



Living in Somersworth: A Housing Plan for the City

Community Housing Workshop Agenda

September 14, 2023 ~ 5:00 – 8:30PM

5:00 – 6:00pm: Open House/Dinner (Mulligan's Grill)

Food, Housing Activities and Booths including: Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Somersworth Housing Authority and Somersworth Historic District Commission

6:05pm: Welcome and Event Overview (Black Box Theater)

6:10 – 6:40pm: Presentation: The State of Housing

Nick Taylor, Executive Director for Seacoast Coalition for Workforce Housing
Jennifer Czysz, Executive Director for Strafford Regional Planning Commission

6:40 – 7:10pm: Panel Discussion: Housing Myth Busters (Black Box)

Jennifer Czysz, Executive Director for Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Tory Jennison, Population Health Systems Chief, NH Region 6 Integrated Delivery Network

Michelle Mears, Director of Planning and Community Development, Somersworth
Nick Taylor, Executive Director for Seacoast Coalition for Workforce Development

7:15 – 8:30pm: Breakout Sessions (see below for locations)

Three breakout sessions will explore various housing topics including where housing should be developed, how to increase support for housing and the challenges and opportunities of housing for younger and older adults.

1. Where should new housing development be focused? (Mulligan's Grill)

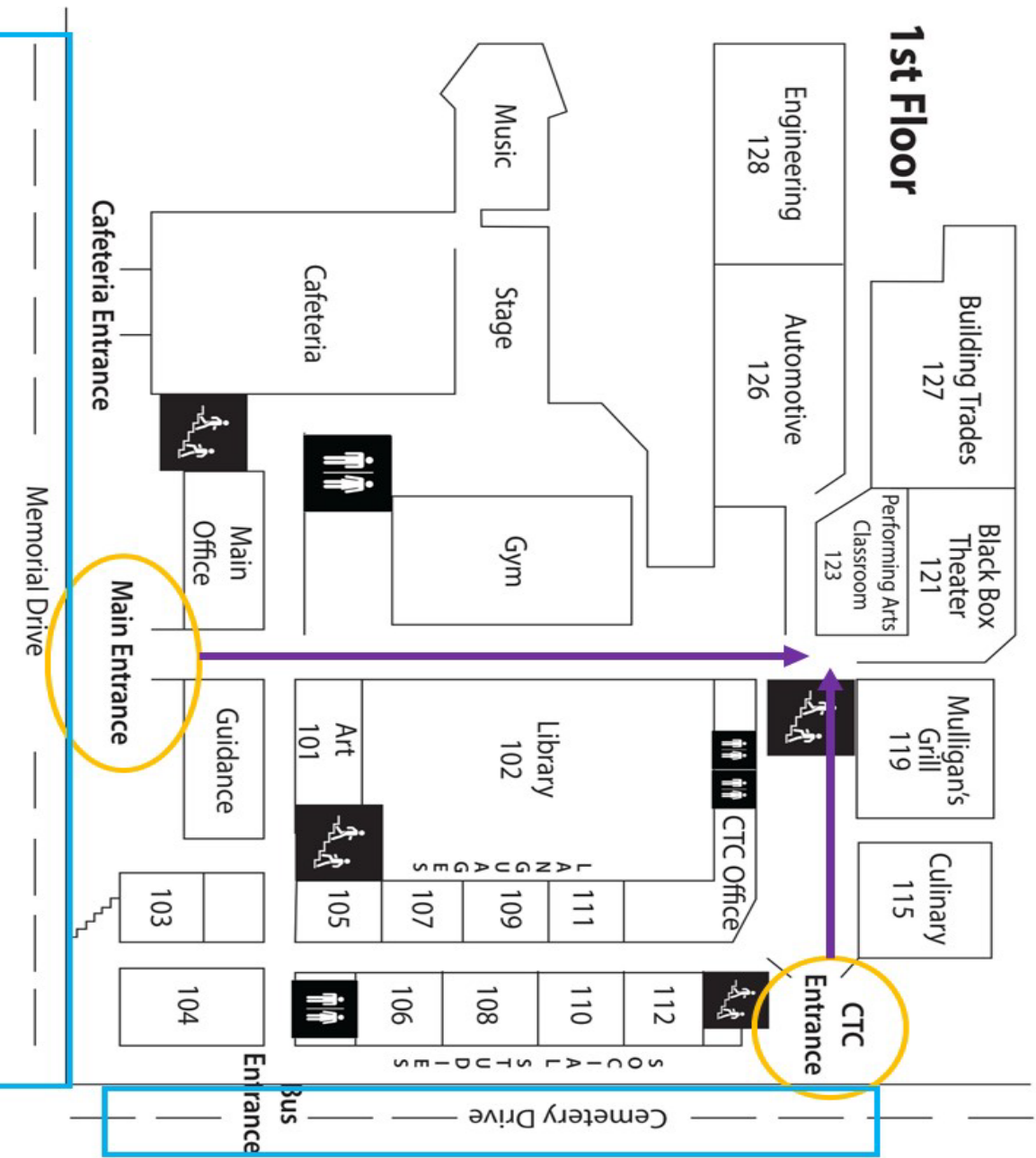
Join us for an interactive discussion about where housing should be developed in Somersworth. SRPC will lead a mapping exercise to discuss what types of development you would like to see in town and where.

2. What can we do to increase support for Housing? (Black Box Theater)

Our housing shortage is impacting Somersworth residents (existing and future), but we need to increase support to create more housing. What do you think we need to do to increase support? Change zoning, aesthetics, architectural standards, landscaping? Join the Planning staff to dive deeper.

3. Accessibility, Availability, Affordability for Young and Older Adults. (Custodian's office)

The housing shortage is particularly affecting young and older adults in Somersworth. Come and discuss the challenges and opportunities for increasing housing access, availability and affordability for these growing populations. Somersworth Planning Staff will lead this interactive discussion.



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Workshop Map

- Parking areas are outlined in Blue
- Entrances are circled in Orange
- Purple Arrows lead to the Workshop Registration