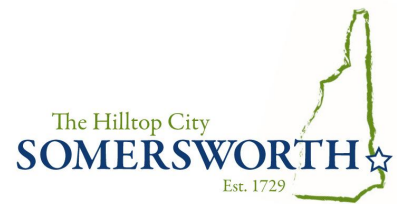


*August 2021*



**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**  
**Meeting**

**Monday, August 9**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**



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

**Committee/Board Meetings this Month**

**Site Review Technical Committee**

Wednesday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.

**Public Works & Environment**  
**Committee**

Wednesday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

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

**Conservation Committee**

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

**Minor Site Plan (SRTC)**

Wednesday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m.

**Planning Board of Adjustment**

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

**Historic District Commission**

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

**Visit our Website**



**The Mayor's Corner**



Somersworth Housing Authority Boards of Commissioners along with Housing Director Debbie Evans & Mayor Dana Hilliard.

From Left to Right: Roland Lapointe, Rebecca England, Paul Robidas, Debbie Evens, Mayor Dana Hilliard, Denis Messier, James Morrisette.

## Somersworth Housing Authority RAD Project Dedication

I recently had the honor of celebrating with the Somersworth Housing Authority as they officially launched their ***Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)*** program. Having grown up in the Albert J. Nadeau homes (Barlette Ave) until my parents could afford their first and lifelong home on 1 Indigo Hill Road, I can attest firsthand to the success of the Somersworth Housing Authority to aide in leading citizens to rediscovering hope and fulfilling their dreams.

The **RAD** program and other community wide engagements by the Somersworth Housing Authority, The Mayors office and City Manager, City staff and team members of the City Council, had led to our community being recognized for our **progressive approach towards balancing affordable housing with the need to grow our local economy**. Congratulations to Deborah Evans and all members of the Somersworth Housing Authority for your progressive approaches. Whenever you need proof that your programs work, look no further than the Mayor's office or my parents lifelong home on 1 Indigo Hill Road.

**[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](mailto:bbreda@somersworth.com)

## National Night Out!

**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. There will be family activities and prizes.

**Come and join the fun!!**  
**Together, we are making Communities Safer, more Caring Places to Live.**

**Sponsored by:** Somersworth Police, Somersworth Police Association, Favorite Foods, Somersworth Wal-Mart, Market Basket and Gagnon's Autobody.



**POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**



**Tuesday, August 3rd**  
**Jules Bisson Park**  
**4:00 - 7:00pm**



Free Hot Dogs ★ Games ★ Resources ★ Music  
Fire, Police and EMS Emergency Vehicles  
Community Organizations ★ Prizes ★ Family Fun  
Demonstrations and More! Completely Free!



**Somersworth Police Department  
& Community Organizations**





## 2021 Municipal Election Information

Election Day for the Somersworth Municipal Election is November 2, 2021.

The filing period for the Declaration of Candidacy is September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, no earlier and no

later. Those interested in running for the positions below may file a Declaration of Candidacy accompanied by a petition with 25 signatures if declaring for a ward position or 50 signatures for Mayor or

At- Large positions. In lieu of a petition, Ward specific and At-Large positions can pay a fee of \$5.00 and those filing for candidacy for Mayor can pay a fee of \$25.00.

### Mayor

City Council (Wards 1-5 and 4 At-Large)

School Board (Wards 1-5 and 4 At-Large)

### Election Officials

- Moderator (Wards 1-5)
- Ward Clerk (Wards 1-5)
- Selectmen (Wards 1-5)

### Election Officials are needed for all City Wards!

Training, lunch, and pay are provided to those helping with the Election. Please contact Jonathan Slaven the City Clerk at 603-692-9555 or [jslaven@somersworth.com](mailto:jslaven@somersworth.com).



**Reminder: Home Occupation Permit's expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>.** To renew a **Home Occupation Permit**, please fill out the renewal form provided by the Department of Development Services and include the \$25 renewal fee.

If you have any questions please contact the Planning Department at 603-692-9519.



### We Need Your Feedback

What do you want from your Library? Please complete this **SURVEY**. Your input is invaluable and appreciated. This is your space. We want you to have the resources you need and to be comfortable spending time here.

### Short Story Club

Come join us the third Tuesday of the month at 5:45 (August 17). This month's story is called The Bris, by Eileen Pollack. There's no online link but you can pick up a copy in the library.

### Cornhole

Come play Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 through Thursday at 4:30. We have duct tape on the floor to mark 27 feet, which is the official court size, but you're free to move the boards closer. It's easy to learn and we have a simple instruction sheet available.

### **Hoopla Coming**

Hoopla is your source for movies, music, TV series, audio and e-books. It will be available by mid-August. We'll start a movie discussion club once it's live.

### **Live Animals**

Saturday July 31 at 11:00 join us outside the library for three native animals brought to you by Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Skunk, raccoon, hawk, porcupine, otter, mink? It's a surprise but you'll get a chance to learn about three of them and see them up close.

### **More Games**

We've purchased chess and backgammon and several board games. Come play.

**Here's to more time to do the things you like.  
Happy August!**

## **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**



**Pee Wee Soccer Registration for Ages 3 & 4 is now open!** We're seeking volunteers to coach & help run the program. Please reach out to us if you can help out this season! 603-692-9508





**Noble Pines Summer Play Program is now into Week 5  
Kids and Staff are having a Blast!**

**Only a few weeks left for Noble Pines Summer Play Program. The kids have been having a blast! Week 5's theme was Animal Planet. They enjoyed animal themed games and skits and ended the week with animal face paint!**

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 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 July collection will occur on Tuesday, July 13 and Residents must call Public Works **no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, August 9** to be placed on the pickup schedule for July. 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

### Labor Day Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule - Delay

Labor Day is on Monday, September 6. 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.

### The City Now Offers Food Composting

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 the solid waste stream that gets land filled. The program allows residents to bring their eligible food scrapes to a special Recycling Toter located near the cardboard recycling containers; Mr. Fox Composting will be removing the food scrapes on a weekly basis.

For more information, please contact Public Works and Utilities at 603-692-4266.



## 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

### Driveway, Obstruction & Trench Opening Permit Reminder

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. 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](#).



### **Repairs to Forest Glade Cemetery Historic Grave Markers**

The City entered into a contract with EPOCH Preservation to repair several broken or damaged historic headstones. Progress is being made by the contractor with carefully restoring specifically assigned broken or damaged headstones located between Ave 3 South and Ave 2 South. The contractor uses a special cleaning agent, mortar mix and epoxy for the repairs. Once completed, the stones will be easier to read the engraving and will be set straight along with surface repairs.

## **Somersworth Fire Department & Emergency Management**

### **A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office**

#### **Sirius-ly Hot**

#### **A Safety Message from the Fire Chief's Office**

During the dog days of summer, the brightest star in the sky – Sirius, otherwise known as the dog star is high in the day time sky. Ancient Greeks and Romans believed that the heat from the incredibly bright Sirius – the dog star - combined with the sun produced the high heat during the most sweltering days of summer – hence the term the dog days of summer. We now know that the high heat is a result of the titling of the earth's polar axis relative to the sun. In any event, August can be incredibly hot. Here are a few safety tips to consider as you enjoy the last full month of summer:

- Avoid being outdoors during peak hours from 10am to 2pm.
- Avoid direct sunlight – children, the elderly, and dogs are especially vulnerable.
- Before walking your dog, touch the pavement with your hand. If you can't keep your hand there for five seconds, it's too hot for your dog to walk on. Stick to the shade, walk on the grass when you can, and carry water for your dog.
- Remember that pool chemicals can be dangerous when they become wet or are mixed with other chemicals. Mixing chemicals can lead to a chemical reaction that may generate temperatures high enough to ignite nearby combustible materials. Mixing can also lead to the release of highly toxic chlorine gas.
- Do not dispose of old pool chemicals in the trash or down the drain. Rather, dispose of old pool chemicals during household hazardous waste collection opportunities.
- When thunder roars, go indoors. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Therefore, stop all outdoor activities, seek shelter in a substantial building or hard top vehicle, do not touch anything metal, and wait 30 minutes after the storm passes to resume outdoor activities.

- Look before you lock. Never leave a child or dog locked in a car. The inside of a car is like an oven at this time of year and gets drastically hotter than the outside temperature in a matter of minutes.

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

George Kramlinger, Fire Chief  
Emergency Management Director



The Somersworth Fire Chief participated in a one-of-kind equine technical rescue course with fire service personnel from throughout the state and members of the SCPA. The course was conducted by Patriot Equine Technical Rescue – a non-profit organization that responds throughout new England to offer assistance to fire departments, veterinarians, and other rescue personnel when horses are in distress due to entrapment, illness, or injury. The tactics, techniques, procedures, and incident management considerations taught are aligned with NFPA 1670, the standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents. The tripod and rigging system shown is rated for 5000 pounds and is the only one like it north of Virginia.

# 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.



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](http://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

**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](#)



### **Friends of Forest Glade Cemetery**

#### **I Spy with My Little Eye**

Here's a chance for you to win a Friends of Forest Glade Cemetery T-shirt. Here are the rules:

Find this monument in the North End of the cemetery Write the name that you find on the monument and date you located it, including your name and your contact information. You can drop off your entry form at the Public Works Office located at 18 Lilac Lane between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Winner will be reveled in the City's September Newsletter

**PS! This will require a little imagination:)**



### **Great Article on Somersworth in New Hampshire Magazine!**

**A Guide to Beer, Food and History in Somersworth  
Spend a day in this under-explored Seacoast City read it [here](#)**



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## Clean out your closets for the Somersworth Festival Association!

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We will be collecting clothes to raise funds to help support the children's events and activities hosted by the Somersworth Festival Association.

### **We are collecting:**

#### **Clothes**

Men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, and backpacks, etc.

#### **Household Textiles**

Bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, and pillows, etc.

*Please gather clothes and household textiles in tall kitchen bags or large yard bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.*

#### **Community Collection Day**

Please bring your bags to our Outdoor Summer Craft Fair at HolyTrinity Church from 9 to 3 on August 21st. If you bring clothes to us on that day, you will be entered into a raffle!

If you can't make it to our craft fair, call or email our office at 603-692-5869 or [sfachild.festival@gmail.com](mailto:sfachild.festival@gmail.com). We will make arrangements to get the bags from you. We will be collecting donated items through September 9th.

***Thanks for your support!***



## August 4th Kids' Konkert with Steve Blunt!



Steve Blunt has been entertaining area children for many years. He is a New Hampshire singer/storyteller whose fun, upbeat performances delight audiences at schools, libraries and concert venues throughout New England.

Mark your calendar for our last Kids' Konkert of the season! The concert will start at 6:00 p.m. on the grass between Somersworth High School and the Middle School. We will be selling food and having fun raffles. Bathroom facilities will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved inside. We hope you will join us!



### **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 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27, from 10-11 a.m. at **Idlehurst School Kindergarten Playground** (in front of school)

### **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.**

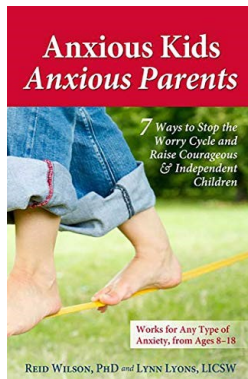
We will meet at the Community Campus Playground every Monday night this summer weather-permitting to walk, talk, explore and play together.



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.

- **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**

## **City of Somersworth** **Employment Opportunities**



## **PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DISTRIBUTION**

Position Title: **Water Distribution Operator**  
Starting Pay: \$20.37 - \$24.83  
Date Posted: August 3, 2021  
Closing Date: 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!**

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