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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley addressed issues of local interest at her Coffee with the Congresswoman event at Somerville High School last Thursday.

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Last Thursday, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley held a Coffee with the Congresswoman event at Somerville High School. The event was co-hosted by Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, where Pressley answered questions from constituents and gave updates on her work in Congress.

A crowd gathered at the Somerville High School cafeteria on Thursday night, with Ward 5 Councilor Beatriz Gómez-Mouakad in attendance as well.

Mayor Ballantyne gave opening remarks to the crowd about her long-term relationship with the congresswoman.

"As mayor, my top priority is creating a city here in Somerville that is inclusive, equitable, where we can all thrive together," Ballantyne Continued on page 4

Yego Coffee brings fresh grounds straight from Rwanda

By Ryan DiLello

A new shop in Teele Square, Yego Coffee, opened its doors for the first time last week.

For the co-owning couple, Francois and Fatuma Tuyishime, things are off to a strong start. "A lot of peo ple came on the first Saturday. It was almost overwhelming," Francois Tuyisheme said, gesturing that the line started out the door. "And it never stopped."

The shop at 1212 Broadway is refreshingly unassuming – and clearly about the coffee. Opposite the bar, behind a cafe-style window, is an overflowing pile of Rwandan coffee beans. Soft light pours over the heap, through the large windows at the front of the shop. The beaming white walls are decorated with prints of coffee farms and Continued on page 4



 $Francois\ and\ Fatuma\ Tuyishime\ celebrate\ the\ opening\ of\ the\ first\ Yego\ Coffee\ location.$

— Photo by Ryan DiLello





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Visit the Somerville Museum on Wednesday, March 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a celebration of World Water Day and the closing of the Waterlines: Stories of Urban Ebb and Flow exhibition by Community Curator Arlinda Shtuni. This experience invites you to consider water in its many forms and evocations--rebirth and renewal, reflection and purification, longing and loss. Poets Dara Barrois/Dixon, Beth Ayer and Dan Chelotti will share a selection of their new and well-loved poems. The evening will conclude with a water meditation lead by one of the participating artists in the exhibit, Faith Johnson. For more information visit www.somervillemuseum.org/waterlines

Have ideas for the city budget? This financial document dictates

how public funds will be allocated to support public services, including day-to-day expenses and longer-term investments. Mayor Katjana Ballantyne will present her proposed fiscal year 2024 budget in late May. All Somerville residents are invited to learn about the budget, how it's created, and to share thoughts on what should be prioritized at a virtual workshop on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at: www.somervillema.gov/. Also, Community members ages 12 and older can now submit ideas for funding online, by phone (617-863-6622 or call 311), and in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) and all library branch locations through Saturday, May 20. Ideas will be reviewed by Budget Delegate volunteers and presented for Somerville

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 22 – March 28 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday March 22	Cloudy	53°/43°	8%	6%	ENE 11 mph
**	Thursday March 23	Rain	57°/48°	59%	51%	SW 12 mph
•	Friday March 24	Rain	55°/43°	37%	32%	NW 11 mph
*	Saturday March 25	Rain	45°/38°	56%	49%	NE 12 mph
	Sunday March 26	Partly Cloudy	51°/40°	22%	16%	W 11 mph
•	Monday March 27	Rain	53°/42°	45%	41%	NNE 12 mph
*	Tuesday March 28	Rain	49°/36°	58%	55%	N 16 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: Lyndell's, a bakery steeped in history

wally brady says:

I use to go to the old bakery when it was on the conner of Josephine Ave I was there when they tore down the house to make room for the new Lyndells. I met my wife in 1967 when she worked at Lyndells when the Klems owned it There name was Klem not Kett. We are still married after 55 years. We live in Plymouth now but we still stop bye when we are in the area.

Jan Gunter says:

Lyndell's bakery played a major role in our family; especially holidays. My mother would get down there early the day before big holidays to stand in line for pies !!!

Response to: Community pop-up space to open in East Somerville

Retired says:

I was born at 50 broadway and I still live in the neighborhood so I've been here for 70 years. I read this article and I hope when you have this event you have enough parking.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Protect Against COVID-19 and Get a \$75 Gift Card

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offering free, family-friendly "Get Boosted" clinics where anyone ages 6 months and up can get a COVID-19 vaccine or updated booster. Massachusetts residents who get vaccinated at participating Get Boosted clinics will receive a \$75 gift card while supplies last. Find a participating clinic at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ free-family-friendly-covid-19-vaccination-clinics

Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

TV Ville



tired, I've been watching too much TV. I remember when I was working, I used to think that the perfect life would be to have

nothing to do and just watch TV all day. Well, I do other things now but I have to admit the TV is a big part of my life. It always has been. I asked our readers to share their thoughts on what they feel



Since I've been re- was the best TV show ever. Each comment is in quotes.

> "Gilligans Island, The Brady Bunch, Star Trek, Batman, Love Boat, and Happy Days."

"The Wild Wild West!"

"All in the Family, Maude, Petticoat Junction, Laverne and Shirley, Soap, Dark Shadows, Dallas."

"Taxi, The Mary Tyler Moore Show, The Bob Newhart Show, All in the Family, Cheers, Laverne & Shirley."

"Welcome Back Kotter and of course all the great cartoons, The Flintstones, The Jetsons, Yogi Bear."

There are lots of cable stations that run old shows. Some of my favorite shows are Leave it to Beaver, Dragnet, Highway Patrol, The Andy Griffith Show and The Match Game. I also spent a lot of time watching old westerns too. There are two channels that show westerns all day.

My sister and I were on a locally produced show called Big Brother Bob Emery back in the late 50s. The show was



shot live and I remember drinking Bosco and saying the Pledge of Allegiance to a picture of president Dwight D. Eisenhower while drinking the chocolate milk.

Television sure has come a long way since my father used to yell at us for turning the channel selector too fast. "STOP FLIPPING THAT DIAL!"

Find Summer Camps and Activities

Thank you to SomerPromise for putting together a guide to local camps and enrichment opportunities, the Somerville Summer Guide. Please note, some of the programs described in the guide are anticipated programs and will run based on the availability of funding: https://somerville.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/ OST_SomerPromise_SummerCamps-2023_v2-compressed.pdf

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By Jim Clark

Parking lot speeder brought to a halt

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to La Quinta Hotel in the early morning hours of Monday this week on a report of a check-condition.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the reporting party, who stated that he had seen a car with a Florida registration speeding through the hotel parking lot as well as revving the engine.

The reporting party further stated that he did not want to receive any complaints from guests of the hotel, which is why he called the police and requested that officers remove the vehicle and operator from the parking lot.

The officers searched the hotel parking lot and found the car in question with the engine running in the middle of the parking lot. The operator, later identified as Robert Ortiz, was slumped over the wheel. There was also a hammer and a long metal pipe in the center console area.

The officers knocked on the window to get Ortiz's attention, at which time he woke up and appeared to be confused. He then reached his right hand in between the center console and the seat, and officers asked him to show both hands, but he refused to comply.

Ortiz was asked several times to show his hands and he reportedly punched the driver's side window and then rolled it down. It was at this time that an officer unlocked the driver's side door and opened it.

Ortiz continued to reach around the vehicle after officers

asked him to step out, so he was unbuckled and pulled out.

The officers explained to Ortiz that they were performing a community caretaking function to ensure he did not need medical attention and was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The status of Ortiz's driver's license revealed that he had an active driver's license and an outstanding warrant out of Boston District Court.

During a search of the vehicle, the officers found a white, rocky substance believed to be crack cocaine in a clear plastic bag inside the cup holder between the driver and passenger seats. The preliminary weight of the substance with packaging was 13.5 grams.

Ortiz was placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class B drug, and on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Police transported the confiscated rocky substance back to the station, where it was photographed and entered into evidence.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley holds town hall with Somerville residents CONT. FROM PG 1

said. "I know that the congresswoman shares that vision and I was delighted to support her in her bid to Congress, and now I'm delighted to work together with my values partner, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley."

Pressley has been a member of Congress since 2019 and her district includes parts of Boston, Cambridge, Milton, Chelsea, Everett, Randolph, and Somerville.

When talking about the different funds brought to Somerville through Pressley's advocacy in Congress, ARPA funds were brought up in the form of housing projects across Somerville. As previously reported by *The*

Somerville Times, some of these funds would be used to fund various nonprofits tackling homelessness in the city.

Talking about her work in Washington, Pressley also made sure to highlight the different stances she believes the Republican party stands for.

"Since the Republicans took control of the House they have shown time and again that they are anti-woman, anti-worker, anti-science, anti-immigrant, and given their ongoing perpetuation of the big lie, anti-democratic," Pressley said.

Following her prepared remarks, Pressley fielded questions from the audience, some

of these focused on college debt forgiveness and the current status of the program.

"President Biden has the authority; I continue to appeal and organize and mobilize on the steps of the Supreme Court that they hear us and they simply apply the law and not play politics with people's lives," Pressley said.

The program discussed by Pressley would forgive up to \$20,000 of college debt to college graduates and is currently being deliberated in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pressley answered other questions from constituents about the current state of the economy following the collapse of Silicon



Valley Bank and talked about her continued contact with the Federal Reserve regarding this situation.

For more information on future town halls hosted by Rep. Ayanna Pressley or to reach out to her office, visit: https://press-ley.house.gov/.

A video of the event is available for viewing on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGgoAnLtPiY

Yego Coffee brings fresh grounds straight from Rwanda CONT. FROM PG 1

beans. It's a good place to work.

During my visit, multiple customers turned to thank Francois and Fatuma before leaving. The place has a positive and bright spirit, which I learned actually lives up to its name, "Yego." Translating to "yes," English doesn't totally capture the connotation in kinyarwanda.

"It's a sign of positivity and affirmation," François clarified. "In Rwanda, after the genocide of 1994 against the Tutsi, we lost so many people. The only thing that kept us alive was positivity. It means a lot in our community."

Born into a coffee farmer family in Southwestern Rwanda, Francois Tuyisheme has an enthusiasm for the bean, and for politics. He graduated from the National University of Rwanda with a bachelor's degree in political science and holds a masters in conflict resolution from Brandeis University.

"But I wasn't ready for politics," Tuyisheme told me with a smile. "I was running away from coffee, but I could feel it pulling me."

In the years that followed his academic studies, Francois began attending coffee conventions and became a professionally certified roaster. Soon, Tuyisheme was roasting coffee for a business in Framingham, Massachusetts, where he now roasts his own beans.

"I started my brand online and started doing farmers markets," Tuyisheme said. "From there, I got to see where I could take my business to the next level." Tuyishime signed onto the present location in June of 2022.

Tuyishime said he will bring academics back into his life by holding events that educate people about coffee. "How it's grown, picked, processed, roasted and more," Tuyishime said. Of the location on 1212 Broadway, Tuyishime said, "Yes, it's a way of marketing the product, but it's also a way of living with people around you."

Math meet, pi, pizza, and finally pies - a great renewed way to celebrate a transcendental number

By Erica Voolich

Tuesday, March 14 was Pi Day (3.14). What better excuse is there to have a celebration of math with middle schoolers than π ? On the Eve of Pi Day, over 100 students, teachers, and high school Math Club members celebrated π at Somerville High School by eating pizza while spending an afternoon taking part in a math contest and then estimating, creating, answering questions, and ending with Table Talk pies for everyone.

The Somerville High School Math Club led by Michael Morgan organized the event. Instead of the usual math contest between Somerville's middle schools' math teams for the month of March, they invited the schools to come and have students take a math contest related to pi and circles written by the high schoolers and do some of the pi night activities the Somerville Math Fund has organized in the past pre-pandemic.

While enjoying pizza donated by the Bickoff family of the Commercial Cleaning Service, the students from the Healey School,

the East Somerville Community School, the West Somerville Neighborhood school and the Kennedy School went around to a variety of pi math activities set up in the Lower Cafeteria at the High School.

These activities included: predicting bicycle wheel roll distance after two revolutions, a guessing contest, π button design, π facts quiz, finding your birthday in π , drawing a cardioid or nephroid (curves from lines), and predicting circumferences in mm by feel of objects in mystery boxes.

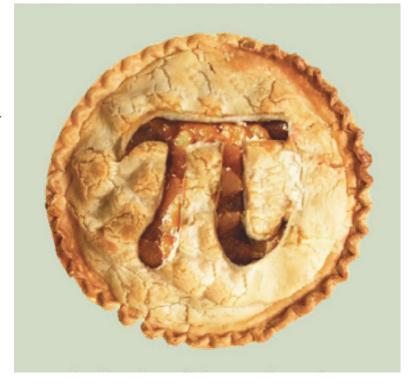
Even though the Somerville Math Fund sponsored math night event was canceled by the pandemic for the last three years, there were Somerville High School Math Club members who commented about remembering doing some of these events when they went over to either the Healey (2019) or the East Somerville (2018) for the Pi Family math night.

Scott Weaver (East), Wil Jacques (Healey) brought students and helped Somerville Mathematics Fund organize the activities for the event. Also

bringing students were Annalyica Beck-Liston from East, Alyssa Mackey from West, and Veronica Santana from Kennedy.

In addition, Scott Weaver at the East Somerville Community School organized a day of math/pi activities in all of his classes on Pi Day. All of his students enjoyed Table Talk Pies to fuel their exploration of Pi and circles. Somerville had a rainy nor'easter for pi day while the rest of New England was buried in a spring snow (in some places measured in feet) and probably had to postpone their celebrations with the thousands of pies supplied by Table Talk

Table Talk Pies of Worcester generously supplied small pies for all who came that afternoon. Table Talk has generously supported this Somerville Math Fund event for 19 years (two years off for Covid). When planning the first SMF π Night in 2003; the Math Fund called the Table Talk Pi Company and explained what π day was and Table Talk generously donated large pies for prizes and small pies for everyone. Twenty-one years later, Table Talk Pies is



not only still donating to the Somerville Pi night celebration, but also to many more celebrations. This year Table Talk donated about 68,000 pies to schools and organizations celebrating pi day.

A big thank you to all the Math Club volunteers and donors who made this fun, educational event possible. It takes a community to celebrate π day.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund, was founded in 2000 with the mission to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville, MA. They also award renewable college mathematics scholarships; applications will be due in early April. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer, visit www. somervillemathematicsfund.org or mathfund@gmail.com or call 617-666-0666.

Learn about Somerville's annual budget process at a virtual workshop

The City of Somerville is hosting an informational workshop about the city's annual budget process. All are invited to learn about what the budget is, how it's created, and how residents can keep up-to-date with the process. After a presentation by the city's Budget team, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their priorities for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

The virtual workshop will take place online Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. To learn more and register to attend, go to somervillema.gov/budget.

About the budget process

The city budget is a financial document that reflects community values, priorities, and needs. It dictates how public funds will be allocated to support public services, including day-to-day expenses and longer-term investments. The proposed budget is developed over many months, with several key milestones in the spring and early summer.

This year, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne will present her proposed fiscal year 2024 budget in late May. In February, as part of the Ballantyne administration's efforts to better incorporate City Council input, Council priorities were requested. After the Mayor's budget submission, per City Charter, the City Council Finance Committee will hold a series of meetings in late May and June to review the budget and propose any cuts. They also hold a public hearing for community members to testify about the general budget. Finally, the mayor will submit an amended final budget for approval, and the Council will vote on the budget ahead of the new fiscal year on July 1.

How to engage

Understanding community priorities is essential to creating a budget that meets community needs. The mayor, City Council, and city staff gather public input year-round as they engage with constituents, local businesses, community partners, and other stakeholders and listen to their goals and needs. What they learn at the meetings, events, discussions, and more held throughout the year on a range of topics helps shape budget decisions. But March and April are another good time to give feedback. Beyond attending this workshop to learn about the budget and share your priorities, you can offer your input in these ways:

- · Attend the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, March 28
- Email budget@somervillema. gov or if you do not have access to email, call 311 at 617-666-3311.
- + Testify at the budget public hearing in late May/June. More details on date and time will be shared when they are finalized.
- · Watch the budget hearings live or later via streaming at somervillema.gov/TV and on GovTV on Comcast Channel 22 and Astound Channels 13 and
- · Meetings are also posted to the GovTV YouTube channel at youtube.com/ Continued on page 10

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call examines the salaries and other benefits received by local state senators.

\$73,655 BASE SALARY FOR ALL 40 SENATORS

- The new base salary for the 2023-2024 session for senators is \$73,655—up \$3,119 (4.4 percent) from the \$70,536 base salary in the 2021-2022 session.

Senators' salaries are up for adjustment in January every two years, either up or down, under a 1998 constitutional amendment approved by a better than two-to-one margin by voters. It requires that every two years the salaries of the governor, the other five constitutional statewide officers and all representatives and senators be increased or decreased based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages.

Senators' base salaries were increased by \$2,515 for the 2021-2022 legislative session; \$3,709 for the 2019-2020 session; and \$2,515 for the 2017-2018 legislative session. Those hikes came on the heels of a salary freeze for the 2015-2016 legislative session, a \$1,100 pay cut for the 2013-2014 session and a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to 2011, legislators' salaries had been raised every two years since the \$46,410 base pay was first raised under the constitutional amendment in 2001.

The new \$73,655 base salary means senators' base salaries have been raised \$27,245, or 58 percent, since 2011 when the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution and senators were earning \$46,410.

EXTRA PAY FOR ALL 40 SENATORS – All 40 senators receive an additional stipend, above the \$73,655 base salary, for their positions in the Democratic and Republican leadership, as committee chairs, vice chairs and the ranking Republican on some committees. The stipend is increased or decreased every two years based on data from the BEA that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages.

Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), the top Democrat, earns the highest stipend of any senator: \$109,163. Senate Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the top Republican, earns an \$81,872 stipend. The other 38 senators' stipends range from \$27,564 to \$102,430.

Supporters say legislators in these important positions should be appropriately compensated for their many added responsibilities and hard work.

Critics say the base salary is sufficient and is eligible to be increased every two years.

\$20,468 OR \$27,291 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

– Each senator also receives an annual general expense pay allowance of \$20,468 for members who live within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and \$27,291 for those who are located outside of that radius.

This separate, flat rate expense allowance is taxable as income. It is designed to pay for some of the costs of senators' district offices and other expenses including contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Senators are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend the money. But they are allowed to deduct any expenses, permitted under federal law, from their gross income on their federal and state tax return.

SOME SENATORS WHO LIVE 50 MILES FROM THE STATEHOUSE ARE ELIGIBLE TO PAY A REDUCED OR NO FEDERAL INCOME TAX ON THEIR LEGISLATIVE SALARY – Senators who live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse are eligible for a special federal tax break. A 1981 federal law allows them to write off a daily expense allowance when filing their federal income tax return. The complicated system determines a daily amount, ostensibly for meals, lodging and other expenses incurred in the course of their jobs, which can be deducted for every "legislative day."

Under the Massachusetts Legislature's system and schedule, every day of the year qualifies as a legislative day. The Legislature does not formally "prorogue" (end an annual session) until the next annual session begins. This allows legislators to take the deduction for all 365 days regardless of whether the Legislature is actually meeting or not. Legislators do not even have to travel to the Statehouse to qualify for the daily deduction.

The amount of the deduction is based on the federal per diem for Massachusetts. It varies from year to year. The daily per diem for legislators for fiscal year 2023 varies in different parts of the state and is seasonal. It ranges from \$98 per day to \$459 per day or between \$35,770 and \$167,535 annually.

Beacon Hill Roll Call's research indicates that 11 of the state's 40 legislators live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse, qualify for this deduction and are eligible to pay a reduced or no federal income tax on their legislative salaries.

PARKING SPACE – Senators are entitled to a parking space inside the Statehouse garage or at the nearby McCormack State Office Building. The first \$300 in monthly

value of the space is a tax-free benefit under federal and state guidelines that apply to all public and private employees, not just state senators. Any value of the space above this amount is treated as taxable income.

BAN DOXING (S 1116) – Legislation before the Judiciary Committee would ban doxing which is the knowing release of private personal identifying information of a person, without their consent, with the intent to intimidate, harass or cause stalking, physical harm or serious property damage. Currently there is no state law that makes doxing a crime. "Doxing is a hateful act that goes far beyond violating one's privacy," said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "It is used to intimidate, harass and jeopardize one's safety. Online harassment has real-life implications and can no longer be tolerated. We need legislation to address this continual trend of online doxing and harassment, and protect citizens from experiencing such egregious behavior within the commonwealth."

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 March 13-17, the House met for a total of 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 18 minutes.

Mon. March 13	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.					
Tues. March 14	No House session No Senate session					
Wed. March 15	No House session No Senate session					

Thurs. March 16 House 11:06 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Fri. March 17 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark

Somerville welcomes spring with open arms.

Our View Of The Times



After the long chilling days of winter, it's nice to know that springtime has officially arrived. We anxiously await the final thaw and balmier days ahead.

One of the finer benefits of New England living is standing witness to the massive explosion of nature's rebirth and renewal, seemingly amplified here. Grass, trees, wildlife and flowers all seem to go forth and multiply at an astounding rate,

as if on cue to the call for "Action!"

How nice it will be to stroll through a park and feed a few squirrels. To replant a garden plot and watch as life springs forth. Or to take the family on a weekend getaway to the beach or mountains.

The seasonal cycle brings its highs and lows. Its pleasures and its challenges. We evolved as creatures in sync with that cycle, so we know how to adapt and make

the most out of each day on the calendar. Still, most of us would surely confess to a few choice dates to name as our favorites, if pushed to fess up.

How about a family picnic, or a bit of sunbathing at the beach? There'll be camping, hiking and bird watching opportunities galore. All it takes is a little gumption and a modicum of fore-planning and off you go!

As much as so many of us love our winter scenery, sports, etc., there is so much to be said for being able to step out one's front door without danger of slipping and busting a hip. Not to mention the simple pleasure of soaking up some sun and taking in fine fragrance of life anew.

We've really got it made, so let's get out there and start loving us some spring. It won't last forever, so hop to it!

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residents to vote on later this fall. For more information and to keep up with the Participatory Budgeting process, visit somervillema.gov/pb

The March SDCC Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. The March meeting will be held on Zoom. Hear updates about the legislative session, which started in January, and discuss advocacy opportunities for SDCC. RSVP here to receive the Zoom link: https:// www.somdems.org/march_sdcc_meeting_2023

********** Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to Rachael Hart-Adams. We wish her the very best of birthdays, celebrating with her great family. Happy birthday to MaryLynn McWatters O'Malley. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to great guy and lifelong resident, Ed Bean. We wish him the best. We wish all of our Facebook friends such as Dottie Poudrier a very special day, and another special person, Karen Michelle, we hope has a great birthday, along with Shirley Benoit McMenimen, Michael Cirrone, Byron Mitchell Wilks, Paul Carafotes, Roy Bertocchi, Linda Sirignano, Rhonda Annette, Beth Redmond, D.J. Dabenigno, Judy McCollem and Maureen D. Kelleya very happy birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish them a happy birthday.

Register your child for middle grades sports. Middle grades student athletes must attend Medical Clearance on March 29, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Middle graders have several opportunities to join high school teams. Eighth grade students may try out for Boys Volleyball, Boys Tennis or Boys Baseball. 7th and 8th grade students may try out for Girls Softball. Students start the try out process by contacting the sports team's head coach and following the SHS Athletics Registration Process. More about Middle Grades Athletics: https://somerville. k12.ma.us/mgathletics SHS Coaches: https://somerville.k12.ma.us/teams. *******

Proactive maintenance is essential for healthy tree growth. Now in its fourth year, the city's Parks Tree Health Program is currently underway, providing health assessments to 232 trees throughout seven parks this spring. To do this work, temporary park closures are required. Check park, closures before planning an outing to city parks at: https://www.somervillema. gov/treehealth. Continued on page 15

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's lio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. When is National Goof Off Day?

mixture, hodgepodge

2. When is Mom and Pop Business Owners Day?

3. Who was the Greek Goddess of harvest and agriculture?

4. What is Hanami?

5. The Tulip Festival is a spring festival celebrated in which country?

6. Who is the youngest Oscar winner of all time?

7. Who wrote the words to Amazing Grace?

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8. What is the "Mystery Flavor" of Dum Dum Lolipops?

9. On the TV show Eight is Enough how many sons and how many daughters were there?

10. Where can you find the pedistrian only street called Nanjing East Road?

11. What is the name of the facilty the Cabbage Patch Kids were born?

12. Who was the first jazz musician to make the cover of Time magazine?

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. A man set a world record by putting on 260 T-shirts at once.

2. A "jiffy" is about one trillionth of a second.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD EARTH DAY

ACROSS

1. Blood-related problem

5. Econ, measure

8. Blue

11. A perch for Christmas partridge?

13. Fill college entrance form

15. Archaic preposition

16. Chili seed

17. Ski run

18. Swedish environmental activist

20. Makes lace

21. Pi meson, pl.

22. Digital map marker

23. Rachel Carson's "____ Spring'

26. Heater

30. "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request

31. Trouble, in Yiddish

34. Epochs

35. Type of single-story house

37. Noble title

38. Sandler and Driver

39. Not "out of"

40. Advice on shampoo bottle

42. Pollinator of plants

__ Cray, a.k.a. the father of supercomputing

45. Earth Day founder

47. Benatar or Boone

48. Lacking clarity

50. Singer-songwriter Tori

52. 1969 Santa Barbara disaster

55. To some degree

56. Dig like a pig

57. Honoree's spot

59. Apartments, e.g.

60. Swine and avian diseases

61. Primary source for Nordic mythology

62. Cash machine

63. It's all the rage

64. Swallow's house

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1. PC "brain"

2. Christian fast

3. The Hippocratic one

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CROSSWORD



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4. Group of minstrels, e.g.

5. Environmentally-friendly

6. Draws close

7. Spasm of pain

8. See him run?

9. "The Sound of Music" backdrop

10. Yellow #5 in list of ingredients

12. Highly-ranked ecclesiasts

13. On the move

14. Arranged in advance

19. Usually the last inning

22. Wound fluid

23. Delhi dresses

24. Absurd

25. Like a dryer trap

26. Cuyahoga River disaster, Clean Water

Act precursor

27. Omani and Yemeni

28. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g.

29. Ruhr's industrial center

32. ____-friendly

33. Mourner's wish

36. Refuse turned fertilizer

38. Consumed (2 words)

40. Monotonous routine

41. Teenagers' emotions

44. A mirage?

46. City in Netherlands

48. Between violin and cello

49. Not silently

50. Polly to Tom Sawyer

51. Disfigure

52. ____ Approach, music education

53. Serve soup

55. Sine ____ non

54. Plastic tops of coffee cups

58. College entrance exam, acr.

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

OBITUARY

John M. Crowley



CROWLEY, John M. of Venice, FL, formerly of Somerville, MA, died peacefully on November 17, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Florida and he was interred at the Sara-

sota National Veterans Cemetery. He was the beloved son of the late Cornelius and Bridget (O'Brien) Crowley of Somerville. Loving brother of Francis Crowley of Easthampton, Eleanor Healey and her husband Richard of West Roxbury, Margaret Crowley-Rousseau and her late husband Richard of Marshfield, Kevin Crowley of Somerville and the late Cornelius Crowley, Jr. Also survived by loving nieces, nephew and grandnephews. John was a graduate of Somerville High School class of 1961 and Northeastern University in 1976. He served in the U.S. Army from

1964-1966; serving one year in Vietnam. For over 40 years he volunteered in assisting people with sobriety concerns. John worked as an accountant and manager for several private firms and for the U.S. Government. John lived life with love and gusto. He cared for others with kindness and commitment. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin Parishes formerly St. Catherine's of Genoa Church, 185 Summer St. Somerville on Saturday, March 25th at 10am. Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch St. Boston, MA 02110.

St. Patrick's Day celebration at Sally O'Brien's

Liam Mannion, proprietor of Sally O'Brien's, and former City Councilor Bob McWatters, hosted a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., last Friday. Many local residents and elected officials stopped by for this annual which, seems to be growing more popular each year. It was a night of great food, spirits and Irish music.



Kim Driscoll, former City Councilor Bob McWatters and Mary Cronin.



Former City Councilor Jack Connolly, Lieutenant Governor Brian Gay, former Mayor Dorothy Kelley Gay, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Tim Talun, and former City Councilor Bob McWatters.



nor Kim Driscoll, Gabriel, Mayor Katjanna Ballantyne, and in the celebration. Sally O'Brien's owner Liam Mannion.



Former City Councilor Bob McWatters, Lieutenant Gover- City Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo (center) also joined

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The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #275

Keg-Legging

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Bowling is said to be one of the world's most popular pastimes and recreational activities. It is played by over 120 million participants annually in over 90 countries worldwide, including over 65 million in the United States alone. Traces of its history go back as far as 3200 B.C. in Egypt. Many variations of its cousins have been played throughout the world. This includes nine-pin, ten-pin, curling, lawn bowls, bocce, candlepins and duckpins to name a few. Bowling is an all-inclusive game which doesn't favor anyone's physical abilities.



In 1366 English King Edward III banned bowling because it distracted his soldiers from archery training.

In 1819 Washington Irving, the author of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, made the first mention of nine-pin bowling in American literature while writing his famous short story, Rip Van Winkle. Rip and his dog Wolf wander into the hills where, while thinking they hear thunder, encounter a group of odd, wee-men drinking and playing bowls or nine-pins. He joins them, toasts the brew, and wakes up under a tree 20 years later. He discovered that things had remarkably changed because he slept through the entire Revolutionary War era.



At the victorious battle of Saratoga, New York, the Americans captured over 5,000 enemy soldiers, nearly half of them Hessians. After being escorted through Massachusetts by Colonel Paul Revere and his troops, the British were confined to Prospect Hill. Their German confederates were confined to Winter Hill where they remained for a year, from November, 1777, through November, 1778. During their stay in

America, they brought with them the ritual of the Christmas tree and the game of Keg Legging. You probably know it as bowling. They had many variations, Continued on page 11

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THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 4</u>, <u>2023</u> 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@somer

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8575042136755012957

Webinar ID: 209-927-307

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: 1 (415) 655-0060 Access Code: 136-457-548

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

<u>Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)</u>

HPC.DMO 2023.05 – 23 Glenwood Road

Applicant: Grace Spellenberg Revocable Living Trust

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum

of 75 years ago.

Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cas 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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Learn about Somerville's annual budget process at a virtual workshop

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SomervilleCityTV for later viewing.

Participatory budgeting is happening too

Take part in this year's first-ever Participatory Budgeting process, where residents will decide how to spend \$1 million. Residents can propose ideas for what to invest in to improve Somerville. Residents age 12 and older can vote on ideas, and the city will put the winning ideas into action. Learn more at somervillema.gov/pb.



The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from contractors for the SHA Job No. 2301: (AMP-1) Mystic View Apartments Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement Phase 3, for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville MA, in accordance with the documents prepared by EHA Design, Inc.

The Project consists of, but is not limited to:

Furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the complete replacement of the shingle roofing at (AMP-1) Mystic View Apartments Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement, located on 40-50-60 River Road and 70-80-90 River Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

The work is estimated to cost: \$430,000.00

All bidding "Requests For Information" (RFI's) shall be forwarded to Peterd@ehadesign.com by March 30, 2023 for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149. & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive and federal wage rates established by the Davis Bacon Wage Act and the Secretary of Labor, under the Provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended. The higher of the two rates shall be paid. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an online bidder. All bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com, by the date and time specified.

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for the category of Roofing and general bids must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility, and Update Statement.

General Bids will be received electronically at $\underline{www.biddocsonline.com}$ until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2023, and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. A one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond will also be required.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

A pre-bid conference / site visit will be held at the rear Modernization Office of the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145, on Thursday, March 29, 2023 at 1:00pm. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to <u>nervillema.gov</u>

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1501838755448652123

Webinar ID: 129-640-139

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (631) 992-3221 Access code: 540-973-565

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

18 Ivaloo Street Mike Cheng and Dan Flynn seek relief from the side setback encroachment requirement for a rear projecting porch in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Vari-

483 Broadway Tavis Babbitt seeks re-approval of previously granted, and now expired, hardship variances for story height and the minimum number of stories in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) zoning district (P&Z 2021-012).

45 Trull Street Alexandra Teyssandier seeks an administrative appeal

of the Building Official's determination of the building type for the building at 45 Trull Street.

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

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #23-46

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

2023 CCTV Investigations

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 03/21/2023. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: 04/13/2023 2:00PM EST. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more

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

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From on page 8 Ms. Cam's

1. March 22 8. The result of the end of one batch mixing with the next 2. March 29 batch 3. Demeter 9. 3 sons, 5 daughters 4. Flower viewing 10. Shanghai City 5. Canada 11. BabyLand Gener-6. Tatum O'Neal al Hospital 7. John Newton 12. Louis Armstrong

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627 - 635 SOMERVILE AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS **RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-37391**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On March 17, 2023, Kendall Capital filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mai Luo, Kendall Capital, 68 Harrison Avenue, Floor 6 Boston, Massachusetts 02111, 617-913-2001, mentualu@gmail.com, The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0037391 at e.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite/results?RTN=3-0036792 or at the MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, Massachusetts 0180; 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 4/12/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Christopher Brody unit #229AMZ; Jamal Smith unit #344MZ. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) COMMUNITIES

PROJECT: Draw Seven Park Redevelopment Project

LOCATION: Somerville, MA 02145

PROPOONENT: MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Per Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Environmental Notification Form submittal requirements for the above-mentioned project, all environmental justice communities must be notified within one mile of the project area. The overall project includes park improvements throughout the parcel, the installation of a living shoreline along the eastern edge of the park, new transformer cement pad and improvements to the existing fishing pier. This project will provide flood resiliency to residents and businesses in the immediate area through the increased flood storage capacity, improved erosion protection and living shoreline, and increasing shaded areas. No new buildings will be added to the site.

For questions regarding this project, please reach out to Mel Higgins at 978-573-4156 or by email: higginsm@wseinc.com between the hours of

By MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

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Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)

The City of Somerville, Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)

invites sealed proposals for programs that focus on addressing the wage gap for women in Somerville, particularly women of color:

Workforce Development Grant Programs

Workforce Development Grant Programs. Proposals must be for programs that assist in the creation and maintenance of employment and career opportunities for low- and moderate-income women residing in the City of Somerville. Funds for training in high demand industries, digital literacy training programs, financial literacy training programs internship programming for low-income first-generation students, CORI expungement, and innovative programs that address the wage gap for women and girls residing in Somerville. Consideration will also be given to proposals that identify other needs that will contribute to addressing the wage gap for women, particularly women of color. Grants are provided by ARPA funding, City funds, and/or other available funds generated from development impact fees.

Bid Number WFD-23.4

Request for Proposal packages for both programs will be posted and available for download on the City of Somerville website beginning at 10 am March 22, 2023 at <u>www.somervillema.gov/wfd</u>. Print copies available upon request to Staff Name at email WFD@somervillema.gov.

An electronic PDF file should be emailed to email address and proposal packages must be submitted no later than May 3, 2023 for responses to WFD-23.4

to the above email address

Please contact the City of Somerville's Workforce Development staff, by email at WFD@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.

> Thomas Galligani, Executive Director 617-625-6600, x 2500

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PLANNING BOARD

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4826750922727010394 Webinar ID:

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 930-5321 Access code: 496-778-281

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

CRG Graphics proposes a Major Amendment to a previously approved application that required a Special Permit (PB 2017-07) in the Mid-Rise 6 (MR6)

114-120 Broadway Good Food Restaurant, LLC seeks to extend the validity of, and a Major Amendment to, a previously

issued Special Permit (PB 2019-13) in the Mid-Rise

5 (MR5) district.

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

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

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and one of their favorites was called nine-pin or candle-pin and was a game set up in a diamond shape. In the camp, betting on nine-pins was outlawed, so the enterprising prisoners just changed the number of pins to ten, and the configuration to a triangle. Problem solved! Ten pin bowling was invented.

During the archaeological surveys ahead of Boston's Big Dig, the oldest bowling bowl/ball in North America was found in Boston. Inspectors retrieved it from a Cross Street privy then owned by Katherine Nanny Naylor of Boston/Charlestown. It was dated circa 1670's.

For the first half of the last century, experimenters dabbled with candlepin pin-setting machines. By 1941, inventor John Murphy of Middleboro, Massachusetts had the first automatic candle-pin bowling machine in the nation installed on Winter

Hill. It was located next to the site of Leone's Pizza on Broadway and is now at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

Another historic site for bowling in what is now Somerville was the Mclean Hospital on Cobble Hill. It was originally referred to as an asylum and was the forerunner of Massachusetts General Hospital. The hospital promoted a compassionate treatment of patients which included gardening, conversation, outings, riding and bowling.

The Somerville Theatre, with a never-ending history of talent that has graced her stage, once had bowling lanes in its basement.

Richard Nixon wasn't the only President who bowled. Harry Truman inaugurated the first White House bowling alley in 1947 in celebration of his 63rd birthday. He knocked down seven pins on his

first throw, and one of these pins was saved for the Smithsonian.

Former Somerville librarian and national best-selling author Elizabeth McCracken has written a popular novel named Bowlaway. When asked reflectively, she recommended Saccos Bowl Haven at American Flatbread in Davis Square.

From Hessian soldiers playing nine-pin on Winter Hill to today's ultra-modern Lucky Strike Social at Assembly Square, Somerville keeps rolling on.



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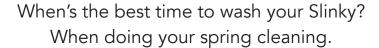
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1822 - Boston is incorporated as a city.

1903 – The U.S. Senate ratifies the Cuban treaty, gaining naval bases in Guantanamo and Bahia Honda.

1916 – The First Aero Squadron takes off from Columbus, NM to join Gen. John J. Pershing and his Punitive Expedition against Pancho Villa in Mexico.

1918 - Congress authorizes Daylight Savings Time.

1931 - The state of Nevada legalizes gambling.

1945 – Adolf Hitler orders a scorched-earth policy for his retreating German armies in the west and east.

1963 – In Costa Rica, President John F. Kennedy and six Latin American presidents pledge to fight Communism.

1981 – One technician is killed and two others are injured during a routine test on space shuttle Columbia.

Annual Ras na hEireann 5K road race

The annual Ras na hEireann 5K road race, the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic, took place this past Sunday. This race was born in Ireland and named in honor of its famous sister race, the Ras na hEireann International Cross Country held in Termonfechin, County Louth, Republic of Ireland. The top 10 finishers were: 1st - #402 Louis Serafini of Cambridge, 2nd - #575 Dylan Villescas of Charlestown, 3rd - #491 Matthew Coble of Medford, 4th - #38 Megan Bonney of Cambridge, 5th - #194 Danny Huang of Woburn, 6th - #104 Kai Deshima of Somerville, 7th - #116 Joe Dollard of Cambridge, 8th - #311 Liz Mettetal of Lexington, 9th - #64 Daniel Cascio of Medford, 10th - #197 Sarah Innes-Gold of Somerville. — Photos by Bobbie Toner



















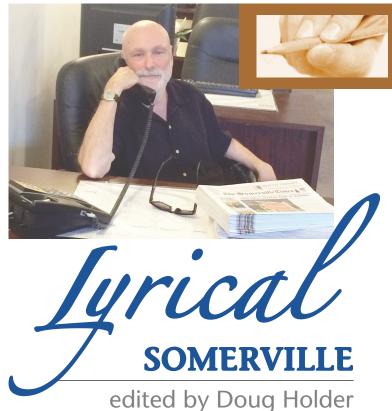
Topping off milestone at Boynton Yards

Shawmut Design and Construction, DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners (DLJ RECP), Leggat McCall Properties (LMP), and Deutsche Finance Group (DFG) commemorated the steel topping off milestone at Building 2, 808 Windsor Street in Somerville, the second Class-A commercial lab building within the Boynton Yards 1.8 million square foot mixed-use life sciences and innovation community, on Friday, March 17.

Set to be completed in early 2024, the 370,000 square-foot purpose-built lab building will span 11 floors and offer state-of-the-art research space for emerging life science companies, four levels of below-grade parking, as well as feature community-based amenities and activated green space. With an energy-efficient and sustainable design, the building will achieve LEED Platinum certification.

The LEED Platinum building elevates the onsite experience with anchor amenities including a food emporium, performance venue and activated green space. The new Green Line Rail Extension (GLX) and private shuttles provide convenient connections to Kendall Square, Boston and beyond.





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Hampshire), Somerville Journal, and a variety of other small magazines in various states of activity and many other columns as well. Her books, The Astrological Elements and Astrology On The Cusp I (Llewellyn Worldwide) have been sold in numerous countries overseas and domestically. She teaches folklore and history at Fitchburg State University and has served in public office since 2008, most currently as a Councilor At-Large for Fitchburg, MA.

The Things My Friends Brought to the Joni Mitchell Concert

Sometime at the end of the 70s Joni Mitchell played the Providence stadium. This was after *Hissing of Summer Lawns*, and her transition to full-on fusion jazz goddess.

Was it hard for her? To step out of that flower minidress into a fedora and maroon midi skirt. She brought her band, determined to create intimacy at a municipal civic center.

Even from where we sat, midway back her cheekbones cast shadows, She only looked at the crowd at the end of each song And our applause was rippling and respectful

I sat among a bunch of girls, swaying like stalks of wheat

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'K-I-S-S-I-N-G'A play by Lenelle Moïse

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A Front Porch Arts Collective production in collaboration with The Huntington, at Calderwood Pavilion, through April 2, 2023

By Off the Shelf Correspondent Andy Hoffman

If you have ever wondered what might draw you back to live theater after the pandemic, the Huntington has the answer for you: Lenelle Moïse's *K-I-S-S-I-N-G*, a laugh-out-loud-funny and joyous celebration of young love and high hopes.

Created in collaboration between The Front Porch Arts Collective and the Huntington, *K-I-S-S-I-N-G* follows sixteen-year-old Lala (Regan Sims) on her voyage of discovery of herself through love, art, and family. By turns comic and heart-breaking, *K-I-S-S-I-N-G* represents theater at its very best, showing what a group of visionary and talented artists can invent. The script, its performance, the set, and direction elevate the very air of the Calderwood Pavilion, and the audience responded in kind. Not since I saw the original cast of *Hamilton* have I experienced a night of theater of this power and quality.

Lala, the product of a teenage romance herself,



possesses talent and brilliance, but has little exposure to life outside her urban neighborhood. Her parents, long separated, seem at a loss to understand her. We first meet her at a park, where she has taken her mute half-brother Max to a playground, her first outing since catching his chicken pox. She just wants to enjoy the sunshine and a burger when Albert (Ivan Cecil Walks), a fellow teenager, spots her and tries to put his smooth moves on her. Enraged by his presumption, she cuts him down and sends him packing.

Albert was at the park with his twin brother Dani (Sharmarke Yusuf), who watches the demolition with pleasure. Dani and Albert, born into wealth, struggle with being black and rich, trying to find a place for themselves in a world

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in the wind.

And each had brought a gift – and kept saying as if in a daze – oh, if only I could meet her, I just want to thank her.

One brought a poem, another brought a gilded box, but the shyest girl had made a mobile, out of shells and feathers found in the woods. She'd wrapped it carefully, but took it out before the show, it turned and twirled in elegant silence when she breathed on it.

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A thousand years later, my brother Hal got a call from a producer he knew, in LA to record a session with Joni – at her home in Laurel Canyon.

He brought his bass, and

"she went to the piano
to work out ideas"
on a piano

"with her dulcimer collection on top."

He spent a full day in the hills, and she smoked throughout.

Joni lived alone, in a house surrounded by lemon trees which she and her gardener tended faithfully.

Apart from the music, Hal said a re-engineering of *Hejira* – for a ballet company in Canada – her most vigorous conversation was with her gardener about the lemons which grew, and dropped endlessly on her lawn.

— Sally Cragin

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Congratulations, SHS Highlanders Robotics Team! They won first place with their alliance at the Reading FIRST Robotics competition on Sunday, after a weekend of intense matches. It was a rollercoaster ride. Watch the next competition at Revere High School in person or online, March 25 and 26: https://twitch. tv/nefirst red

The Somerville Council of PTAs is organizing an awesome fundraising event for the Somerville High School Scholarship program. Come to the high school auditorium on March 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to cheer on SPS teachers and staff as they compete against teams from other Somerville schools in a "survey says" style game show. Tickets are required and are limited. Buy them at bit.ly/PTA-Gameshow. On the website you'll also find a silent auction and the link to the GLX and Somerville Public Schools t-shirt sales that are all part of the scholarship fundraiser.

Consider donating to the Salvatore and Peter Albano Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is a new award given annually to a deserving Somerville High School student, established in cooperation with the Somerville High School Scholarship fund. Contributions can be made at the event or by mail: c/o Julie Abruzzio, 10

The signup form for vendors at this

year's Carnaval is now open. For more

Buttonwood Lane, Peabody, MA 01960.

details on the vendor application please apply at: https://forms.gle/1kVUujfvh-Gdwtxm1A.

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer non-profit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold a Spring Online Auction from Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26. Auction proceeds will go toward the cost of pre-adoption medical procedures. Visit https://www.myminiauction.com/kittyconnection for more information.

********* Call of Art for the Somerville Art Coun-

cil's Inside-OUT Gallery SOS Artists Members showcase exhibit. The submission deadline is March 30. To register, please submit via the Google Forms https://forms.gle/WTnBDny1MnoauSESA. Somerville Open Studios, the Somerville Arts Council and the Inside-OUT Gallery once again welcome seasoned members and newcomers alike to submit pieces for the annual SOS members' exhibit. While all works will be considered, we do encourage applicants to respond to this year's theme. This is a closed call for current registered SOS artists. Please note that this is a juried exhibition and not all submitted work will be accepted. Applicants' work must be available from April 18 to May 18.

The Powder House Blvd. detour has begun at North St. to Alewife Brook Parkway. Vehicles travelling both eastbound and westbound on Powder House Blvd. between North St. and Alewife Brook Parkway will be detoured during construction hours (weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Westbound traffic will be directed south on North St., west on Broadway to return to Alewife Brook Parkway. Eastbound traffic will be directed south on Alewife Brook Parkway, east on Broadway, north on North St. to return to Powder House Blvd. Anticipated detour duration: 3 months (weather permitting). For more information and updates visit voice.somervillema.gov/intersection-redesign.

Somerville PorchFest 2023 will take place on Saturday, May 13 (rain date May 14) from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Perhaps you've sat on your porch and overheard a neighbor strumming guitar on another porch? Porchfest takes this idea and multiplies it. This is not a festival per se but rather a community event where Somervillians share their love of playing and listening to music ... from their porch, driveways, yards, etc. Registration is now open: https:// somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.

The Somerville Public Library in partnership with the St. Mark Community Education Program is offering a free, 10-week U.S. Citizenship Preparation class. The class will prepare students for the citizenship interview including the 100 civics questions, the reading and writing sections, and interview questions

based on the N-400 application. The class

will be held in-person at the Central Library (79 Highland Avenue) on 10 Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from March 4 to May 6. Requirements: Basic level of English and 5 years as a U.S. permanent resident (green card holder) or 3 years, if married to a U.S. citizen. Visit https://www.somervillepubliclibrary. org/ell-citizenship to register.

Free COVID-19 test kits also continue to be available by request at all Somerville Public Libraries, at City Hall, and at the City Hall Annex.

The City of Somerville continues to host weekly walk-in vaccination clinics for residents through the end of March, with both flu vaccines and the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 booster available. Clinics will take place each Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., through March 29. Advance registration is recommended to save time but not required. Pre-register online at somervillema.gov/vaccineclinics or by calling 311 (617-666-3311). Flu vaccines and updated COVID-19 boosters are also available at many pharmacies and other locations. Find a provider at vaccines.gov.

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which doesn't have a code for them. Albert tries being blacker, as though he's from the 'hood rather than his posh suburb. Dani just immerses himself in the advantages of his life - art, knowledge, and nature. Months later, Lala and Dani run into one another at a bus stop, the same way Lala's parents met, and they discover a soul-mate in one another. Their relationship grows but hits a snag as Lala begin to feel desire for physical contact, while Dani identifies as asexual. These young people don't have the emotional sophistication or social skill to navigate this trouble. When Lala attends Dani's prom with him, the night ends in confusion and disappointment.

The set for K-I-S-S-I-N-G is itself an extraordinary achievement. The abstract shapes dangling from the fly space and the rotating structure center stage at first appear as a decrepit urban landscape and then as neighborhood trees, only reaching their full purpose when Dani takes Lala to a museum. The surfaces become layered projections of the art they see, and the coordination between the maturing relationship between the teens and their personal growth gives the story its power. The use of art, dance and music throughout the production extracts the highest level of passion from Lenelle Moïse's poetic script. Everyone involved in K-I-S-S-I-N-G deserves recognition for their brilliant work, especially director Dawn M. Simmons, who brings together these remarkable pieces into an extraordinary evening of theater.

K-I-S-S-I-N-G is one of the first products of the threeyear partnership of the Huntington with Front Porch Arts Collective, a Black theatre company committed to advancing racial equity in Boston through theatre. In residence at The Huntington, Front Porch Arts Collective creates a place where Black perspectives and experiences become an integral part of the global conversation, fostering a greater understanding of our shared human condition. Cambridge native and Northampton resident and former poet laurate Lenelle Moïse wrote the play on commission from Clark University. Go see it as soon as possible. You owe it to yourself.

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