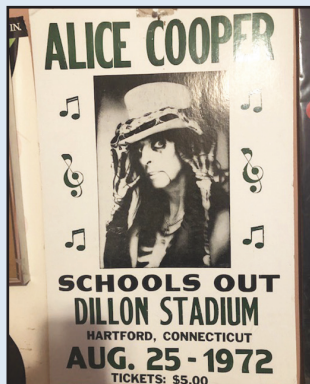




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Rodent Issues Special Committee meets to study latest abatement measures



The SMART Pilot Program Phase I has shown promise as part of the city's overall strategy in dealing with the rodent problem.

By Jim Clark

The ongoing battle against the proliferation of rodents in the City of Somerville continues and hopes run high that the latest strategies will yield tangible results in the near future.

On Wednesday, September 28, the City Council Rodent Issues Special Committee held their regular meeting to discuss these strategies and the latest technologies available to aid in the effort to rid the city of its troublesome vermin.

The Committee, consisting of President and Ward 1 Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor At-Large Strezo, Ward 3 Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward 4 Councilor Clingan, At-Large Councilor Kelly and At-Large Councilor Wilson, took up several orders put forward for discussion.

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'Sanctuary City' event: 'Duty-Free Paradise'

Lani Asuncion is an artist participating in the Somerville Museum's current Community Curator exhibition, *Sanctuary City* by Julia Csekö.

Duty-Free Paradise is a performance by multimedia Boston Filipinx artist Lani Asuncion and mezzo soprano Pauline Tan.

This work is part of a new series, *SONGS for LAND far away at SEA*, by Asuncion that focuses on connections between Hawaii and the Philippines and the Trans-Pacific connections between the Pacific, West Coast, and New England histories of ecotourism, biopolitics, and militarism; it aims to find points of healing of ancestral intergenerational trauma narratives through the work.

In this performance both artists will take an approach of improvisation with Lani doing experimental voice work and playing the

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The *Duty-Free Paradise* performance takes place on Saturday, October 9 at the Somerville Museum.

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The original **HONK! festival** returns in full force to Somerville and Cambridge this year. Come kick off the weekend early and party in **Union Square** on **Thursday, October 6**. It will be featuring five local brass bands playing booty-shakin' tunes for you to dance the night away to. The Lineup: 7:00 – **Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band**, 7:45 – **Dirty Water Brass Band**, 8:15 – **Ghost Town**, 8:45 – **Fly By Brass Band** and 9:15 – **Magnificent Danger**. The main HONK! festival takes place **Friday – Sunday**, with music all weekend in **Davis Square** and **Harvard Square**. More info at: <https://honkfest.org/2022-festival/schedule-2022>.

On **Sunday, October 9**, the last day of the **Boston HONK! Festival**, the parade of tenants, small owners, and allies will debut their support for rent control as elections approach in the state of Massachusetts and march from Davis Square, down Mass Ave., and into Harvard Square from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to local activist **Ben Echevarria**. We wish him well. Happy birthday to **Mike Buckley**, another proud Somerville guy. We wish him a great birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **AnnMarie Carey-Browne**, **Millie Vecchia Curley**, **Diane Kerins Conneely**, **Mike Capuano**, **Kerri Shannon Schaefer**, **Sue Casazza Smith**, **Steven Connarton** and **Phyllis D'Annavery** a happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 5 – October 11 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday <i>October 5</i>	Cloudy	61°/48°	25%	20%	NNE 12 mph
Thursday <i>October 6</i>	Sunny	70°/52°	15%	11%	E 8 mph
Friday <i>October 7</i>	Partly Cloudy	73°/46°	5%	4%	WSW 12 mph
Saturday <i>October 8</i>	Partly Cloudy	55°/39°	14%	10%	W 10 mph
Sunday <i>October 9</i>	Sunny	60°/41°	12%	8%	W 11 mph
Monday <i>October 10</i>	Sunny	61°/44°	3%	1%	SW 12 mph
Tuesday <i>October 11</i>	Sunny	63°/45°	6%	4%	SW 9 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: Holland St. business owners raise objections to parking, bike lane changes

Courtney O'Keefe says:

In reading through these comments, I've realized that most of you are speaking from a place of fear. Fear that another unsuspecting cyclist is senselessly killed by a preventable manner as simple as adjusting the way you open any car door. Business owners are in fear after coming off a pandemic that cost them money, staff, customers and other businesses. (Somerville lost a significant amount of music venues during the pandemic shutdown). We are all starting from the same place. Keep that at the forefront of all conversations! We need to ensure delivery of goods to our businesses as complex supply chain issues have made things more expensive or just completely unavailable. We also need to increase our secured bicycle parking, so cyclists can frequent local businesses. Let's start a serious discussion about implementing an intercity bus system that can bring patrons from square to square because the MBTA sucks. We should work with Cambridge to have a joint Business Parking Permit program as so many of our businesses border the city lines. Lastly, there should be a space where business owners can discuss profit loss with City Officials and Business Support Organizations should they see inconsistencies post-mobility landscape restructuring. The City should be prepared to assist in every way they can. This City is so amazingly resilient...we've been through a lot and this should be no exception. Now that I'm considered "Old School Somerville" I'm saddened by the amount of fear that surrounds me, but I'm ready to do what I can to make sure everyone feels safe.

Response to: Holland St. business owners raise objections to parking, bike lane changes

BumpyRoad says:

Would be great if our city councilors could fix the massive potholes in Highland ave instead of taking holidays to Cuba.

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Front Row



Today some concert tickets cost thousands of dollars. Back in the day I think I paid between seven and \$10 for concerts and sometimes even less.

Around 1970 I saw Queen open up for Mott the Hoople (*All The Young Dudes*) at The Orpheum Theatre.

The quotes are different readers sharing their memories.

“My first concert was Alice Cooper. It was crazy and I was probably way too young. Snuck outta the house and surprisingly didn’t get caught!”

“The Rolling Stones! Stevie Wonder



was the back up! The Stones got arrested in Providence and did not make it to the Garden until 1:15 a.m.! Memorable night!”

“We used to go to every show that came through it was like \$5.”

“Had tickets for the Grass Roots at Boston Garden, guessing 1969. They were no-shows so we got two hours of Sam& Dave! They brought the house down! I think we got the better end of that deal.”

“J Geils played dance at Somerville High 1971.”

“Snuck outta the house and surprisingly didn’t get caught!”

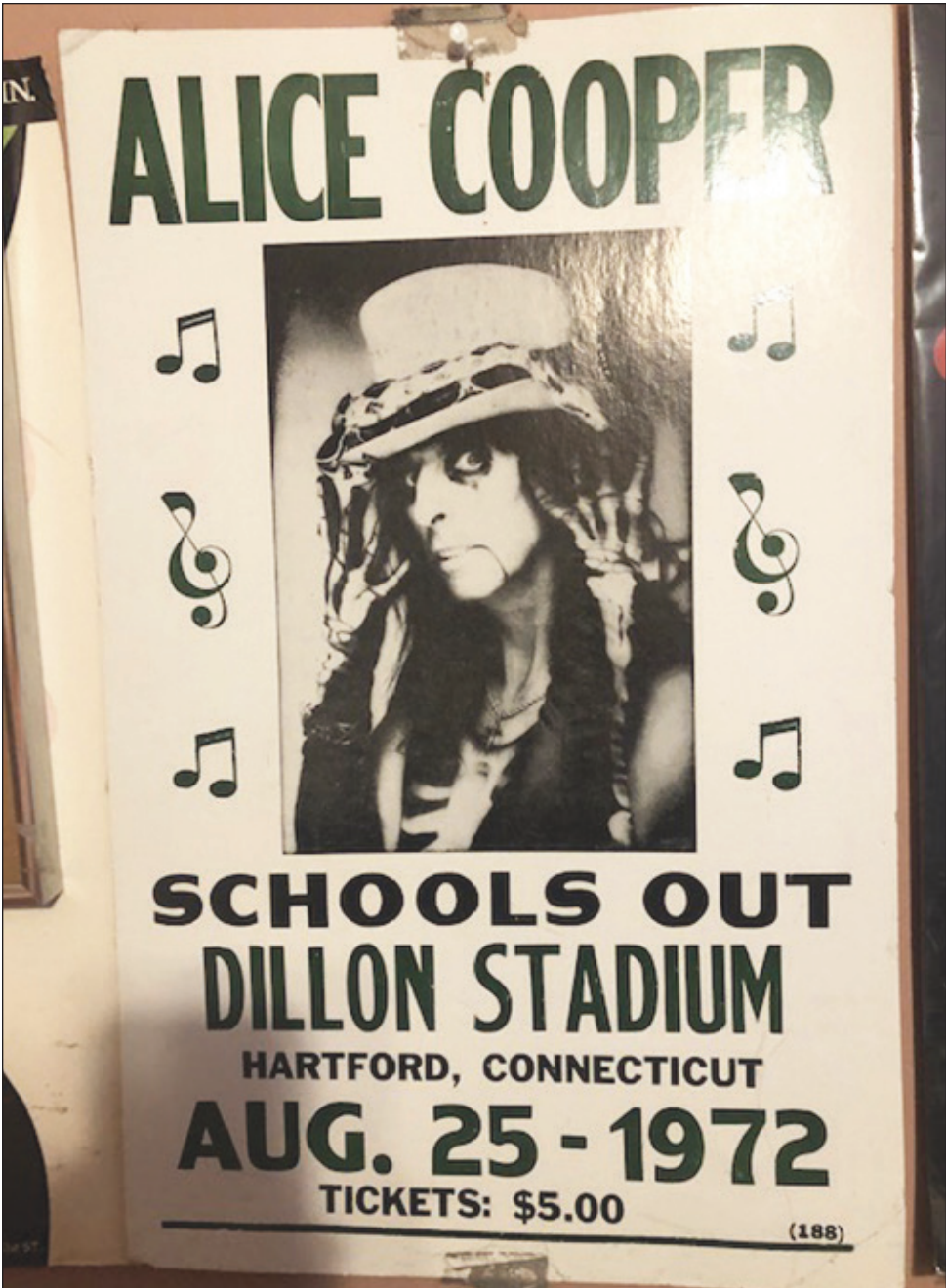
“Elton John with Kiki Dee at Schaefer Stadium 1976. The first and best of all time!”

“Warren Zevon at the Orpheum, April 1980. Tickets were \$12.50.”

“Dave Clark Five. I think it was 1965.”

Some of my favorite concerts I’ve seen have been The Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Billy Joel, Elton John, Alice Cooper and Ringo Starr and his All-Star Band.

The best concert I ever went to was seeing Paul McCartney a few years ago when I worked for oldies 103. We had awesome seats and I had tears in my eyes for most of the concert. It was unbelievable.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Wrong way rotary driver fails sobriety test

A Somerville Police officer was conducting routine patrols in his assigned area in the early morning hours last Sunday when he came across a car stopped in the middle of Powder House rotary, facing the wrong way.

Smoke was coming from the vehicle and there was a man, later identified as Jarred Parker, of Burlington, standing outside of the vehicle's driver's side door. The officer relayed the information to

dispatch and called for backup.

As the officer approached the vehicle, he noticed that there was extensive damage to the front bumper, all four tires were flat, and the airbags deployed.

The officer asked Parker if he was the operator of the vehicle, to which he reportedly stated, "Yes."

The officer asked Parker what happened and he reportedly said that he was operating the vehicle west bound on

Broadway, and when he was approaching the rotary, he hit the median which caused him to lose control of the vehicle.

The officer reportedly smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Parker and his speech was slurred. He asked Parker where he was coming from and he said the casino.

Parker was also asked if he had any alcohol beverages and he reportedly stated that he had three

beers at the casino and a beer at a bar prior to the accident.

EMT arrived on scene to medically evaluate Parker, who was cleared and declined being transported to a hospital.

The officer informed Parker that due to his observations and the information that he provided he would be conducting field sobriety tests.

Parker complied and the officer brought him to a well-light-

ed, flat, non-slippery surface for testing.

After failing to pass the sobriety tests, the officer informed Parker that he was under arrest for operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and transported to the Police Station for booking.

After the booking, Parker reportedly consented to a blood analysis, which determined an alcohol concentration of 0.16%.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:				
Marco Teixeira, of Everett, September 28, 10:12 a.m., arrested at Heath St. on a charge of operation of a mo-	tor vehicle with a suspended license.	Zach Sakurai, of Hampton, NH, September 28, 8:57 p.m., arrested at Broadway on	charges of drug possession to distribute and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.	ton, October 2, 2:04 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.
		Jared Parker, of Burling-		Winegard Exis, of Portland, ME, October 2, 4:10 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Rodent Issues Special Committee meets to study latest abatement measures

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1 – That the Director of Inspectional Services increase measures to control the rat population from Vinal Avenue to Walnut Street and from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.

2 – That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately increase rat control measures in the areas of Fellsway West to Temple Street and Broadway to Jaques Street.

3 – That the Director of Health and Human Services increase rat control efforts from Wigglesworth Street to Dana Street.

4 – That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Inspectional Services, and the Environmental Health Coordinator address rodent issues and overgrowth in the public access alleyway between Mt. Vernon and Mt. Pleasant Streets and devise a long-term solution to the

problem.

5 – That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on the SMART box program and other recent rodent control measures.

The examination of data and discussion of 311 calls, including ward specific; calls from 2019-2022; residential assistance program and visits; community site visits; SMART Pilot Phase I; plans for Phase II; and Somerville IPM 2023 and beyond were the specific agenda items covered.

Of particular importance, the Committee was informed that the SMART Pilot Program Phase I is complete.

900 Captures were recorded, with data being used to target area specific causes of rodent activity.

Identification of inactive area

types and higher activity areas to inform future efforts was also discussed.

It was also pointed out that avoided rodenticide usage on these rodents will only positively impact the local environment long-term.

Additionally, the Committee learned:

- That there is a high concentration of rats in and around commercial dumpsters.
- Locations abutting the GLX and the capture data further confirms that the city must work closely with the MBTA and other major construction/demo. sites.
- That mixed use spaces residential + business should be areas of focus as well, including access to residential waste, access to commercial waste, and access to shelter.
- That the city is working with

Modern (Anticemex) on developing a more real-time data tracking service to avoid data delays.

In SMART Phase II, Inactive boxes will move to Union Sq. and Lincoln Park. Locations near high concentrations of dumpster permits in Union have been discovered.

Lincoln has been chosen as a different kind of green-space/residential space. There is a school with high concentrations of pedestrian trash, dog park and dense residential spaces.

Communication strategies were also discussed, including:

- A new Rodent PSA video with the mayor delivering remarks.
- An annual postcard targeting 23,000 properties.
- Updates to the website.
- 300 Rodent door hangers distributed.

- National and local media coverage of SMART.
- Coordination with other municipalities.

Potential additions to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) include:

- Working with DPW staff to identify and replace trash barrels in green spaces with Big Bellies.
- Expansion of the SMART program to include other high-report areas (Davis, GLX abutting neighborhoods).
- Exploration of a Community Composting program
- Development of community-based rodent monitoring programs
- Effective use of city resources and community driven solutions.

Additional measures and overall strategies were discussed and will be followed up in future meetings. There is general optimism that progress is being made.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* begins a look at the ballot questions that will be on the November ballot for voter consideration.

BALLOT QUESTION #1 - INCOME TAX HIKE FOR TAXPAYERS EARNING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION PER YEAR

The first question on the November ballot asks voters if they favor a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million annually. Language in the amendment requires that "subject to appropriation" the revenue will go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

The proposal is sponsored by Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) and Rep. James O'Day (D-West Boylston). It qualified to get on the November ballot when it was approved by the 2019-2020 Legislature and then the 2021-2022 Legislature. If voters approve the proposal, it will become part of the state constitution.

The most recent approval was on June 9, 2021 when the House approved the tax hike 121-39 and the Senate approved it 38-2.

The proposal has been dubbed by sponsors as "the Fair Share Amendment." Opponents reject that label and call it another unnecessary excessive tax.

Supporters say the amendment will affect only 18,000 extremely wealthy individuals and will generate up to \$2 billion annually in additional tax revenue. They argue that using the funds for education and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers. They note the hike would help lower income families which are now paying a higher share of their income in taxes.

Opponents argue the new tax will result in the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs, \$405 million annually in personal disposable income and some millionaires moving out of state. They say that the earmarking of the funds for specific projects is a phony sham and argue all the funds will go into the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything.

"The Fair Share Amendment is a win for all Massachusetts residents," said O'Day. "That is why the list of small businesses, unions and community organizations that support Question 1 continues to grow. I encourage everyone to visit fairsharema.com, read the text of the amend-

ment and learn more about our efforts. If you're part of the 99 percent of Massachusetts residents who make less than \$1 million a year, your taxes will not change."

"I am proud to be the lead Senate sponsor of the Fair Share Amendment ... because it will make our tax system more equitable by asking the wealthiest households to pay a little bit more, and it will strengthen our economy by investing these funds to improve educational opportunities for all students and help rebuild our aging transportation system," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester).

"Question 1 is a win-win for Massachusetts: only people who earn more than \$1 million annually will pay more, and 99 percent of us won't pay a single penny more," says Jeron Mariani, campaign manager for Fair Share for Massachusetts. "And we'll all benefit from \$2 billion every year that's constitutionally dedicated to schools, colleges, roads, bridges and public transportation. That's why thousands of educators, workers, small business owners, parents, faith leaders, municipal officials, drivers and transit riders are working together to pass Question 1."

"How many times do voters need to reject a graduated income tax before the insatiable Takers accept their decision?" said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, which led the opposition to and defeat of the last two attempts to impose a graduated income tax in 1976 and 1994. "They won't be satisfied until they drive out the productive and strangle the golden goose to death. Then who'll they pillage?"

"Question 1 is one of the state's highest-ever proposed tax increases at a time when our state already has the biggest budget surplus in its history," said Dan Cence, spokesperson for No on Question 1. "Proponents claim that it will raise taxes only on Massachusetts' highest earners, but in reality, Question 1 would nearly double the income tax rate on tens of thousands of small business owners, family farmers, retirees, homeowners and other Massachusetts residents. We feel strongly that Massachusetts voters will recognize the harm that this tax hike will have on our economy and vote No on Question 1."

"Voters must decide this November, if they will go along with the Legislature's very deceptive ballot question, which gives them a blank check to spend the new tax on anything they want," said Paul Craney of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "The deceptive ballot question hopes to raise the income tax by 80 percent on some taxpayers and small business owner that want to retire and sell their business. If taxpayers think an 80 percent income tax increase is just too high, they can send the clearest message this November and vote 'No' on Question 1."

Here's the official arguments of the supporters and oppo-

nents as they appear in the Redbook – the book, distributed by the Secretary of State to households across the state, that provides Information to voters on ballot questions.

IN FAVOR:

Written by Cynthia Roy, Fair Share Massachusetts FairShareMA.com

"By voting Yes on Question 1, you will make sure that the very richest in Massachusetts—those who make over \$1 million a year—pay their fair share. Current tax rules allow multimillionaires to pay a smaller share in taxes than the rest of us. Question 1, the 'Millionaires' Tax,' will make the extremely wealthy pay an additional 4 percent on the portion of their yearly income above \$1 million.

The additional money is constitutionally guaranteed to go toward transportation and public education. Question 1 means every child can go to a great school. We can fix our roads, expand access to vocational training, and make public colleges more affordable. Excellent roads and schools help our small businesses grow, create new jobs and build strong communities. Question 1 means creating opportunity for everyone."

Vote Yes on Question 1. Only the very rich will pay—not the rest of us."

AGAINST:

Written by Paul D'Amore, Small Business Representative Coalition To Stop the Tax Hike Amendment www.NoQuestion1.com

"Question 1 nearly doubles the state income tax rate on tens of thousands of small-business owners, large employers and retirees.

Question 1 treats one-time earnings—the sale of homes, investments, businesses, pensions and inheritances—as income. This would suddenly force many residents into the new, very high tax bracket, depleting the nest eggs of small-business owners and longtime homeowners whose retirement depends on their investments.

Record inflation, supply chain difficulties, and continuing COVID-19 issues make now the worst possible time for massive tax increases—especially when Massachusetts already has a giant budget surplus.

There is absolutely no guaranteed revenue from this huge tax hike would actually increase spending on education and transportation. Politicians are giving themselves a blank check, with no accountability.

Organizations representing over 20,000 *Continued on page 18*

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville proudly celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Our View Of The Times



With the passage of time, more and more cities and states in America are officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in lieu of the traditional observance of Columbus Day.

Somerville has been onboard for a few years now, and more of our neighboring communities across the Commonwealth, including the City of Boston, are joining in each year.

Last year, the Biden administration announced its proclamation endorsing the nation's adoption of the occasion. While not yet an official federal holiday, the move signals the possibility of just such an upgrading in the foreseeable future.

Not everyone agrees with the abandonment of Columbus Day. Some of those who are of Italian ancestry in particular are taking umbrage with the situation, taking

it as a sight to their national heritage. This point of view would seem to be unfairly skewed, however, since the primary reasons for this relegation have everything to do with the explorer's own actions in the New World, and nothing at all to do with his particular nationality.

As the historical record becomes clearer over time, we must learn to adapt and revise our perceptions in regards to figures

of historical import.

As Americans, we are completely free to celebrate and honor anyone we wish to. Either as a society in its entirety or in smaller groups who share common interests. This is part of what the country great.

In the meantime, Indigenous Peoples' Day provides a much-needed opportunity to shed light on a segment of our society that has for too long been neglected.

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

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and City of Somerville staff invite you to attend the next community meeting to discuss **90 Washington Street**, a 4-acre site near the East Somerville Green Line station envisioned as the home of a new Public Safety Building and a range of civic, commercial, and residential spaces. The meeting will take place **Thursday, October 6**, at 6:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. Interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese will be provided. The meeting will also be live

streamed on YouTube. For more information, go to somervillema.gov/90washington.

Call to artists for the ***Dark Tales, Familiars and Object of Divination Inside-Out*** gallery exhibit with guest curator, **Boriana Kantcheva**. Submission deadline: **October 6**. To apply, go to <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/resources/calls> To celebrate the fall and the spookiest and most mysterious month of all, October, the **Somerville Arts Council's Inside Out Gallery** at Davis Square invites Somerville based artists, Somerville residents or artists maintaining work

spaces in Somerville to submit work for a group exhibit that brings together familiars of all kinds and narrates stories filled with darkness and magic. If ghosts and goblins, witches and fortune tellers, Tarot cards and tea leaf readings are part of your work, they want to see it. Work inspired by fairy tales, ghost stories and the lore of Halloween are welcome.

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

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

Registration for **Somerville Youth Hockey Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey** is open. All sessions take place at either **Veterans** or **Founders** *Continued on page 23*

FUN & GAMES

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who said "The internet is a great way to get on the net"?

2. What is the tallest and thickest type of grass?

3. According to the proverb, what is better than no bread?

4. What is the right side of a boat called?

5. Paul McCartney credits which artist with teaching him everything he knows?

6. What is the blue-bird a symbol of?
7. When did Bonnie and Clyde operate?

8. Where was Lee Harvey Oswald shot?

9. What is the name of the first nuclear powered submarine?

10. What is the home of a beaver called?

11. Eminem's 8 Mile is named after a road in which city?

12. Where were *The Lord of the Rings* movies filmed?
- Answers on page 14

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Hummingbirds are the only animals that can fly backward.
2. Many oranges are actually green.

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GREEK MYTHOLOGY

- ACROSS
1. Food-contaminating bacteria

6. Meliae are nymphs of the _____ tree in Greek mythology

9. Chris Hemsworth's superhero role

13. Come by without warning (2 words)

14. Type of patrol

15. You are

16. "That is," Latin

17. Half man, half goat

18. German surrealist Max

19. One-eyed giants

21. One part human, part divine

23. Eastward compass bearing

24. Gauche or Droite, in Paris

25. Bar bill

28. Convenience

30. "Stop right there!"

35. 15th of March

37. Loot

39. State indirectly

40. Collected by the mythological ferryman at the River Styx

41. Winged symbol of Zeus

43. Copied

44. Give or take

46. Indian Lilac tree

47. Close by

48. Inexperienced newcomer

50. Beaks

52. Genetic info carrier, acr.

53. Swamp stuff

55. Bo Peep's follower

57. She opened an infamous box

61. Poseidon's spear

65. Distant

66. Bit of sun

68. Tea variety

69. Font embellishment

70. Econ. indicator

71. Make improvements or corrections

72. Email folder

73. Hurry

74. Carpentry grooves

- DOWN

1. "Beowulf," e.g.

2. Buffalo Bill's last name

3. Petroleum exporters' org.

4. Type of cotton thread

5. Chant

6. Pharaohs' vipers

7. Reggae's cousin

8. Indic vernacular

9. Actress Spelling

10. Like undecided jury

11. Approximately (2 words)

12. Retired, shortened

15. Saudi's southern neighbor

20. Peas, in Middle English

22. Adam's biblical partner

24. Chemical agent in a reaction

25. Cronus or Oceanus

26. Hacienda brick

27. Under

29. One of Zeus' disguises

31. Arabian Peninsula country

32. Stimulant

33. Gather

34. *Hercules' Lernaean foe

36. Lump in yarn

38. High school club

42. Hot coal

45. Alert (2 words)

49. Ever, to a poet

51. Used a credit card

54. Frustration, in a comic book

56. Swelling

57. School hallway permit

58. Sheltered, nautically

59. Female Norse deity

60. "I dare you!" (2 words)

61. Use a Smith Corona

62. Squeezed or _____ out

63. Faux pas

64. Koppel and Turner

67. "Wheel of Fortune" request (2 words)

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Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

COMMENTARY

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



By Jack Connolly
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You may have missed it: On September 22, 2022, the Somerville Traffic Commission heard testimony from 3-4 dozen people, almost all bicycle advocacy group members, on the recently revised parking removal (nearly 50 spaces) plan on Holland St. to build a barrier-protected bike lane.

In a rare appearance, Mayor

Ballantyne advised the Traffic Commission to accept the recommendations of her Transportation and Mobility Director Brad (Bike-Lane Builder) Rawson for Holland St., currently going through repaving and sidewalk and pedestrian island additions.

The Mayor and Director Rawson dramatically advised these parking space removals were necessary due to the tragic death of a Somerville man riding an electric bike up Broadway (a parallel street to Holland St., connecting Teele Sq and Powderhouse Square), when a parked vehicle door opened in to his path; Tragically, and very sadly, the ebike rider died the next day of injuries sustained in the collision with the opened car door.

Pardon me if I’m confused, but

this awful tragedy requires a major change in a Holland St. plan, a plan that had been worked up with the participation of City officials, nearby residents, business owners and service providers in a series of community meetings for the repaving and reconstruction of sidewalks on Holland St. for almost a year prior?

Now, major changes must occur because of this tragic death on a different street completely?

The Traffic Commission SHOULD (but likely won’t) call a time-out to investigate the merits of this hastily revised plan by Director Rawson, especially since daylight Saving Time disappears in less than a month, and riding home on a bike in the dark is likely the choice of only the most dedicated of year-round cyclists: Isn’t also the time of year where

the weather dramatically changes for the worse.

What is the big hurry? Maybe because the city contractor is on site, and making changes immediately, with little public process or interaction rather than next Spring, is likely less costly. Removing an additional nearly 50 spaces on Holland St. NOW, rather than next Spring, with an election coming later in the year, is politically expedient for elected officials, who now can sit on the sidelines, since this is not THEIR decision, it is the Traffic Commission’s call.

What about the residents who can’t ride a bike, or are disabled, or immobile? Did the City of Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities weigh in, or offer comment on this hastily revised plan?

How about the local businesses among others, PJ Ryan’s, Rudy’s Café, Angelina’s, Rene’s Cafe, Tony Alibrandi’s Barber Shop, and the Somerville Municipal Credit Union? Shouldn’t they have a say in public?

The ‘commonsense’ approach should be for the Traffic Commission to take the time to examine all the likely (and potentially unintended) consequences of this newly revised Holland St. parking removal plan, especially in the interests of Public Safety for all; Unfortunately, ‘commonsense’ is not so common.

Jack Connolly is a native Somerville, a Davis Sq. resident and insurance agent. He is also a former Somerville Ward Six and At Large Alderman (known now as City Councilor).

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Turban Squash Soup

Here’s a recipe for one of the squash I highlighted a couple of weeks ago. The result is a creamy soup without any cream. It’s very healthy without the need to feel guilty having that second serving. Goes great with a salad on the side, like mixed greens with sliced apples, dried cranberries, and walnuts with a drizzle of balsamic vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Just perfect for this time of year.

1 5 lb. piece of turban squash
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 leeks, thinly sliced and rinsed

2 carrots, small dice
2 celery stalks, small dice
1 medium yellow onion, small dice
4 garlic cloves, chopped
2 inch piece ginger, peeled and finely chopped
2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
3 cups water
2 teaspoons chicken or vegetable base

Preheat oven to 375°. Place the squash onto a foil lined baking sheet. Drizzle 2 tablespoons of olive oil, 1 teaspoon

salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper. Place in the oven and roast until completely soft, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a 10-quart pot, add the remaining olive oil, leeks, carrots, celery, onion, ginger, and the remaining salt, and pepper. Cook over medium heat for 5-7 minutes, until the onion is translucent.

Add the garlic, cinnamon and nutmeg, stir well and cook for another minute. Add the water and chicken base. Scoop the roasted squash away from the skin and add it to the pot. Cook for additional 30-45 minutes until all the vegetables are soft. Using an immersion blender, blend until completely smooth. It will



be thick. If it’s too thick, just add a little water.


Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Garnish with a good quality olive oil and pumpkin seeds, optional.

Serves about 6 people.

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

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Kalifikasyon Egzijans:

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- Omwen yon (1) manm fanmi an dwe yon sitwayen ameriken, yon nasyonal ameriken oswa ki pa sitwayen ameriken ak estati imigrasyon elijib.
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- At least one (1) family member must be a US citizen, U.S. National or non-citizen with eligible immigration status
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Kalifikasyon Egzijans:

- Chèf Kay la, Konjwen oswa Ko-Tèt la dwe gen 62 an oswa plis, oswa yon moun ki gen andikap ant laj 18 ak 61
- Omwen yon (1) manm fanmi an dwe yon sitwayen ameriken, yon nasyonal ameriken oswa ki pa sitwayen ameriken ak estati imigrasyon elijib.
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HONK! Festival of Activist Street Bands


The original HONK! festival returns in full force to Somerville and Cambridge this year. Come kick off the weekend early and party in Union Square on Thursday, October 6.

It will be featuring five local brass bands playing booty-shakin' tunes for you to dance the night away to. The Lineup: 7:00 – Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, 7:45 – Dirty Water Brass Band, 8:15 – Ghost Town, 8:45 – Fly By Brass Band and 9:15 – Magnificent Danger. The main HONK! festival takes place Friday – Sunday, with music all weekend in Davis Square and Harvard Square. More info at: <https://honkfest.org/2022-festival/schedule-2022>.



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AVISO

Lista de espera de viviendas públicas federales para familias

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Las solicitudes se pueden obtener en el establecimiento de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Somerville: **30 Memorial Road o 530 Mystic Avenue en Somerville, MA 02145.**

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Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- El solicitante o cabeza de familia debe tener 18 años o ser un menor emancipado.
- Al menos un (1) miembro de la familia debe ser ciudadano o nacional de los EE. UU., o bien, si no es ciudadano, debe tener un estatus de inmigración elegible.
- El solicitante y todos los miembros de su hogar deben comunicar de forma completa y exacta el número del Seguro Social (Social Security Number, SSN) que se le asigna a cada miembro del hogar, así como presentar la documentación necesaria para verificar cada SSN (excepto las personas sin ciudadanía que no afirmen tener un estatus de inmigración elegible).
- Los ingresos brutos totales de un hogar no pueden superar los siguientes límites:

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Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- El/la cabeza de familia o su cónyuge o corresponsable debe ser mayor de 62 años, o bien, debe ser una persona con discapacidades de entre 18 y 61 años.
- Al menos un (1) miembro de la familia debe ser ciudadano o nacional de los EE. UU., o bien, si no es ciudadano, debe tener un estatus de inmigración elegible.
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Senior Flu Clinic

Somerville HHS is partnering with the Council on Aging to offer flu vaccines to Somerville seniors age 65+. This clinic will be held at the Council on Aging office at 167 Holland Street on Thursday, October 6th from 1-3pm. Please use the link below to register or call 311 for assistance.

Registration link: <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/somerville?calendar=7f288d4b-0c2e-4c6e-a852-add730e06e74>. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Please select “Flu” when registering.

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission 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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Registration
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Access Code: 521-024-924

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT**Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties****HPC.ALT 2022.53 – 24 Warren Avenue**

Applicant: Emma Rose
Owner: Maryann Thompson
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for after-the-fact approval of hardscape alterations.

HPC.ALT 2022.56 – 101 School Street

Applicant: Brian Militana
Owner: Jane Messinger & Ben Messinger
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by removing existing window openings to install a doorway.

Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**HPC.DMO 2022.32 – 17 Hudson Street**

Applicant: Nicole Black & Michael Pettit
Owner: Same as Applicant
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.34 – 627 Somerville Avenue

Applicant: Mai Luo
Owner: 635 Somerville Avenue, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.37 – 63 Putnam Street

Applicant: FL Development, LLC
Owner: James F Saraiva & Philip G Saraiva Sr., representatives of the Estate of Joseph Saraiva
The Applicant seeks to demolish an accessory structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.40 – 11 Chester Place

Applicant: Jim Chen
Owner: Hong Ying Li
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.

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PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #23-17**

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

Roof Replacement at the DPW Building

An Invitation for Bids may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress landing page <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress>, on or after **October 5th, 2022**

Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via BidExpress until: **2:00PM EST, Wednesday, October 26th, 2022.**

The City of Somerville reserves the right to waive any minor informalities, to cancel this bid, or to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Please email procurement@somervillema.gov for more information.

5% Bid deposit is required.
DCAMM certification for General Construction and Roofing is required.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: 600 Windsor Place

LOCATION: 600 Windsor Place, Somerville, MA 02143

PROponent: Union Square RELP 600 Windsor Owner LLC

The undersigned is submitting an Expanded Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before September 30, 2022

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Corinne Snowden; csnowden@epsilonassociates.com; (978) 897-7100

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Somerville.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Union Square RELP 600 Windsor Owner LLC

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

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

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

3. Owner: Rodney Richards
Vehicle Model: 1997 Mercedes-Benz E320
Vehicle ID: #VDBJF550VA414019

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
REBID RFP# 23-05**

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

Appraisal Services on As-Needed Basis

The bid package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's electronic bidding platform at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, October 5, 2022** Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, and 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Wednesday, October 19th, 2022.**

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

Please email procurement@somervillema.gov for more information.

Jordan T. Remy
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3409

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION**

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 17, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

Application of an Entertainment by Patrons – Indoors and Performers – Indoors & Outdoors License, for Rincon Mexicano Inc., d/b/a Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway, Somerville, MA.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform.

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

1. To attend and be heard, enter this link exactly as it appears into your internet browser anytime before the meeting:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9000580619714295055>

You can also find this link on the City website's calendar. You will then be asked to register, and after registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar.

2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may send written comments by US mail to the Executive Secretary at 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, or by email to licensing@somervillema.gov. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Commission.

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LORI JEAN BATZEK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
LICENSING@SOMERVILLEMA.GOV

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Application for a for Entertainment by Performers and Patrons – Indoors License, for R.F. O’Sullivan’s Sallon, LLC d/b/a R.F. O’Sullivan & Son, 282 Beacon St.

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LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 17, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):
Application of a Common Victualler and an Entertainment by Devices– Indoors License, for Hot Tomatoes 77 Bow Street LLC d/b/a Hot Tomatoes, 77 Bow St.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 17, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

Application of a Farmers Pouring License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, Performers & Patrons – Indoors and Outdoors, Outdoor Seating on Private Property and a Sunday Hours License, for Portico South Street LLC d/b/a Portico Somerville, 101 South St.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 17, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):
Application of a 2AM License, for Premier Restaurant Group LLC, d/b/a Premier on Broadway, 519 Broadway, Somerville, MA.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI22P4624EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:	Maureen	Frances	Mulkerrin
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: Maureen F. O’Dea

Date of Death: Sept. 17, 2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Ruthanne Curley

Petitioner Ruthanne Curley of W. Yarmouth MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #23-16

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

HVAC Automated Control Maintenance Contract

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **10/06/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **11/14/2022 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 PCS Department at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required.

Jordan T. Remy
Procurement Analyst
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI22W1098WD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUMMONS

Karla Y Ulloa
vs.
David Perez

To Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Rebecca D Edmondson-Korom, Esq.
Edmondson-Korom Law LLC
27 Greenhalge Ave
Everett, MA 02149

a copy of your answer to the **complaint to establish paternity filed on 07/19/22** which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within reasonable time thereafter.

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

Date: July 20, 2022

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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Answers

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| 1. Bob Dole | Depression |
| 2. Bamboo | 8. In the basement of Dallas Police Headquarters |
| 3. Half a loaf | |
| 4. Starboard | 9. USS Nautilus |
| 5. Little Richard | 10. A lodge |
| 6. Happiness | 11. Detroit |
| 7. During the Great | 12. New Zealand |

Single Family

\$540,000

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Saturday
October 8, 2022
11:30 to 1 p.m.

7 Rooms • 4 Bedrooms
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Messina Realty Collective LLC

'Sanctuary City' event: 'Duty-Free Paradise'

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ancient kulintang gong from the Philippines while Pauline will sing traditional Filipino Folk songs in the Ilocano operatic style.

Lani Asunción (they/she) is an interdisciplinary multimedia artist creating socially engaged art in both private and public spaces, independently and collaboratively. Weaving a visual language guided by historical research, community engagement, and experimental performance connected to their identity as a queer multiracial Filipinx-American. Asunción integrates new media technologies and transmedia storytelling through ritualized performance to encourage conversations that magnify connections to facilitate healing in the face of cultural violence, oppression, and ancestral intergenerational trauma narratives. Asunción has performed live at Studios at MASS MoCA, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Little Berlin in Philadelphia, and Aurora Picture Show in Houston, TX. Asunción is an awardee of the Live Arts Boston Grant (2020) from the Boston Foundation, City

of Boston's Transformative Public Art grant (2020), Dame Joan Sutherland Fund from the Australian American Association (2017), and the Kala Fellowship (2023) from the Kala Arts Institute. Their project Revolutionary AYAT was awarded the 2022 New England Foundation for the Arts Public Art for Spatial Justice grant. They are founding member and Producing Artistic Director of Boston multimedia collective Digital Soup. laniasuncion.com | @laniasuncion | @dfr_dutyfreeparadise.

Pauline Tan is a Filipino-Chinese mezzo-soprano whose deep love for poetry and song has taken her across the globe to pursue a career in music. She strives not only to communicate honestly with her audiences but also to help bridge connections to little-known musical worlds. A recent graduate of the Bard Vocal Arts Program, Pauline hopes to keep working with artists and organizations that share her vision of bringing more diversity and compassion in the arts. She is currently with Chicago Opera Theater

as a Resident Young Artist, and will be seen this season in the premiere of Shawn Okpebholo and Mark Campbell's "The Cook-Off." Pauline looks forward to continuing to follow her artistic compass and taking part in non-standard adaptations of familiar operas as well as premieres of new works by living BIPOC composers. paulinetanmezzo.com.

This performance is part of the *Sanctuary City* exhibition programming and will take place at the Somerville Museum, Saturday, October 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 1 Westwood Road Somerville, MA 02143. \$10, active Museum members free (use code MEMBER). Please arrive early as event will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The Somerville Museum has no dedicated parking spots. Please note visitor parking spots on Westwood Road, Central Street, and Highland Ave. Visit our website for more information.

The Somerville Museum is now ADA compliant. For more information contact us at info@somerville-museum.org.

IGNITE! A Global Fire and Food Festival

The festival which was first postponed due to rain, took over Union Square on Sunday, October 2. An evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture. In addition to many local food vendors, there was interactive light installations, numerous illuminated performers and to top it all off, FIRE! Local eateries throughout the Square will be featuring Ignite themed specials. Performances by Jennifer Lin Dance, Flamenco Boston, KS Dance Studio, NewYakCity95, Boston Circus Guild and A Trike Called Funk. Over the course of the evening, there was dazzling light installations, projections and dance by local artists: Eventual Dance Company, Greg Kowalski, Pamela Hersch, DebStep, Maria Servellon, Maura Mendoza, Circe Rowan, and Olivia Moon. Roaming performances and street activities with the Flutterby Faeries, EventThem, and Jonah's Twisters. Food vendors include Union Square Pizza, El Mineirao, Siam Ginger, Machu Picchu and Art Council's Nibble Culinary NEP Entrepreneurs.

— Photos by Moncia Calvo



Somerville resident helps MBTA launch online applications for TAP and Blind Access customers

Last week the MBTA announced that eligible riders can now apply online for a new, renewal, or replacement TAP CharlieCard or Blind Access CharlieCard. People with disabilities (including low vision) and Medicare cardholders are eligible for reduced MBTA fares with a TAP CharlieCard and people who are legally blind are eligible for free MBTA fares with a Blind Access CharlieCard.

Emily Balkam, who lives in Somerville, works for the MBTA and helped to build this online application for the reduced fare program for people with disabilities, Medicare cardholders, and people who are legally blind.

With the launch of these two online applications, the MBTA now accepts online applications for the following free/reduced fare programs: Blind Access, TAP, Senior, and Youth Pass. Riders will still be able to apply in-person at the CharlieCard Store for Senior, Blind Access, and TAP as they do now (and can make online reservations to visit the CharlieCard Store), and can also visit the MBTA Mobility Center for online application support. Riders seeking to apply for a TAP CharlieCard by mail or at the CharlieCard Store can download the updated applica-

tion at the MBTA's Transportation Access Pass webpage online.

"I am pleased to announce the launch of the online application portal to allow all of our reduced fare riders online access, which provides reduced fare riders with broader access and more convenience," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We have made significant investments in equipment, staff resources, and technology solutions to improve the experience of our riders with a specific focus on riders with disability- and age-based needs. Through our Fare Transformation journey, we continue to improve the experience of riders as we work towards modernization by investing in state of good repair and capital improvements that transform the system into a modern digital payment system."

"Greater accessibility to MBTA resources supports independence and self-determination of individuals who are blind," said Massachusetts Commissioner David D'Arcangelo. "We are pleased to collaborate with the MBTA on streamlining the process of obtaining and updating our Blind Access Cards. This is a game-changer for our consumers who no lon-



ger have to travel to an office in order to receive the cards, offering them a more equitable and efficient solution to travel in Massachusetts."

The online applications for the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs offer riders a convenient method to apply for and receive a new free/reduced fare CharlieCard without having to visit the CharlieCard Store. Riders can apply to these respective programs remotely and easily online from a computer or mobile device in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Each application allows applicants to securely enter their personal information and upload the required documents, such as a photo ID and eligibility documentation. All online applications are accessible to screen readers and were tested by free/reduced fare riders to ensure usability. Riders who submit their email address as part of their application will receive application status notifications, including details on how to use their card if approved.

In addition to the online applications, the MBTA recently

removed rider photos, names, and expiration dates from Senior CharlieCards for people 65 and older to simplify the card fulfillment process for these riders. Riders who apply for a new or replacement Senior CharlieCard will now receive the new Reduced Fare CharlieCards for Seniors, which are valid for eight years. Riders with current Senior CharlieCards can utilize them until they expire.

To learn more about the MBTA's free/reduced fare programs and how to apply online, visit mbta.com/fares/reduced.

The Somerville Museum's Access for All & More Capital campaign closes in on end goal

The Somerville Museum is so pleased to be spearheading the Access for All & More Capital Campaign. With a campaign goal of \$2.35 million for Phase One and a goal of \$400,000 for Phase Two the campaign has raised 95% of the overall goal! The gap left to close is \$133,500. Phase One of the campaign includes the addition of the elevator, renovation of the reception area, bathrooms, kitchen, and the addition of a Multi-Purpose Room.

Phase Two includes the renovation of the collection storage area to include waterproofing and climate control. The campaign's fundraising committee and the board of trustees are hosting a celebration event for all donors on Sunday, October 16. All donors who have donated \$1,000 or more will also be recognized on an exterior donor recognition display to be installed sometime in the Fall 2022. In addition, all donors, no matter the amount, will have their name included on our website, and in a capsule buried in our renovated garden to be opened years from now.

For over 100 years, the Somerville Museum has held space for the stories that shape our collective history. As we pivoted throughout the pandemic, we considered how to grow through this time of crisis to better serve the community. The Access for All & More Campaign, which has enabled us to make critical upgrades to our historic building, will increase accessibility to our programming and the museum community. Join us in creating the space that will tell our stories for the next 100 years.

If you would like to donate to this campaign and receive an invitation to the celebration event you can do so by sending a check to the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, Somerville, MA 02143, or visiting the website at <https://www.somervillemuseum.org/accessforall>. You can also learn more by emailing us at info@somervillemuseum.org.



MAPS marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month by expanding outreach to recently-arrived communities

The Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) is marking this year's Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in October by expanding outreach efforts in recently-arrived Portuguese-speaking immigrant communities throughout the state and collaborating with local organizations to increase awareness and offer information and resources about domestic violence.

Throughout the month, the MAPS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault team will also work with local partners to develop a strategy to offer adequate and comprehensive support to the most recent wave of families arriving in the United States from Brazil.

"We have noticed that many of the recently-arrived immigrants from our communities are facing many issues and their needs are extensive – from basic needs like food and shelter to complex cases of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and trauma related to their journey to the U.S.," said Dulce Ferreira, MA, Director of the MAPS Domestic Violence and

Sexual Assault (DVSA) Program. "This year, we felt it was imperative to expand our outreach to the new regions where these families are moving to and offer MAPS' assistance and resources, not only related to DVSA but also our many free health and social services."

On Sunday, October 9, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. the health and social services organization will be conducting outreach and individual conversations at the Strand Theater in Dorchester. On Tuesday, October 11, and Thursday, October 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the team will also bring information to the community present at the Cabo Verdean Association of Boston, in Dorchester.

On Tuesday, October 18, the MAPS team of advocates will take part in a networking meeting promoted by MetroWest Legal Services with other DVSA service providers. On Friday, October 21, MAPS staff will conduct a presentation and conversation with a church group at the Abba Church in Marlborough from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Throughout the month, as in



previous years, MAPS will attend candlelight vigils in honor of victims of domestic violence in Somerville (October 13 at Davis Square), Lowell (October 13 at Lowell City Hall), and Cambridge (date and time to be confirmed by the city). Please visit maps-inc.org as they get closer for the time and more details.

The MAPS Domestic Violence

and Sexual Assault Program offers free, confidential, and personalized support, crisis intervention, safety planning, information, guided referrals, medical and legal advocacy, and related services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. To learn more about the program, please visit maps-inc.org/cause/domestic-violence-sexual-assault-advocacy.

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MAPS has served the Portuguese-speaking communities of Massachusetts and others since 1970. The organization offers a wide range of free health and social services through its six offices in Cambridge, Somerville, Brighton, Dorchester, Framingham, and Lowell. To learn more about MAPS, visit maps-inc.org.

Dedication of Riverside Community Care's Scott M. Bock Center for Behavioral Healthcare & Family Services

Before his passing, Scott M. Bock, Riverside's late founder and longtime CEO, worked tirelessly to secure and renovate a building in Somerville to ensure uninterrupted behavioral healthcare and family services for thousands of local adults, children, and families. This investment in the health and well-being of the community for years to come is a testament to Scott's commitment to providing accessible, exceptional, and compassionate behavioral healthcare and human services.

The Scott M. Bock Center for Behavioral Healthcare & Family Services brings Riverside's programs together under one roof, allowing for expanded offerings and improved care coordination. The 30,000-square-foot building, formerly the site of The Somerville Home, allows the nonprofit Riverside Community Care to continue serving the community and expand programs.

Programs at the Center:

- Comprehensive child, adolescent, and adult behavioral health counseling and outpatient and medication services
- Family After School Program for children with behavioral and emotional struggles
- Life Skills day program for adolescents with behavioral health issues
- Domestic Violence Services to assist children and custodial parents who have experienced domestic violence

The building dedication was held on Sunday Oct 2, at their mental health facility, 117 Summer St., in Somerville. Speakers at the Ceremony included Marsha Medalie, CEO of Riverside, Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Brooke Doyle, Commissioner of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor of Somerville, Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services in Cambridge, Kim Herman, Riverside Board Member and Scott Bock's daughter.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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small businesses and family farmers urge: Vote 'No' on Question 1."

Listed below is how your local state representatives and senators voted on the proposed constitutional amendment on June 9, 2021.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GRANTS TO PRESERVE VETERANS' HISTORY – Secretary of State Blł Galvin's office, in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board, is offering matching grants of up to \$15,000 to cities and towns and non-profit organizations including libraries, historical societies and commissions, museums, schools and colleges, to preserve objects, sites and document collections that are significant to the history and experiences of military veterans in the Bay State.

If applicants submit a satisfactory letter of intent letter of intent by November 6, 2022, they be invited to submit a full application. For more information contact www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/

DESIGNATING JULY 8 AS MASSACHUSETTS EMANCIPATION DAY (H 3117) – The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure, sponsored by Rep. Michelle Ciccolo (D-Lexington) designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day also to be known as Quock Walker Day, in recognition of the court ruling that

rendered slavery unconstitutional in the commonwealth. Walker, born to enslaved Black parents in Massachusetts, was the driving force behind this ruling.

"The inspiration for this bill comes from Sean Osborn, a Lexington resident and historian who founded the Association of Black Citizens of Lexington (ABCL)," said Rep. Ciccolo. "I am looking forward to annually commemorating Quock Walker's significant place in our state's history."

NATIONAL DWARFISM AWARENESS DAY (H 5321) – The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation establishing October 25 as Dwarfism Awareness Day. Supporters say that around the world people with dwarfism face social and physical barriers. They note that October 25 was chosen as the day for Dwarfism Awareness Day because it was the birthday of Billy Barty who was an American actor who had dwarfism, and in 1957 set up Little People of America—an organization that supports people with dwarfism as well as raising awareness about the issue.

Sponsor Rep. Jim Hawkins (D-Attleboro), a retired teacher from Attleboro High School, filed the measure after a request by former student Vicki Ziniti who has dwarfism. "She has organized an advocacy group of people with dwarfism and asked me about the possibility for 'National Dwarfism Day' in the commonwealth. Since graduating, Vicki has gotten her teaching certification and is a classroom teacher so you know we were excited to file this legislation and advocate for its passage."

"While there may be health complications involved with dwarfism we need to treat people with dwarfism equally with others," continued Hawkins. "This holiday will be to celebrate the significant accomplishments and contributions to our community from people with dwarfism."

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, research, 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 September 26-30, the House met for a total of 30 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 26	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 27	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Sept. 28	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 29	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
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1915 – Germany issues an apology and promises for payment for the 128 American passengers killed in the sinking of the British ship Lusitania.

1931 – Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon complete the first heavier than air non-stop flight over the Pacific.

1947 – US President Harry S Truman delivers the first televised White House address.

1962 – The first James Bond film, Dr. No starring Sean Connery, debuts.

1969 – Monty Python's Flying Circus debuts on BBC One.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo – Tuesday 11, 18 and 25 at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group – 3rd Thursday of each month (October 20) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. For more information, please contact Claudia Ferro at 857-237-1801.

Game Hour – Mondays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) The dates are October 24 and 31. Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. This month the dates are October 17, 24 and 31. Zoom meeting Mondays from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. 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.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. This month's dates are October 7, 14, 21 and 28. The walking group meets in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for this program, contact Debby Higgins at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes—Mondays, October 17, 21 and 28 in person at 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 in person at 9:00 a.m. Classes are limited. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for additional information.

Strength and Balance General Exercise Class—Monday, October 17, 21 and 28 in person at 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 in person at 11:00 a.m. Join us for our exercise class focused on increasing our strength and balance, the course incorporates weights and light cardio. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for additional information.

Coffee & Conversation – Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – At the Ralph & Jenny Center

located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) October 17, 24 and 31 Join us as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at mabastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Men's Group – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. This month the date is October 11. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert at ndeamato@hotmail.com

Bowling – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Flatbreads Company / Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. This month's dates are October 5, 12, 19 and 26. For more information or to sign up please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov.

Yoga – In Person – Tuesday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Easy-to-follow program lets you stretch and relax. Yoga provides modified, low-impact moves and easy-to-follow pacing for a healthy, active lifestyle. Please RSVP to Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

LGBTQIA+ and Allies Social Group – Thursday, October 13 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street in the Atrium. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. LGBTQIA+ and allies are welcome. Come and join us for this social gathering. Meet and mingle with new people. Light dinner will be served. RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@Somervillema.gov

Kiwanis Senior Thanksgiving Dinner – Thursday, November 10 at 5:00pm at Somerville High School Culinary Arts. This event is sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Somerville. Please RSVP to Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319, this event has limited seating.

Book Club – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 10:00 a.m. This month the date is October 21 - Do you love books and want to discuss your love of reading with others? Consider joining book club. Group meets in person at 167 Holland St. and concurrently via Zoom. Please RSVP by calling Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600 or email Natasha at nnaim@somervillema.gov as space is limited.

Movie Matinee – Friday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. Showing will be Hubie Halloween starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Ray Liotta and Maya Rudolph. The film follows a Halloween-loving delicatessen worker who must save the town of Salem, Massachusetts, from a kidnapper. Lunch will be served after the movie - \$2 per person. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov

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The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

The Council on Aging is excited to announce the return of our Senior Transportation Program. The COA will be offering free taxi rides to Somerville residents over the age of 60. Rides are available to go to the grocery store, farmer's market, pharmacy in Somerville and routine medical appointments in the surrounding communities. To best accommodate the needs of everyone in the City and to maximize the use of our funding, we will be capping the number of rides per week. To ensure the health and welfare of every resident of Somerville, exemptions will be made for chemotherapy and radiation appointments. To find out more information or to schedule your ride, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. All rides must be booked two business days in advance. This program is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with poet Wendy Drexler: 'Notes from the Column of Memory'

I caught up with poet Wendy Drexler recently. An accomplished poet, Drexler is a fellow board member of the New England Poetry Club, and a very active part of the literary community.

Drexler is the recipient of a 2022 artist fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. She is the author of two earlier collections, most recently *Before There Was Before* (Iris Press, 2017). Her poems have appeared in *Barrow Street*, *Nimrod*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Threepenny Review*, and *Valparaiso Poetry Review*, among others. Her work has been featured on *Verse Daily* and WBUR, and in numerous anthologies. She has been the Poet-in-Residence at New Mission High School in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, since 2018, and is programming co-chair for the New England Poetry Club. She lives in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Doug Holder: You have a new poetry collection out, *Notes from the Column of Memory*. What was the germ of idea for the collection?

Wendy Drexler: The germ of the idea was an ekphrastic poem that I wrote last summer for *Art on the Trails* as a call for poems in response to sculptures installed at the Beals Preserve in Southborough, MA. My poem received the Juror's Prize and I was invited to be the judge this year. My winning poem was inspired by a sculpture titled *Notes from the Column of Memory* by Donna Conklin King. Written in the shape of a column, it begins "See how time breaks us / and still we stand . . ." My manuscript had gone through many versions but seemed to lack an overriding theme. I realized that I could reorganize my manuscript around this poem and the hinge of memory.

DH: You have a number of poems about your late biological father. In one you deftly compare him to a fox. Why did you use this conceit, rather than to approach him straight on as a man you were estranged from?

WD: *My Father as a Taxidermied Fox* began as a poem about trying to draw a taxidermied fox in a class I took at the Peabody Museum of Natural History in Cambridge. I chose to draw a fox because I love foxes and have seen them on the Cape. In fact, one actually did stroll into the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, as I mention in my poem, and sniffed a cup of coffee left on the floor after a poetry reading. As hard as it is to try to draw an animal, it is also difficult to recapture the essence of a loved one, especially a parent, who has died. As I say in the poem *I've failed to flush an ounce of you from death*. But that's the poet's job: to try! I was always very close to my father, not estranged, but he'd told me a secret that I refer to in the previous poem, and the keeping of that secret

was a burden and reflected a mysterious side of him that I was, for better or worse, only partially privy to. My mother also features prominently in this collection in a crown of sonnets that explores our relationship.

DH: In the poem *Bluebird* you celebrate the blue beauty of the bird. I love the last line where you address the bird as, "carrying the sky on your back." So, on one level it is the sky blue on the back of the bird. But you use an Emily Dickinson quote earlier in the book about a bird being the quickest route to heaven. Do you believe birds have a strong spiritual essence to them. Are they messengers of some sort?

WD: Yes, I love that line, too, which I stole from Thoreau! I find birds to be very spiritual and can lose myself watching them. Of course, they are beautiful too, and endowed with the gift of song and of flight. It can be tempting to anthropomorphize them, however, which I try not to do. Though I kinda do in this poem! I see them more as inspiration and solace rather than as messengers. And when I'm troubled or anxious, going out and to look for and try to identify birds pares time down to the moment and helps me live more fully in the present.

DH: Your poems are steeped in nature. I noticed you have referred to any number of artists – Cezanne, Monet, Hooper – in the book. So not only nature inspires you, but visual artists' interpretations of nature come into play.

WD: Yes, I'm inspired by art and enjoy responding to images that move me. I majored in art history in college, and my mother was a painter. I grew up surrounded by art and have taken drawing, watercolor, and pastel classes. I enjoy beginning a poem by describing what I see in an image and letting that lead me into deeper territory. Mark Doty does this so well, I think.

DH: How has your stint as poet-in-residence at the New Mission High School in Hyde Park and your programming co-chair at the New England Poetry Club helped or hindered your writing?

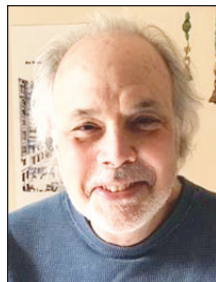
WD: Each of these activities connects me in different ways to poetry and to our poetic community. It's been a joy to participate on the board of the New England Poetry Club (now with you, Doug!), a chance to help promote local poets and to bring more diversity to our reading series, to get to know our wonderful board members and



Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Berk (Marty) is an accomplished improvisational jazz pianist and arranger who has found new artistic expression through writing poetry. The inspiration for *The Gallery* was spawned when he attended a jam session at the gallery of the artist Stephen LaPierre in Gloucester. *The Gallery* is the first of several poems he has written so far. He currently works with singer-songwriter Jennifer Matthews.



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September 15 through October 15 is designated to celebrate the contributions and diverse cultures from the **Latino, Latinx, Latina** community in the U.S. It is also a time to reflect, educate, and expand the meaning of this celebration. There are many ways to celebrate. You can fellowship with family and friends, read a

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Become part of an incredible team of **school volunteers**. Join the in-person **Volunteer Orientation** on **Thursday, October 13** from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more. Email JCapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us to RSVP.

SIREN: A Variety Show of Fierce female artists from comedy, music, movement: Equal parts performance, interview and exhibition, this collection of hand-picked guests is an entertainment journey unlike any other. Siren is variety show meets talk show meets comedy show, and Kelly will be your guide. **Thursday, October 6**, 8:00 p.m. 101 South St. Somerville. Tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/siren-a-variety-show-of-fierce-female-artists-from-comedy-music-movement-tickets-397327185307?aff=ebdsbdestsearch>.

Somerville Public Schools is hosting three clinics at school sites in October for children, families, and staff. Registration and more information at: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/vaccineclinics>. **October 11, Tuesday** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at **Winter Hill Community Innovation School**. Influenza vaccine only. **October 15, Saturday** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at **East Somerville Community School**. Influenza and COVID-19 vac-

cines. **October 26, Wednesday** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **West Somerville Neighborhood School**. Influenza vaccine only. The **City of Somerville** is also hosting weekly vaccine clinics offering the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. Those clinics start on **October 5** and operate **Wednesdays** (except October 26) from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave.

The **SHS Class of 1982 40th Reunion** will be held at the **Sons of Italy**, 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA on **November 15**, 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person, dinner included, cash bar. (\$50 after November 4). Payment methods: include Paypal: mbmbrennan44@gmail.com, Venmo: SHS Class of 1982 @shsclassof1982, Check: made out to SHS Class of 1982 mailed to **Marybeth Caturello**, 85 MacArthur Road Stoneham, MA 02180. For any other questions, please email **Marybeth Brennan** at mbmbrennan@comcast.net or call **Marybeth Caturello** at 617-851-2519.

The **Tufts University Department of Music** presents the Granoff Music Center Colloquium: *Of Vertical and Linear Heritages: One Composer's Journey in (Some) Words and (Mostly) Music* in the Varis Lecture Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on **Monday, October 17**, at 12:00 pm. **Granoff Music Center**, 20 Talbot Avenue, Tufts University Medford/Somerville Campus. Free admission.

The **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** is now available 24/7, 365 days a year in

Massachusetts and across the country. 988 is a direct three-digit phone line to trained **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** call takers. If you need suicide, substance use, or mental health crisis support, or if you are worried about someone else, you can call or text 988 or use the chatline at 988lifeline.org to access compassionate care and support.

Mark your calendars: **students in grades 9-12 and their families** won't want to miss the in-person **College Fair** on **October 18** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the **SHS Cafeteria**.

The **Somerville Mobile Farmers Market** is open for the season, selling fresh, local produce **through October 15**. The market schedule is as follows: **Fridays**: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the **Council on Aging/SCALE** (167 Holland St.); 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: **East Somerville Community School** (50 Cross St.) **Saturdays**: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: **North Street Housing** (24 North St.); 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.: **Mystic Housing** (Playground between 15B and 25B Memorial Rd.). The market accepts cash, debit, credit, SNAP, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons, and it offers an unlimited 50% discount for anyone who needs it. To learn more, visit: somervillema.gov/farmersmarket.

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problem solve and plan together, and to have the great joy of hanging out with our inspiring poets and Golden Rose winners. This year, Patricia Smith was the recipient of the Golden Rose and we honored her with dinner at The Little Crepe Cafe in Somerville, which was a delight.

As the poet in residence co-teaching a Creative Writing elective at New Mission, which I've done for the last four years (the last two on Zoom, which has been challenging), I've grown in confidence as a teacher and realize I love teaching! I also have enjoyed a wonderful partnership co-teaching and collaborating with Myles McNamara, a gifted New Mission English teacher. Teaching has challenged me to really own and articulate what I know about poetry: the importance of unpremeditated free writes, the empowerment of each student's voice, and the importance of learning craft (imagery, sound devices, line breaks, form, the turn, met-

aphor, simile, etc.), and of the importance of not knowing where you are going and discovering an insight along the way. Reading my students' poems can also be deeply gratifying, and often brings tears when I read their work, how brave and open they can be, how much they have to share. They teach me. Through the graces of Mass Poetry, we've also done some spoken word with Crystal Valentine and I was inspired hearing them perform in the auditorium and on the stage at Mass Poetry's new headquarters in the Seaport. I see I've written a lot here! Clearly both these activities have helped my writing!

DH: Why should we read your book?
WD: To answer that, I'd like to refer you to the wonderful blurbs that Martha Collins, Regie Gibson, and Donika Kelly have written for the book. I think my book speaks to anyone interested in exploring and excavating the past and in observing the present and the intersections

between past and present, anyone who wants to engage with, and remain alive to, astonishment in a world that often breaks your heart over and over with the terrible, the beautiful, the uncertain, and the diminished. To quote Anne Carson, whose epigraph I use at the beginning of my book, "It is when you are asking about something that you realize you have survived it, and so you must carry it, or fashion it into a thing that carries itself." I hope that those who read my book are moved by that carrying, that fashioning, and in turn will discover and feel compassion toward what they have carried and continue to carry, and to their own aliveness.

Please explore my website, wendydrexlerpoetry.com and those interested in purchasing my book can find it at Belmont Books, Porter Square Books, and Brookline Booksmith. Purchasing links can be found on my website.



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