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## Milestone in efforts to protect communities along Mystic River from coastal flooding made



Over \$23 million in funding to support three critical projects along the Mystic River that will address increased risks of coastal flooding.

By Jim Clark

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative, a partnership among neighboring communities in Greater Boston's Mystic River Watershed working to protect people and places from climate-intensified risks, recently convened a panel of area officials and concerned partners to discuss strategies to enhance protective measures against coastal flooding.

According to their report, the 20-member Resilient Mystic Collaborative gathered with dozens of elected officials and agency staff to celebrate an important step forward in their joint efforts to protect coastal cities along Greater Boston's Mystic River from sea level rise and extreme coastal storms. More than \$23 million in funding has been raised by the regional coalition to support three critical projects along the Mystic River *Continued on page 13*

## Clover Food Lab brings new, climate friendly bites to Somerville

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Founded in 2008, Clover Food Lab started as a small food truck outside of MIT serving sustainable and local vegetarian food. Its founder, Ayr Muir, has been CEO of the company since the beginning.

With 15 locations around the Boston-area, the restaurant has been expanding. Last week, its newest location at Assembly Row opened and held its very own, "Pay What You Want Day."

"Anybody who opens a restaurant has this challenge, all the staff are new," Muir said. "We started using the opening to raise money for causes that we really like. It's a really fun fundraising activity we do."

On this day customers are encouraged to come in and order whatever they want and pay whatever they want. All proceeds go to the *Continued on page 3*



The Assembly Row branch of Clover Food Lab has greeted the public to a "Pay What You Want Day" during its recent opening. — Photos courtesy of Clover Food Lab

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The **Ward 6 Community Meeting** has been postponed until **Thursday, November 3**, and will be held at **Somerville Community Baptist Church**, 31 College Ave. **Ward 1: Wednesday, October 19**, at **East Somerville Community School**. Join in person or online via Zoom from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Ask questions and get updates from city staff on subjects like rodent control, affordable housing, public safety, and much more. Interpretation and additional accommodations are available upon request. Learn more and join in online at [somervillema.gov/communitymeetings](https://somervillema.gov/communitymeetings).

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Citywide **parking and curb use study final report and community meeting** scheduled. After two years of research, data collection, and stakeholder engagement, the study has concluded, and the team has issued a final report summarizing findings and recommendations. The report outlines strategies to address operational challenges, reduce future parking demand, and equitably allocate limited curb space. The final report is now available on the project website, and the project team will host a community meeting to walk through key learnings. The virtual community meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 19**, at 6:00 p.m. To learn more and register to attend, go to [somervillema.gov/parkingstudy](https://somervillema.gov/parkingstudy). The meeting will be recorded and posted on the project website.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to former writer for *The Times*, **Harry Kane**. We wish *Continued on page 7*

# Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 19 – October 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 <b>Wednesday</b> <i>October 19</i>	Sunny	59°/40°	9%	6%	SW 12 mph
 <b>Thursday</b> <i>October 20</i>	Sunny	57°/44°	4%	2%	SW 14 mph
 <b>Friday</b> <i>October 21</i>	Sunny	62°/45°	3%	1%	S 10 mph
 <b>Saturday</b> <i>October 22</i>	Sunny	67°/48°	20%	15%	S 11 mph
 <b>Sunday</b> <i>October 23</i>	Partly Cloudy	69°/51°	13%	9%	NE 9 mph
 <b>Monday</b> <i>October 24</i>	Rain	69°/55°	36%	31%	NE 10 mph
 <b>Tuesday</b> <i>October 25</i>	Rain	64°/55°	42%	37%	ENE 8mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: **Somerville Traffic Commission: ‘Please Hit the Pause Button’ on Holland St. Parking Spot Removals**

Bill Somerville says:

Excerpts from Jack’s future book “What is the big hurry (in reducing death on our streets)?”:  
“Well, sometimes people on bicycle just die because a car hits them: That’s not my problem. If you’re preparing for less killing, I need to be given extra notification. It is not convenient to me to reduce the dying that surrounds me.”  
“The bicyclist died on Broadway. When a bicyclist dies at the hands of an automobile operator, we should only reduce dying at the exact location of prior death. Not on, for example, a parallel street that goes to the same place and has the same issues.”  
“Somerville does not need safe bicycle infrastructure in the fall and winter because it gets darker earlier. Anyone riding in the dark deserves the death they experience. I mean, it will get dark at like 5:00pm soon! Why would anyone be outside on a bike at 5pm? Whoever they may be, I know that they do not deserve safe infrastructure and should probably just die.”

### Response to: **Tom Brady: yay or nay?**

Mike Bonanno says:

He definately is a pre-madona, he chooses money over family we know where his priorities lye and it’s not with family.

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

# In our parents' words



This article was first published in The Somerville Times on January 14, 2015.

The day I heard my father's words coming out of my mouth was the day I knew I had officially become a parent.

It's amazing how many of my parents' old phrases became part of my vocabulary. I asked some of my friends to share their parents' favorite proverbs, warnings and words of wisdom, and I've stuffed them all into this article. I hope you enjoy them.

I brought you into this world, I can take you out of it! You are cruisin' for a bruise! I'll wipe that smile right off your face, mister! Kids are to be seen and not heard! Don't make me stop this car! If bull were music he would be Guy Lombardo. Don't let them get your goat. If you had half a brain you'd be dangerous. I'll put you through that wall. If you have nothing nice

to say don't say anything. Take a picture, it lasts longer. Don't tell your father. Wipe that pout off your face or I'll give you something to pout about. End of story. End of ballgame! Wait 'til your father gets home. You have to wake up a little bit earlier in the morning to fool me kid. I wasn't born yesterday. If all your friends were jumping off a bridge would you too? I'm not going to be around forever. Close the door...what am I, heating Lincoln Park? If brains were made of dynamite, you couldn't blow your nose. Just wait until you have kids! Because I said so, that's why. Don't take any wooden nickels. Come hell or high water. Up a creek without a paddle. Close the door, do you live in a barn? Children should be seen and not heard. I'll give you something to cry about. Shut off these lights, we don't own a share in Edison! I brought you into this world and I can take you out. Money doesn't grow on trees you know! Someday that mouth of yours is going to get you in big trouble. Try using your head for something else other than a hat rack. I hope you

have ten kids just like you someday. Go to college so you have something to fall back on. I hope your face doesn't freeze like that. I'll turn this car around! Don't come crying to me. When I was your age we could go to the movies, get snacks and candy all for 5 cents. Always keep a dime in your shoe for a phone call. It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt. If you don't like it there's the door. Build a bridge and get over it. I already have four dishwashers, why by a new one? Tell them your daddy said so. As long as you live under my roof you'll follow my rules. You better sleep with one eye open tonight, mister. If I said it once I've said it a hundred times. Get your elbows off the table. Someday the roof is going to fall in on you. There's nothing but trouble if you're out past 10 o'clock. I'll knock you into next week. Mind your P's and Q's. Mind your beeswax. You kids will be the death of me. Go ask your mother. You'd forget your head if it wasn't attached. Don't go out looking like a ragamuffin.

Maybe my sons will use some of my



words of wisdom and disciplinary terms with their kids. I must admit they are a bit different than what I heard as a kid. Here's one: "I'm not buying you Playstation 3 so you will have to suffer with your old Playstations 1 and 2." Boy, kids sure have it tough these days.

If you don't stop that right now I'll change the password to the Wi-Fi!

Clover Food Lab brings new, climate friendly bites to Somerville

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foundation of the company's choice, this time all proceeds were donated to the Mystic River Watershed Association.

According to Muir, the mission of Clover is to provide sustainable meals designed to help the fight against climate change. For him, using local sources of food from farmers is one great way to do this.

"Our focus is really fantastic ingredients and focusing on highlighting what's in season, what

tastes great," Muir said.

The "Pay What You Want Day" was a resounding success according to Muir, with the restaurant getting a great turnout to the grand opening. When asked if the opening has been meeting expectations, Muir expressed confidence in the future of the store.

"It's a lot better than we had expected or projected, I think we're coming in almost double the volume we were expecting. It's a nice warm welcome and

we're really excited to see it develop further," Muir said.

Looking towards the future, Muir hopes to expand Clover Food Lab's footprint in Somerville hoping to one day open a store in Davis Square or other locations in the area. Currently the store in Assembly Row is the only location inside of Somerville with the closest being in Cambridge.

The new store is located in Assembly Row and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day.



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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Thanks for the ride

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to Connecticut Ave. location in the early morning hours of last Sunday on reports of a dispute.

Upon arrival, the officers met with the reporting party, who stated that he was asked by a friend to pick up a man, later identified as Frandy Ramirez-Rodriguez, in Boston at the train station and give him a ride home to the Connecticut Ave. location.

Once they reached the location, Ramirez-Rodriguez reportedly had the reporting party stop nearby, and the reporting party asked Ramirez-Rodriguez to get out of the car. At first he did not, but he finally exited the vehicle.

As the reporting party started to drive away, he heard a loud smash at the back of his car. He immediately pulled over and got out of his car to check what happened. He observed his taillight on the driver's side to have been smashed,

and he asked Ramirez-Rodriguez what happened.

At this point, Ramirez-Rodriguez came approached the reporting party and reportedly put his arm around his neck from the side. The reporting party was able to separate himself from Ramirez-Rodriguez and called 911.

The officers attempted to speak with Ramirez-Rodriguez about what had taken place. At first he was quiet and didn't say anything, but when he was asked what happened he pulled out his phone and started to record the officers as he asked for their names and badge numbers numerous times.

The officers asked for Ramirez-Rodriguez's ID several times and he refused, saying that he did not need to identify himself. The officers attempted to explain to him that he did in this matter because of the damage to the vehicle.

Ramirez-Rodriguez then got

a phone call from his "girlfriend" and he placed her on speaker phone. An officer attempted to introduce himself to her and explain the situation and that if Ramirez-Rodriguez did not provide his identification he was going to be placed under arrest.

Once Ramirez-Rodriguez heard this he said he was going to call her back and hung up the phone. The officers then asked a few more times for his ID, which he refused to provide.

Police then told Ramirez-Rodriguez that he was now under arrest and to place his hands behind his back. As an officer grabbed his left wrist, he reportedly tensed his whole body and refused to place his hands behind his back. He attempted to pull away from the officers and pulled them into the passenger side of reporting party's car.

The officers were able to guide Ramirez-Rodriguez to the

ground, where he kept resisting their attempts to place him in custody. At one point he grabbed the handcuffs so that he could not be placed in them.

The officers were eventually able to secure Ramirez-Rodriguez a short time after that. During the whole struggle, he was screaming at the top of his lungs and his actions caused several neighbors to turn their lights on or open windows to observe what was going on.

While in handcuffs and still laying on the ground, Ramirez-Rodriguez reportedly continued his tumultuous behavior by screaming profanities at the officers and trying to kick at them. They were eventually able to place him in leg irons to stop him from kicking.

When the police transport vehicle arrived, Ramirez-Rodriguez reportedly refused to get into the back of it at first, but the officers were finally able to get him seat-

ed. He was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters for booking, but he refused and reportedly continued his tumultuous behavior.

Police located a cologne bottle in the middle of the road where the reporting party's vehicle was when he heard the smash before pulling over.

Once back at the station, Ramirez-Rodriguez reportedly continued his riotous behavior by screaming and refusing to be booked. He was then placed in a cell in order for him to calm down. While in the cell, he continued the same behavior, also kicking the door of the cell numerous times. He also took toilet paper and attempted to block the drain of the sink to flood the cell.

Ramirez-Rodriguez was eventually booked on charges of resisting arrest, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, and disorderly conduct.

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## Job Creation and Retention Trust Survey and Public Meeting

The Somerville Job Creation and Retention Trust (JCRT) Board is hosting its annual public forum on Tuesday, October 25, and launching a survey to understand community priorities for JCRT funds.

Since 2018, the Job Creation and Retention Trust has used linkage fees collected from commercial development projects to create and enhance employment opportunities for Somerville residents. To date, the job linkage fee has generated more than \$2.1 million for job creation and retention programming. Over the last year, the JCRT Fund allocated more than \$1 million to serve more than 350 residents with contextualized ESOL and experiential learning opportunities, industry-specific training programs, and workers' rights trainings. A full overview of investments, outcomes, and recipient spotlights is provided in the 2021-2022 annual report, now available on the JCRT website.

A significant influx of JCRT funds is expected to arrive over the coming year, and the Somerville community can weigh in on how to spend it. The JCRT Board has ranked a list of 14 proposed investments to prioritize funding. Potential investments include a "13th year" program to support low-income Somerville High School graduates, services to help individuals with misdemeanor offenses access employment, digital literacy training and resources, and much more.

Residents and community members can share their feedback at the virtual on Tuesday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. or by completing a brief survey online by November 11. The Board will review all feedback and reevaluate its priority list at its November meeting. To view the annual report, take the survey, register for the meeting, and view current funding opportunities, go to [somervillema.gov/jcrt](http://somervillema.gov/jcrt).



# Somerville shares resources for substance misuse prevention

The City of Somerville and Mayor Katjana Ballantyne join President Biden in taking October 2022 to elevate ongoing efforts to help treat and prevent substance misuse by youth. President Biden named October 2022 National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month, calling upon our nation's communities to uplift youth, build prevention infrastructure, and lead youth towards healthy, substance-free decisions.

Prescription drug misuse among young people is a nationwide crisis. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an estimated 4.4% of 12th graders reported misusing any prescription drug in the past 12 months. Two-thirds of teens who misused pain relievers in the past year say that they got them from family and friends, including their home's medicine cabinets, demonstrating the importance of safe medication storage and disposal, as well as education and resources to help families prevent or treat substance misuse.

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

The City of Somerville's Community Outreach, Help, and Recovery (COHR) unit and Prevention Services division will host two National Prescription Drug Take Back Day locations on Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 220 Washington Street and 6 Newbury Street. City staff will be on-site at both locations, collecting any unused or expired medications as well as provide overdose prevention information and resources. Each location will also distribute free Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and COVID-19 tests.

For bottled medications, residents should remove or scratch out any personal information while leaving the name of the medication visible before disposing. Sharps (needles and syringes) should be placed in a secure container (like a coffee can or laundry detergent bottle) before disposing only at the 220 Washington Street location.

In addition to collection events each spring and fall, Somerville offers 24/7, year-round disposal kiosks at the Public Safety Building (220 Washington Street) for medications and sharps.

For more information, please contact COHR Director Patty Contente at [pcontente@somervillema.gov](mailto:pcontente@somervillema.gov) or Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell at [mmitchell@somervillema.gov](mailto:mmitchell@somervillema.gov).

**Youth and Family Substance Misuse Resources**

Somerville Prevention Services is committed to leading efforts around the prevention of drug misuse in the City of Somerville

and supports Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) to reduce underage substance misuse and the associated harms by increasing public knowledge and mobilizing the community.

SCAP is a community-based coalition that engages middle and high school leaders for the Somerville Positive Forces (SPF) programs each school year, a paid opportunity for local students to directly impact their communities. Both SPF100, for high school students, and SP-FJr., for middle school students, empower Somerville youth to learn leadership skills and create lasting changes.

Any middle or high school aged youth interested in serving as an ambassador for youth and prevention efforts, advocating for social justice-based solutions, conducting awareness campaigns related to substance misuse prevention and mental health, and collaborating with a variety of leaders and organizations to support group goals, can apply online at [bit.ly/SPFJR](https://bit.ly/SPFJR) and [bit.ly/SPF100hiring](https://bit.ly/SPF100hiring).

Somerville Prevention will also host its first Let's Talk virtual workshop for adult caregivers on Thursday, November 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Let's Talk aims to educate caregivers on how to facilitate productive,



open, and non-judgmental conversations with youth about substances. Participants will receive a \$20.00 Target gift card for participation. To attend, please go to [bit.ly/prevent2022](https://bit.ly/prevent2022).

For more information on the Let's Talk virtual workshop, contact Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator Lily Dolyak at [ldolyak@somervillema.gov](mailto:ldolyak@somervillema.gov). For more information on the SCAP Youth Ambassador Program, contact SCAP Program Director Lovelee Heller-Bottari at [lheller@somervillema.gov](mailto:lheller@somervillema.gov).

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## COMMENTARY

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## October 19 Hearing with Housing and Development Re: Armory Tenant Petition

**By Parma Chai**  
**Manager/Business Owner of**  
**OOTB Gallery at the Armory**

The Arts at the Armory building and its current tenants have been in flux and worried about their futures. Since the Eminent Domain seizure by the City of Somerville, current tenants of the Armory lack clarity for their futures, have not been provided with meaningful rehousing monies or resources for future places of operation, and have been constantly poked and prodded by the City Management to work with rehousing consultants. We are currently being put through an “arts consultant” research firm from NY working alongside the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Economic Development department to determine who gets to stay and who does not. The Somerville Arts Council management has so far not met with the current tenants communally, including not being present at our first introduction to the Arts Consultants. This is happening while the Eminent Domain Seizure was made possible by the division of Econom-

ic Development and the Arts Council under the leadership of the former Mayor Curtatone and now the current Mayor Katjana Ballantyne.

175 electronic signatures were collected in support of a Town Meeting all the way back in March for the petition below. The Clerk then asked that I collect another 50 signatures in person, which I exceeded at 55 (I actually included 60 signatures, but perhaps 5 were not accounted for due to myself in how I collected them or unseen by the City clerk) in April. The City Clerk approved the signatures and checked for their validity many months ago, and a Town Hall meeting could have easily occurred under the leadership of At Large City Councilor Willie Burnley, Jr all the way back in May. Willie had already taken the time and energy to meet multiple tenants at the Armory and talk to them about their frustrations and concerns. However, the City decided that At Large City Councilor Kristin Strezo should be in charge of this meeting.

The original purposes of the Town Meeting, signed by Somerville voters, were to:

1. Ensure that Armory tenants are not treated arbitrarily and that current Armory tenants will not be evicted or intimidated to leave before (at least) June 31, 2022.

2. Discuss fair and unbiased treatment by the “arts consultant” to be hired by the City in April 2022. The City promised public discussions about who the consultant would be, but has failed to provide any information about this consultant since the one and only public tenant’s meeting with City management on September 23, 2021.

3. Discuss fair rehoming assistance for current art businesses at the Armory who are at great risk of being displaced on or before June 31, 2022. This is especially important since many of the tenants have original leases that spanned over the next 2 to 5 years and arranged their finances based upon that commitment.

4. Discuss having a proper janitor and maintenance professional at the building. Currently, the City of Somerville has not hired a janitor, despite promises of doing so. To underscore the importance of proper building maintenance, two tenants were recently

stuck in the Armory’s unmaintained elevator and had to call the Somerville Fire Department to be rescued.

As it stands today, the City Council meeting run by Kristin Strezo addresses the arts consultant and Armory Master Plan Committee, which includes Tom Galiganni speaking as the Director of Economic Development.

However, the meeting agenda notes do not address intimidation and arbitrary treatment of tenants, why there have still not been public discussions of what the Armory Master Plan Committee is doing and why it has not had a fair process of recruiting committee members, as well as an equitable, public discussion of proper rehousing monies for businesses and residents who will likely be evicted next summer. Instead, the agenda lists the Director of Economic Development speaking at length, followed by completely separate agendas of cross guards and the city human resource department.

Though I understand that Public meetings with housing and development often include other

agendas, I do not feel this agenda link will adequately make time and thoughtful discourse about the truly horrible experiences the current tenants of the Armory are going through, including a lack of handicap accessibility in the building for 2 months with an unworking elevator, a former rat infestation problem that lasted for months without proper attention from City management, and a current exhibit on show on the 2nd floor of the Armory called “Evicted” in the very place that many current tenants will likely be evicted by next summer.

Please feel free to contact your Somerville City Councilors about any concerns or thoughts you may have whatsoever about this October 19th meeting, or otherwise, feel free to join us and speak up or listen to the fastly approaching October 19th hearing through Zoom at:

<https://somervillema.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=998791&GUID=2B65783B-7DE3-43D8-8B19-9A4F-654960C0&Search=>

(Note: as of this publication date the meeting scheduled for October 19 has been cancelled.)

### Ward 6 City Hall Community Meeting Postponed

The Ward 6 City Hall Community Meeting has been postponed to Thursday, November 3rd at Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Avenue.

The meeting will still be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In-person and online interpretation is available by request.

To request interpretation, please call 311. For more information and to join online via Zoom, visit [somervillema.gov/communitymeetings](https://somervillema.gov/communitymeetings).

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### Somerville holding vigil for victims of domestic violence

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the Somerville Commission for Women, and RESPOND, Inc. are honored to invite residents to join them for the annual Domestic Violence Vigil on Wednesday, October 26, to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2022.

The vigil is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at Statue Park in Davis Square. In the event of inclement weather, the vigil will move to the West Branch Library, Atrium, located at 40 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144.





COMMENTARY

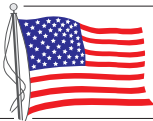
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The beauty and genius of our political

system is in its very existence. Unfortunately, it is too easy to take it for granted. It is no cliché to say that there are many in this world who are denied the right to shape their homelands’ laws and determine their own destinies. We are truly blessed in having this privilege, and we must always express our appreciation of it by getting out there and voting whenever possible.

So, for those of you who faithfully ex-

cuted your civic duty, your fellow citizens salute you. Whether or not your candidate prevails, we can all take pride in the fact that our system still works, and the people have their say.

Whether one leans to the left, or right, or gently wavers in the middle, we must all understand that we have much more that binds us together than what tears us apart. The system prevails, and because of that

we are all winners.

With options such as early voting and voting by mail, we have more opportunities than ever to make sure our voices are heard, safely and securely.

Let the victorious celebrate, and the defeated regroup, for we shall always return.

To learn more about your early voting options, go to <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections>.

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him a great day. Happy birthday to **Barry Rollins**, who is celebrating this week and we wish him a good day. Happy birthday to **Erin DiBenedetto** from Medford, who grew up here in Winter Hill. We wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Valarie Spinale-Bolduc**. Happy birthday to Winter Hill resident, **Vicki Potaris**. We wish her a great day. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Michael Barry**, **George Lally**, **Charlene Murphy**, **Jim Douthart**, **Jackie Lucas**, **Stephen Bertoncini**, **David LaCroix**, **Kip Lyall**, **Harry Levasseur**, **Patricia Capadanno** and **Mel Fraser** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the

others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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Due to **upcoming construction on Holland St.**, there will be **no MBTA out-bound service** on Holland St. through **October 26**. The contractor will be installing three raised crossings: One at Paulina St., one at Hodgkins Curtin Park, and one at Winter St. This will require a 24/7 detour: 1. Road closed to Westbound traffic (Davis to Teele Square). Detour College Ave to Broadway 2. One-way Eastbound traffic will remain open on Holland Street (Teale to Davis Square).

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The **Somerville Public Library (MA)** invites **teens** to a **Divination Fair**. **October 19, 2:30 – 4:30p.m.** in the **Central Branch Auditorium**.

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**Mayor Katjana Ballantyne**, the **Somerville Commission for Women**, and **RESPOND, Inc.** are honored to invite residents to join them for the annual **Domestic Violence Vigil** on **Wednesday, October 26**, to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2022. The vigil is scheduled to start at 6:00p.m. at **Statue Park in Davis Square**. In the event of inclement weather, the vigil will

move to the **West Branch Library, Atrium**, located at 40 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144.

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**Witchcrafting at West, Wednesdays in October, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.** at the **West Somerville Branch Library**. Get into the spooky season spirit each Wednesday in October as they will be crafting together, nibbling on tasty snacks, and watching some of your favorite witchy shows. Check out all of the offerings: (**October 19**): *Witch's brooms and The Craft*, (**October 26**): Design your own tarot and oracle cards and *The Curious Creations of Christine McConnell*. *Continued on page 12*



# FUN & GAMES

*Ms. Cam's*

Olío

**Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

# #847

1. In the NFL, what numbers are used for quarterbacks, punters, and kickers?
  2. William Abelyan is a retired professional boxer from which country?
  3. The Gotthard railway is located in which country?
  4. What is Adams Pearmain?
  5. What color M&Ms candy did Van Halen ban from their dressing room?
  6. When was The Great Wall of Qi built?
  7. What singer is known as "The Vocal Bible"?
  8. Black Thunder Mine (coal) is located in which country?
  9. What is Alexandrouli?
  10. The Mason-Dixon line separates Pennsylvania and which state?
  11. Where was Coca-Cola Raspberry sold on a trial basis?
  12. If you were having Pranzo, what would you be having?
- Answers on page 11*

Answers on page 11

## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. It is possible to turn peanut butter into diamonds.
2. The largest bill to go into circulation in the U.S. was a \$10,000 note.

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

## TV HOSTS

ACROSS

1. Big splash, in the audience
6. Diminish
9. Miss America's accessory
13. Wear away
14. V
15. Nile's mouth, e.g.
16. Enter password (2 words)
17. Poetic "even"
18. Misbehave (2 words)
19. "Carpool Karaoke" James \_\_\_\_
21. "The Tonight Show" longest-serving host
23. Negative conjunction
24. One of Five Ws
25. Communications regulator, acr.
28. Australian palm
30. Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
35. Monet's water flower
37. Succotash ingredient
39. Indian side dish
40. Like dental exam
41. Administer
43. Frequenter
44. Town news announcer
46. Do like eagle
47. Recipe command
48. Not Fallon
50. Like a "Vogue" ad
52. "Is it \_\_\_\_ wonder?"

## DOWN

1. Electric swimmer
2. Gator's kin
3. NBC's peacock, e.g.
4. Deck out
5. Muscle to bone connector

## CROSSWORD

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**Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:**

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6. Balanced
  7. "Full Frontal" Samantha \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Judge Wapner and Judge Judy "hosted" \_\_\_\_\_ from it
  9. 1/60th of min, pl.
  10. Palo \_\_\_\_\_, CA
  11. Like nonlethal gun
  12. Accident
  15. Squirrel or hummingbird, mov-  
ing-wise
  20. \_\_\_\_\_ Kane of soap opera fame
  22. Pleasurable interjection
  24. Male witch
  25. Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.
  26. Wispy clouds
  27. Request to Geico
  29. Politicians, for short
  31. Opposite of riches
  32. Plants and animals
  33. Did not go out for dinner (2 words)
  34. Late "Live" King of CNN
  36. Original matter, according to Big  
Bang Theory
  38. Stewart's successor
  42. Judge Judy's event
  45. Remnant of the past
  49. Regis and Kathie \_\_\_\_\_
  51. Critical situation
  54. Hostile force
  56. Black tie one
  57. Football great Graham
  58. Skin infection
  59. Tiny river
  60. "My bad!"
  61. Whirlpool
  62. Commuter line
  63. Pine juice
  65. Bambi's mom
  67. Clinton \_\_\_\_\_ Rodham

*Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.*



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries and letters to the Editor of *The Somerville Times* do not reflect the views and opinions of *The Somerville Times*, its publishers or staff. Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to *The Somerville Times*. Please email your letters to [News@TheSomervilleTimes.com](mailto:News@TheSomervilleTimes.com) or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. *The Somerville Times* Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dear Somerville Times,

During the last week of July, a deadly heatwave smothered over 90 million Americans [1]. This year marked the third hottest July on record, averaging 2.8 degrees above average [2]. Temperatures averaged in the triple digits in regions like the Northeast and mid-South. These record-breaking numbers [3] have caused many heat-related deaths, put people with underlying medical conditions at risk, and have caused power outages in major cities like Boston.

The cause of these extreme weather conditions is clear: climate change. And the impacts will only worsen if we continue to emit such vast amounts of greenhouse gasses into our atmosphere. The transportation sector is the greatest single

contributor [4] of America's greenhouse gas emissions with more than 90% of all vehicles using climate change-inducing fossil fuels.

Fortunately, President Biden recently signed the Inflation Reduction Act [5] into law, which includes roughly \$369 billion in climate spending, designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 and put the United States' climate goals within reach. On the transportation front, the law provides a \$4,000 tax credit for consumers buying a used vehicle and up to a \$7,500 tax credit for new electric vehicles, which will help car owners to replace polluting vehicles for cleaner ones.

While the law represents a compromise by including provisions that will benefit fossil fuel development, the emis-

sions increases from these provisions are offset 24 to 1 [6] by the rest of the bill's climate-friendly provisions. As the climate continues to warm, pollution reduction and natural climate solutions must remain a top priority for Congress. We should commend the Biden-Harris Administration who took part in passing this historical investment towards a healthier future. Cali Salinas is a rising senior at Tufts University and serves as an intern with Environment America's federal advocacy team.

Thank you,

Cali N. Salinas  
Tufts University 2023  
Applied Environmental Studies  
[cali.salinas@publicinterestnetwork.org](mailto:cali.salinas@publicinterestnetwork.org)

Links:

[1] <https://www.cnn.com/2022/07/24/weather/us-extreme-heat-sunday/index.html>

[2] <https://www.noaa.gov/stories/july-2022-was-third-hottest-on-record-for-us>

[3] <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/monthly-report/national/202207>

[4] <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

[5] <https://environmentamerica.org/news/ame/updated-statement-congress-passes-historic-climate-investment>

[6] [https://energyinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Modeling-the-Inflation-Reduction-Act-with-the-US-Energy-Policy-Simulator\\_August.pdf](https://energyinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Modeling-the-Inflation-Reduction-Act-with-the-US-Energy-Policy-Simulator_August.pdf)

Somerville rolls at the Catholic Memorial Invitational

The Somerville Boys and Girls Cross Country teams recently competed in the illustrious Catholic Memorial Invitational. The meet, featuring some of the best schools in eastern Massachusetts, was held at Franklin Park last Saturday. Somerville standout runner Samuel Buckley came in 5th overall, as the Highlanders placed four runners in the top 50 to secure 5th place overall. The Lady Highlanders had strong performances as well, as both teams have excelled in other elite meets all season. Both squads had impressive showings at the Amherst Invitational, the Fort Devens Challenge, and the Frank Kelley Invitational. The Boys and Girls teams remain undefeated in Greater Boston League action, with unblemished 6-0 records. The teams close out the regular season at the Greater Boston League (GBL) League Championships, held at MacDonald Park on October 26. Top ten finishers in both races are designated GBL All Stars.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



White Bean and Tuna Salad

Packed with flavor and protein, it's great for a hearty lunch, dinner, or even a snack. A great mixture of textures and flavor will have you craving this delicious and healthy salad often. Although any tuna of your choice may be used, the quality and flavor of tuna packed in olive oil certainly elevates this dish.

**For the salad:**

- 1 15.5 oz. can of cannellini beans
- 1 6.7 oz. jar of good quality tuna in olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely minced parsley
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons sun-dried tomatoes, in olive oil, drained
- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste

**For The Vinaigrette:**

You just have to remember the ratio of 3 parts oil to 1 part acid to make a great vinaigrette. There are many different combinations of ingredients you can use to fit the flavor profile you're looking for. See the link below for some ideas.

[https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/the\\_vinaigrette\\_ratio/](https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/the_vinaigrette_ratio/)

Serves 2-3.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.





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PLANNING BOARD

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available by using the registration link once the meeting has concluded.

## TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8218702509285283852>  
Webinar ID: 596-795-275

## TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8321  
Access code: 758-187-981

The Planning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

**153 South Street** Boynton Yards LandCo, LLC proposes to develop a Commercial Shared Street Thoroughfare type in the High Rise (HR) zoning district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

**153 South Street** Boynton Yards LandCo LLC seeks approval of a plat plan replatting lots including 153 South St, 0 Windsor Pl, 33 Earle St, and 2, 8, and 29 Harding St, and establishing multiple new lots and rights-of-way for Thoroughfare 1 and Harding Street, which requires Subdivision Plan Approval.

**2, 8, & 29 Harding Street (n/k/a 99 South Street)** Boynton Yards LandCo, LLC proposes to develop a 12-story LEED Platinum lab building in the High Rise (HR) zoning district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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## SHA Job No. P-ELV-102022

The **Somerville Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Elevator Maintenance and Repairs at Various Developments, SHA Job No. **P-ELV-102022** in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The work consists of a three (3) year "full service" monthly preventative maintenance contract as well as all other necessary repairs. Contractor must be able to provide twenty-four (24) hour service 7 days a week.

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Planning and Operation DCAMM in the category of work: Elevator Constructor.

The work is estimated to cost \$375,000.00 per three (3) year term.

All Quotes are subject to applicable bidding laws including, but not limited to M.G.L. c.149 §44A – H, M.G.L. c.30 and applicable federal procurement laws. To the extent there are inconsistencies between state and federal procurement laws, the more stringent standard will be followed for purposes of this Bid.

General Bids will be received until **11:00 A.M., November 2, 2022**, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (including the amounts bid for any and all alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid and Contract Documents will be available for download on Somerville Housing Authority web site [www.sha-web.org](http://www.sha-web.org), under our opportunities tab, at **11:00 a.m., October 19, 2022**. There will be no charge for these documents. If bidding, you must contact Anthony Crespo by email at [Tonyc@sha-web.org](mailto:Tonyc@sha-web.org) and register/leave contact information including an email to receive changes, or updates. Bidders/Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their email to Mr. Crespo and bids are received by the Somerville Housing Authority. Addenda, if any, will be posted on website and it shall be the bidders' responsibility to identify any such addenda on the line provided in the bid form.

There will be a recommended, but non-mandatory, pre-bid conference held at **10:00 a.m., October 24, 2022**. Attendees are required to provide notification that they will attend. Please notify Anthony Crespo by email at [Tonyc@sha-web.org](mailto:Tonyc@sha-web.org) or at 617-625-1152 extension 336 if you are attending. All interested parties will meet at outdoors of Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Building, 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Irrespective of whether a bidder attends the pre-bid conference, every bidder submitting a bid will be presumed to know the information that was provided and that could reasonably have been ascertained at such conference.

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City of Somerville  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

## TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3219110987601771024>  
Webinar ID: 408-798-603

## TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422  
Access code: 985-273-190

The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

**36 Berkeley Street** Erich Ludwig and Allison Ross seek relief from the exterior sidewalk setback requirement for a rear addition building component type in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Variance.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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City of Somerville  
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131 § 40, the **SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION** will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday October 25th, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. to review the Notice of Intent submitted by submitted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., on behalf of applicant Street Retail, LLC for the redevelopment of Assembly Square Block 7A to support a building, landscape areas, sidewalks and associated utility infrastructure. The proposed building will provide retail space at the street level and commercial laboratory uses on the upper floors. Stormwater will drain to the roadway stormwater system connected to the 72-inch stormwater outfall to the mystic river previously approved by the Somerville Conservation Commission (DEP File No. 287-0028).

Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514, or send an email to [mdayton@somervillema.gov](mailto:mdayton@somervillema.gov) for more information

**This public meeting will be conducted via remote participation.**

## TO USE A COMPUTER

**Webinar ID**  
577-651-043

## Registration URL

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1868401634693985804>

## TO CALL IN

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP# 23-01

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites proposals for:

## Nonprofit Support Program

The RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Monday, October 17th, 2022**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022**.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email [jremy@somervillema.gov](mailto:jremy@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Jordan Remy**  
Senior Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x3400

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## STATE OF VERMONT

## SUPERIOR COURT

PROBATE DIVISION  
Docket No. 20-PR-05232

## WINDSOR Unit

In re ESTATE OF Ifeanyi Menkiti, Ph.D.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: **Ifeanyi Menkiti, Ph.D.**

**late of:** Somerville, Massachusetts (to wit: Royalton and Tunbridge, Vermont)

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

*Dated:*  
October 13, 2022

*Signature of Fiduciary*  
/s/ Obiora Menkiti

*Executor:*  
Obiora Menkiti

*Mailing Address*  
c/o Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, Attention:  
Ryan P. Flatley

*Phone Number*  
(603) 448-2211

*City, State, Zip*  
67 Etna Road, Suite 300,  
Lebanon, NH 03766-1461

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Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court  
Windsor Probate Division  
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green, Woodstock, VT 05091


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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP# 23-19**

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites proposals for:

**Total Rewards and Compensation Study**

The RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Monday, October 17th, 2022**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Thursday, November 3rd, 2022**.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email [jremy@somervillema.gov](mailto:jremy@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Jordan Remy  
Senior Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x3400**

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**Notice is Hereby Given that  
Mercedes-Benz of Boston is Seeking Ownership  
of the Following Four (4) Vehicles Abandoned at  
259 McGrath Hwy, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143:**

**1. Owner:** Thomas Papandrea  
Vehicle Model: 2016 Mercedes-Benz CLA2504MATI  
Vehicle ID: #WDDSJ4B8GN372124

**2. Owner:** Eric D. Clark  
Vehicle Model: 2015 Mercedes-Benz Light  
Vehicle ID: #WDCTG4GB7FJ069739

**3. Owner:** Rodney Richards  
Vehicle Model: 1997 Mercedes-Benz E320  
Vehicle ID: #WDBJF550VA414019

**4. Owner:** Craig M. Bennett  
Vehicle Model: 2008 Mercedes-Benz Light  
Vehicle ID: #WDBUF90X58B275363

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
IFB #23-20**

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

**On-call Electrical Repairs for the Municipal Buildings**

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com), <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **10/20/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **11/03/2022 2:00PM EST**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact PCS Department at [acaruth@somervillema.gov](mailto:acaruth@somervillema.gov) for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required.

**Andrea Caruth  
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer  
617-625-6600 x3400**

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## Important dates and reminders for voting in the Massachusetts General Election

The Massachusetts general election is Tuesday, November 8. This election will determine Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Representative in Congress, Governor's Council, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, and Sheriff. There are also four ballot questions. Sample ballots are available at [somervillema.gov/sampleballots](http://somervillema.gov/sampleballots). Somerville voters can vote early, by mail, or on Election Day.

**Register to Vote by October 29** – Register to vote one of three ways: online at [somervillema.gov/register-to-vote](http://somervillema.gov/register-to-vote), in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.), or by calling the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200) and requesting a voter registration form. The registration deadline is Saturday, October 29, by 5:00 p.m. at City Hall or by midnight online.

**Check Your Registration Status** – Check your registration status at [sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch](http://sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch). If your voter status is “Inactive,” call the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 to learn about your voting process.

**Early Voting at City Hall** – Two weeks of early voting will be offered at City Hall, from Saturday, October 22, through Friday, November 4. Voting hours are as follows: Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Fridays: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Voting by Mail** – Apply by November 1. Applications to vote by mail must be received (not postmarked) by the Somerville Elections Department by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1. Download an application from [somervillema.gov/votebymail](http://somervillema.gov/votebymail), pick one up in the Elections office at City Hall, or request one be mailed to you by calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

**Return Your Ballot by November 8** – Eligible voters who submit valid applications will receive their ballot in the mail. Ballots returned in person or by drop box must be delivered by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 8 and delivered by 5:00 p.m., November 12. Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state's website.

**How to Return Applications and Ballots:**  
Drop boxes: Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations:  
City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave.  
East Somerville Community School, across from 68 Glen St.  
In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.  
In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church at 31 College Ave.  
In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.  
Elections office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall  
Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143  
Email or fax (for applications only): Completed applications can be emailed to [vote@somervillema.gov](mailto:vote@somervillema.gov) or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.

**Voting on Election Day:**  
Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. Find your polling location at [somervillema.gov/mysomerville](http://somervillema.gov/mysomerville), or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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2. Armenia

3. Switzerland

4. A type of apple

5. Brown

6. 441 BC

7. Brandy

8. USA

9. A type of red grape

10. Maryland

11. New Zealand

12. Lunch



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Please contact **ShanTil** at syell@somervillema.gov with any questions.

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Donate to the **MAMAS free store**. MAMAS – **Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville** is seeking gently used winter clothes of all sizes and ages, especially coats and boots. The free store is on **November 12** (rain date November 13). Call or text 339-545-1315 for drop off locations and times. They are also accepting monetary donations: [opencollective.com/mamas](https://opencollective.com/mamas) (Select Winter Free Clothing Store).

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**High School students** looking for extra support in math should check out **Monday Math tutoring** (with other students) at the **Somerville Public Library**. **Mondays 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**, now underway. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/library-mathtutoring>

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**Somerville Songwriter Sessions** at the **Armory Cafe** presents a live, in-person concert with singer/songwriters **Tim Foley, Doug Kwartler and Sam Bayer** on **Saturday, November 5**. The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and there is a suggested donation of \$15. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information call 617-718-2191 or visit [art-satthearmory.org](https://art-satthearmory.org) or [www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions).

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On **Sunday, October 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** visit the city's 19th century (1804) burial grounds as part of the **October SomerStreets Festival "Monster Mash"** along Somerville Avenue. This ghostly gathering treats visitors to a guided tour of the cemetery's grave sites, tombs, and Civil War monument. At each site a ghost will engage in conversation about their life in Somerville in centuries past. A wonderful way to learn more about Somerville from those who lived in it. 400 Somerville Ave. Suggested donation of \$5 for those over 12 years. Proceeds support the preservation and educational activities of the **Somerville Museum**.

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The city is developing a **Pollinator Action Plan** to identify ways to create the best habitat for local pollinators and wildlife. Apply to join the ten-person Advisory Committee to help co-create critical public outreach and education strategies. Applications are due **Friday, October 21**. To learn more and apply, visit: [somerville-ma.gov/spap](https://somerville-ma.gov/spap).

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Registration for **Somerville Youth Hockey Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey** is open. All sessions take place at either **Veterans** or **Founders rinks** in Somerville. Beginner classes are geared towards kids 3-9 who have never skated nor played hockey before. There's also a new Advanced option for kids aged 9 and older who are ready for a more fast-

paced introduction to the fundamentals of hockey and skating. To learn more and register, visit <https://www.somervilleyouthhockey.org/lts-ltp>. Financial aid (and some equipment) is available.

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**Somerville Public Schools** is hosting clinics at school sites in October for children, families, and staff. Registration and more information at: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/vaccineclinics>. **Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. October 26, Wednesday** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **West Somerville Neighborhood School**. Influenza vaccine only. **The City of Somerville** is also hosting **weekly vaccine clinics** offering the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. Those clinics start on **October 5** and operate **Wednesdays** (except October 26) from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at **City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave.**

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The **SHS Class of 1982 40th Reunion** will be held at 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA on **November 15, 6:30 – 11:30 p.m.** Cost: \$40 per person, dinner included, cash bar. (\$50 after November 4). Payment methods: include Paypal: [mbmbrennan44@gmail.com](mailto:mbmbrennan44@gmail.com), Venmo: **SHS Class of 1982 @shsclassof1982**, Check: made out to **SHS Class of 1982** mailed to **Marybeth Caturello, 85 MacArthur Road Stoneham, MA 02180**. For any other questions, please email **Marybeth Brennan** at [mbmbrennan@comcast.net](mailto:mbmbrennan@comcast.net) or call **Marybeth Caturello**

at 617-851-2519.

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Make your **perceptions of local policing and public safety** known by taking the **Somerville Department of Racial and Social Justice's survey**. Feedback will set the course of future work for the RSJ department. All residents are encouraged to participate. To learn more about the RSJ department, visit [somervillema.gov/rsj](https://somervillema.gov/rsj).

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Don't forget to visit **Somerville's farmers markets**. **Every Wednesday through November 23, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** visit the **Davis Square Farmers Market**, across from American Flatbread at **44 Day St**. Visit: <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis>. **Every Saturday through October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, the **Union Square Farmers Market** takes place at **66-70 Union Sq.** visit: <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmseason>. **Every Sunday through November 20, the East Somerville Farmers Market** takes place at **115 Broadway, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Visit <https://www.east-somervillemainstreets.org/market>. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

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## On This Day in History

### October 19

**1466** – The peace of Torun ends the war between the Teutonic knights and their own disaffected subjects in Prussia.

**1781** – Major General Lord Charles Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington and Count de Rochambeau at Yorktown, Va.

**1812** – Napoleon Bonaparte begins his retreat from Moscow.

**1873** – Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Rutgers universities draft the first code of football rules.

**1917** – The first doughnut is fried by Salvation Army volunteer women for American troops in France during World War I.

**1949** – The People's Republic of China is formally proclaimed.

**1973** – President Richard Nixon rejects an Appeals Court demand to turn over the Watergate tapes.

**2005** – Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's trial for crimes against humanity begins in Baghdad.



Milestone in efforts to protect communities along Mystic River from coastal flooding made

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that will address increased risks of coastal flooding.

The three projects – The Amelia Earhart Dam, Draw 7 Park, and the Island End River – were all included in various state bond bills that have now passed the legislature. Federal funds will be sought next. The Commonwealth’s approval of a project is an essential step to securing major federal funding to protect inland neighborhoods from major coastal storms over the next fifty years and beyond.

“The recent devastation wrought by the hurricanes in Florida and Puerto Rico drives home the fact we must proac-

tively protect our coastal communities from increased flooding due to climate change,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, who hosted the event in Somerville. “New grant funding and state bonding authorization demonstrates the strong partnership between our federal delegation, state legislators, the Mystic River Watershed Association, and GreenRoots on behalf of our residents. I specifically want to thank Somerville’s federal and state delegation - Congresswoman Pressley, Senator Jehlen, and Representatives Barber, Connolly, and Uytendaele for their advocacy. But our work

isn’t done. We will redouble our efforts to work with Governor Baker and the next Administration to make these vital infrastructure projects to protect our homes a reality.”

The press conference featured representatives from city, state and federal levels who were critical to the success of this regional effort:

- Congresswomen Katherine Clark and Ayanna Pressley’s offices
- State Senators Sal DiDomenico and Pat Jehlen
- State Representatives Mike Connolly, Dan Ryan and Joe McGonagle
- Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn, as well as city managers and senior staff from Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, Cambridge and Malden
- The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Non-profit leaders from the Mystic River Watershed Association and GreenRoots

“We are proud to partner with the Mystic River Watershed Association and state and local leaders to clean the Mystic and improve our overall climate resiliency,” said Congresswoman Katherine Clark. “We are com-

mitted to building a greener, more just future, and through our collective action, we are making progress on behalf of Massachusetts families and our planet.”

“Climate change is an existential crisis that threatens every aspect of our society,” said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. “We’re pressing for action at all levels of government to mitigate this crisis and protect environmental justice communities like Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, and East Boston from the ongoing impacts of climate change. This is a racial, economic and health care justice issue and I am proud to advocate for

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critical initiatives like the Island End River Area flood resiliency project and Poplar Street Pump Station and Art Farm in Somerville come to fruition."

"In 2017, the Baker-Polito Administration created the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, which has provided over \$100 million to our partners, to advance important climate change resiliency projects in order to better protect local infrastructure and property," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. "Projects such as the recently funded Island End River Project demonstrates our focus on equity-centered, data-driven adaptation projects that will build long-term climate resilience on a regional scale."

"Climate change is creating severe and frequent natural disasters across our nation, and I am proud to have worked with my colleagues to secure funding to ensure that communities across our region are preparing for the effects of what that will look like for our area," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "This investment is critical for the well-being of our coastal communities, and it benefits the environment, workforce, our businesses, and residents. The importance of these resilience projects led by the Mystic River Watershed Association and the Resilient Mystic Collaborative is without question, and I am heartened to see so many community partners and elected officials coming together to put a plan in place to address these impacts on our cities and towns."

"Climate change doesn't care about political agendas or district lines," said Senator Patricia Jehlen. "So we have to work together--organizations, city governments, legislators and state administrators--to protect our communities from coastal flooding for years to come. I am grateful to work with colleagues to support the many stakeholders

brought together by the Resilient Mystic Collaborative. We appreciate the work of the outgoing administration and look forward to working with the next administration to fully implement these programs."

"I want to thank The Mystic River Watershed Association for bringing us all together to acknowledge the work being done on the Mystic and Island End Rivers, Amelia Earhart Dam, Chelsea Creek, and into Boston Harbor," said Representative Dan Ryan. "Collectively, we have put a stake in the ground on where our climate resiliency efforts in the Mystic Watershed should head. As we take a few minutes to celebrate the major first steps we have taken on this journey, we also reflect on the awesome amount of work that lies ahead. With our community stakeholders leading the charge, I am confident the Mystic Watershed state delegation and our federal partners in Congress are quite adept at seeing this necessary vision become a reality!"

"Among the many victories these projects have achieved, I believe collaboration is chief among them," said Representative Joseph McGonagle. "For all these offices, community groups and other entities to rally around this cause is truly incredible. I am grateful to my legislative colleagues but especially to Julie Wormser and Patrick Herren of MyRWA who have worked tirelessly to garner funds for these projects. As we see the effects of global warming and extreme weather in other parts of the country, it is absolutely essential that we do what we can to prevent such tragedies and protect our communities. We still have a lot of work to be done but I look forward to moving towards that end goal with this group."

"Through regional collaboration and collective action, we have secured over \$23 million in funding for critical investments that combat climate change in our region," said Representative

Christine Barber. "I am so proud of our work together to reduce the risk of coastal flooding, and its harmful economic, environmental, and health consequences for our communities. It is critical to meet climate change with resilience: preserving our dams, investing in projects that positively impact over 20 communities and protecting our most vulnerable from the severe impacts of rising sea level."

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"I am proud of our efforts to secure state funding commitments to make improvements to Draw 7 Park in Somerville, including a living shoreline, better storm-water management, upgrades to the Amelia Earhart Dam, and a shared-use river path," said Representative Mike Connolly. "These investments in resiliency and adaptation will be essential for our regional response to climate change and to advance the cause of Environmental Justice in our community. I look forward to continuing the work with DCR, the City of Somerville, the Mystic River Watershed Association, local residents and all concerned to see this project through to fruition."

"It's an amazing thing to see our entire Mystic delegation come together to secure this much needed funding for projects that keep us all safer from the climate crisis," said Representative Erika Uytterhoeven. "This is how government should work: using our shared resources to protect those people and places most at risk of harm. We are in this for the long haul."

"With the growing severity of major storms increasing yearly, it is only a matter of time until we are faced with a critical flooding event along the Mystic River," said Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. "Thankfully through our coordinated regional efforts with our state and federal delegation, we are able to mitigate the effects of climate change, invest in our coastal storm resiliency and work toward creating a safer, sustainable future for Medford."

"The Island End River flood resilience project will be transformative for both Everett and Chelsea," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "We are so grateful for the incredible support we've received from Congresswoman Pressley, our state legislators, and the Baker Administration to protect not only our residents and businesses, but New England's food security."

"In Cambridge, we have the resources and technical know-how to do the most thorough, best-in-class analysis to understand our vulnerabilities and the solutions that are needed to protect our community," said Iram Farooq, Cambridge Assistant City Manager. "What we've learned, though, is that the big solutions all lie outside our municipal boundaries, which is why this regional effort to work together to protect our watershed and all our communities is so valuable."

"These are huge projects," said Patrick Herron, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. "They're too big for any one community to take on by

itself. We're so proud that our elected officials and community leaders have stepped up in such a major way."

"Climate emergencies cross municipal boundaries and disproportionately impact low-income communities of color, like Chelsea and East Boston," said María Belén Power, Associate Executive Director for GreenRoots. "Continuing our work across municipalities allows us to

address the social vulnerabilities we collectively face and co create a resilient and healthy future for all of our communities."

To date, this collaborative effort has raised more than \$23 million in grants and bonding authority to support three coastal resilience projects underway in Somerville, Everett, and Chelsea. The map below shows the extent of salt water flooding from a projected 2070 "hundred-year" flood, five feet higher than the record flooding in January and March 2018. The teal area is the area that will be protected through a multiyear regional flood resilience effort led by cities and towns in the Resilient Mystic Collaborative.

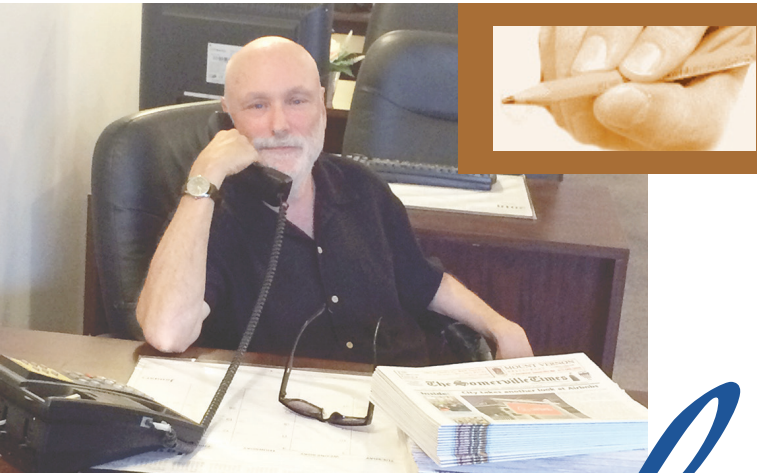
The press conference celebrated major progress made on the first three major flood pathways – including \$5.7 million in grants and \$17.5 million in bonding authority:

The Amelia Earhart Dam lies between Everett and Somerville and separates the salt water and freshwater portions of the Mystic River. Built in 1966 by the Metropolitan District Commission and now owned and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the dam currently provides significant protection from coastal flooding to seven upstream communities. In the coming 10 to 20 years, the dam is expected to overflow during major coastal storms. Storm hardening and elevating the dam to manage flooding to a projected 2070 1% storm (also referred to as a 100-year storm) is expected to cost approximately \$36 million and will substantially reduce the risk of coastal flooding to over 108,000 residents and \$60 billion in real estate value.

A \$750,000 grant to further regional coastal flood resilience planning and design, including for the dam, was awarded.

No less than \$8.5 million in state bonding authorization to provide required match for a future federal grant proposal was approved.





OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Patricia Harris –  
New England's Notable Women:  
The Stories and Sites of Trailblazers and Achievers

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Jake Tringali is a Boston poet and performance artist with nine years of experience. He focuses on the edges of society, and the intersection of technology and human endeavors. He is a certified Artist in the City of Boston.



There is Poetry in Dorchester

Waiting for my takeout egg rolls, pork fried rice. She tumbles into  
the empty restaurant, points at the picture on the wall, just above  
me. “Did you know...did you know, SIR, that THAT was Dorchester?”  
Without looking, I retort, “back then,” so she smiles; “that was my  
world. I built it!” Without ordering anything, she wets her lips and kisses  
the door on the way out. Grabbing a brown bag of the day’s sustenance,  
I leave, and glance at that picture. It is a glorious technicolor photo  
of a Chinese Buddhist temple. I brace against the cold, reach for the door,  
wet my lips.

— Jake Tringali

Patricia Harris met me at my usual spot at the Bloc11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville, to talk about her latest book *New England's Notable Women: The Stories and Sites of Trailblazers and Achievers*.

Harris is a travel-writer (who often shares her byline with her husband the writer, David Lyons) and is a seasoned food and arts reporter. Her articles have often appeared in *The Boston Globe* and elsewhere.

Harris told me that as a child, “I was always interested in Louisa May Alcott’s novel *Little Women*, and particularly the character of Jo March. March was always curious and spunky and did not fit into the restrictive conventions of her time for girls. So, it was very interesting to write about these women of the same cloth from all walks of life, and connect a vivid place or home, etc., that resonates with their lives.”

Harris visited sites of 45 notable women. She narrowed down her list to places where her readers could visit. Sometimes she wanted to include a woman, but there was just no relevant site that people could focus on. She said, “I want people to view this as an armchair book, but also as an active one – that people can refer to when they go to the sites such as The Mount or the Alcott Estate, for instance.”

I asked Harris about some of the notable women she covered. We started very locally in Cambridge, with Julia Child. Just over the Somerville line is the Cambridge-based meat and gourmet market Savor’s. Since Harris couldn’t visit the house Child lived in, (it is not open to the public) she brings the reader to Savor’s, where the iconic “French Chef” – Julia Child – was a loyal patron, getting the clarified butter, the rarefied cuts of meats and ingredients, for culinary fodder for her creations that wowed TV goers and readers alike. Child was also a denizen of the Harvest, a restaurant in Harvard Square that is still very much in operation today. According to Harris, Child was a very approachable woman, and would often engage in long conversations with pedestrians as she walked the winding streets of Cambridge.

We also touched on Alice Longfellow, of the Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters-National Historic Site on Brattle Street in Cambridge. Alice Longfellow, of course, was the daughter of Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, who once referred her to as her “Grave Alice,” in his poem *The Children’s Hour*.

According to Harris, Alice was instrumental in the renovation, and expansion of the house. She also was a George Washington aficionado and spread the legacy of the man, whose Revolutionary War Headquarters was at the Longfellow House. She also played a major role in the founding of Radcliffe College.

We also discussed Maria Mitchell, the first recognized female astronomer in the United States, who discovered the comet known as “Miss Mitchell’s” comet in 1847. She discovered the comet on the top of her house in Nantucket with

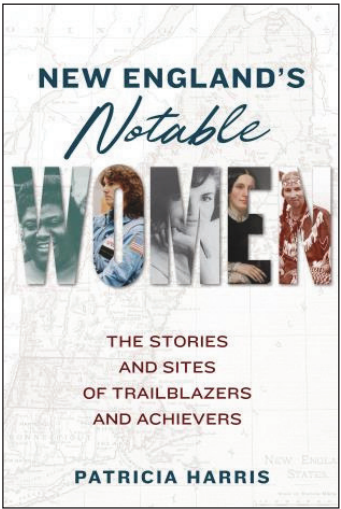
her little telescope. She later became the first professor at Vassar College and the director of the Vassar College Observatory.

Another of Harris’ favorite women was the enslaved poet Phillis Wheatley. Born in West Africa, she was sold into slavery to Bostonian John Wheatley and his family. This wealthy family educated her and she became a self-taught poet. She later became a household name in the world of poetry. Later on she left the family’s church and went on to be a member of the congregation of the Old South Meeting House in Boston.

Wheatley was an extremely pious woman and was strongly connected to her religion. Some contingents believed that the reserved Wheatley should have spoken up more about white oppression. But Harris feels that as time went on and her faith changed, the poet did speak more strongly about the injustice in society. In the 1770s Wheatley had a collection of 28 poems compiled. However, there was no support to publish it in America, so in 1773 her first collection, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, was published in London.

Harris also told me about Kathleen Moore, who was the keeper of the Black Rock Fayerweather Island Lighthouse off the coast of Bridgeport, Connecticut. She held this position for over a half a century (she took over duties at age 12), and was responsible for saving many lives. She reportedly said that at times there were 3 or 4 shipwrecks a night. She was responsible not only to maintain the lighthouse, but to nurse shipwrecked sailors back to life. Unfortunately, she died in obscurity in an unmarked grave.

I asked Harris if she considered herself a feminist and she replied with a wry smile, “I am all about women’s empowerment.” And indeed, these stories and places, with a generous amount of illustrations and photography, are a testament to empowered women.



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