

# The Somerville Times News Letter

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## CITY SETS TAX RATE/BUDGET

On September 17, 2019 the City Council of Somerville held a public hearing on the 2019-20 annual budget. Public hearings for the tax rate were held on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. At the special called meeting City Council passed Ordinance 19-008 adopting its new budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. City Council also passed Ordinance 19-009 adopting a tax rate of 0.66384 / \$100 valuation.

## STREET & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

The Street & Drainage Committee will submit its report to City Council at the October 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Committee met two times a month and held meetings that involved engineering firms Strand Associates Inc., and Jones and Carter. The Committee held a town hall meeting on June 18, 2019 to gather information regarding citizen concerns on street and drainage issues. The Committee met with Jennifer Ritter with Special Public Finance Inc., who gave a presentation and provided advice and information regarding funding options for the City to consider regarding project funding. The Committee met with Burleson County Precinct 4 Commissioner Carol Hill to discuss road repairs and the current interlocal agreement by which the City of Somerville can seek help from Burleson County for road repairs. The report provides recommendations for street design criteria, capital improvements, and funding. A big "THANK YOU" to all who served on the Street & Drainage Committee!! The hard work and dedication resulting in in this report is very much appreciated!!

## NEW SONIC OPEN!

I'm sure everyone is aware of the new Sonic being open. It's a great new opportunity for Somerville to be supportive of its local businesses. If you haven't stopped by for lunch or dinner, after the football game or after a visit to the Lake, please do! You will not be disappointed!

## SENIOR NIGHT OUT

A big "Thank You" to all our local sponsors for their support of the first Senior Night Out. The event provided fun, fellowship, and bingo prizes for our seniors! Another big "Thank You" to Liz & Susan for putting on the event and to everyone who helped make this a great evening. Congrats to all the prize winners. It's great to see our community coming together in this manner. Somerville is truly a great place to live!

## SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

### **City crews will no longer pickup heavy trash!**

This service is now being handled by our solid waste contractor. The City disposal site is still open for residents to dispose of items such as tree limbs, brush, bulky waste, and other non-garbage waste items. We encourage you to utilize this service. The CCF "dump" facility is located on FM 1361, and is open on Mondays 2 to 6 pm, and Wednesday & Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Permits are still required to use the facility, and must be purchased at city hall prior to going to the site.



## ITS FOOTBALL SEASON!!!

A new football season is upon us and we want to wish the Somerville Yeguas a great season! Be sure to catch a game at "The Rock" this year; come out and support the team and show our Somerville pride! Also, we want to wish the Somerville Volleyball team and all of our youth sports teams good luck and a great year! Go Yeguas!

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year's event is on October 15, 2019 and will be held at Pazdral Park from 6 – 8 pm. Come out and meet your neighbors and first responders! Free food & family fun for everyone!