworth Festival Association Upcoming Events

Kids Konzerts on the Lawn between the Middle School &

High School: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- July 7 - Mr. Haley
- July 14 - Matt Heaton
- July 21 - Tricky Dick the Magician
- July 28 - Rockin Ron the Friendly Pirate
- August 4 - Steve Blunt



The concerts will take place on the grass between the Somersworth High School and the Middle School (on Memorial Drive). If it rains, the concerts will be moved inside. Food will be available for purchase. We hope you will join us...**Admission if Free!**

Look at What's Coming Up!

Outdoor Craft Fair at Holy Trinity Church, Somersworth

August 21 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Festival at the Somersworth Plaza

October 9 - Time to be determined

There will be an evening celebration at the Somersworth High School

Craft Fair at Somersworth High School

October 23 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Penny Sale at Somersworth High School

November 14 - Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Craft Fair at Somersworth High School

December 1 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Somersworth Festival Association: www.nhfestival.com

Email: sfachild.festival@gmail.com

Call: (603) 692-5869

GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

Goodwin
Community Health

Families
First

Lilac City
Pediatrics

Families First, please sign up for their Newsletters

Family Focus: Info on each month's parent and family programs, monthly

parenting tips and ideas, useful links and more.



In-Person Play Groups Began in June

You are invited to *Family Morning Out* on playgrounds in Portsmouth and Somersworth this summer.

WHO: Parents, grandparents, caregivers and their

children ages 0-6

WHEN & WHERE:

Somersworth: Fridays, 6/18-8/27, from 10-11 a.m. at **Idlehurst School Kindergarten Playground** (in front of school)

Portsmouth: Mondays, 6/14-8/23, from 10-11 a.m. on the **Community Campus Playground** (behind the building)

NOTES

- Bring a snack, water and a picnic blanket for story time.
- No need to sign up in advance.
- Playgroups are weather-permitting. Check our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for cancellation announcements.

We can't wait to see you again!

Family Hike Night Started in June Mondays, through August 23 6:30-7:30 p.m.

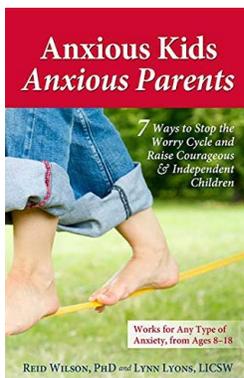
We will meet at the Community Campus Playground every Monday night this summer weather-permitting (except July 5th) to walk, talk, explore and play together.



All parents, caregivers and children are welcome. The trails are suitable for children who can walk (not baby carriages or strollers). You are welcome to “hike” the trails with other families or play at the playground. We will provide nature journals for each family to record their observations and discoveries.

Family Hike Night will be held in fair weather only. This program is free. No registration necessary. See you soon!

Learn more about Family Hike Night



Summer Virtual Workshops & Groups

This summer we are offering several *one-night virtual workshops* for parents and grandparents.

- **Parent Cafe for Dads on 6/15** (for dads and grandfathers)
- **Anxious Parents Anxious Kids on 6/22** with Lynn Lyons
- **Smart, but Scattered Kids on 8/24** with Peg Dawson

In addition, we offer these ongoing *virtual groups*:

- **Relative Caregiver Recharge groups-** virtual and hybrid options
- **Mother to Mother weekly group**
- **CHIPS group-** for caregivers of a child with an incarcerated parent

Our **3rd Annual Book Discussion Series** will focus on how we can help our kids (and ourselves) get through these uncertain times full of change and transition. Reading the book (*Anxious Parents Anxious Kids*) is optional -- all are welcome to join the discussion for any of the weeks that work for you! If you want a free copy of the book, **send Patrice an email** and you can pick it up at Goodwin Community Health or Families First.

[View complete List of 2021 Summer Programs](#)

Employment Opportunities



PUBLIC WORKS - WATER DISTRIBUTION

Position Title: **Chief Water Distribution Operator**
Starting Pay: \$24.83 - \$30.14
Date Posted: June 23, 2021
Closing Date: 1st Review July 9, 2021, Open Until Filled

PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY

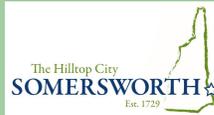
Position Title: **Equipment Operator**
Starting Pay: \$20.69 - \$21.05 DOQ
Date Posted: June 18, 2021
Closing Date: 1st Review June 30, 2021, Open Until Filled

LIBRARY

Position Title: **Children's Library Assistant** (24 hours/week)
Starting Pay: \$19.38 - \$23.64
Date Posted: June 22, 2021
Closing Date: Reviewed as received, Open Until Filled

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

For more information please call Linda Corriveau at 692-9529 or email **Linda**



**On the Move! and our Future is Now!
We are a Community!
We are Achieving Progress and Greatness!**

**City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5 for the
July 4 Independence Day Holiday**