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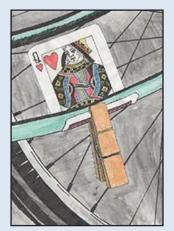


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A multi-family home in the Davis Square area has a "FOR RENT" sign in its window.

— Photo by Melina Nguyen

By Melina Nguyen

As prices for rentals and homes for sale rise, Somerville residents worry more expensive housing will lead to dramatic demographic changes. The concern is shared by the Somerville mayoral candidates who've detailed their plans to combat the housing crisis on the campaign trail.

"I first ran for City Council because I was tired of having to move year-after-year due to rising rents and wanted to do something about it," said Will Mbah via email. "When I joined the City Council, I wanted to do something for residents like me who did not have peace of mind about their living situation."

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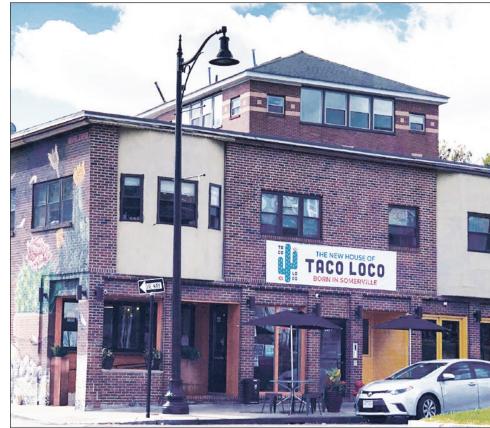
Taco Loco: An East Somerville staple

By Sophia Oliveira

There's always that one restaurant that incites a warm, comforting feeling inside. A spot that feels like home, because it is home to you. A place that you always find yourself coming back to, even without realizing it. For me, that place is Taco Loco Mexican Grill.

Located on Broadway in East Somerville, Taco Loco has been serving guests since the mid-90s, although not always from the location it's at now. The original Taco Loco was right next door to its current location, now just flat land that's been demolished to make way for some-

Taco Loco's old location was simple, with a few stools across from the counter and a small basement with more seating inside. The basement was lined with decorative hot sauce bottles and had a small TV in the corner playing whatever sports game was on at the time. The space may not seem like much, but it was enough for me because it was where my father and I would go to eat together.



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- Photos by Sophia Oliveira





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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, and the Union Square Community Design Team invite you to a virtual public meeting to share updates on the Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Redesign project. This transformative public space and infrastructure project will reimagine the Union Square Plaza and adjoining streetscapes to better serve the community. Over the summer, the Community Design Team launched a research and engagement campaign and collected feedback from more than 800 people. This meeting will summarize key findings from the community outreach process thus far and present preliminary design possibilities for the future Union Square. Meeting attendees will be able to ask questions and provide input. The presentation will also be posted on the project website after the meeting, along with additional opportunities to share feedback. The meeting will take place Wednesday, October 20, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. To learn more about the project and register to attend, visit somervillema.gov/UnionSqRedesign.

The Somerville Council on Aging is holding Nutrition Classes, in-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at their Ralph and Jenny Center, located at 9 New Washington Street and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at their Holland Street Center, located at 167 Holland Street. Virtual classes are offered Continued on page 9

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 20 – October 26 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday October 20	Partly Cloudy	71°/54°	4%	3%	WNW 12 mph
A	Thursday October 21	Partly Cloudy	76°/62°	6%	5%	SW 11 mph
Č	Friday October 22	Partly Cloudy	71°/49°	13%	8%	W 13 mph
•	Saturday October 23	Rain	60°/44°	39%	32%	N 9 mph
*	Sunday October 24	Sunny	57°/42°	10%	7%	WNW 12 mph
C	Monday October 25	Partly Cloudy	55°/41°	22%	16%	NW 11 mph
	Tuesday October 26	Partly Cloudy	56°/43°	21%	15%	NNE 12 mph

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 Police Department, Middlesex Sheriff's Office holding gun buyback day, October 16

DatGruntled says:

So, some airsoft, some really old junk pieces and two collectable pieces that, if all matching, could have got the person 10 times as much at an FFL.

Such a waste seeing collectable pieces of history melted down.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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On Somerville's November 2nd Ballot: Abolish the Somerville Police Department – Yes or No?

Should we abolish the Somerville Police Department? The answer to this question should be next to every candidate's name on this year's Somerville ballot.

The slogan "defund the police" means many things. But the repeated message from the Democratic Socialists of America-Boston (DSA), candidates for office in Somerville is clear: the outright abolition of the Somerville Police Department.

The political organization Our Revolution Somerville (ORS) has many members who are also members of DSA-Boston. In a recent questionnaire for the candidates seeking the ORS endorsement, every DSA candidate affirmed their commitment to abolishing



our police department. They committed to a 65 percent, or more, cut in the police budget. Most candidates have since removed this commitment from their campaign literature. Don't be fooled. They have never refuted their stated efforts to use the Somerville City Council to abolish our police department.

In June of 2020, the existing City Council cut the police department by 13 percent in response to immense pressure from activists. Since then police staff have been working forced overtime shifts to perform our community's needed safety duties. Yet, the DSA activists, including the Somerville DSA candidates for ward and at-large councilors, think this cut did not go far enough. When their demands were not met they demanded that the City Council reject the entire city budget in protest. It is grossly irresponsible and reckless to expect the City Council to reject a budget that includes not only policing, but DPW, the Fire Department, the Somerville Public School system and every city department and function. Talk about the far right Republican strategy of "starve the beast." Because their unrealistic, irresponsible and reckless demand was not realized, the DSA activists now want to prevent the appointment of Somerville's next Chief of Police. This attitude is exactly why we currently don't have a permanent chief. If the police are to exist, then the city should hire the most forward thinking, progressive and reform minded chief possible. Refusing to allow the city to move forward on this hiring process guarantees that reform will not happen. Preventing the hiring of a new police chief only makes sense if the goal is to abolish the Somerville Police Department.

National and statewide polling clearly indicates a growing lack of support for defunding the police. And an absolute rejection for abolition. A recent USA Today poll shows that only 28 percent of Black people and 34 percent of Democrats support defunding local police departments. Even fewer support abolition.

I think this speaks volumes about this DSA initiative. The abolition/defund till it's gone DSA policy is punitive and driven by ideology instead of reality.

The 2021 Somerville municipal election is not about supporting police. It is about supporting and protecting the many people in our community who need the police: people of color, gay/queer and straight, young and old, rich and less affluent, caregivers and their kids, businesses, and the many victims of hate and violent crimes. The DSA candidates have proven through their actions and words that they have no regard for the people they claim to represent. What does matter to the DSA candidates is winning Somerville, the Council and the Mayor's office, to further the "abolish the police movement" that they have appointed themselves the leaders of while excluding everyone else, including the many people who want true change in Somerville policing.

When you vote this year, please let the DSA candidates know that they cannot use our city as a battlefield for their divisive agenda.

Joe Lynch – Former Ward 5 Democratic City Committee Chair

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Somerville Mayor, Joe Curtatone Endorses Tracey Leah Pratt for Councilor at Large

"Tracey Pratt would bring a vital perspective to the City Council. As a teacher, an advocate, and a community organizer, she understands that systemic problems require bold, multifaceted solutions. Her dedication to equity and anti-racism work has made her a valuable asset to the community, and I am excited to see how she will continue to make Somerville a better place as our City Councilor."



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By Jim Clark

Shoplifter hooked on video games

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Target store on Somerville Ave. last Thursday on reports of a shoplifter.

As the officers approached the store, they were informed by police dispatch that the suspect had just stolen from and then left the store.

The store's Asset Protection agent stated that the suspect was a frequent shoplifter, who hits them quickly then heads to Sullivan Station. Units re-

sponded within minutes to Target but could not find the man in question.

Eventually, a man matching the suspect's description was spotted on Washington St. by officers as they made their way toward the location of Sullivan Station.

The officers stopped the man, later identified as Alexis Rodriguez-Perez, and asked him if he was inside the Target store, to which he reportedly

replied "Yes."

They then asked him to remove any items from inside his bag that he did not pay for or have a receipt for. Rodriguez-Perez removed three hard plastic security cases containing a Nintendo Switch joy Controllers. He also reportedly had two clear bags inside his duffle bag which contained three more Nintendo Switch Controllers, and a second bag contained three PS5 games and one PS4 game. Three

of the video games were the same game for the same system.

As the officers radioed to confirm Rodriguez-Perez's identity, he reportedly began to reach into the back of his pants to hide an object. He was told to stop but continued, according to reports.

Rodriguez-Perez was then placed into handcuffs behind his back and searched, as the items he was trying to hide turned out to be used needles and other drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, Rodriguez-Perez has shoplifted at Target a total of 35 times and has racked up a running total of \$9,702.65 in lost merchandise.

There was video footage of the day's events as well as photos that will be added to the evidence against Rodriguez-Perez.

Based off of the above-mentioned information, Rodriguez-Perez was placed under arrest and transported to the police station for booking.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

Help Keep Somerville Safe!

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Nicholas Evans, of Hyde Park, October 13, 9:24 a.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of receiving a stolen credit card, receiving stolen property under \$1200, possession of a burglarious instrument, felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, trespassing, and attempt to commit a crime. Alexis Rodriguez-Perez, October 14, 6:43 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny by check under \$1200.

Rosa Ramos, October 15, 9:21 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

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Somerville's housing affordability crisis concerns its residents CONT. FROM PG 1

in Somerville. His housing policy focuses on extending the eviction moratorium, relying on rent control to help with high prices and "increasing the affordable housing requirement for large development projects to 25 percent," according to Mbah and his campaign website.

"I did not wait until I ran for mayor to take this pledge [to not accept contributions from real estate developers]," said Mbah. "I have always done it because it is what I believe is right and I am the only candidate in this race that can say that."

Rick Nilsson, the Communication Coordinator for Katjana Ballantyne, another candidate for mayor, explained how Ballantyne's direct experience with affordable housing and non-profit organizations has propelled her mayoral campaign.

"The experience of actually working to build actual affordable housing qualifies her to understand how challenging that can be, what the hurdles are, what the market conditions need to be in order to get these

projects to happen," said Nilsson who's also Ballantyne's husband.

Ballantyne was the Board President of Somerville Community Corporation for over a decade and Project Director for Workforce Development for the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, which both aided in jobs access and affordable housing for qualified residents.

Over a third of Somerville households spend more than 30% of their income on rent or mortgage payments, according to a Somerville housing needs assessment released in 2015. That helps explain why the city's longtime residents have faced frustration with housing for years. Then, the pandemic renewed a sense of urgency around affordable housing issues.

While COVID ushered in an initial decrease in rental prices and an increase in vacancy rates due to the absence of in-person university students and residents moving to less urban areas, the trend reversed as the pandemic stretched on.

"The Somerville rental market has returned to where it was pre-pandemic," said Ellen Shachter, the director of the Office of Housing Stability. "[It's] one that is extremely difficult for tenants of low and moderate income, even if they have a housing subsidy to help them pay their rent."

With two-thirds of housing units in Somerville being renter-occupied, according to the OSPCD report, residents have relied on government assistance such as the Section 8 voucher and rental assistance funds.

In addition to difficulties finding affordable places to rent, higher home prices also present a hurdle for Somerville residents.

"Housing sales prices have skyrocketed even during the COVID pandemic, which was unanticipated," said Shachter. "It has remained a brutal sellers' market."

In June 2021, the median price for a single-family home in Somerville was \$578,500, an increase of 27.1%, and con-

dominium prices rose by 25% to \$500,000 as compared to June 2020 sales, according to the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

However, Shachter stressed that the extension of Somerville's eviction moratorium and the revised ordinance on condominium conversions have been put in place to help residents in need of affordable housing.

Earlier this month, the Board of Health and Mayor Joe Curtatone passed an emergency order extending the eviction moratorium in the city until April 30 of next year. The order addressed the public health crisis of COVID-19 in terms of eviction.

"What it does do is say that landlords cannot render people homeless during the COVID crisis," said Shachter. "The data is 100% clear that the transmission rates of COVID and death from COVID are significantly increased when people are evicted."

The updated Condominium

Conversion Ordinance "primarily provides protection to tenants facing displacement as a result

of conversion to condominium units," according to the Somerville government website. It also aids new homeowners who want to own homes in Somerville.

Aislinn Cannistraro, a 20-yearold Spring Hill resident, worries about the growing presence of condominiums. "I just hope that... there aren't a ton of new condos developing," said Cannistraro. "There already are a ton being made, but I don't want Somerville to be 'Condoland."

In a city experiencing significant economic growth and development, Somerville's residents stand at a crossroads between the city's quirky, intimate vibe and looming increases in population and density.

Jeanne Aiello, a retired Somerville resident, reflected on the changes within her own neighborhood in awe.

"I don't even know how people who have moved into my neighborhood recently afford their mortgage," said Aiello. "Definitely have to have more than one income, or you have to be a trust fund baby or something."

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Street games



Last week's Porchfest, with huge numbers of people crowding the streets, brought back memories of when I was a kid and played in the neighborhoods. There were kids everywhere. Most streets were twoway back in the 60's and 70's. We played games like buck buck and Relieve E O.

I posed the question, what games and activities do you recall playing outside with the other neighborhood kids in the 60's and 70's? Not counted are walking while looking at your phone while listening to music!

We see basketball hoops on some low traffic streets. There are also hockey nets on a few streets.

Here are some responses from our fellow Somerville folks:

"Red light green light and dodge ball!"

"All those songs we sang as we jumped rope, drawing our dream houses on the ground at Burns School in chalk. Hilow, medium wavy, walkie talkie blindsies pepper ... red light, green light, so many."

"MI - SS - I - SS - I with a double P - I."

"4 corners."

"Simon says, hide and seek." "Tag."

"Building go-carts out of doll carriage wheels and scrap wood with you and Joey and riding them down the hill of Hall Ave. No helmets. Good times!"

"Red rover, rattlesnake, dodge ball, hop scotch, jump rope, tag, jacks so lucky to have been a child when I was!"

"Stickball at the old post office (now the parking office) and also at the Powder House School schoolyard."

"Whiffle ball down at MW Carr. Basketball at the Western Jr. High School"

"Wiffle ball."

"Street hockey."

"Red Rover, dodge ball, hide and seek, hop scotch, Jax and, as a teen, cards (whist) at the park."

"Statue man, hide the belt, Chinese jump rope, 4 square, kick the can."

"Basketball at Trum field. We were all short girls but we loved playing hoops."

"Pitching pennies."

"Jump rope. Marbles Jack's hope scotch"

"Street baseball with a rubber ball and a broom handle for a bat. The door handle of two cars were 1st and 3rd base. Chalk on the street were Home and 2nd base."

"So many, red rover, buck buck, how many fingers do I have up, dodge ball, baseball, jacks, tag, jump rope, hopscotch endless."

"Hitties out, relievio, stickball and half ball, kick the can, touch football."

"Little League baseball and Pop Warner football."

"Making necklaces out of gum wrappers, makings fortune tellers with folded paper with numbers and colors."

"Also putting holes thru chestnuts and feeding twine thru. Having wars to see whose would fall apart first."

"And of course, catching flying grasshoppers and fireflies."

"Kick ball."

"Putting playing cards and balloons in the spokes of our bikes to make a motor sound."

Along with joggers, walkers, and bicyclists we now see many parents with kids especially pushing baby carriages. Could it be that our new Somerville will see more and more kids taking the streets back? In closing, I wish we could establish the correct spelling of Relieve





LEGAL NOTICES

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OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

In City Council The Board of Elections Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Council for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

WARD ONE

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street:

Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street; Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street;

WARD TWO

Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;

WARD THREE

Precinct 1. A room PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 Warren Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;

Precinct 3. Gym at St. Catherine's Church; 179 Summer St;

WARD FOUR

Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

WARD FIVE

Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;

<u>Precinct 2</u>. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue; Precinct 3. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;

Precinct 1. A room in The George Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St;

Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue

Precinct 3. A room in the WEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 40 College Avenue;

Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street:

Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, Raymond Avenue Entrance directly across from

17 Raymond Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMEBER 2, 2021

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:

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Yes

Yes

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from recent House and Senate sessions. There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week.

REPEAL \$250 ASSET LIMIT (H 4011)

House 130-29, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of a bill that would repeal a current law that prohibits anyone with assets of more than \$250 from being eligible for Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC). This program provides cash and medical assistance to certain categories of needy individuals in Massachusetts, including the physically or mentally disabled, aged 65 or older or caring for a disabled individual who would otherwise be institutionalized.

In his veto message, Baker said that he supports aligning the asset limit for the program with the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program asset limit which is currently \$2,000. "I prefer this alternative to eliminating the asset test completely, as EAEDC is generally designed to provide a bridge to individuals waiting for an eligibility determination from the SSI program. I look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Legislature to develop a policy that is in alignment with relevant federal policies and ensures that these benefits are available for individuals and families in highest need."

Supporters of repealing the \$250 limit said potential recipients are already facing economic hardship and should not be required to spend down a small amount of money in a savings account in order to qualify for this vital assistance. They argued it makes no sense to require recipients to spend down savings that could be used to pay their regular expenses and other important bills.

(A"Yes" vote is for repealing the \$250 asset limit. A"No" vote is for keeping the \$250 limit.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

STUDY POVERTY IN MASSACHUSETTS (H 4016)

House 131-28, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of a bill that establishes a 29-member special commission to investigate and recommend methods for reducing poverty in Massachusetts over the next 10 years and expanding opportunity for people with low incomes. The commission would include ten members of the governor's cabinet and other executive branch commissioners.

The governor supported reducing the commission from 29 members to 20 members. "I strongly support the aim of this commission," said the governor is his veto message. "However, in my view, to streamline the efforts of the commission and permit the meaningful participation of all members, it is necessary to modify its composition, retaining the position reserved for the Secretary of Health and Human Services and otherwise removing additional representation from the Executive Branch. Without these amendments, I do not support the proposal."

Supporters of the bill said the 29-member commission will ensure input from a variety of experts with experience in many areas. They noted the commission will make recommendations that will help to reduce poverty in the Bay State over the next ten years.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

48-HOUR NOTICE PRIOR TO PROCESSING

Rep. Christine Barber

Rep. Mike Connolly

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS (S 2545) Senate 38-0, approved an amendment that would require cities and towns to post a 48-hour notice prior to the processing of mail-in and absentee ballots and to inform the public that they are welcome to come to the polling place and observe the processing and counting.

"This amendment creates an additional level of transparency paramount to improving the public's trust in the election process," said sponsor Sen Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "The public will be able to hold election officials accountable through this opportunity to oversee the processing of mail-in ballots which must be publicly posted 48 hours prior to said processing. The unanimous vote in the Senate to support this amendment is a clear indicator that this is a necessary step to increase transparency and will help maintain and restore the public's trust in the process."

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF THE SEAT BELT LAW (S 1591) – The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a virtual hearing on a measure that would allow police officers to issue tickets for seat belt violations even if the driver is not first stopped for another violation as required under current law. Other provisions prevent officers from searching the vehicle or occupants solely because of the seat belt violation and prohibit a seat belt violation from resulting in a surcharge on motor vehicle insurance premiums.

The fine for drivers and passengers over the age of 16 who violate the law would be increased from \$25 to \$50. The current additional \$25 fine on the driver for each passenger between the ages of 12 and 16 who is not wearing a seatbelt would also rise to \$50.

"A seatbelt saved my life," said Sen. Paul Feeney, (D-Foxborough). "When I was 21 years old, I was driving in the car with my high school sweetheart, now wife, when I was blindsided and our car started to flip out of control. I have no doubt that wearing a seatbelt that day saved our lives. The evidence is clear: the likelihood of severe injuries and fatalities drops significantly when people buckle up, yet data shows that Massachusetts lags the nation in seatbelt usage. If we can, through carefully crafted legislation, encourage seatbelt use to save lives as it did mine, then we're making a difference in the commonwealth. We should pass this law to save lives and include a data collection provision to ensure that it is applied evenly and without bias."

"Advocates for both the first state mandatory seat belt law that we repealed in 1986 and the current one re-imposed in 1994, promised it would be enforced only after being stopped for another violation, never 'primary enforcement," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation and former director of Freedom First which led both repeal referendum drives. "The safety zealots never give in and are never satisfied with half a loaf. They won't relent until they have it all and then some. If primary enforcement becomes law their

next pursuit will be to impose an insurance surcharge for violators, always the endgame—mark my word."

PROMOTE EQUITY IN AGRICULTURE (S 502)

– The Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee held a virtual hearing on legislation that would create a 15-member Commission on Agricultural Equity to study and make recommendations for supporting racially equitable investments, policies and practices to promote equity in agriculture in the Bay State.

"While people of color make up some 29 percent of the state's population, they steward just .3 percent of farmland and contribute just .4 percent of the market value of agricultural goods in Massachusetts," said sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). "This bill would point the way for the commonwealth to take effective action to truly support farmers with diverse backgrounds and dismantle institutions that perpetuate racism in this key sector of our economy."

SAFE DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS (H S 580/H 906) – Two more proposals heard by the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture would mandate at least annual testing of drinking water in schools and early childcare centers across the state. The bills would establish the actions, including the immediate shut-off of outlets with elevated levels of lead, that must be taken by the school

or childcare center to remedy a situation in which there

are excessive lead levels.

"When kids go to school, their brains should be stimulated by learning not poisoned by lead," said House sponsor Rep Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead), "We know that lead is a potent neurotoxin with long lasting effects and we know how to get it out of the drinking water, so it's time to act."

"Everyone should have access to clean, safe drinking water—especially our kids, whose health is most at risk from lead pollution," said Ben Hellerstein, State Director for Environment Massachusetts. "With thousands of tests showing lead in Massachusetts' schools, we can't afford to waste any time to protect children from this clear health threat."

ALLOW AMBULANCES TO BE USED FOR INJURED POLICE DOGS (S 1606) – The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee has recommended passage of legislation that would require EMS personnel to provide emergency treatment to a police dog and use an ambulance to transport the dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic or veterinary hospital if there are not people requiring emergency medical treatment or transport at that time.

Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) first filed the bill in 2019 following the tragic death of Yarmouth Police Sergeant Sean Gannon who was shot and killed in the line of duty. His K-9 partner Nero was severely injured and had to be rushed to the animal hospital in the back of a police cruiser. Nero survived. Montigny also cites the heartbreaking loss of the beloved K9 Kitt of the Braintree Police Department.

"K-9 officers like Nero and Kitt make tremendous sacrifices to keep law enforcement officers and the community at-large safe," said Montigny. "There is absolutely no reason why this legislation should not pass immediately. These officers deserve the very best care we can possibly afford."

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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JAYWALKING (H 3470) - The Transportation Committee held a virtual hearing on legislation that would allow cities and towns to raise the current statewide fines for jaywalking which are \$1 for a first, second and third offense and \$2 for fourth and subsequent offenses. The proposal would allow communities to raise the fines to \$25 for a first offense; \$50 for a second offense; and \$100 for a third or subsequent offense. The fines would be hiked even higher if the violation occurs while the person is using a mobile devor wearing earbuds or headphones—to \$50 for a first offense; \$100 for a second offense and \$200 for a third or subsequent offense.

"The ... bill was filed due to the experiences many in my district have had driving through the City of Lowell on the roadways that cut across the campuses of University of Massachusetts at Lowell," said sponsor Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut). "Despite flashing lighted crosswalks, some students cross wherever they want. Many are not paying attention as they are talking on their phones or listening to music with headphones. We would like these college students to pay attention and cross where they are supposed to so they remain safe and the drivers don't hit them and become liable for their injuries. This is just one example of why an increase in the jaywalking fine is important."

"The bill does not increase safety," testified WalkBoston Deputy Director Brendan Kearney."It increases fines ... Electronic devices in the hands of walkers were a factor in just 25 of 23,240 pedestrian deaths in the U.S. over a five-year period ... There are real equity concerns around jaywalking laws and it's bound to lead to biased enforcement." He cited statistics that he said showed that 89 percent of people issued jaywalking citations in New York last year were Black and Brown."

FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH (H 3999) - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would require schools in which a majority of students come from low-income families to provide universal free breakfast and lunch to all students. The program would be paid for by the federal government.

The legislation also abolishes policies which can shame students for having unpaid school meal debt. It prohibits schools from publicly identifying a student who has a meal debt; disposing of an already served meal because of the student's lack of funds to pay for the meal or because of unresolved meal debt; denying a student a meal as a form of behavioral discipline or punishment; prohibiting a student or a sibling of a student from attending or participating in extracurricular activities, field trips or school events and from receiving grades, official transcripts, report cards or from graduating or attending graduation events solely because of unresolved meal debt.

"The increase in hunger is particularly dangerous for the commonwealth's children," said Senate sponsor Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). "Food insecurity has a negative effect not only on a child's day-to-day life, but also lasting effects on a child's health, long-term development and ability to succeed in school ... It's time to bring an end to these unconscionable methods of shaming children whose families cannot afford school meals. Children should not be going hungry in Massachusetts, and they should not be penalized for their family's poverty."

"No child should be made to feel uncomfortable at school because their family is unable to afford a school lunch," said Executive Director Georgia Katsoulomitis of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. "This new law will ensure that more children have access to free lunches at school and will put limits on how meal debt is collected."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"This legislation includes an historic, once-in-a-generation \$750 million investment to spur the next phase of clean energy innovation and will help advance critical priorities in the offshore wind industry by making key policy changes to the procurement process, lifting the price cap on project proposals and transferring authority for selecting bids to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. Continued on page 20

Treasury Department Launches **Online Self-Service Tool**

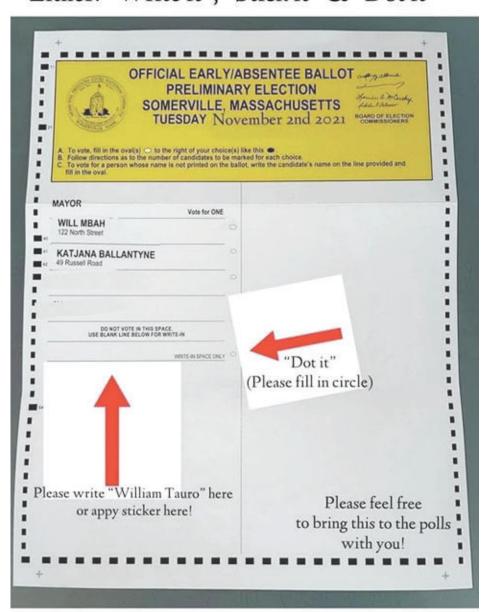
The City of Somerville's Treasury Department launched Citizen Self-Service (CSS), an online tool that allows residents to look up and access bill information. Residents can now view real estate tax bills, water and sewer bills, and personal property tax bills online, in real time, 24/7. CSS also allows residents to see official City records and check their payment history directly, and it links to City Hall Systems, the City's online payment vendor, enabling easy payment access that is safe, secure, and free of charge if a checking account is used as the payment method.

To use CSS, visit <u>somervillema.gov/treasury</u>.

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COMMENTARY

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Who to support in the At-Large races?



By Ken Brociner

There are eight candidates running for the four At-Large seats on the Somerville City Council. For most people in town, trying to figure out who to vote for on Nov. 2 isn't going to be an easy task. With that in mind, I'm going to offer my own views on each of the candidates in the hope that it might help you think through which four would most effectively guide our city in the years ahead.

I'll start with the four candidates who I believe are the most qualified to represent all 80,000 or so residents of our city.

Kristen Strezo is the only incumbent At-Large Councilor running for re-election, and based on her year and a half of outstanding service on the Council, we would all benefit by granting her two more years to forcefully speak up for the rights of women, working people, and the most marginalized members of our community. Her list of endorsements is too long to enumerate here but it includes Ayanna Pressley, Joe Curtatone, the Greater Boston Labor Council, and the Mass. Women's Political Caucus.

Justin Klekota has so many impressive credentials that it's hard to keep track of all of them. For example, Justin was instrumental in putting together the resolution that became a key part Mass. State Gov't and the City city hall.

of Somerville.

Klekota is a longtime resident of Somerville who has not only been active in progressive politics on a local level, he has also been an outspoken leader in the larger LBGTQ community. As if that wasn't enough, Justin is also Somerville's representative on the Democratic State Committee. In that capacity, he's done his best to make sure that progressive views are always incorporated into the DSC's ongoing work. Of the many professional hats that Klekota wears, perhaps none is more important than being a researcher in the fields of fighting breast and early childhood cancer and developing new vaccines against influenza.

Justin's been endorsed by City Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti, School Committee members Carrie Normand and Ilana Krepchin, the LBGTQ Victory Fund, the Somerville Fire Fighters Association and several other local organizations.

Tracey Leah Pratt's campaign was turned upside down by a serious health emergency that put her out of action from the end of July until the beginning of October. Fortunately, she's fine now and is in the process of giving it her all to win one of the four At-Large seats on the Council.

Matt McLaughlin, who, by all accounts is one of the most progressive and effective members of the City Council, had this to say about Tracey:

If I can convince people to vote for only one person it would be Tracey Leah Pratt. I'm not supporting her because she would be the first African American woman to serve on the City Council, or because our ideals are perfectly aligned on every single issue.

Tracey is not a politician. She is an educator both professionally and in everyday life. While some people attach their names to groups or causes for personal gain, Tracey creates groups and advocates for causes in a way that is inclusive and rooted in compassion. She helped form the group Just Us Somerville to represent people of color who felt their voices were being co-opted by people who want to use the movement for their own self gain. She served as the Ward 1 Democratic Committee chair and helped select the city's first Race and Social Justice Director.

Jake Wilson's campaign has

also been slow in getting up to full speed. The reason for this speaks volumes about the kind of person Jake is. He was so focused on making sure that Somerville Youth Soccer was going to continue on a solid foundation after he passed on its leadership to someone else that for several months he just didn't have the time to go all out in his bid for the City Council. Wilson's deep and long-standing commitment to many hundreds of kids and their families throughout our community has been widely known for quite some time. But now that he feels that Somerville Youth Soccer is in good hands, he is out there knocking on as many doors as he can before Nov 2.

Jake is a pragmatic progressive who considers himself an independent socialist who, interestingly, is not aligned with the Democratic Socialists of America. I think he'd make a wonderful addition to the City Council

Virginia Hussey's life story is truly compelling. She is a combat veteran of the war in Iraq of Somerville who has coached youth sports and has given back to the community in other ways as well. But when it comes to her political views and judgment, her support of William "Stop the Steal" Tauro raises more than a few questions about her suitability to serve on the City Council.

Three of the candidates running for At-Large seats are running as a slate which they are calling "Somerville For All." Eve Seitchick, Willie Burnley Jr., and Charlotte Kelley have identical positions on all of the issues - all of which just so happen to correspond to the positions taken by the Boston chapter of the Democratic Socialist of America (DSA).

On most issues, their stands are solidly progressive. However, they seem to be unaware of the fact that Somerville's current City Council has either proposed or already passed many of the plans that DSA has been campaigning on.

Eve, Willie, and Charlotte all sincerely (and naively) believe that they represent the cutting edge of a new movement in the United States which is being led by DSA. As someone who has been active on the American Left for the last 50 years, I am very familiar with this mindset.

All three of them are young and relatively new to left-wing politics. The way I see it, their zealous attachment to their newfound ideology and organizational affiliation is not terribly different from converts to a new

Another trait they all share is that they see the world in such oversimplified ways that they have convinced themselves that the majority of Americans will of the Green New Deal that I'm supporting her because I tru- who faced homelessness when eventually see the light and come has been enacted by both the ly believe her voice is needed at she returned. She's a single around to their way of thinking mother and a lifelong resident regardless of how extreme some

of their views may be.

For example, all of them support the "abolish the police movement." Apparently, it doesn't bother them (if they have given any serious thought to it to begin with) that Somervillians who live in the neighborhoods with the highest crime rates see this "movement" as nothing more than a cruel joke.

On some level, though, "The Somerville For All" slate has figured out that their advocacy of abolishing the police would probably not go over well with the overwhelming majority of people in Somerville. So what did they do? Hide it from the voters. Check out their campaign websites and literature their support of abolishing the police is nowhere to be found.

Same with their explicitly stated goal of making Somerville "the first city in the history of New England to have a socialist majority on the city council." Putting aside how most Somervillians may feel about this, the plain fact is that the "Somerville For All" slate has decided to keep one of their key goals from ... the people of Somerville! You certainly won't find it on any of their websites or in any of their literature.

What I find to be most galling about all of this is how often these three candidates proclaim their commitment to political "transparency." Perhaps they themselves are unable to see it, but rather than "transparency" a more appropriate word for this strategy would be "deception."

Ken Brociner has lived in Somerville since 1975. His essays, columns, and reviews have appeared in Dissent, In These Times, the Boston Phoenix, and the Somerville Journal, among other publications.

Brickbottom vision planning virtual open house

Join the City of Somerville Planning team and fellow community members for a second workshop on imagining the future of the Brickbottom neighborhood. During this interactive workshop, participants can share their ideas and provide feedback on draft materials that came out of the first workshop held in April. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Brickbottom was identified as an area to transform in SomerVision 2040, the city's community-driven comprehensive plan, so there are opportunities to create new possibilities for housing, civic spaces, commercial development, and the arts. You can register for the meeting and learn more about Brickbottom planning at voice.somervillema.gov/brick. This meeting will also be recorded and shared on the city's YouTube channel, youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV.

For questions, please contact Victor Nascimento at vnascimento@somervillema.gov.

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times

Happy Halloween, Somerville!



For some of us it feels like forever since we've shaken off the cares and concerns that seem to be bearing down so heavily as we deal with the stress and concerns of dealing with the COVID pandemic, and then there is also the tension that accompanies yet another political season.

The local election is just around the corner, and the national mis-term election is coming up next year. The balance of power nationwide will be in play, and more than ever it seems as though so much will be at stake in that particular election cycle, no matter which side we align with.

But first comes an old friendly tradition: the celebration of Halloween. We are treated to the sights and sounds of kids dressing up and role playing, going doorto-door gather their sweets, and just plain having fun in the doing.

Grown-ups have their celebration traditions too. Maybe it would be smart to cut loose a little bit this time around – safely, of course. Let out a little steam and spend at least one day when we don't quite take the world as seriously as we normally do. Somehow it seems like this just might be what we all need.

So, take this advice and join in with the kids a little. Wear a silly costume. Cut

loose at a festive party. Be a kid again yourself, if only for this one day.

So far, it looks like the guidance concerning COVID-19 protection will allow us to participate in the festivities again this year.

So, let's consider uniting for once, in the name of good clean fun. It couldn't hurt, and it just might ease a few of those unwanted tensions.

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Mondays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. New and returning members are welcome. To RSVP please call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofitness10@yahoo.com. Masks are required.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to former writer for The Times, Harry Kane. We wish 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, who grew up in East Somerville and is well known as someone who loves the city. A special 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.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Commission for Women, and RESPOND Inc. invite residents to join them for the annual Domestic Violence Vigil on Tuesday, October 26, to remember and honor those who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2021. The vigil will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Statue Park in

Davis Square.

The **Somerville Museum** is looking for an independent contractor to support the museum's facilities on a part-time basis. Part-time (average 4 hours/week). This position should be available for on-call building requirements (evenings and/or weekends as required). It may be necessary to respond to off-hours emergencies one or two times per year. This position should also be familiar with building heating, mechanical, or electrical systems. The Somerville Museum building, built in 1924, at One Westwood Road, Somerville has been recently renovated with a new elevator and redesigned basement layout. To apply please email cover letter, resume, and reference list to info@somervillemuseum.org. Please use "Facilities Assistant" in the subject line.

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Ensuring an equitable and prosperous recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is the city's top priority. To do that, your help is needed. Get involved today to help set the city's priorities for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. To get the conversation started, please join us for a Virtual Forum on ARPA Funding on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. To learn more about ARPA

in Somerville, visit our project website at somervillema.gov/ARPA. In the future, you can sign up for updates, register for forums and engagement events, learn more about ARPA, and take the ARPA spending survey. Join online, call in from any phone, or livestream. Visit somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall at the start time of the meeting for the online link or the call-in number. Or, call 311 (617-666- 3311) for the meeting call-in number. Closed captioning in English and interpretation into Spanish will be provided. Other Questions? Please reach out to: Erica Satin-Hernandez, ARPA Specialist at eshernandez@somervillema.gov. *********

The final SomerStreets event of 2021, Monster Mashed Up!, presented by Parkour Generations Boston and the Somerville Arts Council, will take place on Sunday, October 31 (rain date November 7) from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. outside of Union Square on Somerville Ave. between Hawkins St. to Park Ave. Get ready for two stages of music. One stage will be a partnership with School of Rock and another stage curated by "PorchFest Staff Picks!" There will Continued on page 15 also be spooktacular

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- 2. James Cromwell become an ethical vegan after his role in what movie?
- 8. What nation do the Clysdale horses come from?
- 3. What is the maximum number of points for an official badminton game?
- 9. Where was the site of the first stock exchange in 1790?
- 4. What is the capital of Bangladesh?
- 10. What cosmetic are fish scales often used for?
- 5. Where was Al Pacino, known for his role in *The Godfather* movies, born?
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- 2. There are over 70,000 types of spiders spinning their webs in the world.

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- 13. Fire-starter in fairy tales
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Urban Design Commission considers Elm St. plans

By Eileen Qiu

A seemingly routine Urban Design Commission meeting turned tense as member Frank Valdes and presenter Mouhab Rizkallah disagreed on plans to reinvent the corner of 15 Elm St. in Somerville.

Valdes said he could not review Rizkallah's plan because it is not Architectural Access Board Compliant, and he would have liked to see more concrete plans from an actual architect.

"You're asking us to imagine something, and I cannot approve an imagination," Valdes said.

Rizkallah said he would like feedback on the lower area of his design plan and maybe that of the material of the building or windows.

They went back and forth Valdes called Rizkallah's presentation a waste of time. In response, Rizkallah said it was a waste of his time for the Commission to not look at his plans and veer off to AAB compliance. Each applicant had 20 minutes to present their visions, but Rizkallah went past that by two minutes.

"This is what I want to build. You can't say this isn't what I want to build. Have I run out of time here? I feel like I've been listening to people but I'd like to use my time," Rizkallah said.

Where the points of entry are in the residential section of his plan would be useful in creating a more cohesive presentation, said Chair of the Design Review Committee Deborah Fennick.



L to R: 15 and 15a Elm St.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

Member Tim Talun said he does not understand what the plan is right now, and it would be helpful to understand what is existing and what is remaining in the piece of land.

Andrew Arbaugh said he agreed with Valdes and the Committee unanimously voted for Rizkallah to come back at the next meeting with an updated plan.

Other plans reviewed included returning presentations for a lab building with commercial office space on the crossroads of Elm St. and Grove St. and 495 Columbia St.

Challenges the lab building faces include traffic zones, but Bret Bentson from Utile design said his plans have considered people who want to drive and park and shop in the neighborhood.

Valdes was concerned about cultivating a traffic heavy environment in a pedestrian area like Davis Square, but developers do plan to provide a plan for traffic and a report.

What makes Davis Square special is outdoor open space and outdoor urban experience, Arbaugh said, so he is happy that plans include more sidewalk space, but it does "pain him a little bit" to see the streetscape broken down.

Fennick said she liked the design, but is concerned about the height and how cohesively the structure will blend in with the rest of Davis Square. The commission unanimously voted for Bentson's team to come back with an updated presentation.

Changes to the complex on 495 Columbia St. on the corner of Webster and Columbia, include a different height for the building architect and Senior Designer of the firm SGA, David Enriquez said. There are mixed votes regarding approval for the designs of the façade.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #239

Sergeant Hansen's Flags

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

This article was first published on February 13, 2019. We are running it again as a response to the recent desecration of Henry Hansen's memorial stone in Magoun Square, and as a reminder to residents of his patriotism and heroism.



Sgt. Henry O. Hansen

Henry Oliver Hansen was a young United States Marine from Somerville who was killed during World War II at the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was raised in the Magoun Square neighborhood on Nashua Street, attended Northeastern Junior High School and Somerville High School.



For fifty years his name was barely noticed on a weather-worn Trum Field memorial. It was listed last out of thirty-four veterans from the park who made the supreme sacrifice. Since that time, notice has been brought to him by a small memorial park on Medford Street bearing his

Sergeant Striker, John Wayne's character in the famous movie Sands of Iwo Jima, closely shadowed the real-life heroic actions of Somerville's Sergeant Hansen. Henry, a seasoned combat marine paratrooper, was involved in the initial attack on the Island that began on Continued on page 20

Town Hall with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, October 28

As Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone prepares to leave office in January after serving 18 years as mayor, the City of Somerville will host an in-person community conversation with him. The discussion will look back at both city and community efforts during his administration, check in on the ongoing response to the pandemic, and look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the city's future. Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist Byron Barnett (recently retired from 7News WHDH) will facilitate the town-hall-style event, which will be open to attendees' questions. A casual outdoor reception with local foods will follow, and city staff will be available at the reception to check in with community members on specific questions.

When and Where: The town hall event will take place on Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. The event will include both indoor and outdoor components, taking advantage of the newly improved ventilation systems within the school buildings to maximize protection from COVID-19. The community conversation will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium, where masks will be required at all times, seating will be socially distanced, and ventilation systems will be running. Afterward, community members will be invited outside for a casual reception with refreshments from local

The town hall portion of the event will be live-streamed at somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall and available for later viewing at youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV. Live simultaneous Spanish interpretation and English captioning will be available. Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, and Nepali interpretation can be requested in advance by emailing sbernt@somervillema.gov.

Gilman Square Block Party

The third Gilman Square Block Party took place on Saturday, October 16. The excellent artists at Mad Oyster Studios hosted the event this year with activities in their parking lot off Pearl Street and kid-focused activities just around the corner on Bradley Street.

Food and treats were available from Winter Hill Brewing Company, Scott Brothers Kitchen & Market, Sarma Restaurant, and Neighborhood Produce.

There were games and activities for kids and adults and, of course, live music by four bands. Event by Scott Farrell and Gilman Square Neighborhood Association.





































COMMENTARY

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The time-bomb issue that no candidate is discussing

Part 1: Dimensions of the challenge



By William C. Shelton

For generations our city's infrastructure has slowly disintegrated while our leaders have budgeted for expenditures that appeared to be more pressing and were certainly more popular. Meanwhile repair and replacement costs steadily increased and accumulated. The bills are now coming due, and the amounts that we need to invest are jaw-dropping.

In a little noticed memo sent to the City Council in March, Richard Raiche explained how "Somerville's municipal buildings, roads, sidewalks, water distribution, sewer collection, and stormwater management systems are all approaching the end of their intended lifespans."

Mr. Raiche is Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) for the city. In objective and dispassionate language, he detailed not only our infrastructure's frail condition, but that "many of those systems fail to meet current code, regulatory, environmental and general level-of-service requirements for a modern city" and must be reconfigured at enormous cost.

Municipal and school buildings

Extensive assessment of city buildings finds that to merely correct their fair-to-poor condition and bring them into code compliance would cost \$300 million, of which \$100 million is considered to be "emergency" or "high priority" expenditures.

But those are estimates of only what is needed to achieve nominal condition for existing facilities, most of which are inadequate to support city workers' full productivity or the most effective delivery of city services to the public.

A Building Master Plan Working Group rated city buildings' capacity to support city departments' functioning on a 1-to-5 scale. None scored 5; 6% scored 4; and 60% scored 2.5 or lower. Constructing new facilities would optimize city departments' functioning and, therefore, return on taxpayer dollars. But the cost would be a substantial multiple of \$300 million.

Pavement and sidewalks

Somerville's drivers and cyclists will not be surprised to learn that half our roads need full reconstruction. Another 30% need extensive maintenance to prevent their requiring full reconstruction. The estimated cost is \$220 million.

But that \$220 million is a fraction of the ultimate cost because our streets no longer meet our 21st Century needs for public transportation, cycling, pedestrian safety, ADA accessibility, stormwater management, urban forestry, and other public amenities. Reconfiguring them to do so would require much greater investment. Multiple city departments are collaborating on such plans.

Sanitary and Stormwater Drainage

Somerville began building its current sewer system in the 1880s and completed most of it before 1920. The gradual disintegration of this century-old system is producing hefty emergency-repair costs. Preventing continual escalation of these emergencies

Туре	Condition	Configuration	To Achieve Nominal Condition	To Achieve Optimal Configuration	
City Buildings	Fair to Poor	Deficient	\$300M	?	
Pavement & Sidewalks	Poor	Deficient	\$220 M	?	
Sewer & Stormwater	,		\$100M	?	
Water Distribution	Fair to poor	Fair to good	\$220 M	\$230M	

would require about a \$100 million investment.

But that is a fraction of what we need, because only 10% of our land area has access to a dedicated stormwater system. Elsewhere in the city sanitary sewage and stormwater are drained by a combined system that flows into Alewife Brook and the Mystic River. So about every 3.5 years, basements in certain neighborhoods are flooded with raw sewage. And the City is quickly moving toward a regulatory deadline.

The successful 1983 Boston-Harbor-cleanup lawsuit brought by the Conservation Law Foundation produced a plan that all parties understood would not fully achieve mandated water quality goals by its December 31, 2015 end date. To meet those goals Somerville, Cambridge and the MWRA must submit a scope of work before this coming April. After comments and revisions, the plan must be finished by the end of 2023 and then implemented.

Much of our drainage system must be separated, also at great

cost. But the Deer Island treatment plant can process a certain amount of stormwater – which contains its own pollutants – in addition to sewage.

So the challenge will be to determine what portion of our drainage infrastructure must be replaced by separate systems, versus what need only be rehabilitated—and to persuade Cambridge and the MWRA of these conclusions. Mr. Raiche and his colleagues have anticipated these deadlines and are prepared to meet them. Now the rest of us must anticipate and prepare ourselves for the cost estimate for those lines that must be separated.

Water distribution system

Households, in my neighborhood at least, are becoming familiar with sediment in our water and volatile pressure. Bringing the city system to an acceptable condition would cost about \$220 million.

Unlike the previous infrastructure categories, our water distribution system does not need to be substantially redesigned. It was originally sized to fight fires rather than to brush teeth, so volume and pressure requirements remain fairly stable.

But that doesn't translate into lower capital expenses. Configuring the system for optimal performance would require an additional \$230 million, for a total of a half billion dollars.

The findings in IAF's "Program Improvement Request FY2022" are summarized in the table shown here.

Simply bringing our infrastructure to a condition that can be relied upon to ensure consistent service, avoid emergencies, and meet code requirements would require about \$840 million. Investment required to achieve already agreed upon goals and fully meet our 21st century needs would be several times that figure.

To convey some sense of the magnitude of this challenge, consider that Somerville's most recently available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report shows our total noncurrent debt at \$225 million. The profound fiscal and policy implications will be discussed in Part 2.

Fire Department Engine 7 Company rehab

Somerville Fire Department's Engine 7 Company station is currently undergoing a much-needed cleanup and rehab. The firefighters have even been involved in the rehab by painting and working on the floors.









Traffic Commission meets to unsnarl current traffic issues

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Thursday of last week, the City of Somerville's Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting. In it, several topics were discussed: ranging from handicapped parking to parking spaces.

The meeting itself was a short one, only 15 minutes, with members of the Commission and members of the public in assistance as well.

The first important proposal in the meeting was the request for a handicapped parking spot on 15 Parker St. This location is near Lincoln Park in Somerville's Ward 2.

Nancy Bacci, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Somerville, spoke further about the details of the proposed handicapped parking spot. "I've reviewed the application and visited the location and at this time recommend the approval of the HP parking spot at that location, as it does not have a driveway and the medical documentation is in place," Bacci said.

Following this, the measure was put up for a vote, and the proposed parking spot was passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda was a request for a 20 mile per hour speed safety zone to be located in the area of Powder House Blvd. between North St. and Packard Ave., streets that are adjacent to Tufts University.

Transportation Planner for the City of Somerville Adam Polinski made some comments on the proposed speed safety zone and provided clarity for members of the commission and the public. "This is simply an extension of our ongoing incremental requests for 20 mile per hour safety zones throughout the city largely targeted in the Hillside neighborhood over in Ward 7," Polinski said.

According to meeting agenda data, a majority of streets in the proposed speed safety zone surround Tufts University and run along the city line between Somerville and Medford.

The speed safety zone measure was put up for a vote and was also passed unanimously.

Next up, there was a request to convert two parking spaces near 132 College Ave. from a twohour parking zone to a loading



A 20 mile per hour speed limit in the Powderhouse Circle area was proposed and approved at the latest Traffic Commission – Photo by Bobbie Toner

zone. No debate took place for this issue, with only a few comments from commissioners in regards to the changes.

Commissioner At-Large Lena Webb remarked on the constant loading seen in the area. Webb is a resident of the area where the loading zone would be implemented. "There is constantly

pick-up and drop-off and a lot of people waiting on the sidewalk, so I would be in support of giving them a loading zone," Webb said.

The area where these changes would occur is near Powderhouse Square, directly in front of Powderhouse Park. This measure was also passed unanimously by the Commission with no opposition to the request.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission is planned for Thursday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m. More information can be found at the Traffic Commission's website: https:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/traffic-commission.

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activities and a Halloween costume parade. RSVP to our event to receive updates. https://fb.me/e/1tWFHrniK.

Join the Somerville Museum on Halloween, October 31, for two events at Somerville Arts Council's "Monster Mashed-Up" Somerstreets 2021. Ghosts of Somerville, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Milk Row Cemetery. "Make your own postcard" event for kids and adults from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., Outside of Union Square between Hawkins Street to Park Ave. The event is free, donations to the Museum's Access for All & More campaign are always welcome. There will also be a **Halloween costume** parade. https://somervilleartscouncil. org/somerstreets/monster/2021

See the latest Somerville case data at somervillema.gov/covid19dashboard. Need a COVID test? Go to somervillema.gov/covid19testing to find a testing

Somernova Art Project: Check out the new digital A/R (augmented reality) exhibit in front of the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd · Somerville. This A/R feature works showcase local artists, musicians, and students from Somerville Schools. The images above highlight artwork created by students of Jessica Howard's and Emily Alcott's art classes in response to a recent exhibition at the Museum.

East Somerville Main Streets and the Somerville Arts Council will host a Halloween Block Party and Pet Parade, Saturday, October 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Chuckie Harris Park, 15 Cross St., Somerville. There will family friendly/all ages events that you love again this year. Come in costume ready to party.

The City of Somerville has set up free flu vaccination clinics for residents in October that will be open by appointment. Additional dates will be added through the fall and winter and will be posted on somervillema.gov/flu. Flu clinics are for Somerville community members ages 3 and up, with or without health insurance. As a coronavirus safety measure, attendees must make an appointment in advance so that staff can safely manage the flow of those seeking vaccinations. City flu clinics offer both the high dose flu vaccine for persons 65 and older and the regular dose flu vaccine for those under 65. Pre-registration at somervillema.gov/flu is required for all city flu clinics. Be sure to select "Flu

vaccine (influenza)" when scheduling

your appointment. If you need assis-

tance or language support in any language to sign up, please call 311 (617-666-3311). For all clinics, face coverings must be worn. Those who have health coverage should bring their insurance cards (including MassHealth and Medicare) with them, but the vaccines are free to all Somerville residents regardless of whether they have insurance. Flu vaccine clinic schedule: Saturday, October 23 at the Somerville Public Library West Branch at 40 College Ave. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Somerville Council on Aging is holding Arts & Crafts - Friday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m., at the Ralph & Jenny Center, located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn). Join in as they decorate and paint pumpkins. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 ext. 2335 or email her at mbastardi@somervillema.gov. Space is limited and masks are required.

The Somerville City Council has passed a new ordinance that sets guidelines for when and how leaf blowers may be used within the city. With the fall season now here, community members are urged to familiarize themselves with the new rules, which apply to all users including the city and city contractors, residents, commercial properties, and landscaping

or property maintenance companies that deploy leaf blowers. A full copy of the ordinance and regulations can be found at somervillema.gov/leafblower. **********

The Somerville Board of Health (BOH) approved a face-covering mandate for all indoor public places. The mandate applies to anyone two or older,

and face coverings can be removed when people are actively eating or drinking. Masks should have a snug fit and cover the nose and mouth. The order can be read at https://www.somervillema.gov/ sites/default/files/COVID-19-Mask-Order-Proposed-8.21.pdf.

The Somerville High Class of 1971 is looking for classmates for their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 23, at Anthony's Function Hall in Malden from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The price is \$65 per person. Please contact Rosalie DeLucia or Jimmy Del Ponte, or the SHS71 page on Facebook for more information. Wave high your guilded banners as SHS 71 celebrates their 50th!

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Electrical Contractors for the Various Electrical and Systems Replacements project at various developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Nangle Engineering Inc.

The Project consists of: Smoke alarm, loadcenter and video intercom system replacements at four sites, fire alarm control panel repair at Brady Tower and switchgear replacement at Weston Manor.

The work is estimated to cost \$729,713.00 (including all alternates)

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Electrical. General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 11,

2021 and posted online, forthwith.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. E-Bid tutorials and instructions are available within the specifications and online at www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, call Projectdog, Inc at (978)499-9014, M-F 8:30AM-5PM.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and contract documents will be available on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at www.Projectdog.com or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA 978-499-9014 (M - F

Go to www.Projectdog.com and login with an existing account or click Sign Up to register for free. Enter Project Code 846100 in the project locator box. Select "Acquire Documents" to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD.

Bidders may obtain one full paper bid set from Projectdog for a refundable deposit of \$75.00 made payable to Projectdog in the form of certified check or money order. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to all responsive bidders returning the Contract Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after date of general bid opening. Otherwise, the deposit will become the property of the Awarding Authority. Bidders requesting their refundable paper set to be mailed must supply a non-refundable shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 payable to Projectdog.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for observation starting at 10:30 am Thursday, October 28, 2021, starting at Weston Manor, 15 Weston Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145. To limit the number of bidders present at any one time, multiple observation times may be held. Bidders must contact Nangle Engineering Inc. (gpnangle@ nangleengineering.com or (978)777-7650) prior to close of business on the Monday prior to schedule an appointment. Bidders attending may be limited to one person per firm. Attendees are advised to bring, and may be required to wear, a face mask which covers the nose and mouth, and may wear gloves. To maintain social distancing, attendees may be asked to enter the work spaces one at a time.

The inspection is an opportunity to visit and observe the site only. Any oral interpretations offered at the site inspection are non-binding. Any questions must be submitted in writing to the Designer, at the e-mail address on the Project Manual cover, no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the date stated above for the receipt of quotes. Questions after that time may not be responded to, at the sole discretion of the designer.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

> Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director Somerville Housing Authority October 20, 2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781)865-4000

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI21C0943CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of: Purvi Patel

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Somerville, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Purvi Patel Martino**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the re-

turn day of 11/15/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but deadline by which you must file a

written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

Date: October 18, 2021 10/20/21 The Somerville Times

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elm Court, LLC, to Athas Capital Group, Inc., dated March 5, 2019, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 72305, at page 398, as assigned to The Rama Fund, LLC, by assignment recorded on March 29, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72400, at page 204, and as further assigned to PS Funding, Inc., by assignment recorded on April 11, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72443, at page 93, and as further assigned to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA TRUST 2016-1, by assignment dated July 21, 2020, recorded on August 10, 2020, in said Deeds in Book 75328, at page 438, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at One o'clock PM, on the 4th day of November A.D., 2021, on the premises below described being known as 111 Elm Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage as set forth below:

To wit: "A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated in the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville, belonging to Timothy Tufts arranged and numbered by L.R.W., May 6, 1890" which plan is recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 62, Plan 39. Said land is bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Elm Street, eighty-six and 01/100 (86.01) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Wentworth, Trustee, fifty-one and 47/100 (51.47) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by lot numbered 26 on said plan, seventy-seven 88/100 (77.88) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Hancock Street, eighty-seven and 96/100 (87.96) feet. Containing 5,429 square feet more or less, according to said plan of land.

Subject to restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable, Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

APN: 030-C. 00019-000000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 111 ELM STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02144"

The above premises will be sold subject as above and to the following: any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal assessments and liens; any and all outstanding water and/or sewer charges; any and all covenants, easements, restrictions, rights, reservations, conditions and/or other enforceable encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage; and to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, if any of the aforesaid there be.

Terms: Thirty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, with an additional deposit to be paid within five (5) business days after the sale to bring the total deposit to five percent (5%) of the successful bid price. The successful bidder (other than the mortgagee) shall also be responsible for a five percent (5%) buyer's commission payable to the auctioneer at the time of closing. The balance of all amounts due is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the sale at the Law Offices of Ford & Paulekas, LLP, 280 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

> WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2016-1 Present Holder of Said Mortgage

By: /s/ David A. Hill, Jr. David A. Hill, Jr. Its Attorney

Attorneys for Mortgagee: Ford & Paulekas, LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103

Dated: October 6, 2021

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB#22-13

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

Removal of Street and Sidewalk Demolition and Excavation Debris

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids, Procurement and Contracting Services Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 10/20/2021. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: 11/04/2021 1:00PM 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 Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more

5% Bid Deposit required.

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

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City of Somerville **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, November 4, 2021, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov

TO USE A COMPUTER

315 Broadway

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2931409468776354063 Webinar ID: 716-010-163

TO CALL IN Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422 Access code: 598-604-210

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

J&C Realty Trust proposes to develop a 371 Highland Avenue 4-story LEED Gold general building and establish a Household Living principle use for 23 dwelling units in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) zoning district. This proposal requires Site

Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit. Pilatesrx LLC seeks to establish a Fitness Services Use and a Healthcare Services Use

on a Pedestrian Street, which requires two

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

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.

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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, November 3, 2021, at 6:00pm through

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, 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.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3935606632563699215 Webinar ID: 615-971-555 **TO CALL IN**

494 Medford Street

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060 453-004-570 Access code:

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

120-132 Middlesex Avenue DWCH Assembly Row, LLC seeks to

extend the validity of a previously approved Hardship Variance.

James Rissling seeks a Hardship Variance to construct a principal building on a lot which is too narrow.

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

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

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TO USE A COMPUTER

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6350626747771088141 480-731-355 Webinar ID:

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422 350-654-968 Access code:

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 seeks approval of a plat plan establishing new rights of way for a thoroughfare, which requires subdivision plan approval.

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

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

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CITIZEN SELF SERVICE Is a New Online Look-up for Real Estate, Water, and Personal Property Now Available on the Somerville Treasury

The City of Somerville treasury department has launched a new feature on its website page called Citizen Self-Service (CSS) providing web-based look-up access to bill information directly from official City records. View real estate tax bills, water (utility) bills, and personal property tax bills online, in real time, 24/7. CSS enables access to official City records without the need to contact the treasury department. There is even a payoff date calculation option if you change the date to a future one. Because it is in real time and live, when a payment posts in the office it shows on CSS immediately. Citizen Self Service is the same database the treasury staff members use to answer your questions. Note that payments made on City Hall Systems (city's online payment vendor) will appear on CSS the next business day after the payment file is loaded. CSS also links to City Hall Systems, enabling easy payment access that is safe, secure and free of charge if a checking account is used as the payment method.

Go to www.somervillema.gov/treasury for 24/7 CSS access.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **DIVISION OF BANKS**

Vatika Corporation d/b/a 350 Food Mart, Somerville, Massachusetts has petitioned the Commissioner of Banks for permission to operate as a check casher 350 Broadway, Somerville, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 169A. The Division of Banks is establishing a public comment period on this petition from Wednesday, October 27, 2021 through Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Any objections or comments concerning this proposal must be filed with the Division of Banks by Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via email to Chief Director Aimee Desai at Aimee.Desai@mass.gov The petitioner's application and all communications relative to the application are available for public inspection upon request.

> Mary L. Gallagher Commissioner of Banks

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE **MAYOR**

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In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) shall hold a public hearing on MONDAY, November 1, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. regarding the proposal to create the Upper Central Street Local Historic District (LHD).

The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comment regarding the creation of this district. Written comments should be submitted to historic@somervillema.gov prior to the hearing date.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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Proposals must be received by 2:00PM on Thursday, November 11th. Proposals can be emailed to travisp@sha-web.org. Please contact Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org with any questions.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following:

- Comar Real Estate Trust proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning districts of 299 Broadway and 15 Temple Street from MR5, MR3, and the NR District to MR6, MR4, and the NR District.
- 10 registered voters proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of 3 Prescott Street from UR to NR.
- A text amendment to repeal subsections of 8.4.10.c Parking Relief of the Master Planned Development Overlay District that authorize an increase in the maximum number of off-street parking spaces by Special Permit. (Council Item #212471)
- A text amendment to amend Section 2.1 Glossary and Section 2.4 Standards & Measurements.

Zoning map amendments and Council Items may be viewed online by searching the Somerville City Council's online meeting calendar for the address or item number. Other proposed amendments may be viewed online at www.somervillezoning.com/amendments.

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process

Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to planning@somervillema.gov

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Removal of Public Shade Trees

City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a virtual public shade tree hearing on November 1st, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. using GotoWebinar software to consider the removal of the following public

- 1. 5 Middlesex Avenue Removal of fifteen (15) Callery Pear trees (4.4", 3.5", 4.5", 4.5", 5.7", 3.6", 3.4", 3.3", 4.3", 5.3", 6.6", 6.6", 5.25", 6.25", and 11.5" diameter) for mixed-use development. The area will be replanted.
- 2. 101 South Street Removal of three (3) Littleleaf Linden trees (16.3", 15.0", and 15.7" diameter) on Windsor Street for mixeduse development. The area will be replanted.
- 3. East Somerville Community School Removal of (2) trees on City Property, including one (1) Elm tree 20" diameter and one (1) Norway Maple tree 8" diameter. Both trees are in decline, structurally unsound, and damaging private property at 8 Ellsworth Street.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden prior to or at this public hearing. Documents may be sent via email to: trees@somervilleMA.gov, or mailed to: 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this Public Shade Tree Hearing will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of this hearing will be available upon request to trees@somervillema.gov.

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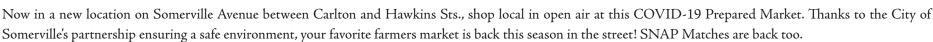
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Somerville in the process of re-drawing ward boundaries

By Joe Creason

The Somerville City Council convened for a regular meeting on Thursday, October 19. A portion of the meeting was designated for public hearing where residents could voice their opinion on several infrastructure and community maintenance agenda items.

A grant of location was submitted by the Cambridge Network Solutions to install conduit from the manhole at the intersection of South St and Windsor St and along the Cambridge-Somerville property line.

"On Windsor St. we are looking to construct new conduit to join the section there which is lacking a utility pole, to an existing pole all already in the Verizon system, along the Cambridge boundary," said Jeffery Harrington, Director of Construction at Cambridge Network Solutions.

The public hearing went on with limited comment or objection from the Council and the public.

SomerStat Director Cortni Desir was present at the meeting in order to give the Council an update on the reprecincting process.

Massachusetts municipalities are required by law to review ward and precinct boundaries every 10 years to coincide with the US Census. Municipalities then send the newly recorded ward and precinct maps to the state for approval.

"There are several reprecincting standards, including that each new precinct must be composed of compact and contiguous territory and no precinct may contain more than 4,000 residents," Desir said.

Somerville's population grew 7 percent between 2010 and 2020 for an increase of 5,291 residents. The city has not seen a spike in population like this in over 100 years.

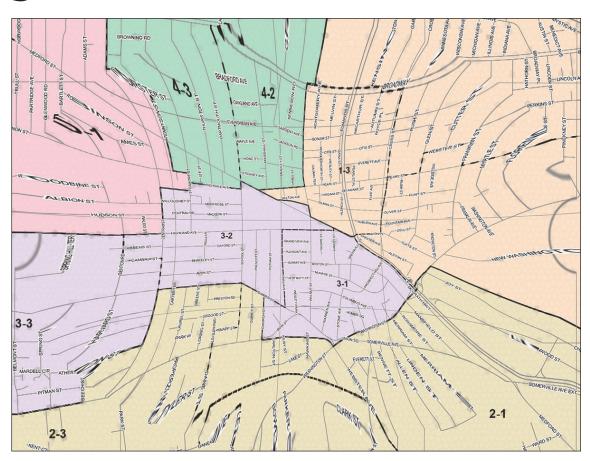
"Every ward absorbed some of the population increase, however that growth was not even. Two wards alone accounted for half of the population increase, wards one and five, and ward two also saw a significant increase," Desir said.

According to Desir, the current ward boundaries are not within 5 percent of the ward averages as required due to the pattern of this increase.

"With current variance of wards ranging from 6.8 percent to -6.5 percent, at minimum in this reprecincting process, Somerville needs to shift some blocks to move ward boundaries into compliance," Desir said.

The city hopes to redraw its ward boundaries with a target population of 3,859 residents per precinct, says Desir.

"The proposed new boundaries would push current ward five school committee member, Laura Pitone, who is also the only candidate on the ballot for November 2, into Ward 6 as she lives at 46 Rodgers



Avenue," said Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang, "To deny the voters of Ward 5 their selected representative for school committee by moving her house out of the ward, is really not acceptable."

Desir says that SomerStat was not aware of the impact that the new map would have on School Committee member Pitone's home block.

"This is a draft, please expect to see a revised version before the Octber 28 meeting," Desir said.

An order calling upon the Chief of Police to report to the Council on why the police presence at this year's Prochfest seemed inadequate, and what planning will be done to

ensure less disruption to neighbors for next year's Porchfest, was submitted by Councilor Niedergang.

"I love Porchfest and I don't want Porchfest to go away, so I'm not trying to end it but I think it could be managed in a better way. A whole lot of issues arose at this last one, which has happened in the past," Councilor Niedergang said.

The Councilor says he hopes that the administration will consult with the Police Department and the Department of Public Works to see what additional preparations can be made for the next year.

A brief update was reported by the Land Use committee Chair

Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

"We are steadily making progress on regulation for rooftop mechanics, a series of amendments from Councilor Davis to regulate the size of commercial spaces in the small business overlay district. We also began discussions on a new topic, regulating the amount of parking in the Boynton Yards plan," Councilor Ewen-Campen said.

According to Ewen-Campen, residents have shown support for the amended plan in the Boynton Yards neighborhood.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on October 28.

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Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 11

February 19, 1945.

During the first three days of fighting, he and his platoon fought their way to the base of Mount Suribachi, the highest elevation on the island. It was the of February 22, Washington's Birthday, when his platoon was ordered to capture the summit and plant our flag on it the next morning.

Hansen was very familiar with flags, having been his company's honored Platoon Guide or flag bearer. How appropriate, a young marine from Somerville where General George Washington raised America's first flag on Prospect Hill was to be instrumental in flying two

American flags for the first time over the soil of the Japanese Empire.

Hank, as he was called, was known as a tough Marine. In the previous two days, he had already destroyed four pillboxes and dragged three wounded men out of harm's way to safety. The day before, Private Donald Ruhl, a fellow marine and close friend leaped on a hand grenade and saved Hansen's life. Ruhl was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Because of Hansen's participation on February 23, 1945, in the ascent of Mount Suribachi and the two flag raisings, many national iconic images emerged. Joe Rosenthal captured it in his epic photographs.

Two American flags would be flown on that day. The first was a small flag raised under fire and combat. Over two hours later, after the summit was secured, a larger more visible flag was raised. This flag replaced the smaller one that was lowered after the larger one was in place. Sergeant Hansen participated in all three actions and should be credited

Next year will be the landmark 75th anniversary of the battle and the wellknown flag raisings.



Beacon Hill Roll Call CONT. FROM PG 7

Massachusetts continues to be a national leader for climate action and by utilizing federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, we can capitalize on this opportunity and strengthen our nation-leading clean energy industry." — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announcing the Baker administration's filing of legislation to direct \$750 million to support the continued growth and development of the state's clean energy industry.

"It's vital that people who need mental health services receive treatment from qualified individuals. We took action against these defendants for leaving thousands of MassHealth patients with unlicensed and unsupervised care, while MassHealth paid millions of dollars for fraudulent services. We will go after bad actors who jeopardize people's health and well-being to make a profit." — Attorney General Maura Healey announcing that South Bay Mental Health Center has agreed to pay \$25 million for allegedly causing fraudulent claims to be submitted to MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program, for mental health care services provided to patients by unlicensed, unqualified, and improperly supervised staff members at clinics across the state.

"The program will fund innovative solutions to address local congestion bottlenecks at intersections to improve traffic flow. During fiscal year 2022, the funding will be used to address operational delays that are created from poor traffic signal timing, outdated equipment or the

lack of adequate vehicle detection to promote efficient movement of traffic for all approaches. In future program years, eligible bottleneck reduction strategies will be expanded to include larger efforts, such as intersection reconstruction." — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announcing the Local Bottleneck Reduction Program which provides grants to cities and towns. Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2021. More information at: www.mass.gov/local-bottleneck-reduction-program.

"Without a modern data privacy law, corporations have free rein to track our locations and activities, secretly manipulate our opportunities and choices and take advantage of our personal information for their own profit. Bay Staters should not have to choose between using the internet and their privacy." — Kade Crockford, Technology for Liberty program director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts testifying in support of a bill she says would provide Massachusetts residents with digital privacy and equity protections.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, re-

search, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of October 11-15, the House met for a total of six hours and 40 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and four minutes.

Mon. Oct. 11	No House session			
	No Senate session			

Tues. Oct. 12 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Wed. Oct. 13 House 11:01 a.m. to 1:14 p.m. No Senate session.

Thurs. Oct. 14 House 11:00 a.m. to 3:13 p.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 3:17 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 15

No House session

No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Taco Loco: An East Somerville staple CONT. FROM PG 1

Those moments we spent at Taco Loco together had become a core memory for me, moments I'd always go back to when reminiscing about my childhood. Now, it's been over four years since I've seen my father-- and I've been looking back on those memories of us at Taco Loco more than ever.

My father was deported back to his home country of Brazil in 2017, and I can't remember the last time we had gone to Taco Loco together; I wish that we could have gone together more. Instead, to honor our time spent together, I went to the new Taco Loco and got my father's signature order: two steak tacos, one pupusa revueltas, and one man-

darin Jarritos.

Walking into the new location felt unfamiliar at first, but upon seeing the counter where we place our orders, I felt at home. It was the same style as their old location, with the kitchen being open and the display case having delicious food inside. The restaurant was decorated with murals on the walls as well as the many awards Taco Loco has received over the years. The women behind the counter treated me with the same kindness I had received as a child, making the experience all the more nostalgic.

While waiting for our food, I began chatting with long-time

patron Michelle Chan. She said, "I've been coming here since my friends told me about it in middle school, and I haven't been able to find any other place that does it like Taco Loco does". Her go-to order is two chicken tacos in the warmer months, and when it gets colder she loves to get their sopas (soups), which she says are "the epitome of comfort".

After getting my food, I decided to sit in the stools they had facing the window, looking out into the streets of East Somerville- the neighborhood I grew up in. There was also a larger dining area to the side of the counter, but I opted for the spot my father and I would always sit at, recreating the experience at the new location.

The steak tacos were \$3.50 each, the pupusa \$2.99, and the Jarritos \$2.99. An affordable meal perfect for the many college students that call Somerville their home. The tacos were filled with juicy steak and fresh pico de gallo, topped off with refreshing crema. Each bite I took was filled with a sense of nostalgia as I imagined my father eating this on our many trips years past. A pupusa is a Salvadoran dish, a thick corn tortilla filled with various ingredients, such as beans, cheese, meat, and vegetables. Pupusas revueltas come with cheese and shredded pork inside. They come served with

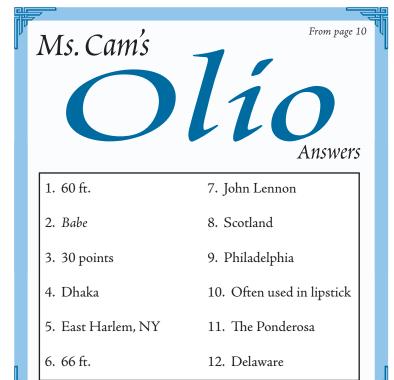


curtido (similar to sauerkraut) and salsa roja (red sauce). The pupusa was made to order, coming to me fresh and steaming off the grill. It was hearty and savory, the curtido and salsa roja being the perfect way to cut the heaviness of the pupusa. The mandarin flavor Jarritos was the perfect way to wash the meal down, its sweet mandarin orange flavor being the perfect complement to the intense flavors of the meal.

While Taco Loco may have

moved down the street out of its old location, the memories of that location still live within the new one. It's one of the few connections to my father I have left in the States. The food is affordable and delicious, sure to keep people coming back for more for years to come.

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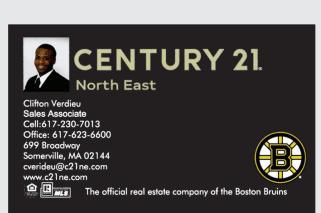
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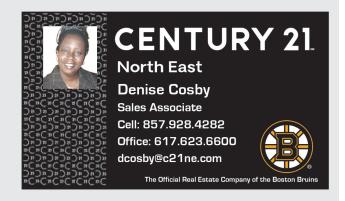
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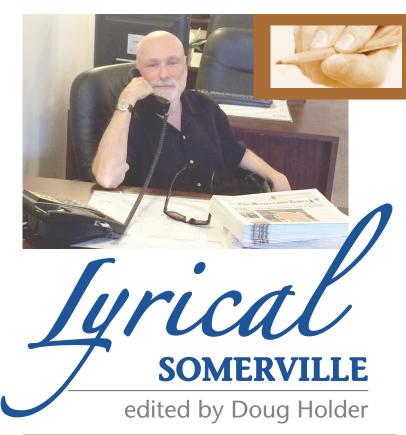
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Somerville Bagel Bards member and physician-humanist, Ian Halim, writes about how medicine relates to everything from ethics to botany, aiming to make science accessible to the widest possible audience. Ian earned his PhD in Greek and Latin literature and his MD at Columbia University in New York City and is now training at a hospital in Boston.



RAIN'S REMEMBRANCE

One day, I was checking out a lady, from my supermarket register, needle-fine slanting rain splashing tiny splashes beyond wide panes.

"Downcast by the weather," she told me. "Think of your best rain memory," I urged. "You should be a therapist," she left me, in plain-spoken thanks.

Often when it drizzles, my mind turns to a day particularrain's remembrance.

Three hiking together, pausing, lunching by a lake, rising up, jackets crinkling wet, water darts percussing as we went

The island of green was ours alone sweet retreat from machines and screens, from contests and conquestsfrom posturing and vaunting, for that daywalking along brooks, chatting about this and that, cutting a temple with our feet into time's cold stone blocks.

"Disgusting" they say, "rough weather," one groans. They dread the storm drain rivers hazards for pretty city feet, the sodden hours in ice-blown offices, skeletal umbrellas haunting the concrete...

My memory sings instead the sky's gift for the black cracked earth transparent liquor-treasure-aquavit feeding green sugar-makers, swelling turgid fungi drenching water-lucky land

That day, we walked upon it a quiet joy running off of us, mud-drunk life-giving clear liquid flowing.

Often, when it rains, I think of it.

— Ian Halim

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OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

Katya Popova:

A Somerville Artist whose ideas charge her visual decisions

Katya Popova, is a Somerville artist, who maintains a studio at the Vernon St. Studios in our city. She is a woman brimming with ideas, and the ideas spark her visual and sound presentations.

Popova, who is originally from Moscow, in the Soviet Union, said she moved here in the summer of 2008. She said, "I was impressed with the vibrancy of the community." Soon she got involved with an artist collaborative in Sullivan Square.

She became acquainted with a number of artists, who worked in many different mediums. She reflected, "That was fine. I fit between many different mediums. Here I found the opportunity to express myself. Somerville in general has this wonderful mix of working class, tech people, students, and artists. It was very stimulating." Sadly, Popova and her husband had to leave Somerville because of pandemic concerns, and skyrocketing rents. They hope to return in the near future.

Popova told me that over time she became interested in music. She said, "When I was teaching music in the New England Conservatory, I became acquainted with many students and faculty, and I started to experiment with audio. I worked with toy theatre on Zoom, street theatre, and other projects. More and more I started to get into performance art. Performance art is all about working with time. I love the ephemeral quality of performance."

I asked Popova if there is a Russian community of artists in Somerville. She told me that she doesn't see that. The artists are there but they are all spread out. She continued, "People of my father's generation hung out, drank and talked about craft and life," But for Popova this is not evident here.

When the artist came to America she lived on the North Shore. She was 17 or 18 and became fascinated with the ocean. Before her transformation into a multi-media artist, she gravitated to the sea. This was natural for her. Popova reflects, "I was into landscape painting in Russia, so painting



the sea fit naturally." Popova also told me that she was influenced by the Gloucester painter Edward Hooper with his muted colors and stillness.

Popova also creates and works with puppets. She has worked at the famed Bread and Puppet Theatre. Presently she is involved in a project, that as she describes it deals with, "The absurdity of creating weapons of mass destruction. It is heavy, but it also has abstract beauty. It is influenced by opera, particularly Wagner's Ring Cycle. She said, "The piece makes a moral compass to the horror of the production of weapons of mass destruction."

I asked her if she thinks believed art should provide a moral compass. She replied, "I don't want art to veer off to propaganda. Coming from Russia, I am very sensitive to this. But of course, propaganda art can be very good in itself."

To find out more about Popova go to: https:// www.popovadesign.com/about-1

Stones to Rainbows – A Queer Cabaret

Peter DiMuro/Public Displays of Motion (PDM) will be presenting the first of its Queer Cabarets, a part of PDM's Stones to Rainbows/Gay to Queer Lives project. The three different live cabaret shows take place over two days in the Arts at the Armory Performance Hall, featuring a multi-media arts installation, and area and national LGBTQ+ community members in previously video recorded interviews. Live performers will include members of the Boston-region's eclectic LGBTQ+ community.



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Area LGBTQ+ organizations and artisans will also be displaying and selling their wares. Tickets include the following:

- Early entrance to roam the multi-media installation one hour prior to cabaret's opening curtain, and 30 minutes after end-of-show. Artists will be available to mingle post-show.
- · Beverages and light snacks available for purchase
- Access to community organizations and artisans

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> October 22 8:00 p.m. Cabaret Saturday, October 23 5:30 p.m. Cabaret Saturday, October 23 8:00 p.m. Cabaret



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