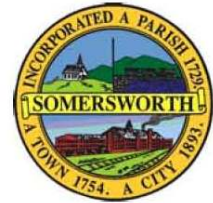


City Connection

Proud Past, Bright Future



March
2017

March Meetings in Council Chambers

State of the City Address

Monday, March 6 at 5:30
p.m.

City Council Meetings

Monday March 6 at 7:00
p.m.

Monday, March 20 at 7:00
p.m.

City Council Public

Hearings Monday, March
6 Regarding Ordinance 9-
17 & 10-17 Water/Sewer

Monday, March 20 at 6:30
p.m. Regarding Resolution
No. 31-17 Comcast
Amendment

Site Review Technical Committee

Wed. March 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Wed. March 8 at 10:30
a.m.

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, March 8 at
7:00 p.m.

Was he Fooling us?



Punxsutawney Phil says there is more winter.....huh!

Planning Board

Wednesday, March 15 at
6:30 p.m.

Traffic Safety

Committee Wednesday,
March 15 at 2:00 p.m.

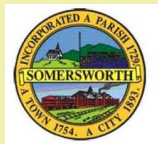
Mayor's Community Forum

Saturday, March 18 at
9:00 a.m.

Historic District Commission

Wednesday, March 22 at
7:00 p.m.

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



City of Somersworth
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.



The Mayor's Corner

Change is never easy, it brings a sense of uncertainty, anxiety, and distress. However, it is also a foundational part of life. We are surrounded by change, and guided by it through nature. We have conditioned ourselves to embrace the seasonal changes; fall to winter, winter to spring, spring to summer, summer to fall. Without haste, our body and mind prepare itself for a metamorphoses of landscape and weather. We acknowledge the change, adjust for the change, celebrate the change, and continue the cycle.

[Read More...](#)

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

WE ARE SOMERSWORTH!

Mayor Dana Hilliard



Mayor Hilliard's Community Forum

Saturday, March 18
9:00am -10:30am
City Hall, City Council Chambers

Please join the Mayor, At-Large City Councilor Nancie Cameron and Dale Sprague, and At-Large School Board Member Joanne Pepin and Don Austin.

Come discuss Community issues, voice your concerns and help move

Somersworth forward! The purpose of the forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting. All members of the community are welcome to attend.



Stay in touch
with City Happenings.

- Business Email List
- City e-Newsletter
- Recreation
Department

[Join our mailing list](#)

Please use High Street entrance to enter City Hall.

Please note:

The Mayor's Winter Office Hours at City Hall

Monday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Fiona Liu, Idlehurst Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion. Fiona will now move forward to the State competition representing our Hilltop City.

Good luck Fiona, you have made Somersworth proud!!!



Coming soon

Episode 7 of "The Echo"

Mayor Dana Hilliard and Jenne Holmes, Editor and Founder of "Somersworth Now" will be talking about the newly remodeled Career Technical Center and Career Technical Center Education in the Hilltop City

Echo 7 will air on:

Channel 22 & Channel 95

You may also go to the [City Website](#)

Citizen's Place



The City of Somersworth raised another Flag on February 17th. The flag in the form of the Patriot's Superbowl Champion Flag at the newly minted "Citizen's Place. This flag raising involved a special guest in the form of a member of the New England Patriot's End-Zone Militia, Mark Richardson. Not only was Mark dressed in full outfit but he also carried a musket dating from the 1750's. This musket was fired as the flag was raised by the Somersworth High School Coach.

There will be many more flag raisings planned for the year at Citizen's Place. This is a fitting name for a place that is now being used to celebrate and honor the many and varied organizations and cultures that exist within this place we all call home in Somersworth.



It's Time - Dog Licenses
Due on or before April 30th

Dog licenses for 2017 are now available in the Office of the City Clerk. Owners or keepers of dogs 4 months old or over must annually license their dog(s) on or before April 30th. A current rabies vaccination must be presented. If the dog has been neutered or spayed, a certificate must be furnished (for the first time). Any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 692-9511.

To register your dog on-line, please visit
[https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?
towncode=924](https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?towncode=924)

Children have fun and color this [photo](#) bring it in to the City Clerk's office. Colored photos submitted will be displayed in City Hall.

Somersworth Police Department



Officer DeFrancesco Giving Presentation

On Feb 22nd Somersworth Police Department gave a presentation to residents of the Charpentier Apartment apartments on crime prevention and victimization. The presentation was given by Chief Kretschmar, Captain McLin and Officer DeFrancesco.

Pizza With the Police



Old Rail Pizza at 400 High Street graciously donated pizza so that police officers and students and staff of John Powers Elementary School had lunch together. Thank you Old Rail Pizza!!!



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



Spring is Coming?

1. Permits are required by the State to burn tree branches that have fallen over the winter or to prepare garden areas. These permits can be obtained free of charge from the Fire Department. They outline safety for burning these materials.
2. While snow accumulations are lessening (we think), it is still possible that we could get some storms which may result in fire hydrants outside your property being buried. As always, we solicit your help in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow after storms.



Information from Public Works 692-4266

Solid Waste: Metal Pick-up, Trash Bags & Recycling

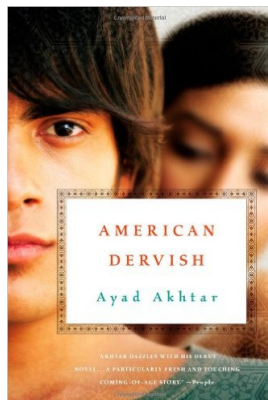
The Department of Public Works reminds residents that metal pick up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The March collection will occur on Tuesday March 14 and participants are asked to call Public Works not later than 3:00 pm on Monday March 13 to place on the pickup schedule for March. Participants 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 two (2) stickers/\$8.00 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 7am-3pm Monday -Friday.

Residents are reminded that City trash bags and recycling containers must be at the curbside no later than 7am or no sooner than the evening before your designated collection day.

Highway Work - Potholes

Be safe, drive careful, use proper distance and be aware of road conditions. The heavy winter has contributed to numerous potholes on key corridors of the City and Highway crews are being dispatched to make repairs. To report a pothole or other concerns to the Department of Public Works for follow-up please call 603-692-4266.

What is Somersworth Reading in March



"American Dervish" by Ayad Akhtar

Hayat Shah is a young American in love for the first time. His normal life of school, baseball, and video games had previously been distinguished only by his Pakistani heritage and by the frequent chill between his parents, who fight over things he is too young to understand. Then Mina arrives, and everything changes.

[Read more....](#)

**Join the book group for a casual discussion of this book on
March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.**

Story Times for March

The library offers story time weekly on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm, Wednesday morning at 11:15 am, and Friday morning at 10:00 am. Each story time offers book readings, a simple craft and the chance to borrow more books to take home all on the same theme. Visit the library for a schedule of times and themes. The story time themes for March are Drums, Sheep, Poetry, Houses and Policemen! No registration is required and the program is free. Come join the fun!

"New Movies" Loan Time

Now new movies will be loaned for only one week for the first six months that the library owns them. This will allow more borrowers the chance to see the films while they are current. The new movies will have a special sticker on the case to let you know if it is a one week loan. Ask at the front desk if you have any concerns or questions.

Winter Hours at the Library

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

Fri - Sat 9 a.m. to 5 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/>

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CITY AND SURROUNDING TOWNS

Somersworth Recreation Presents...



2017

Early Bird Fee: \$20 Register by March 31, 2017

Fee: \$35 (After March 31) Deadline to Register is April 28

This is a replacement program of the Hershey Track and Field Games and is for boys and girls ages 9-14. Track and Field is a wonderful way to promote youth physical fitness, great for meeting new friends, and a fun way to keep in shape. Join our 2017 team as we help our athletes develop new skills and discover their potential. All athletic abilities are welcome in this program.

(Please note practices on 6/12, 6/14, 6/19 are only for participants who will be competing in the regional & state meets.)

Who: Children ages 9-14 (As of December 31, 2017)

When: Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30-4:30; May 8-June 23

Where: Idlehurst Elementary School Track

Regional Meet: Saturday, June 17, 2017– Location & Times TBD
State Meet: Friday, June 23, 2017– TBD

Somersworth Recreation Presents...



Kids Camp



Children going into grades K-5

Noble Pines Park

Kindergarten- Half Day Camp Only

Half Day Camp- M,W,F 8:30-12:00 p.m. \$100 per session

Monday- Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy this active outdoor summer camp filled with fun! Activities include field trips, arts & crafts, swimming, special events, athletics, and more. The cost of camp includes breakfast, lunch, two weekly state park trips, special field trips, arts & crafts materials, and a camp T-shirt.

Session 1: June 26-July 21 (No Camp 7/4)

Session 2: July 24- August 18

Early Bird Fee- register by May 1st

Cost per session (2 sessions offered- 4 weeks each)

\$300 residents/ \$400 non-residents

Camp Fee- Deadline to register is June 2nd

Cost per session

\$350 residents/ \$450 non-residents

Weekly Rate (NO daily rate available)

\$100 residents/ \$125 non-residents

Session 1 must be paid in full by June 2nd & Session 2 must be paid in full by July 7th

**Campers must be enrolled and paid in full for the following week at least 10 days prior to attending camp. **

Extended Care Option

Before Camp Hours: 7:00-8:30 a.m.

After Camp Hours: 4:00-5:30 p.m.



\$100 Per session or \$30 per week



Somersworth Recreation Presents...



Trends Camp



Children going into grades 6-9

Monday- Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Noble Pines Park

Join us with this exciting and active outdoor summer camp! This program will feature trips to state parks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, special field trips on Fridays, swimming, athletics, and lots of other engaging fun events and activities. The cost includes all trips, activities, breakfast & lunch.

Session 1: June 26-July 21 (No Camp 7/4)

Session 2: July 24- August 18

Early Bird Fee- register by May 1st

Cost per session (2 sessions offered- 4 weeks each)

\$400 residents/ \$500 non-residents

Camp Fee- Deadline to register is June 2nd

Cost per session

\$450 residents/ \$550 non-residents

Weekly Rate (NO daily rate available)

\$125 residents/ \$150 non-residents

**Session 1 must be paid in full by June 2nd & Session 2 must be paid in full by July 7th*

**Campers must be enrolled and paid in full for the following week at least 10 days prior to attending camp. **

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SINCE 1917



Pancake Breakfast for Avah

Somersworth High School

Saturday, March 11 - 8:00am - 11:00am

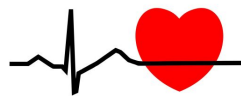
Donations Only

Raffles & 50-50

The Somersworth Lions Club is working to raise money for special eye glasses to help a very special girl named Avah to see. Avah is legally blind with 20/1200 vision. These very special glasses will give her the gift of sight. If you cannot make it to the breakfast donations can be sent to the Somersworth Lion Club, 135 West High Street.

For more information contact Al Goldstein (603) 913-1281 or Algoldstein@comcast.net or call Peter Houde at (603) 834-3430 or phoudee@gmail.com

SHARE THE GIFT OF LIFE.



love, glue, live.

*The Greater
Somersworth Chamber
of Commerce
Annual Blood Drive*

**The Oaks Grandview Ballroom
100 Hideaway Place
Somersworth, NH
Wednesday, March 8 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you in advance for making The Oaks and The Greater Somersworth Chamber blood drive a success. Let's make a real impact by filling every appointment slot available on March 8 and, add saving lives to our list of great accomplishments.

**Sponsor Code: GSCC or 03878
Contact information: Sarah Potter 692-7175**

Judge Broderick
Speaking about the "Change Direction Campaign"
Somersworth High School Lecture Hall Room 110
March 21 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Judge Broderick will discuss
"Mental Illness and How to Address it"

BIO

John Broderick was a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 1995 to 2010. During his last seven years there he served as Chief Justice. Much of his focus as Chief Justice was on court reform in an effort to make the justice system in our state more accessible, affordable and understandable for more of our citizens.

He was the first Chief Justice in our state's history to appoint a Citizens Commission on the State Courts so that citizens could examine how the courts functioned and how they could be improved to better serve the needs of all who needed them. He created the first-ever business court, and expanded family court, mental health court and drug court dockets across the state.

After stepping down as Chief Justice, our speaker this morning became Dean of the law school at UNH. Under his leadership the law school advanced an unprecedented 49 slots in the US News and World Report rankings into a tie with the law schools at Northeastern and Villanova. He was also the founder of the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy at the law school.



The Durham Garden Club and the Strafford County Master Gardeners Association presents:

Acclaimed Author, Speaker, Garden Enthusiast and Designer

Kate Mendez

Tuesday, March 28 2017

6:00pm-8:00pm

Durham Public Library

Kate will talk about the "Right-Size Flowers Gardens: Exceptional Plants and Design Solutions for Time-pressed and Aging Gardeners".

The event will be held at the Durham Public Library, 49 Madbury Road, Durham NH, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments and social time. Parking is encouraged at Oyster River Middle School. There will be a shuttle from there to the Library. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Save the Date!
Spring Craft Fair - April 29th

The Somersworth Festival Association will be hosting a Spring Craft Fair on April 29th from 9am to 3pm at Somersworth High School. The Spring Craft Fair features over 100 of the best crafters in New England. There is plenty of free parking and come shopping where you will be able to shop from our talented crafters to your heart's content. Delicious food will be served by Festival Association volunteers offering both breakfast and lunch at reasonable prices. Come and spend the day with us and do all of your Spring decorating, Mother's Day and birthday shopping. For more information call 692-5869 or go to our website @ nhfestivals.org or you can email us at sfachild.festival@gmail.net

Yippy!!



Spring Ahead

Don't forget to change your clocks - Sunday March 12

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online.

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, Planning Board or Zoning Board on Channels 22 and School Board on Channel 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Watch Somersworth City Hall Online

Simply visit the City's website at www.somersworth.com to begin watching meetings.

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Quality Somersworth
Vision 2020**

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