

# The Somerville Times News Letter

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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES DEVELOPMENT

The Somerville City Council approved a development agreement with Hedgehog Group LLC., that will bring new commercial property to the City of Somerville. The new development will be on State Highway 36 near Thornberry Dr. The agreement provides for the moving of water and sewer utility lines with the city allocating funding to the project not to exceed \$22,500.

## KEEP SOMERVILLE BEAUTIFUL

The spring clean-up event was a big success and a BIG thanks goes out to the Somerville parents and school children who participated in the event. Also, a BIG thank you goes out to Koppers who had their employees come out and clean areas around the city. Thank you to everyone for your support!

## CODE VIOLATIONS

What is a code violation? There have been many inquiries into "how things look in Somerville". Ordinances are City laws that state what can and what can't be done in our City. Currently, there are no ordinances that prohibit outside storage. There are no ordinances that prohibit the parking of boats, and RV's, on private property. There are no ordinances that state you can't leave a trailer parked at the curb. Should there be ordinances regarding these issues? Maybe...maybe not. That depends on you, the citizens of this community. Make your opinions heard, come to a city council meeting, get involved in your community, volunteer for a committee. We all want to see the City of Somerville grow and be beautiful in the process.

## BRUSH & BULKY WASTE REMINDER

Our current contract does not provide tree limbs and brush pickup on a weekly basis. We depend on the

public works department to provide this service. The City does have a disposal site for residents to take items such as tree limbs, brush, bulky waste, and other items. We encourage you to utilize this service so that the public works crews can perform other much needed tasks.

## STREET & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Volunteers are still needed for the Street & Drainage Committee. The Committee will hold a town hall meeting to listen to concerns from residents. The Committee will develop a plan of action regarding the city's future street projects and provide City Council with a capital improvement plan for streets and drainage. Be involved in your community and help us build a better tomorrow for our little city. Applications can be found at City Hall and will be taken until May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## LAKEFEST 2019

Preparations for LakeFest 2019 are underway. The Facebook website has launched and flyers for the Car Show, IBCA BBQ COOK-OFF, and Vendors have all been posted. We will need BBQ Judges for the event so if you're interested, please let us know. We will also need volunteers to help with the event. This is a great opportunity to show off Lake Somerville and Welch Park. A great turnout by our community will show that Somerville is a great destination for family fun, camping, boating, and fishing. Interested in helping? Just email us at [SomervilleLakefest@yahoo.com](mailto:SomervilleLakefest@yahoo.com).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Somerville was established more than 100 years ago. Records show that our City was created in March of 1913! We have a lot of history in Somerville that we should be proud of. A visit to our Historical Museum is a must for any local resident or for travelers passing thru. Let's look to the future and make Somerville a great place to live, work, and raise a family!