

City Connection



Proud Past, Bright Future

June
2017

June Meetings in Council Chambers

City Council Meetings

Monday, June 5 at 7:00 & Monday,
June 19 at 7:00 pm

Site Review Technical Committee

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Historic District Commission

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

Let Summer Begin!

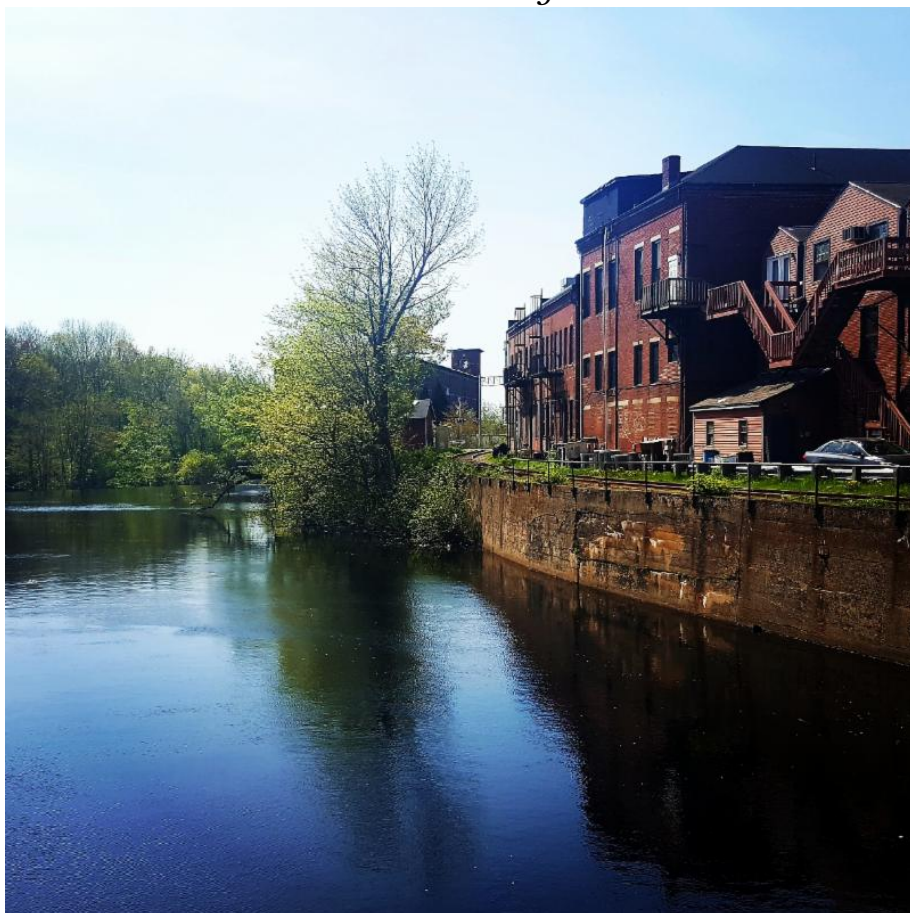
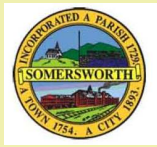


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To view Agendas of City Council meetings please visit City website
www.somersworth.com/calendar/



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City Hall
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-9555**

**City Hall Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday
City Hall is open until
6:00 p.m.**



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The Mayor's Corner

Annual 8th Grade School Trip

Each year the 8th grade students at Somersworth Middle School have the opportunity to attend a class trip to Philadelphia, PA. It is my favorite trip of the year! I get to spend 3 days with our future leaders in the birth place of America! This year's trip I am touring with 79 middle school students and 8 staff members. Although we are only there for a short amount of time we were able to tour several historic sites including The National Constitution Center, Liberty Bell, Carpenters Hall, First and Second US Bank, Independence Hall and The US Mint. We ended our time in PA with a double decker bus tour around the City.



I am filled with pride, being able to witness the growth of our students since entering the Middle School in the 6th grade. I am reassured knowing that they are the next generation which will honor our "*Proud Past*" and continue building our "*Bright Future*"



Mayor Hilliard with the 8th grade class at the Franklin Institute Museum
The Franklin Institute is a science museum and the center of science
education and research.

*We are a community, we are on the move, and we are achieving progress
and greatness.*

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard



The City of Somersworth raised another Flag on Friday, May 19 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. Happy EMS Week to some of our most incredible people. You are everyone's hero!

Cultural Commission Upcoming Flag Flying Dates

June 2 - LBGT New England Pride Month.
Flag Raising will be at 6:00 pm.

June 24 - The Provincial flag of Quebec for St. Jean the Baptiste Day.
Flag raising will take place on Friday, June 16 at 4:00 pm.

Also, the flag of Indonesia will be flown during the annual Somersworth Indonesian Festival (TBA).

Citizen Place

To celebrate and honor the many and varied organizations and cultures that exist within this place we all call home in Somersworth.



Somersworth International Children's Festival

Friday, June 16 6:00pm - 10:00pm

"Celebration" at the Somersworth High School
& Pavillion on Memorial Drive

Saturday, June 17 10:00am - 4:00pm

Somersworth International Children's Festival
at Main Street & the Downtown Plaza along with the Pines on the Hill.

The SFA presents the 37th annual Children's Festival on Friday evening with a "Celebration" concert opening with WAYNE from MAINE and featuring our local cover band, BAD BREATH MICROPHONE, plus food and novelty vendors and amusement activities. The celebration will end with a giant fireworks show on the football field at dusk.

The Saturday main event on MAIN Street will have kid's activities, the popular CHILDHOOD PLAY AREA, food and novelty vendors, games, the train ride, craft and service vendors, entertainment throughout the day and a WORLD CULTURES PASSPORT CENTER with entertainment and exhibits from 16 countries.

Also visit Noble Pines on the hill for more activities including food vendors, entertainment by Tricky Dick's Magic show and Steve Blunt, a petting zoo and pony rides, Wildlife Encounters exotic animals and a bouncy house. An added attraction on the hill is the Flying High Frisbee Dogs demonstration at 1:00pm.

More information on these events, call 692-5869.

Somersworth Now!

SomersworthNow.com is a blog and is run by Somersworth resident, Jenne Holmes. SomersworthNow.com is devoted to the City of Somersworth and aims to combine it's *proud past* with it's *bright future* as well as what is happening right now. Jenne loves to wander around the City to various

events and generally getting to know people who also call Somersworth home. You never know what she is going to write about next, but you can bet it has something to do with Somersworth!!

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Thank you Jenne!

Recreation Office
Football & Cheerleading Sign-ups

SOMERSWORTH FOOTBALL & CHEERING SIGN UPS



Somersworth High School Grade 9th thru 12th

Somersworth Junior High Grade 7th thru 8th

Somersworth Pee Wee Grade 4th thru 6th

THE SIGN UP DATE'S AND TIMES

June 13th and 15th | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Somersworth High School Football Field (Rain or Shine)

June 17th | 8 a.m. till 12 p.m.

The Noble Pines (located at the SAA Booth)

Save the Date 2017 Pee Wee Soccer



Saturday mornings; September 9- October 21

Registration opens June 1st!

Time- To Be Determined

Ages 3 & 4

Noble Pines Park

Early Bird Fee- \$45 residents/ \$55 non-residents (Register by July 14)

Fee- \$60 residents/ \$70 non-residents (Deadline to register is August 18)

****Now seeking volunteer coaches! Please inquire with Kristen Ducharme if**



Somersworth Police Department



On May 15, 2017 Mayor Dana Hilliard held a ceremony to honor the police officers of the City by raising a National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag. Also in attendance were City Councilman Marty Dumont and Councilman Denis Messier, City Manager Bob Belmore, Chief Dave Kretschmar, Captain Russ Timmons and Officers of the Department. Somersworth Police Officer Donald Kowalski was remembered for his service, who was killed in the line of duty on September 4, 1979 at the age of 24.

Police Association Remembers Former Members

Somersworth Police Association has placed flowers on the graves of former Department members in remembrance of their service to the City in celebration of Memorial Day. Officer Donald Kowalski was also remembered at St. Mary's Cemetery in Salem, Mass.



Senior Crime Prevention

On May 17, 2017 Officer Tony DeFrancesco, Captain Tim McLin and Chief Dave Kretschmar gave a presentation on crime prevention to Seniors at the Somersworth Housing Association's Queensbury Mill Apartments on Market Street.

Summer Pet Safety

It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car. However, on a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees -- and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun!

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 in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60's or higher.

Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels.

Please Consider Leaving your Dog at Home on Warm Days!!



Somersworth Police Department also utilizes Facebook page to provide important community information.

We also send out Nixle alerts for parking bans and other important information to cell phones and emails. You can sign up for Nixle at www.Nixle.com

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Somersworth Crime Line:
You can leave anonymous information at 692-9111



Gas Grilles

Be sure that using your gas grille does not lead to a fire.

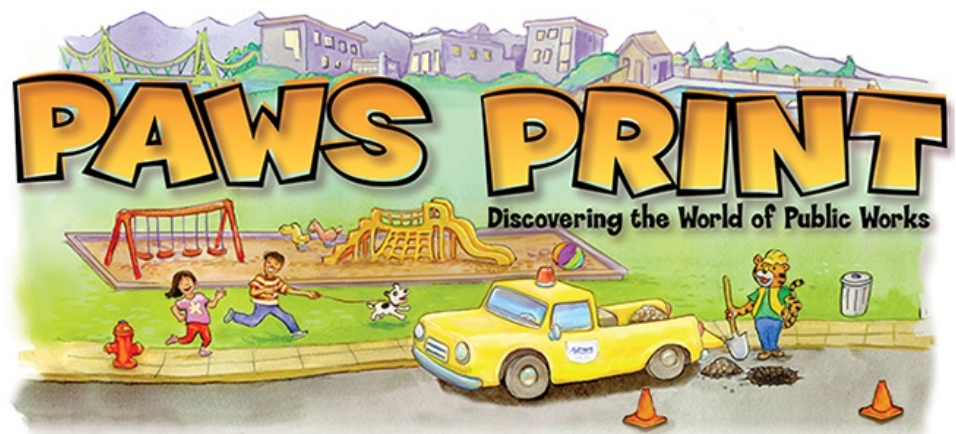
- Keep your grille surface clean
- Keep the gas line secure and connections tight
- Keep the grille at least 10 feet away from combustibles (house, etc.)
- If the gas does not ignite, take breaks between lighting attempts
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher nearby

Fireworks

The State of New Hampshire has rules and regulations governing the use of fireworks. These are promulgated by the State Fire Marshal. Most important among these are:

- A PERMIT must be obtained from the local Fire Department.
- The landowner MUST give permission to use fireworks.
- Only those 21 and older should possess and use fireworks.
- M-80s, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, firecrackers and only smoke producing fireworks are illegal in New Hampshire and SHOULD NEVER BE USED.
- Eye protection by those igniting the fireworks is recommended.
- Light only ONE device at a time.
- Keep spectators away.
- Ignite ONLY outdoors and AWAY FROM OTHER FIREWORKS AND COMBUSTIBLES.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose handy just in case.
- Clean up debris later and any fireworks that failed to ignite. Soak these in water to disable them.
- Call "9-1-1" for any emergency accident - no matter how small.
- Contact the Fire Department if you are unsure of any procedure.

Information from Public Works 692-4266



PAWS PRINT Discovering the World of Public Works!

Paws Print is an excellent outreach tool for children. This 12-page newspaper created for children in grades K-5 contains stories, fun facts, illustrations, activities and much more for students to learn all about public

works! Print out your copy [here](#). Or you can pick one up at the Library.

Holiday Trash Delay for Monday, May 29

Trash and Recycling will be on a one day delay during the week of May 29th through June 2nd due to the Memorial Day holiday. The modified schedule will run as follows:

If Collection Day is:

Monday, May 29
Tuesday, May 30
Wednesday, May 31

Modified Collection Day Will Be:

Tuesday, May 30
Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Thursday, June 1

Metal/Electronic Waste Collection

Metal and electronic waste will be collected on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Residents with items to be picked up should call Public Works at 692-4266 to be placed on the pick up list by Monday, June 12, 2017. The cost of disposing common bulky waste items (including metal and electronic items) can be found at www.somersworth.com by clicking on the "Trash" heading under the "Residents" tab.

News from the Department of Public Works & Utilities

- LED Light Replacement is expected to begin late next week and first full week in June. The City has entered into a contract with Affinity LED of Dover for the replacement of approximately 750 older cobra head street lights with new LED lights.
- Road reconstruction work on Indigo Hill Road, from Green Street to Davis Street, continues to progress; the project involves the replacement of a water line, some drainage improvements, new curbing and sidewalk.
- The Department was recognized by the Mayor and the City Council in conjunction with National Public Works Week, which is from May 21-27, 2017. A proclamation was read at the May, 2017 City Council meeting and brings attention to the important role public works agencies have in delivering core City services, maintaining and improving roads, sidewalks and drainage systems that assist with the quality of living in a community.

If you have questions please call Public Works at 692-4266.

What is Somersworth Reading in June



"A Star for Mrs. Blake" by April Smith

Cora Blake never dreamed she'd go to Paris. She's hardly ever left the small fishing village where she grew up. Yet in the summer of 1931, she is invited to travel to France with hundreds of other Gold Star Mothers, courtesy of the U.S. government, to say goodbye to their fallen sons, American casualties of World War I who were buried overseas.

Chaperoned by a dashing West Point officer, Cora's group includes the wife of an immigrant chicken farmer; a housemaid; a socialite; a former tennis star in precarious mental health; and dozens of other women from all over the country. Along the way, the women will forge lifelong friendships as they face a death, a scandal, and a secret revealed.

Build a Better World this Summer

Sign up for the Summer Reading program begins on Saturday, June 17th and will continue into the July. Stop by the library, sign up and get a registration packet including information about the program, the schedule of activities, and your first reading incentive for reading through the summer to maintain reading skills over the break from school.



Somersworth International Children's Festival "Library Fun"

Can you guess what you can make from Spoons, left over Easter Eggs and Fun Tape? Hint- It has its origins in the Caribbean area.

Stop by the library during the Somersworth International Children's Festival on June 17th, see if you're right, and make one for yourself while our supplies last! Get information about the library's programs over the summer, how to get a library card, or ask any other questions you might have about the library at the same time!

Borrow the Library's Museum Pass to Strawberry Banke

Strawberry Banke Museum opened May 1st for daily hours of 10am - 5 pm for the season. The library has two passes that may be borrowed and each pass provides free admission for a family (two parents and all children under the age of 17). You must have a library card or prove you are a resident of the city. The museum pass may be reserved ahead of your visit by calling the library at 692-4587.



Story Time Programs for June



The Children's Room will hold the weekly story time programs on Tuesday at 6:00pm, Wednesday at 11:15am and Friday at 10:00am the weeks of June 6th and June 13th. The program includes several stories and an easy craft based on the weekly themes of

Swimming and Father's Day. After a break of two weeks, regular story time programs will resume on July 5th as part of the 'Build a Better World' summer program. Each program lasts about 45 minutes. No registration is required.

Library Saturday Hours Change

Beginning June 4th, the Library's hours on Saturday only will change to 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please note the early closing time of one o'clock for Saturday on your calendars. The Library's regular Saturday hours will resume in September.

Hours at the Library

Tues - Thurs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Sun, Mon and Holidays.

If you have any questions, call the Library at 692-4587 or visit our website.

<http://www.somersworth.com/departments-services/library/>

Somersworth Farm to School Projects



Idelhurst Kindergartner MaKenna Gauthier holding the fruits of their hard work!

Eating and Growing at School

May 19 saw the final Farm to School fresh vegetable tasting in the schools' cafeterias. Every month since February, Cafe Services has collaborated with NH Farm to School to allow students and staff sample local vegetables. They've tried cabbage in a delicious salad with apples, carrots, cranberries, ginger and vinegar; carrots; roasted beets, and in May they sampled sauteed collard greens. To everyone's surprise, the collard greens were the favorite among students this year, and SAU 56 hopes to host monthly tastings again throughout the 2017-18 school year!

The Idlehurst gardens are growing as well. In April, with the help Grades 3-5, the Guidance Department, and the SYC after school program, spring gardens were planted. Cool temperature tolerant veggies like greens, lettuces, peas, beets, carrots, and turnips have been sprouting in the new raised beds, which were generously built and donated by the Somersworth Home Depot Lawn and Garden Department. Most of this will be harvested and enjoyed by students before the end of the school year. With enough volunteers and help, the hopes are to make these gardens a full season garden, with juicy tomatoes, shiny peppers, and hearty squashes to look forward to in the fall(as well as the beets that remain underground after their greens are enjoyed this spring).



*Food Truck Festivals of America is heading to
Downtown Somersworth for its Seacoast Food Truck
&
Craft Beer Festival
Sunday, June 18 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

Some of New England's most popular food trucks, dishing out fan favorites, and dozens of regional and national craft breweries, This Festival will be bringing the ultimate food truck experience to NH.

\$5 gets you into the Festival where you can let your taste-buds try all the delicious eats, this price is online exclusive at www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com, so BUY TODAY!

If you wish to purchase a ticket On-Site the cost will be \$10.
The Somersworth Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with the Food Truck Festivals of America to make this event possible!

For more info and details, including what trucks are participating and beers available, visit their website at www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com



HILLTOP HUSTLE

5K ROAD RACE

*4TH Annual Hilltop Hustle
5k Road Race and
Fitness Walk!
June 17th, 2017
8:30am Race Start
18 Cemetery Road,
Somersworth*

2017 Registration Fee: \$20 - Adults / \$5 - 17 Yrs & under.

Day of registration will open at 7:30am.
This is a rain or shine event!

Go to this website: www.hilltop5k.org and register on line or print out the registration sheet.

EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



How to Become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

Applications are now being accepted for fall 2017 Master Gardener training. Classes will be on Thursdays, 9-4:00 pm, August 31-Nov 16, with most held at the UU Church, Pleasant Street, Concord. Application can be found on the following website : extension.unh.edu

The cost of the training is \$250. The Master Gardener handbook is available free online with the option to purchase the printed book for an additional \$25. We will give you payment instructions once you are accepted into the program.

If you are accepted you will be contacted by the end of July to schedule an interview with you to discuss your application, answer your questions and give you details about the training. Class size is limited. We will accept late applications only if there is available space.

For more information, contact Marcy Stanton, Master Gardener Coordinator: Marcy.Stanton@unh.edu

The goal of New Hampshire Extension Master Gardener Program is to train and enable volunteers to use research-based information to educate the public about home gardening and horticulture, pest management, food safety and backyard livestock.



SAVE THE DATE
Celebrate Pink
5K Run or Walk
Sunday, September 17
Downtown Portsmouth over the
Memorial Bridge

**Run or walk to support Local
Breast Cancer Patients.**

www.CelebratePink5K.org
or call 603-759-5640

See you there!!!



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day

Quality Service, Quality Schools
Quality Somersworth
Vision 2020

"We Believe in Somersworth"



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