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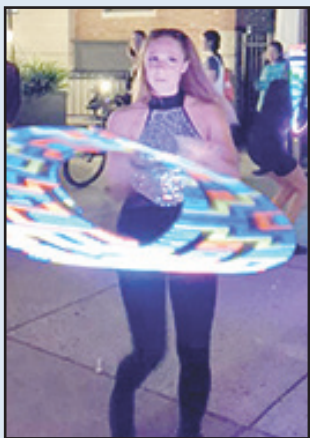
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## City considers appeal to denial of records release



A GoFundMe fundraising effort has been established to help the Peréa-Roberson family cope with the challenges of dealing with the incident involving their child.

By Eileen Qiu

Tense pauses, stutters and silence fell over last Thursday's Legislative Matters Committee meeting as City Council members discussed the city seeking to overturn a ruling from the Public Records Office that will let parents acquire records for their child, who was accused of inappropriately touching a classmate.

Flavia Perea and Sean Robinson's son was accused of the act in 2019. They said they were entitled to the records according to the public documents attached to the meeting's agenda.

Perea and Robinson requested the report twice and were rejected by the city each time, citing "It's prohibited by law from releasing any incident report."

The parents reasoned in a letter from Supervisor of Records Rebecca Murray that there was no crime committed due to

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## Shirley pop-up restaurant to have soft-opening at Bow Market

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Chef Kat Bayle has worked in kitchens from San Francisco to Slovenia to Paris. For almost a year now, Bayle has been running a weekly pop-up kitchen in restaurants around Somerville and now plans to do a soft opening.

Shirley, a pop-up kitchen, which was formerly known as Blueberries for Sal, is set for a soft opening on October 16 at Union Square's Bow Market.

According to Bayle, the pop-up revolves around locally sourced ingredients from nearby farms.

"The concept behind it is farm to table, so everything is super local and with farmers and producers and purveyors that I have a personal relationship with and have gotten to know in the past few years of living in New England," she said.

Bayle also spoke on her reasoning behind starting this project, citing a wish to

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Shirley pop-up kitchen owner/operator Chef Kat Bayle.



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Don't forget, on **October 8–10 Lyndell's Bakery** in Ball Square will be holding their annual **Sean Collier Memorial Weekend**. They will have some great raffle items and will be selling half-moons with Sean's badge number on them. One dollar for every half-moon purchased will be donated to the **SAPD Sean Collier Scholarship Fund**. Do not forget to stop by for your half-moon. This is a great way to honor Sean Collier! You can learn more about Sean and donate here! <https://officercolliermemorialfund.org>.

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**Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin Parish's Annual Holiday Bazaar** will take place on **Friday, October 15**, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., and **Saturday, October 16**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in **St. Catherine's Parish Hall**, 179 Summer Street, Somerville. Free Admission.

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**Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne**, and **city staff** invite you to a virtual community meeting to review the final design for **schoolyard renovations at the West Somerville Neighborhood School**. The design includes a small turf field, age-appropriate play structures, active areas for kickball and basketball, a climbing wall, significantly more tree canopy, tables and seating, new safety surfacing and fencing, and drainage improvements, among other features. The meeting will take place **Wednesday, October 13**, at 6:00 p.m. Learn more and register to attend at [https://www.west-somerville.org/2021/09/29/schoolyard-renovations-meeting](#) *Continued on page 7*

## Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of October 6 – October 12 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 <b>Wednesday</b> <i>October 6</i>	Partly Cloudy	69°/54°	11%	6%	NE 9 mph
 <b>Thursday</b> <i>October 7</i>	Sunny	75°/57°	14%	7%	W 4 mph
 <b>Friday</b> <i>October 8</i>	Sunny	71°/57°	8%	4%	NE 9 mph
 <b>Saturday</b> <i>October 9</i>	Cloudy	64°/56°	15%	6%	E 11 mph
 <b>Sunday</b> <i>October 10</i>	Rain	66°/59°	33%	21%	SE 10 mph
 <b>Monday</b> <i>October 11</i>	Rain	70°/58°	39%	22%	SE 11 mph
 <b>Tuesday</b> <i>October 12</i>	Rain	71°/59°	33%	18%	NE 10 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: Remembering Gina Foglia

Heather Heimarck says:

How to commemorate a life such as Gina's? One so rich in interests, impact, and reach? I've decided to focus on her professional work in order to add to a collage of remembrances written by others that may begin to portray her dimensions. Gina was a year ahead of me at graduate school at Harvard's GSD (Graduate School of Design), she graduated in 1990. It was a time when the GSD was interested in translating architectural theory and modern art into landscape design and aesthetics. Gina held a bachelor of science from SUNY with a focus in fine arts and horticulture. Even then, Gina was interested in the messy bits; the lessons of the environmentalist movement; the integration of science, plant communities, and design; the facilitation of community process and sustainable, regenerative design long before these terms were mainstream and celebrated as they are today. Gina was swimming upstream and it didn't matter to her a bit. Her fearless unashamed approach, grounding her work in sustainable design, cradle to grave management of natural resources, harvesting and community advocacy (speaking truth to power) allowed her to build a career, professional practice and network around her convictions. As her fellow classmate, former business partner at Heimarck & Foglia, landscape architects and planners, long term collaborator and friend, I am so grateful for her deep commitment to her core values, great spirit and many contributions to building a better world for us to live in and foster. Gina gave freely but she also asked a lot of her friends, she wanted us all to be involved, to contribute our bit to the collective effort of helping one another, lending a hand, and stewardship. We honor her by being involved with our communities, one another, and the natural world....and she would have us always recycle and compost responsibly.

Joan Cergol says:

Sending my love, hugs and sympathies to the friends and family of Gina Foglia. I had the fortune of engaging Gina as a consultant to the Town of Huntington on an important project at our Huntington Station Gateway Park and community garden. Gina brought so much knowledge, expertise, passion, integrity and life to this mission in Huntington, and I am certain, to everything and everyone else she touched. We learned so much from Gina, and I was in particular awe of her professionalism and beautiful spirit in connecting with all types of people and processing and respecting opposing ideas. While I am heartbroken that Gina has been lost far too soon and so tragically, I take some solace in the knowledge that her legacy and special connection with people and nature will endure through her lasting contributions and through the continuing good work of the Foglia family, brother Larry and his lovely wife Heather (with whom I have also worked), among others. Larry was a driving force in the completion of Huntington Station's community garden, so it was so natural and fitting that his sister Gina stepped as well to assist in its ongoing development. I should add that I also enjoyed the privilege of working with Gina's (and Larry's) remarkable mom, Dinah, who was a legend in her own civic space here in Huntington. May Gina's and her mother Dinah's fine work and example light the way for generations to come.

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# Somerville High Class of 1960 Reunion



*This week, I am featuring guest writer Diane (DiNitto) Suffredini with her report on the SHS Class of 1960 Reunion.*

The Class of 1960 started planning its reunion in September 2019. My husband, Peter Suffredini, and I, both 1960 graduates, have been spearheading these reunions for many years, with a constant committee since 1965, when the first one was held.

Without fail, a reunion has been held



One of the DJs in front of our "1960" balloons.

every five years, except for this momentous one: The Class of "60" was about to have its "60th," but it got delayed because of the pandemic. Not to be deterred, we re-booked the reunion for 365 days later to September 24, 2021.

During the extra 18 months, I did some heavy research and found many classmates whose addresses had changed through the years. As it turned out, four of these classmates attended their first reunion along with 102 more.

Since the Class of '60 had to have a "60th," the program book with an awesome photo of the original/old high school on its cover was called Class of 1960 celebrates its 60th (plus one) Anniversary! The program book and much of the memento printing for the memorabilia table was designed and printed by another classmate, Patricia DeCillis Phillips.

A great DJ, Alan Bella, got everyone motivated and many from the class participated in some fun dances including the Stroll! The men provided their rendition of YMCA, giving everyone a few laughs and the ladies performed a brilliant chorus line of the "new" Rockettes! Many friendships were renewed and a good time was had by all.

Paul Murray, Class of 1960 President, a retired SHS teacher and building master, and now a member of the SHS Scholarship Fund, spoke about the campaign that



Paul (seated left) and Lucille Murray (standing), with Peter and Diane Suffredini (seated right).

had been held in 2019 to award Class of 1960 scholarships to the Class of 2020.

The Class of 1960 awarded three scholarships in the amount of \$1960 each to three graduates in 2020 and another \$1960 scholarship to a 2021 graduate. The Class of 1960 is already donating again towards awarding another scholarship to a deserving graduate(s) in 2022. This class has been unbelievably generous and caring in their donations to help an-

other Somerville High graduate pursue his/her further education.

Many Class of 1960 classmates have stated how grateful they were for the great education they had received from Somerville High during their years there and how they wanted to help this generation.

The Class of 1960 is certainly unique in the way they have retained many friendships and continued with the reunions every five years. And *Continued on page 13*

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# Next Wave/Full Circle students talk with Katjana Ballantyne

The City Councilor and current mayoral candidate Katjana Ballantyne sat down for a conversation with Next Wave/Full Circle students Anthony Slocum, Christian Martinez, and Kurt Redgate. We reached out to Mr. Will Mbah for an interview but we couldn't find a time to meet that worked for both of us.

**Anthony Slocum:** How did you end up in Somerville?

**KB:** Great question. It was affordable, I had been living in Chelsea for five years and my housing situation changed. I was single, roommates and all that, and I moved to Winthrop for a year and a half, two years when the house had a fire and I got displaced. I lost everything and my friends let me sleep on their couch for three months here, two weeks there until I was able to find a place.

**AS:** Why do you want to be mayor?

**KB:** I think Somerville is at a pivotal time and I believe that our next mayor needs to have three key qualities. They need to embody the cultures and values of Somerville, like really believe in them. They should have an inclusive leadership style and they should have the skills and experience to be chief executive. I believe I best bring those three key qualities to the mayor's office.

I think we've worked on a lot of good progressive things in the last decade and I'd be honored to be able to do it. One other thing, I moved here in 1993, and why did I decide to stay in Somerville? I was born and orphaned in Greece and adopted there by my Scottish father, hence the name Ballantyne is Scottish and my Czech-German mother is eastern European.

We are a family of immigrants and we emigrated to the United States when I was four. I learned then that sometimes people are afraid of differences. It could be your accent, your food, or it could simply be your culture. So, it was always important to me to make sure that people are included and feel a part of it. I love the fact that you talk about a circle, and I always step back to make sure people are in the circle.

I'm Greek and I like to Greek dance, and if you notice about the Greeks, the Greeks like to line dance for the most part, but a curved line, so an open circle really, so they never close the circle. The idea is it's a metaphor that people should always feel that they can come into the circle. So, if you are Greek dancing or go down to the Greek festivals, they want anybody to show up. You don't have to be

a couple, you know, you can be three, or five, or you can be one person. You know, you just join in on the dance.

So, when I moved to Somerville in '93, I saw a place that was changing. People were talking about things and using words like progressive. They were thinking in a way that I just had never experienced it in a community that I lived in. I felt comfortable here and I started to get involved, I volunteered. I love it here, it has been good to me, good to my family and those three key qualities are, I think, necessary. A mayor is an executive, not a legislator but an executive.

And so, the skills that I have, I was the first and only one in my family to go to college. I worked two jobs and took out loans to get a bachelor's degree and an MBA so I have a master's degree in business. I have worked for over thirty years. I've worked for a dozen years in business and international supply chain management. I worked in some start-ups, but then I moved into the non-profit world. I worked for an affordable housing developer and also on the economic side, the work force side.

So, it was trying to connect local people to local jobs, making sure they had the skills and that



L to R: Kurt Redgate, Katjana Ballantyne, Anthony Slocum, and Christian Martinez.

they had career ladder opportunities. I use the word economic mobility so that If you're starting out and you're making twenty thousand or fifty thousand, in my mind you should be making a hundred thousand, two hundred thousand. There should be a step and a career ladder path for you. So, I also worked with community-based organizations in Boston to create green economy jobs, that was back in 2010.

So, we know that climate change is real, how do we make sure that the work force and the people working have the skills to work in solar, work in wind as we try to move away from fossil fuel. For five years I was executive director of a violence prevention non-profit for at risk girls. I've been on the city council seven and a half years and twice elected city council president. So, my vision *Continued on page 6*

## City considers appeal to denial of records release

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their child being only six-years-old and therefore there is no victim.

"Given the nature of this matter, we are unable to discuss the substance of it beyond the four corners of the complaint," said Solicitor Francis Wright. "I will note that we have in the past appealed a decision of the Supervisor of Public Records"

When asked if he could articulate the city's reasons, Wright responded "No" and "Not at this time, given the nature of it." He

said the city believes the documents don't fit the definition of a public record. "We don't agree with the supervisor's decision that the record should be produced," Wright said.

Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis made it known he was not comfortable with the city using public resources to contest the supervisor's decision. He was hoping for a legal argument as to why the records could not be released and called the city's position "abhorrent." The

councilors, however, do not have a vote on whether or not to challenge it, he said.

Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang agreed with Davis and said the case is something that has "stained the city's reputation." Niedergang said the administration is usually in favor of transparency and the arguments he saw for keeping the records private were not compelling to him. "This looks really bad for the city and for the administration," Niedergang said.

"My feeling is it's always just easier to give them the information and let's move on"

The city has the right to appeal this decision and to generally protect people's privacy, Solicitor Wright said.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been set up for the Peréa-Roberson family. The funds will help cover costs associated with legal fees, expungement of law enforcement, child welfare, and school conduct records, as well as for mental health resources.

Donors can contribute by going online to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/justice-for-the-rober-son-perea-family-and-son>.

Other points of discussion in the meeting included automated speed enforcement in school zones and the vote to move forward with a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents in Somerville.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

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try something new due to the COVID-19 pandemic shutting most of society down.

"I started because it was something I have been thinking about doing for quite a while and I think everybody's world got turned kind of upside down due to the pandemic. I wound up having some more time and space to do something like this," she said.

After about a year of operating

with irregular hours, the restaurant is now transitioning to a more stable schedule, opening six days a week at Bow Market.

"Everything is shifting with the seasons and shifting with the COVID, the newest part of it has been transitioning to Bow Market," Bayle said, "I've been there through the summer and will be there six days a week, starting in October."

According to Bayle, the recep-

tion from the community has been very positive, with some regulars coming to her various pop-up dinners regularly.

"It's been great, so I've had some people who have been following me since the very beginning and have literally come to every single sit-down dinner that I do," she said.

Transitioning to a permanent schedule at Bow Market will bring its benefits, not only for

the operation as a whole but also for guests that have been wanting to visit the pop-up kitchen for a while. "So, I think for guests that's going to be nice, and then for me too, that I'll be in the same place doing the same sort of menu for five to six days a week," Bayle said.

When asked why people should stop by and visit the kitchen, she emphasized the central role local ingredients play in the running

of the kitchen. "I think because it's super local, that's one of the central concepts. Is that the ingredients I'm getting are super local and super seasonal and I'm also trying to be really welcoming to all dietary situations," Bayle said.

Shirley will begin service at Bow Market on October 16, with service six days a week beginning on October 19.

# Developer, residents, city planners negotiate zoning for Boynton Yards gateway

By Joe Creason

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, a joint hearing of the Land Use Committee and Planning Board was held. Members of the of the public were given the opportunity to speak, with each speaker having up to two minutes to give their opinion on the various agenda items being discussed at the forum.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Michael Capuano chaired the Land Use Committee and Planning Board respectively.

Zoning with regards to the Boynton Yards gateway project near Webster Avenue and Columba Street, has been a long developing issue for the Planning Board and Land Use Committee.

The project proponent and developer, CV Properties, has engaged in productive discussions around the zoning of 80 Webster with a compromise solution that would satisfy the needs of all parties, says President of CV Properties Richard Galvin.

“It was a good back and forth, I think everyone gets a little bit of what they wanted and I want

to commend the city for facilitating that discussion. We look forward to hopefully delivering the jobs and community needs of Somerville with this project,” Galvin said.

Representatives from the group Concerned Residents of 80 Webster felt a little differently.

“We have indicated that the nine-story height limit is our preferred direction for this project,” said Rodger Levi from Concerned Residents of 80 Webster.

According to Levi, Concerned Residents of 80 Webster have not received a signed agreement from CV Properties to move forward with this specific plan.

“Regarding the extension of high-rise zoning to the western portion of the block north of Beach Avenue and South of Columbia Street, we cannot support that at this time because we have not concluded a signed agreement,” Levi said.

Levi remains cautiously optimistic that they will be able to reach an agreement in the future. The resident organization is disappointed at this time by the fact that a high-rise zoning destination remains on the section

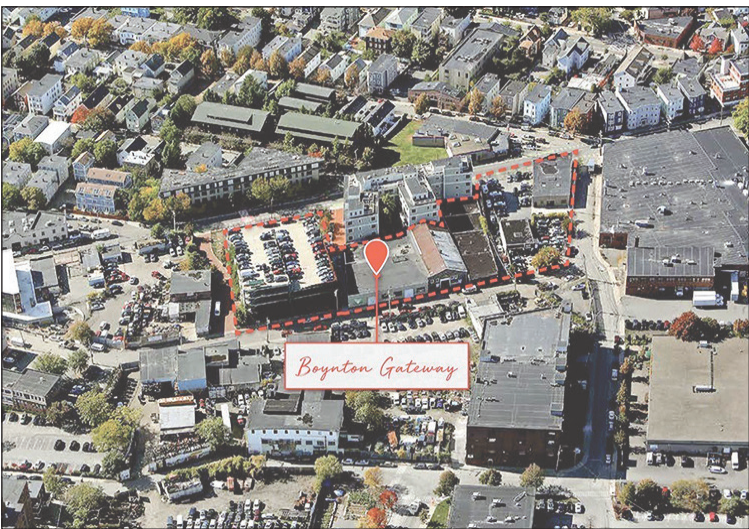
of the 80 Webster block which is south of the Boynton gateway site, Levi says.

“In all of the draft ordinances through the redoing process in December 2019, up until this late summer version of the draft ordinances, that entire block was zoned mid-rise five. It was only rezoned as high-rise in the penultimate draft, and there was no public notification of this change and no attention draw to this,” Levi said.

According to Levi, the residents of 80 Webster believe that the southern portion of the block should remain mid-rise five due to potential effects on the community and quality of life.

“Overall, I would like to thank CV properties and the city planning staff for working on with us on this,” Levi said.

In a public communication from the City Clerk’s Office, 18 registered voters requested the adoption of a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district around 51 McGrath Highway from high-rise to mid-rise five, and the zoning district around 35 McGrath Highway from mid-rise five to



mid-rise four.

Comments from the public on this agenda item, ranged from opposition to support for the registered voters’ request.

“As residents who are having to deal with the implications of zoning, we are sympathetic to the residents in the McGrath-Brick Bottom area,” Levi said.

Seth Horowitz, a resident at 12 Maple Avenue, says that he is sympathetic to the needs of artists and creatives that may live in the area. However, Horowitz says the presence of high-rise housing units within five minutes walking distance of the soon to be Green Lin Extension

station, will help Somerville transition away from a car dependent society.

“I tried to understand the concerns that those residents have, but it sounded to me like the main concern was the casting of shadows in that area. That argument to me, shadows on the one hand versus building to city I a climate resilient way, makes it hard for me to support down zoning from a high-rise to a mid-rise,” Horowitz said.

As this was a public hearing, committees did not give a final deliberation on the issue.

A following Land Use Committee meeting would be held on Oct. 5.

## SHINE offers free Medicare counseling for Open Enrollment

Medicare plans often change, and because of that it’s important to be mindful of Medicare Open Enrollment, even if you’re satisfied with your current coverage.

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## 'We Are Somerville' art installation unveiled at Assembly Row

Assembly Row and the Somerville Arts Council are thrilled to unveil a collaborative art project at Assembly Row titled We Are Somerville. This art installation takes the form of three giant vertical banners, which feature portraits of people who live and/or work in Somerville. Collectively, these intimate yet bold portraits by local photographer Kristen Joy Emack convey the personality and diversity of Somerville. The banners adorn a facade along Great River Road and face the Mystic River and the Orange Line.

"These portraits capture what makes our city great – diversity and inclusion," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "By looking at these smiling faces, it's a powerful reminder that everyone is welcome here in Somerville."

"We're excited to have yet another art installation at Assembly Row," said David Middleton, Assembly Row General Manager. "Somerville is a town renowned for its artists and creative output, so as far as we're concerned, the more art the better. It conveys who we are as a city."

The Somerville Arts Council and Assembly Row look forward to a continued partnership as the murals, art installations, and art space projects at Assembly Row continue to grow. Expect art tours later this fall or spring.



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of Somerville is an inclusive, equitable city where we can all thrive together.

**AS:** What is one change that you will make?

**KB:** Well, I want to continue to work on the things I've been working on for my adult life and they're interrelated. It's on affordability, and affordability is really layered, it's complex.

So, I want to make sure that there is housing here and that we as a city can use every tool possible. So, some laws we can make, other laws we can't because there are state laws and maybe in some areas, federal laws. But we can use every tool possible, whether it is incentivizing developers to make more affordable housing, or to make sure that there is more family housing, three bedrooms or more so we make sure there are families who stay here.

Whether it is on the jobs end, there is so much construction going on around us and it took 31 years between building office buildings. So, right now the businesses that exist here tend to be more food service and that is wonderful. If you don't want to do food service, what else can you do?

Right, so the point would be to give people who live here now an opportunity for jobs. So, what am I going to do? The main thing is to work on the affordability. But how do you get jobs? We have to make sure that we're attracting the right kind of jobs. So, it gives career opportunity to the people who live here now. Then they also get first preference to those jobs.

Then also, when you are managing the city, you have to make sure that the expenses that you have, you have money coming in that pays for it. That primarily comes in from office-commer-

cial. So, we don't make money on residential houses, it isn't a net positive but net negative. That means it costs the city more to deliver services than the revenue and taxes we get for it. So where do you get, then, the money to fill that gap? You get it from commercial buildings, office buildings, they are the ones that help us to be able to fund building a new high school.

**Christian Martinez:** What is the future of policing in Somerville?

**KB:** Wow, well what do you want the future of policing to look like? So, I have been known for my inclusive leadership style, so what does that mean? It means that I try to make sure that all voices are heard at the table. That you get best practices, you get data, so you get information so it's not just people's opinions because sometimes people's opinions might not be based on fact. It'll be based on their personal experience.

So, we want to figure out what's the best practices. In the city of Somerville, as a City Councilor, we asked, with the community and with public safety in mind, we said we would hire a Racial Social Justice Director. Her name is Denise Molina Capers, she's been working with us for about six months now. She would host community meetings that would also include the community voices. She talks with public safety people and she talks with the community. She uses data and research, see what other communities around the country are doing to come up with what we want to see here in Somerville.

So, I think we have to finish that process, it has to be an inclusive process. I think there are creative ways to handle things

which Somerville has been doing a little bit. We have a department within the Somerville Police called COHR, Community Outreach Health Recovery. So, if someone is having a mental health issue, we have five social workers on staff that come and help calm down the situation. And then, they'd redirect that person to all these non-profits and social workers and hospitals that are supports for people with mental health, or maybe drug addiction issues. So that the first step should not be that you're arrested, it should be to get the right help for the person.

Right now, the safety net falls to the police because that's the number to call. But the discussion is, should that fall to the police? Should there be another number, 511? Should there be a system set up? The interesting thing about public safety is you don't know what else is going on with an individual, and you don't know when the balance is of will something escalate into something that is unsafe? So that's the challenge and that is the problem to deconstruct and figure out what would a structure look like. If a social worker is going to respond to something like that and it turns quickly, are we putting them in harm's way?

**CM:** What plans do you have for programming for younger teens?

**KB:** I am really happy you asked this question. I think there should be more programming for middle schoolers. I think there should be programming in a way that you have experiences and not necessarily based on academics. It should be based on trying something new outside of your culture, your neighborhood.

It might be that one little idea that puts you on a path-

way to something new. I want to go back to the idea of inclusive leadership because I think there should be more investment at the middle school ages but I would be asking for your feedback, ideas driven by youth. I think it is important and we need to deliver more on progressive values and make sure your voices are heard.

When I was City Council President I actually invited in students. I invited them to sit at the podium and I told them 'I want them to know that this is your place too.' They were able to see how the legislative process works. I really feel that city hall is everybody's space, I call it the people's chamber. People should feel comfortable walking around there and understanding what all the different offices do.

**CM:** What new projects will you start on?

**KB:** We have an assessment of what our city office needs are, and we have fire houses in different areas, all those buildings need to be assessed. We need to determine what has to be done to make sure they are in a healthy condition. So, we need to look at the buildings we own and how we can make sure we have a consistent maintenance plan, as maintenance isn't always put into the budget.

**Kurt Redgate:** What will be your biggest challenge as mayor?

**KB:** Right now, we are at a pivotal time, a lot of things are happening at the same time. We have new construction, we need to attract more businesses to come in because as I said before, the residential taxes don't pay for the things we deliver on. So, we need to have commercial buildings to help with that.

I don't know if this is really a challenge or if we need to pri-

oritize everything and decide which one needs to get done first. We are going to get federal money, infrastructure money, that will come to us in installments and we have five years to use it. I think one of the biggest challenges might be when dealing with our physical assets, like there is a lot of flooding that goes on in Gilman Square. That causes a lot of damage to the houses that are there.

So, it is getting all of those projects done at the same time. So, the businesses that are here, they wanted to be here. I asked the executives at Puma at the groundbreaking, why Somerville? And they said they surveyed their employees, and they could have gone to the Seaport district in Boston but their employees wanted to be here.

So, I say that if your employees want to be here then we have to make sure that we bring them in and meet the people so we help out and take care of one another, provide opportunities, build relationships.

**KR:** How long do you want to be mayor?

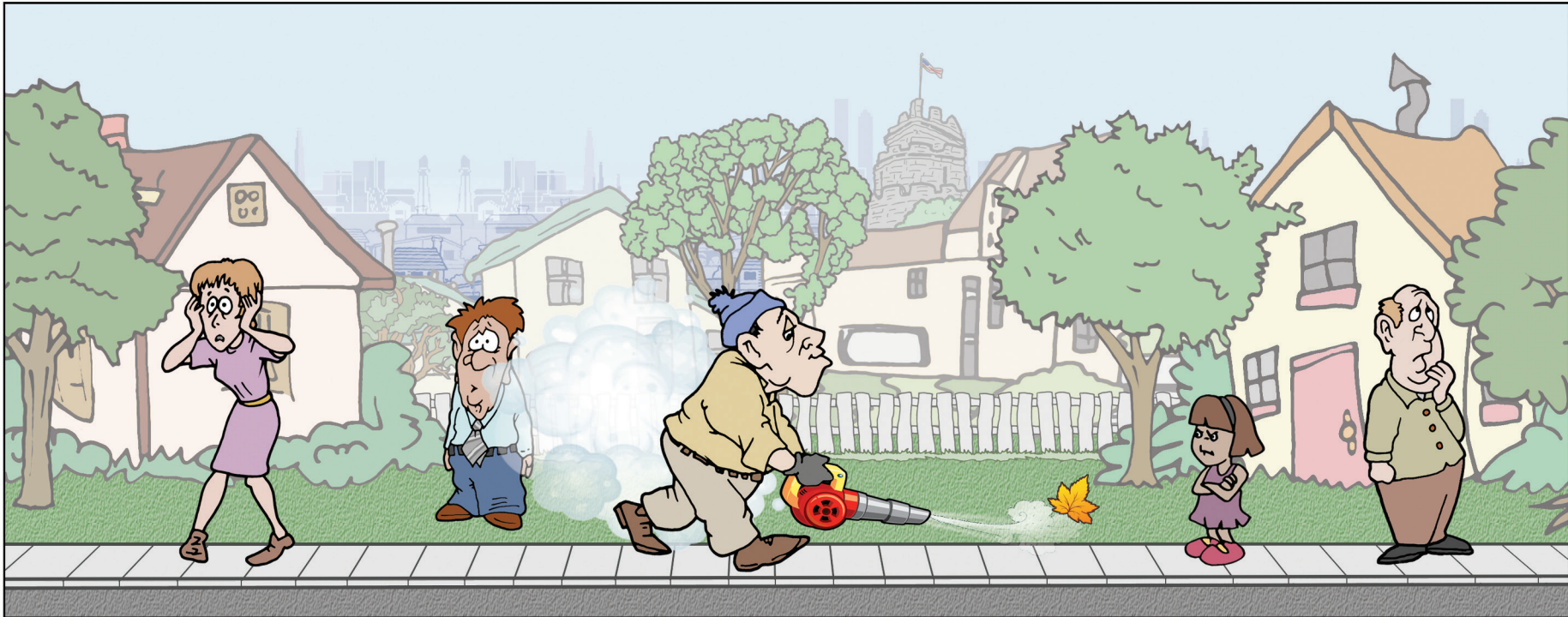
**KB:** Hmmmm, not 18 years, we'll see. I am not afraid of change, change always provides some opportunity and it also gives other people an opportunity to step up. One thing that I've learned, having worked with youth while I was an executive director of Girls Leap in Boston is that there are just some really thoughtful and dedicated people.

I have faith in humanity, I have faith in youth. Sometimes I am around young people and I think, "Wow, they are so impressive!" So, it will be someone else's turn. You can't get anything done in two years, or even four years, you need a few more sessions after that.

COMMENTARY

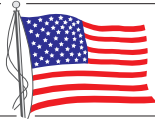
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Finally, sensible regulations on leaf blowers enacted.

Our View Of The Times



After more than a year of study and debate, the Somerville City Council has passed a new ordinance that sets guidelines for when and how leaf blowers may be used within the city

Many have felt annoyed with a neighbor or contracted groundskeeper running one of these contraptions either at inappropriate times – such as weekend mornings when one hopes to sleep in a little longer

in the morning – or upwind of us as we hope to breathe some fresh air while we enjoy the outdoors whenever we wish to.

Let’s face it, these things can be loud and the environmental impact of the noise they generate can’t be ignored.

The ordinance restricts the use of leaf blowers to certain days and times. Specifically, the following general guidelines have been established:

Lawn care businesses that want to use leaf blowers in Somerville must submit an operations plan to the City’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD) for approval before using leaf blowers.

Leaf blowers may only be used March 15 through May 31 and October 1 through December 15 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Leaf blowers may not be used on Sun-

days or municipal holidays, with certain exceptions as outlined in the ordinance.

When in use, leaf blowers should be set to the lowest setting needed to complete the job.

Violating the leaf blower ordinance could result in a fine of \$300 per violation. Visit [somervillema.gov/leafblowers](http://somervillema.gov/leafblowers) to learn more about Somerville’s new leaf blower ordinance.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to local activist and good guy **Ben Echevarria**. We wish him well. From a great family and a proud Somerville guy. Happy birthday to **Mike Buckley**, another proud Somerville guy. We wish him the very best. He’s a dedicated and good guy. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Mike Capuano**, **Kerri Shannon Schaefer**, **Sue Casazza Smith**, **Steven Connarton** and **Phyllis D’Annavery** happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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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**.

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See the latest **Somerville case data** at [somervillema.gov/covid19dashboard](http://somervillema.gov/covid19dashboard).

Need a COVID test? Go to [somervillema.gov/covid19testing](http://somervillema.gov/covid19testing) to find a testing location.

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**Pfizer vaccine clinic** is open to all people age 12+ will be held at the location below. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required. The **CHA vaccine site** at 176 Somerville Ave. (next to Target in Union Square) and **many local pharmacies** also offer walk-in vaccinations. To find out more about these clinics and where else you can get vaccinated, visit [somervillema.gov/vaccine](http://somervillema.gov/vaccine). If you’re not vaccinated, make a plan today to get your shot. **Monday, October 18: City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Ave., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **At-home vaccinations available:** Massachusetts offers in-home vaccinations for anyone who can’t travel to a vaccination location. To learn more and sign up for an in-home vaccination, call (833) 983-0485.

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The **City of Somerville** is set to debut the new **Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan**, a master plan and zoning recommendation document that establishes the long-term vision for Assembly Square, Somerville’s newest and fastest

growing neighborhood. Once adopted, it will provide the basis for decision making, development, and further planning as Somerville and the Assembly Square Neighborhood move into the future. After more than a year engaged in a comprehensive public process, the city has finalized the draft plan and is ready to share it with the community. Please join the **Planning Division** as they present the plan virtually on **Wednesday, October 13**, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting link will be posted before the event at [somervillema.gov/assemblynp](http://somervillema.gov/assemblynp). After the presentation, community members will be able to provide feedback before the plan goes to the Planning Board for official consideration on November 4.

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**Somerville High School students** are encouraged to enter the **Somerville Mathematics Fund 2nd Annual Game Jam**. Teams of three students vie for top honors and prizes in a game-creation competition. Students can register individually or as a team. Registration deadline is **October 13**. Participating students must be residents of Somerville who have not yet graduated high school. For more information and to register, visit <http://somervillemathematics.blogspot.com>.

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**Somerville High School parents and guardians** are invited to the virtual **Back to School Night, Thursday, October 7**, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. There will be a virtual parent orientation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., then you may watch videos and slideshows that teachers prepared for the event. Administrators will be accessible for general questions and information. Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole will be available. More information will be posted in your student’s ASPEN account.

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A **Somerville Girl Scout troop** has started a **petition for a crosswalk at Somerville Ave. and Spring St.**, which they see an important desire line, and one that is not currently safe. To support them visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMYDF-DOVo9sHZwgcNdkoxRwVVZw-mQzOulYuVLIMOXZz7nYw/view-form>.

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Continuing **through Friday, October 29**, excluding weekends, the **Department of Conservation** *Continued on page 12*

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#797

1. When is is Fire Prevention Week in 2021?

2. Which famous battle took place on Sunday June 18, 1815?

3. What's another name for a foot stool?

4. Independence Day in Cambodia is when?

5. What sport is featured in the FIFA video game?

6. Before the laws were changed in 2000, how long was a French president's term?

7. What is the name of the classification

of crime which is less serious than a felony?

8. What classic video game requires you to eat all the dots throughout a maze?

9. What goes up and down, but still remains in the same place?

10. How many bags of wool did Baa Baa Black Sheep have?

11. Mahatma Gandhi's birthday is a national holiday in which country?

12. "Weebles wobble, but they don't" do what?

Answers on page 15

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. There are over 70,000 types of spiders spinning their webs in the world.

2. A Las Vegas hospital suspended workers for betting on when patients would die.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

HOCKEY

ACROSS

1. Instagram handle, e.g.

6. Faux one

9. Floor cleaner or haircut, pl.

13. No such thing as a free one?

14. Middle-earth dweller

15. Like Halloween night

16. Binary digits code

17. Biathlon glider

18. Take without asking

19. Hockey's \_\_\_\_ Cup

21. Start of play

23. End of White House URL

24. 1,000 grams

25. Spot for a massage

28. Chemistry Nobelist Otto \_\_\_\_

30. The oldest U.S.-based team in NHL

35. Bar bills

37. Denials

39. Thin Mints group, e.g.

40. Just one of British Isles

41. Low landform

43. Not in favor of

44. Slap landing

46. Dutch cheese

47. Property right

48. Kismet-related

50. "All for one, one for all" sword

52. Shed tears

53. Old in Scottish

55. Time period

57. Sandler as hockey player

61. "The Great One"

65. Radio show host: "Hello, you're \_\_\_\_"

66. Sea in Spain

68. Witchy woman

69. Pore in a leaf

70. 1980 Olympic "Miracle" winner

71. Ringworm

72. Gardner's gear

73. Dashboard acronym

74. Same as sakis

DOWN

1. "Sad to say ..."

2. A deadly sin

3. Ancient Peruvian

4. Breezing through

CROSSWORD

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

5. Civil War battle

6. Nosegay

7. Biblical boat

8. "The Terminator" genre

9. Dole out

10. Black and white treat

11. "La Vie en rose" singer

12. Ego's domain

15. Bodyguard, e.g.

20. 14-year NHL player, coached Whalers to playoffs, Jack \_\_\_\_

22. Priest's vestment

24. Worked the dough

25. Hockey club

26. Ottoman title

27. More competent

29. \*Great Gordie

31. Europe/Asia mountain divide

32. Not Doric nor Corinthian

33. Post-it user

34. Like a sea urchin

36. Give an impression

38. \* \_\_\_\_ shot

42. Arabian chieftain

45. "Hats off," in New Zealand (2 words)

49. Mixed breed puppy

51. Builds

54. Madagascar primate

56. Skylit lobbies

57. "Gee!"

58. Keen on

59. Cambodia's neighbor

60. Marcel Marceau, e.g.

61. 1/1000 of #24 Across

62. Fall asleep, with 'out'

63. Between femur and tibia

64. Confirmations

67. Nile viper

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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# City to hold flu vaccination clinics

The City of Somerville has set up two 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 [somer villema.gov/flu](http://somer villema.gov/flu). Residents are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine to protect their health as well as to support the community’s efforts to lessen the impacts of both influenza and the coronavirus.



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 (sign up information is below). 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.

## FLU CLINIC DETAILS & SCHEDULE

Before you go:

Pre-registration at [somer villema.gov/flu](http://somer villema.gov/flu) is required for all City flu clinics. Be sure to select “Flu vaccine (influenza)” when scheduling your appointment. If you need assistance 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:

Wednesday, October 13 at the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross St. from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m,

Saturday, October 23 at the Somerville Public Library West Branch at 40 College Ave. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other providers: Local pharmacies also offer free flu vaccinations, and residents may also seek flu vaccinations from their medical provider.

Additional dates will be added later this fall and winter. Check [somer villema.gov/flu](http://somer villema.gov/flu) for additional dates, and to receive updates please sign up for City alerts by all delivery means possible (phone, email, and text) at [www.somer villema.gov/alerts](http://www.somer villema.gov/alerts). Alerts are sent in five languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Nepali).

Flu vaccines reduce the risk of serious flu-related illness, hospitalization, and death. The best time to get a flu vaccine is between late September and early November. There is potential for an early and severe flu season due to the relaxed pandemic safety measures and the population’s reduced immunity to the flu after months of social distancing. Getting your flu shot now can help reduce the spread of the flu virus and the burden on the healthcare system during the coronavirus pandemic.

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# 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 [somer villema.gov/treasury](http://somer villema.gov/treasury).

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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 19, 2021** 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 20 of the Acts of 2021, 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](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

Registration URL:  
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ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

**DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)**

**HPC.ALT 2021.38 – 10 ARLINGTON STREET**  
Applicant: Roof Hub  
Owner: Kate Williams  
*Installation of rear deck; Retroactive Commission approval for removal of exterior feature visible from a public way*

**DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2021.20 – 16 WOODBINE STREET**  
Applicant: Sal Querusio  
Owner: Mark R. & Jill T. Ardelino  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.21 – 599 Somerville Avenue**  
Applicant: 599 Somerville Ventures, LLC c/o Rafi Properties  
Owner: Same as Applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.22 – 9 HANSON AVENUE**  
Applicant: Brendon Boot  
Owner: Same as Applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.23 – 256 Elm Street**  
Applicant: Welch Liles  
Owner: AP Davis Square Plaza, LLC  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.24 – 1252 BROADWAY**  
Applicant: Annette Thomas  
Owner: 1252 Broadway Somerville, LLC  
*Demolish principal structure*


**HPC.DMO 2021.25 – 2 QUINCY STREET**  
Applicant: Mystic Realty Trust  
Owner: Joseph S. & Sheila B. Savini  
*Demolish all structures*

**DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2021.19 – 15-16 WINTER HILL CIRCLE**  
Applicant: Raymond A. Snow  
Owner: Raymond A Snow, trustee of 84 Linden Realty Trust  
*Demolish principal structure*

*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](mailto: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](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) with inquiries.*

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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, October 21, 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](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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**TO CALL IN**

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

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for Mavericks at Washington, LLC d/b/a Juliet for an Enhancement Area All Forms 7 Day Alcohol License, a Common Victualler License and a Sunday Hours License at 263 Washington St., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**Middlesex County**

**BEFORE THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

IN RE: The certificate to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician

**Joseph R. Merry, Jr.**  
**333 Great River Road #527**  
**Somerville, MA 02145**

**17 Florence Street, Apt. 287**  
**Malden, MA 02148-3983**

**150 Rivers Edge Drive, Apt. 408**  
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**CASE NO.: 2020-24237**


**LICENSE NO.: EMT569778**

*The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Kimberly Marshall, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9810.*

*If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by November 3, 2021 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in an informal proceeding.*

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.*

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**CSS - Citizen Self Service**

The City of Somerville treasury department has launched a new feature on its website page called Citizen Self-Service (CSS) providing residents with web-based look-up access to bill information directly from official City records. Residents can now view real estate tax bills, water (utility) bills, and personal property tax bills online, in real time, 24/7. CSS enables taxpayers to see official City records without the need to contact the treasury department directly or rely on third party payment vendors for their payment history. The City of Somerville is excited to offer taxpayers this convenient real-time look-up feature. CSS also 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.

Go to [www.somervillema.gov/treasury](http://www.somervillema.gov/treasury) for 24/7 CSS access.

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HONK! festival of activist street bands returns

The 16th annual HONK! Festival returns to the streets for one day only this Saturday, October 9, with its signature spirit of joy and justice in a new, hyperlocal format.

This year's festival will feature multiple neighborhood events cosponsored by grassroots community organizations across Greater Boston. Throughout the day, HONK! performers will join activist groups in their own neighborhoods, playing music and raising awareness for arts and social justice causes. More than 15 local brass and percussion bands will take to parks, squares, and street corners across Somerville, Boston, Cambridge, and Chelsea.



The day kicks off at 10:30 a.m. in Somerville's Seven Hills Park with a performance by the Second Line Brass Band and tributes to Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Somerville Olympian Phil Reavis, Sr. The Uncivil Servants, a new band featuring Mayor Curtatone and City of Somerville staffers, will play later in the evening.

All events are free and open to the public. Performances will also be livestreamed on the HONK! YouTube channel. The full schedule and streaming link are available at [honkfest.org](http://honkfest.org).

iWalk 2021 International Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Month

Join in on Safe Routes to School's iWalk 2021 International Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Month in October. The goal is to celebrate students' active commutes – including walking, biking, and rolling to school. Safe Routes to School will provide schools with giveaways like bookmarks and stickers to encourage safe, fun, and active participation. The Brown will be celebrating on Wednesday, October 6, East Somerville Community School on Friday, October 15, and the Winter Hill Community Innovation School on Friday, October 22.

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for Union Comedy Cooperative Corporation d/b/a Union Comedy for an Entertainment by Devices, Performers and Patrons, Indoors License at 593 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office.

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# Important dates and deadlines for the November 2 election

On Tuesday, November 2, voters in Somerville will cast ballots for Mayor of Somerville; four City Councilor At-Large seats; Ward City Councilor in Wards 2, 5, and 7; and School Committee Members in Wards 3 and 7. Below is information on upcoming deadlines related to the election as well as information about options for voting.

### Voter registration deadline

Voters have until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, to register to vote or update their voter information for the November 2 election.

Massachusetts voters have the option to register online or via a paper form. To register by mail, call (617) 625-6600 ext. 4200 and request a form be mailed to you or download one from the Elections website, [somervillema.gov/elections](http://somervillema.gov/elections). Don't forget that your form must be received by the Somerville Elections Department by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13.

### Voting by mail

Voters who would like to vote by mail and have not already requested a ballot for the November 2 election have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, to submit their application. Applications must be received by the Elections Department, not postmarked, by this deadline.

A vote-by-mail application can be obtained three ways:

Download an application from the city website: Visit [somervillema.gov/VoteByMail](http://somervillema.gov/VoteByMail).

Pick up an application at City Hall: Vote-by-mail application forms also will be available at the Elections Department of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. You can fill out and submit your application on the spot. Please remember that face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces.

Have an application mailed to you: To request that the Somerville Elections Department mail you a vote-by-mail application, call the Elections Department at (617) 625-6600 ext. 4200.

There are several options for voters to return their vote-by-mail ballot application or ballot:

**Drop boxes:** Voters can use one of the drop boxes located around the city to return their application or ballot. Please note that drop boxes will be closed at 5 p.m. on election night to allow time for ballots to be processed. Drop boxes are located at:

- City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave.
- East Somerville Community School, across from 68 Glen St.
- In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.
- In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church at 31 College Ave.
- In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.

**City Hall drop-off:** Voters can return applications or ballots directly to the Elections Department in City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

**Mail:** Voters can return applications and ballots by sending them to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Make sure to leave plenty of time for mail to reach the Elections Department before the deadline.

**Email or fax (for applications only):** Completed vote-by-mail ballot applications can be emailed to [vote@somervillema.gov](mailto:vote@somervillema.gov) or faxed to (617) 625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.

Eligible voters who submit valid applications to vote by mail will receive their election ballot in the mail. Ballots must be completed, signed, sealed, and received by the city no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2. Voters can check the status of their ballot at [bit.ly/MABallotTrack2021](http://bit.ly/MABallotTrack2021).

### Early voting

Seven days of early voting will be held prior to Election Day. All early voting takes place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Early voting days and times are as follows:

- Saturday, October 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 25 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 26 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 27 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 28 - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 29 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Voting on Election Day

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2. Voters can check their polling location or Ward and Precinct by entering their address at [somervillema.gov/my-somerville](http://somervillema.gov/my-somerville) or calling 311.



# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



## Eagle feathers #238

Reprinted from the October 1, 2014 issue of The Somerville Times.

### The Great Fire

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

This week is Fire Prevention Week. Its annual observance is the week in which October 9 falls and has been celebrated at this time since 1922. The reason for this date is the remembrance of a conflagration, the Great Chicago Fire of October 8 and 9, 1871.



It was the worst fire in American history until September 11, 2001. Killing over 250 people, this fire destroyed over 17,000 structures and burned over 200 acres. Amazingly and coincidentally, on the same day, the most devastating forest fire in American history was raging in Wisconsin. Because of the losses of the internationally popular city of Chicago, the Peshtigo, Wisconsin fire was forgotten, despite the fact that it took over 1,200 lives, five towns and 1.2 million acres.

1871 was such a fire wake-up call across America, you would think it would never be repeated, but you would be wrong. Exactly thirteen months later, on November 8 and 9, 1872, Boston experienced its great fire. It destroyed 776 buildings in two days, covering over sixty-five acres of downtown property before it was extinguished. Fourteen lives were lost, seven of which were firefighters.



The main reason for the rapid spread of fire was lack of horsepower. Street activity came to a standstill because at that time all modes of transportation were horse driven. A plague, the Epizootic Plague, which at that time only affected horses, existed for weeks before and crippled almost all metropolitan horses, Somerville's included.

Imagine! Everyone knows the recent affect Market Basket's problem had on many in the city. Can you envision Somerville suddenly having no access to trucks, cars, cabs, buses or mail? Help came by railway from as far away as Worcester and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Like many other towns, the entire Somerville Fire Department responded early on, working in the Winthrop Square section for over twenty hours, protecting that area as best they could.

Many businesses owned by Somerville Continued on page 12

# SCES partners with SHS for Grab-and-Go meals

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) and the Culinary Department at Somerville High School have partnered to offer Grab-and-Go meals this fall. The meals are free for eligible recipients. Cambridge or Somerville residents over age 60 are eligible, as are spouses and dependents with a disability of eligible people who are receiving a meal.



On Friday, October 15 one meal per person can be picked up in front of Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, at 1:00 p.m.

Participants must pre-register by calling 617-628-2601 and asking for the Nutrition Department. You will be mailed a form to fill out and return. Slots are limited, so register soon.

The first meal will be chicken pot pie with spinach salad and a cookie. The Grab-and-Go meals will return on November 19 and December 17.

### About Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older adults in Somerville and Cambridge. For free advice and guidance on questions of aging, caregiving or disability, contact our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601, email [info@eldercare.org](mailto:info@eldercare.org), or visit our website [eldercare.org](http://eldercare.org).

# Historical Fact

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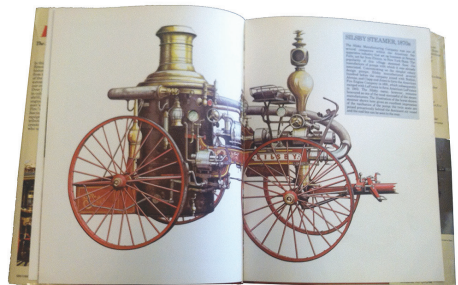
citizens were lost. Edward Revere Curtis of Somerville was the great grandson of Paul Revere. He was born on February 22, 1822, Washington's birthday and the year that Boston became a city. He was a Common Council Member and a Somerville Alderman for years. His type-print foundry on Congress Street punctuated the end of the conflagration. It was the last building burned.

Gunpowder from the Charlestown Navy Yard and the Boston Army Base was used to make a fire block to the oncoming flames and stopped it long enough for extinguishment by the fire fighters. Help came from all around Boston. Because of

the horse plague, the heavy fire engines had to be manually hauled up to 12 miles before putting a drop of water on the inferno. Scores of businesses were lost and hundreds of buildings destroyed.

This event could not be forgotten, and Colonel Russell Conwell of Somerville made it so by capturing its memories and witnessed accounts in his 1873 book, History of the Great Fire in Boston.

Today, memories of these three terrible fires should make us all more safety conscious. So, when you set your clocks back next month, check your smoke detectors. Who knows, you might even prevent a conflagration.



# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

and Recreation (DCR) will implement a closure of the Foss Park/ Latta Brothers Memorial Pool parking area in the City of Somerville from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate work on the Latta Brothers Memorial Pool Modernization Project. No roadways will be closed or blocked due to this work, but the public is advised to be cautious of construction vehicles entering and exiting the site at the Fellsway West/ Jaques Street intersection.

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Interested in building a career in construction? Somerville Community Corporation, in partnership with the City of Somerville, is hosting a job fair to connect residents with local construction employment opportunities. Anyone looking to learn more about the different jobs that exist within the construction industry is welcome. This job fair will focus on opportunities

with the ongoing Boynton Yards development, but representatives from organizations that provide training in the construction field will also be present. No prior construction experience is required to attend. The job fair will take place Wednesday, October 13, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 561 Windsor Street, Fourth Floor, Room B402. Multilingual interpretation will be available. For questions, please contact Juan Williams at [jwilliams@somervillecdc.org](mailto:jwilliams@somervillecdc.org) or 617-874-7198.

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The Healey Community Play Area ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 Meacham Street has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 7, at 1:45 p.m. Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan invite you to celebrate the newly renovated playground, formerly known

as the tot lot, which features state-of-the-art play structures for children ages 2 through 5, an expanded natural area with log seating, and bright colors and graphics. The design was developed in partnership with the Healey School community and the Friends of Healey group. Renovations were funded entirely using Community Preservation Act funds. The Healey Community Play Area is the first phase of a larger, transformational schoolyard renovation project focused on equity and access that is currently under construction and expected to be complete in the summer of 2022.

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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>.

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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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# On This Day in History October 6

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1847 – Charlotte Bronte's novel Jane Eyre is published in London.

1866 – The Reno brothers – Frank, John, Simeon and William – commit the country's first train robbery near Seymore, Indiana netting \$10,000.

1927 – The first "talkie," The Jazz Singer, opens with popular entertainer Al Jolson singing and dancing in black-face.

1966 – Hanoi insists the United States must end its bombings before peace talks can begin.

1973 – Israel is taken by surprise when Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan attack on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur, beginning the Yom Kippur War.

1981 – Egyptian president Anwar el-Sadat is assassinated in Cairo by Islamic fundamentalists. He is succeeded by Vice President Hosni Mubarak.

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Somerville High Class of 1960 Reunion

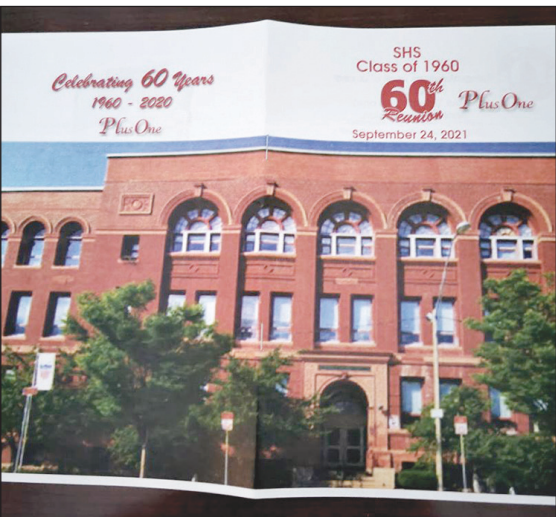
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back in 2010, prior to their 50th reunion, a group of them started having monthly lunches, and these lunches are still going on at Bickford's, Montvale Ave., Woburn, with anywhere from 15–30 attending each month. The Class of 1960 invites you to join them at their next planned lunches: October 12, November 10, and December 8.

Who would have thought when we graduated June 6, 1960 that so many of us would still have this bond and enjoy the continuing reunions and monthly lunches? It's been very rewarding to see so many classmates attending both.



The "guys" after they finished their "YMCA" skit.



The cover of the program book.

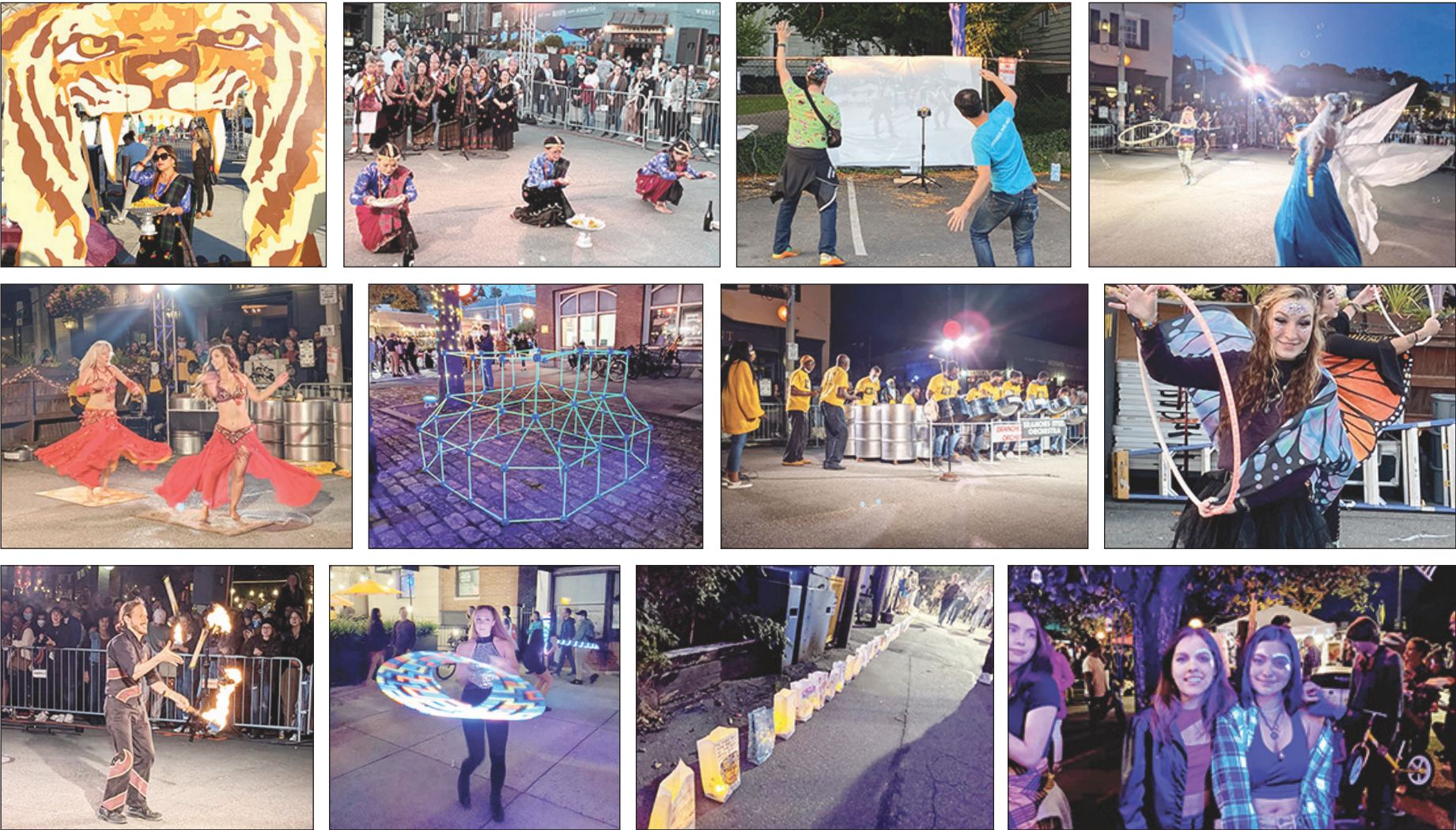
# PorchFest celebrates the music of Somerville

Musicians of most genres played live music around the city on porches and in yards between noon and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday during this year's PorchFest event. Go to [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com) for more pictures. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



# Ignite! Global Food and Fire Festival lights up the city

An evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a celebration of global culture took place in the Union Square plaza on Saturday evening. Go to [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com) for more pictures. — Photos by Bobbie Toner and Heather Balchunas



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Elegant beyond elegance. Moira Linehan stitches together a palimpsest biography of her mother’s mother, Marie Louise Raimbault Wacha, a nonpareil seamstress and dress designer. Based on very little hard information, Linehan conjures up backdrops, insights, and probable artistic techniques used by her grandmother. She does this by incorporating period art in an ekphrastic approach that uncovers the extraordinary will and likely contours of a magnificent lady. Wacha’s life spanned the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth century. The urban textile centers of Paris and Boston nurtured her.

In her well-wrought and telling sonnet, *Ars Poetica*, Linehan wonderfully describes the raw labor and hidden subtleties necessary in constructing a dress and, metaphorically, any serious artwork. Here she lists some of the basics,

...The planning  
beforehand. Washing washable textiles

to shrink them before they’re sewn. Laying out  
the pattern so the design flows, the plaid lines  
match, the dress drapes. Shears sharp so the seams  
won’t pucker, twist, ravel. The seamstress’s stress

Then the fitting, the pinning and re-pinning  
those seams. Right shade of thread? The sewing,  
seemingly magic, not one stitch visible.  
Each seam, steam-pressed flat till at last the sewn

carries material and a dressmaker’s vision  
out into the world...

In the first of three stage-setting poems entitled *Ad-dressing the History*, Linehan interweaves economic history and art history. For instance, she details the domino effect of new fashion trends and how they took her grandmother’s world by storm,

under it all, the corset. At first, just working  
to narrow the waist, set off by jackets with wide  
shoulders, with bodice seams, darts, braiding, rows  
of buttons, maybe striped textiles, all verging in a V  
at the waist. Not how tiny. Then corsets lengthened

to an hourglass. As that century’s second half starts,  
ten thousand workers in Paris produce those corsets.  
The year the American Civil War begins, over  
one million are sold there. Dressmakers are talking  
to salesmen, salesmen to weavers. Soon bolts of cloth  
come with borders woven in for hemlines, for cuffs.  
Soon the new fashion journals, then department  
stores

carry patterns, instructions for assembling skirts  
and dresses...

Mary Cassatt captures the subtle art of dressmaking  
in her brilliant drypoint and aquatint painting *The Fitting*  
(circa 1891). Linehan mines this piece for its historic  
value in relation to her grandmother. The image por-

trayed contrasts a graceful and stylish standing woman  
with her attentive, sitting (almost kneeling) seamstress,  
who is wearing a simple brown garb. The standing  
woman is doubled by a full-length mirror. In her poem  
of the same name Linehan draws out, not only some of  
her grandmother’s essence, but also a temperament and  
social position. Here’s part of her description,

... She’s sitting on a low stool,  
her back to the viewer, seams of her back  
bodice on display. The center seam: pattern placed  
so two strips of those four black lines get stitched  
together at the neckband, leaving three lines  
each side. But not just stitched. Fitted, so narrowing  
to only three lines total at her waist. Likewise,  
from left shoulder and right, strips of black lines,  
taken in by darts. Each side of that center seam,  
mirror of the other.

Another painting Linehan uses to great effect is Edmund Tarbell’s *Girl, Crocheting* (1904). The girl pictured seems content in her work, work that exists only in shadow. The artist even vanishes the girl’s face into shadow. A large portrait on the wall, however, leaves no doubt as to Pope Innocent’s identification and imposing figure. Linehan employs the grand pope as a figure of contrast with the contentedness of the crocheter, and both of them as a contrast to a new century and the impending revolution centering on the modern woman. The poet’s consideration of Tarbell’s portrait (copied from Velazquez) of Pope Innocent leads directly to a consideration of the breakout,

His waist-length cape, signature vermillion satin,  
drapes in a V over a long surplice, its wide hem  
of fine lace. Some claim it’s the greatest portrait  
painter’s greatest portrait, this pope by Velazquez,  
more or less a contemporary of Vermeer. Tarbell,

suggesting he has a foot in both those schools.  
Tarbell, of the Boston school. Yet within the world  
Of this art: all the unnamed. Nuns working bobbins  
By window light, making lace for bishops’ vestments.  
Women of Vermeer’s Delft about their daily lives.  
This Girl in a long dark skirt, seemingly content  
to crochet in shadow. She, a weir for Tarbell,  
holding back the new century, those women marching.

Clues here and there suggest that Linehan’s grandmother, Maria, did quite well financially. Her poem, *Getting My Grandmother to Boston* notes that Maria’s tailor-husband was offered and accepted a managerial job with Boston’s largest manufacturing plant of woman’s fashions. Three years later he opened Jules Wacha & Company on Boylston Street. With these bare facts the poet’s (now well-schooled) imagination fills in the blanks,

So I decide to give her, as the “& Company,” part  
of Jules Wacha & Company, the task  
of overseeing its books as she oversaw  
the finances of their home at 4 Zamora Street  
in Jamaica Plain, my mother having told me  
she grew up with servants—maids, housekeepers,  
cooks,  
and gardeners—my grandmother keeping  
from her husband (as my mother would) such  
bothersome details...

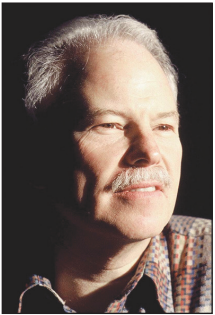
This lovely book of artistic investigation concludes,  
not only with the reversal of her grandmother’s erasure,  
but also, revelations of the poet’s own craft and the intense,  
unforgotten influence of a mother’s love.

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Supermoon  
(for George Adam Harper)

Not the fat mandala the meteorologists  
were touting on the news but

a dime-sized jewel floating beneath us  
in the pond’s black skies which

my grandson, nearly two, snatches up  
in his small fist. Opening it slowly –

convinced of what he possesses,  
and by what he’s possessed –

he offers me his wet palm.  
I kiss the moon there.

— Steven Ratiner

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