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Long term city and police union negotiations have recently yielded an agreement on the use of body cameras by patrol officers.

By Jim Clark

According to information provided by the City of Somerville, policy guidance relative to the Somerville Police Department's use of body cameras by its uniformed officers. A public release issued on Tuesday of this week stated the following:

After several years of negotiations, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Police Employees Association (SPEA) union, which represents Somerville patrol officers, have reached an agreement to implement body-worn cameras. The agreement represents a collaborative breakthrough for policing transparency in Somerville and establishes Somerville as an early regional adopter of this important technology.

"I want to thank all involved who found a way forward with this critical tool for increasing transparency and accountability

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How and why to build a raised garden bed this season

Fairly easy to construct and even easier to maintain, raised garden beds are a great way to raise plants and vegetables in the comfort and convenience of your backyard.

In a recent episode of the Exmark Original Series, *Done-in-A-Weekend-Extreme*, landscape designer and show host, Doug Scott, spoke to organic gardener Joe Lamp'l of *Growing a Greener World* about the ins and outs of raised garden beds.

Here are some of the top insights and tips Lamp'l shared.

- ♦ Why use raised garden beds? A raised garden bed can help facilitate the ideal growing environment, as most people don't have that perfect soil naturally in their yard. Their accessibility makes them easier to work in and maintain. Plus, they're a nice architectural design element in any landscape.

- ♦ What's the ideal size? The main rule of the thumb applies to width. The bed should be no wider than 4 feet, as you never

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Spring has finally sprung in Somerville and elsewhere, so here’s to hoping that in the months to come we can all begin to enjoy a return to something more akin to the kind of living that we are accustomed to. May one and all stay safe, remain patient, and keep looking forward to better days. They are on their way.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, and city staff invite you to a virtual public meeting to discuss remediation at Conway Field. Representatives from the EPA and DEP will detail the site cleanup plans, safety precautions, and construction and address any questions or concerns. The overall cleanup process will include preparing the site for remediation, removing soils, preparing the site for final field construction, and restoring the site for public use. Cleanup activities are expected to begin later this spring and continue through 2021. After the site is cleaned, an athletic field will be installed. The meeting will be held virtually tonight, Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the project and to register to attend, please visit somer ville.ma.gov/conwayfield.

The state has announced when all remaining groups will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Monday, March 22: People age 60 or older and certain workers will be eligible. Eligible workers include those in restaurants and cafes, food service, retail, grocery and convenience stores, transportation, and more. See the full list at mass.gov/vaccine. Monday, April 5: People age 55 or older and people with one certain medical condition will be eligible. See the full list of medical conditions at mass.gov/vaccine. Monday, April 19: People age 16 or older will be eligible. For more information and to pre-register for an appointment, visit mass.gov/vaccine or call 211. The City of Somerville is also available to help those who face barriers to accessing vaccines, including people who need transportation or language assistance. If you are currently eligible to receive a vaccine and need help accessing the vaccine, please call 311. *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 24 – March 30 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday March 24	Cloudy	54°/47°	10%	8%	ESE 9 mph
 Thursday March 25	Partly Cloudy	70°/54°	25%	17%	SW 8 mph
 Friday March 26	Rain	69°/44°	73%	36%	SSW 21 mph
 Saturday March 27	Partly Cloudy	55°/40°	8%	4%	NW 11 mph
 Sunday March 28	Rain	51°/40°	76%	37%	SE 12 mph
 Monday March 29	Rain	50°/32°	38%	18%	NW 20 mph
 Tuesday March 30	Sunny	50°/33°	4%	2%	WNW 11 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: Tensions heat up between mayor and Somerville restaurant owners

Alex says:

I used to like the mayor and thought he cared about the city. However, his abandonment of a science-based approach to dealing with Covid, in favor of always being more cautious than neighboring towns and the best scientific advice is really disheartening. He has done so much harm to Somerville students and businesses. Somerville is being devastated by two forces: a deadly pandemic and a mayor who seemingly has no regard for lives he is ruining by shutting things down longer than necessary.

Tom S says:

I fully support the Mayor’s decision. Mr. Luz is being disingenuous when he claims that no one city has access to “differential data” — in fact, summary statistics at the city and town level are updated weekly and published on the state website. Each city and town presumably has access to the underlying data that supports those summaries. The 351 cities and towns in MA are empowered to make local decisions like this precisely BECAUSE centuries of experience have taught us that local city and town government is best able to make these difficult local decisions. A restaurant policy that is appropriate for Shelburne Falls, Adams, or Newton may not be at all appropriate for Somerville. Certainly the cities of Revere and Lynn suffered enormously in this pandemic because their city government did not respond effectively to their local needs while the GOP-led state and national policies were disastrously incompetent. The policies of Mr. Curtatone have helped Somerville ward off the worst of this pandemic with as little impact as possible. Those policies are FAR more effective and science-based than those of the governor. Well-managed restaurants in Somerville will survive this pandemic. The policies of Mr. Curtatone ensure that they will thrive as the people of Somerville continues to recover from this pandemic. I eagerly await warm weather and the re-opening of the newly-established sidewalk eating areas that make Davis and Union Square so inviting — all thanks to Mayor Joe Curtatone. The state will greatly benefit if Mr. Curtatone replaces Charlie Baker as Governor.

Villinous says:

The saber rattling by the MRA is ridiculous. Guaranteed our local restaurant industry will come roaring back in a few months. Everybody I know has been making a point of getting regular take-out to help out our local favorites. Eating indoors at restaurants, where you’ve got to take off your mask to get anything in your mouth, has been a terrible idea during an airborne pandemic. My only problem with the city is that it’s been allowed at all. Yet I’m happy I’m in a place where the death rate is way below the state average.

WaitressLivesMatter says:

The ‘industry’ may come roaring back, but many of the jobs (waiter/waitress, bartender, dishwashers) will not. The fact that you think ordering takeout occasionally can keep a restaurant afloat tells me that you know nothing about the running of a restaurant. Are you aware of the number of restaurants who have already closed permanently?

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Rockin' at the library



This story was originally printed on July 12, 2008. I decided to update, tweak, and recycle it as The West Branch Library renovation nears completion.

As in all of my recollections, this timeline is as close to reality as my memory allows it.

About 10 years ago, my oldest boy and I went to the West Branch Library on College Avenue. Up the winding, creaky stairway on the top floor of the library is

the attic – or rotunda, if you will. There is (was) a small stage along the back wall (see photo) – a stage that local bands, including my band Shadowfax (in photo) used to perform on during a very short period in the early 70's. You see, there use to be a Teen Center on top of the West Branch Library, until the craziness of those times destroyed it.

On a hot summer day in or around 1969, a bunch of us kids were hanging around on the corner of Bay State and Kidder Ave. Teddy B lived in the house on the corner, which was owned by former Somerville Mayor William Donovan (his uncle). The corner is where



we met, laughed, grew shoulder-length hair and smoked Winstons/Newports and other stuff.

This corner is also where my parents stopped by on their way home from church, which forced me to put a lit cigarette in my coat pocket until they were done asking me to show them the church bulletin – because having the church bulletin was proof to our parents that we went to church. It was one kid's job to go into the church and grab a bunch of bulletins and pass them out to whoever needed proof.

The corner is where we played hooky from church and showed off our blue denim ponderosa pullovers with rawhide

laces, bell bottom pants, and new cassette tapes. One day, this 6-foot 4-inch tall, rotund, bearded guy (who looked like the big dude from Harry Potter), approached us with the idea of starting a teen center. He introduced himself as Art. He was trying to get some sort of grant, which would make him the teen center coordinator.

After weeks of planning, he/we received funding for a teen center and they gave us the top floor of the West Branch Library. When we first climbed those stairs up to that top floor, we were psyched and full of speculation. A teen center! Cool!

We cleaned it up, painted it and held live dances up there

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Somerville works towards development of new police hiring policy

By Joe Creason

The Legislative Matters Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, to discuss pending issues on the city’s agenda. Many of the Committee items being discussed this past week focused topics of public safety, health and the police.

A gas-powered leaf blowing ordinance, largely based on legislation from the Cambridge City Council, would regulate Somerville residents’ use of gas-powered leaf blowers. The proposed ordinance would outline parameters for dates and times of usage as well as specifications indicating that noise should not exceed 70 decibels.

There was extensive debate between members of the City Council and City Administration on agenda items relevant to the Somerville Police Department. Members of the Administration had reservations on a number of details within the legislation around proposed changes to the police hiring process

and the use of non-lethal force, including chemical crowd control.

Legislation was proposed to amend the hiring process and the Police Reserve List. The reserve list is a feature present with many municipal police departments to expedite the vetting and on-boarding process for new officers. State and federal regulations require prospective police officers to undergo a series of evaluations which may take weeks to process.

The reserve list, for both the Somerville Police and Fire Department, consists of individuals who have already completed the initial phase of evaluations which usually can take up to four months to process. The main concern for City Councilors looking to amend the hiring procedure is that certain officers may occupy the list for years without giving opportunities to other hopeful candidates.

“It is difficult for the administration to support this legislation with regards to the reserve

list due to concerns for individuals who are already at varying stages in the hiring process and the fact that it is unspecified what would happen to those individuals,” said City Solicitor Shannon Phillips.

Another major area of debate between the City Council and the Administration was on the regulation of non-lethal force. While Police Chief Charles Femino was supportive of the provision banning the use of tear gas on crowds, there were objections to increasing regulation on other chemical crowd control agents.

“The biggest outstanding issue with the administration is on the regulation of pepper spray,” said Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. “The language states that the decision to use pepper spray is at the discretion of the individual police officer.”

Regulations in the ordinance outline circumstances in which the use of pepper spray by an officer is appropriate, including



Among the agenda items addressed at the latest meeting of the City Council Legislative Matters Committee was discussions pertaining to police officer hiring policies.

being a witness to ongoing acts of violence, property destruction, or eminent threat with a weapon. Attempts must be made to deescalate the situation before using pepper spray, except in case of immediate death or serious injury.

In a legal memorandum presented by City Solicitor Phillips, questions were raised with regards to the ordinance and the Police Chief having author-

itative power over what the appropriate use of force in certain circumstances.

The memorandum also pointed out the potential for the proposed ordinance to potentially create an abundance of liabilities for the city by making police officers more vulnerable to legal action.

The ordinance on chemical crowd control will remain in committee for further discussion.

Police body camera agreement reached between city, union

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in policing. While no one reform alone will achieve our goals to re-envision policing in our community, body cameras are an important step forward as we continue to build on our police force’s deep commitment to transparent, procedurally just, and compassionate community policing,” said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

After years of stalemate between the city and the Union on this topic, following community discussions in 2019 on SPD’s role at the “Straight Pride Parade” and counter-protests, the city placed renewed

emphasis on reaching an agreement on body cameras. After the killing of George Floyd in May 2020, the implementation of body cameras was included in a list of ten priorities for police reform announced by the city in June 2020. Also that month, a city and Council joint resolution in support of body cameras for sworn officers was co-introduced by City Council President and Ward 1 Councilor Matt McLaughlin; Councilors At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Mary Jo Rossetti, Kristen Strezo, and William A. White Jr.; Ward 5 Councilor Mark

Niedergang; and the mayor.

The agreement, which the Union ratified last week, allows for the full implementation of body cameras for patrol officers with certain exceptions based on best practices. In accordance with city ordinance, any body cameras used by the Somerville Police Department would not include facial recognition capability but would serve solely to document police actions. Negotiations continue for the potential deployment of body cameras for superior officers, who are represented by a separate union.

“Somerville has always led the

way on policing, whether it be civilian review, de-escalating the war on drugs, Narcan administration, or supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Body cameras are just one tool at our disposal to have accountability and protect the public,” said City Council President Matt McLaughlin.

The body camera measure is one component of the SPEA contract reached last week, which is subject to City Council appropriation of funds. If funded, procurement according to State purchasing guidelines will proceed for the required body

camera hardware and software, and training of all officers in proper use would follow.

“The police administration’s hope is that this technology will enhance mutual respect and trust between our officers and the community while providing greater transparency into police operations,” said Interim Police Chief Charles Femino. “There is good evidence that body cameras can reduce the potential for police misconduct or excessive use of force while also reducing false accusations of police abuse, all of which supports public safety and procedural justice.”

How and why to build a raised garden bed this season

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want to compact the soil when working. Length however, is based on personal preference and needs. As far as height is concerned, you want the roots to be able to grow out and down as much as possible – 6-inches at minimum. While 12-inches is common, anything higher is a bonus.

• What materials work best? Treated lumber is the most readily available and economical material and will likely last the longest, however, being an organic gardener I prefer untreated hardwood, as it lasts almost as long and doesn’t contain chemicals. Other materials

you have around the home and yard, such as rocks, old tubs, etc., can work too.

• Where’s the best location? Build your raised garden bed on level ground, in full sun exposure near a water supply.

DIY Instructions:

To build a 10-foot x 4-foot x 18-inch raised bed, you’ll need:

- Nine 6-inch x 6-inch x 12-foot cedar timbers
- Tape measure, t-square and marking pencil
- A saw and extension cord
- One box of 10-inch heavy-duty exterior wood screws
- Ten 24-inch x 1/2-inch rebar stakes

- Twenty 10-inch galvanized timber spikes
- Sledgehammer
- Impact drill and long drill bit
- Level
- Hammer
- Shovels
- Hardware cloth, wire cutters and fence staples
- Work gloves, safety glasses and ear plugs
- Wheelbarrow (to transport soil)

1. Begin by cutting six, 6 x 6 timbers, each measuring 10-feet 6-inches in length. And six, 6 x 6 timbers, each measuring 4-feet 6-inches in length. Drill rebar holes in each timber.

2. Once the first layer of bed has been placed, leveled and squared in your desired location, fasten the corners using 10-inch wood screws. Secure the entire layer to the ground with 10 pieces of rebar.

3. Place the second layer of timbers, staggering the corners and fastening them with wood screws. Secure this layer to the first with ten 10-inch galvanized spikes.

4. Install galvanized cloth to prevent burrowing pests from eating earthworms and destroying plants.

5. Place the third layer of timbers (following above direc-

tions.)

6. Fill with soil and plants.

For more tips and complete build instructions, check out *How to Build Raised Garden Beds* by visiting Exmark.com/backyard. Exmark’s *Backyard Life* is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of their backyard. There you can also access other series, including *Prime Cuts* and *Dream Yards*.

For an amazing crop this season, take a cue from the professionals and build a raised garden bed for best results. (*StatePoint*)

Board of Health aiming to clear the FOG

By Max Eidelman

Somerville’s Board of Health met for a virtual meeting this past Thursday, March 18.

The bulk of the meeting addressed the city’s FOG (fats, oils, grease) regulation. Per the EPA’s website, “Grease from restaurants, homes, and industrial sources are the most common cause (47%) of reported blockages” in sewage systems.

The Board is working in conjunction with the EPA to adhere to the guidelines. The EPA wants the city to be more stringent with its FOG regulations and has instructed the new program to include eight aspects: a requirement for insulation equipment at all restaurants; periodic inspections; procedures for noncompliance; a public education program; necessary planning for a procedure to ensure enforcement of the regulations; a clear explanation of which department in Somerville is responsible for FOG regulation; a list of all food-preparation establishments; and a proposed schedule for the FOG program.

Discussion at the meeting focused on the details of the regulation’s language, and the Board plans to further refine the language in May.



Disposal of fats, oils and grease – such as those produced by restaurants and other sources – was a major topic undertaken by the city’s Board of Health at their latest meeting.

The Board also discussed updates on the Covid situation, which has recently surpassed its one-year mark of being identified as a pandemic. Somerville remains in Phase 3 Step 1. The Board cited various metrics from institutes such as John Hopkins and the CDC of the current status of cases. The numbers suggest that – despite the optimism that predictably comes with the recent nice weather, and the fatigue that ought to be expected one year into this ordeal – caution is still very much necessary.

Joe Lynch, Chair of the Licensing Commission, briefly spoke at the end of the meeting as well to provide the Board with an update about outdoor dining, which reopened on March 1. According to Lynch, the Commission has created “strict guidelines and bumpers” for outdoor performances at temporary outdoor seating arrangements. He added that thorough adherence to the guidelines is necessary for the sustainability of an arrangement for the city to see safe outdoor dining and performances.

As much as everyone is looking forward to enjoying a better spring and summer than last year, patience and continued diligence is necessary to prevent a setback, which is all the more reason to take heed of the city’s data-motivated recommendations, according to Lynch.

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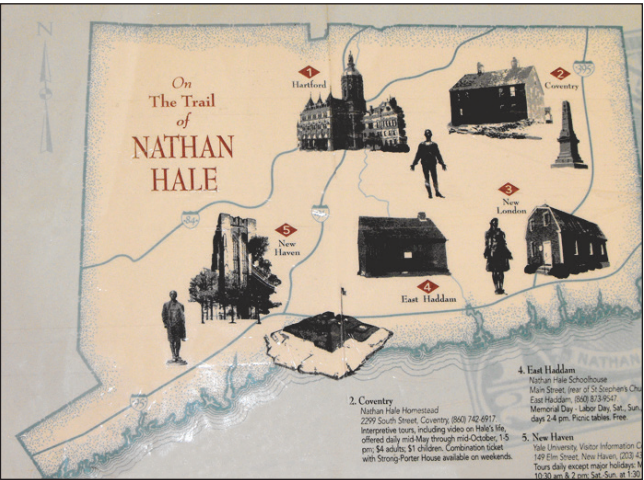
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City of Homes

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Through the years, Somerville has often been called The City of Seven Hills. This was a misnomer, because in reality, there were fourteen hills, remembered over time by twenty-eight different names.

She also has been known as a City of Homes. One reason for this is that the municipality is the most densely populated city in New England and has been for the last century. At one time, over 104,000 citizens snuggled into this often-called bedroom community of Boston. Today’s population of 81,906, has almost 20,000 inhabitants per square mile living in over 34,600 housing units.



This city also could have been called an Historic City of Homes.

- Prospect Hill was home to our first American Flag, the Union Flag. It was designed and delivered by Ben Franklin and raised by General George Washington on January 1, 1776.
- “I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country.” These were the last words of Revolutionary War hero Nathan Hale. His last home was a military tent on Winter Hill where he spent the last year of his life in training to be a ranger.



- Somerville’s Charles Tufts put a house on Walnut Hill in the form of land for Tufts College and land on Professors Row to house its educators.
- On Paul Revere’s midnight ride to Lexington, the first homes alerted were in Somerville. At the battle’s end the next day, the last homes damaged were in Somerville.
- After arriving from England, John Winthrop, the first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, built his first home at Ten Hills. His son John Jr., the first Governor of Connecticut, also lived at the estate.



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COMMENTARY

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Reviving Davis Square

One bright spot over the past twelve months of COVID-19 has been the expansion of outdoor dining. It has made Davis Square a better place and kept some of our businesses alive. This success has shown that traffic does calm, and pedestrian safety is improved when outdoor space is prioritized for people.

We now have an opportunity to make some dramatic changes based on what we learned last year, and from the experiences of other cities and towns with pedestrian

streets (Boston, Salem, and Newburyport for instance).

Specifically, if we rearrange the traffic patterns in the square we can easily envision Elm being converted into a pedestrian street for two blocks between Day and Cutter. Closing Elm Street to through traffic has the knock-on effect of making the Davis Square intersection much simpler to resolve – providing a level of clarity that has eluded the last 10 years of neighborhood planning

for the square.

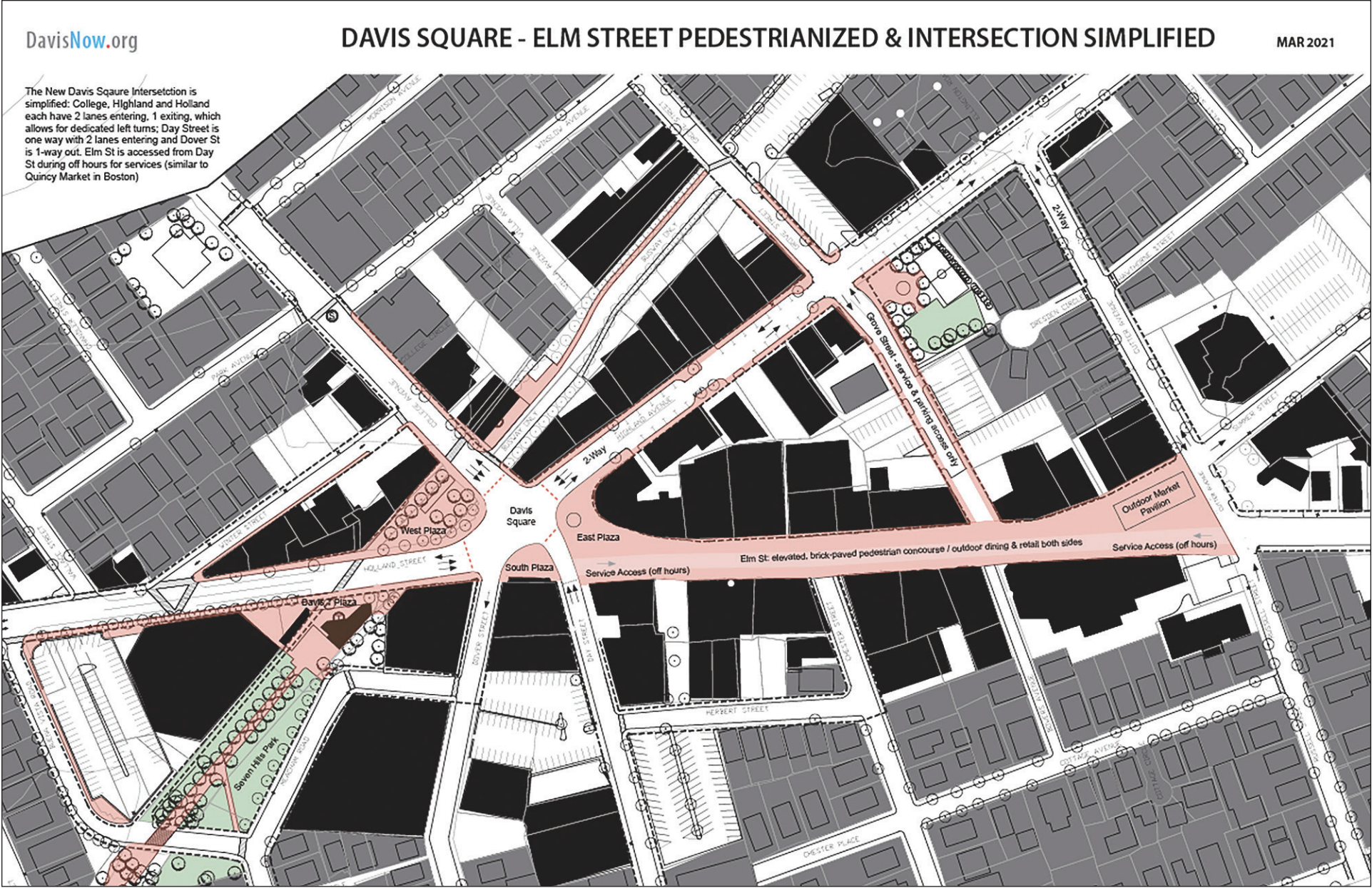
These two moves - pedestrianizing Elm and a simpler intersection - have the ability to serve as a base plan for growing the square over time and informing future discussions about parking options, servicing approaches, building renovations and real estate developments.

Where such steps have been undertaken in other places the effects have been positive - businesses thrive, safety improves, and people are more attracted.

This is something that can easily be done here. It can be set up in a test run using temporary barriers and, when the drainage/water/ sewer infrastructure work is completed under Elm, made permanent.

The past year has proven that Elm works as a pedestrian street and we should build on that success to create a more people-friendly future.

Alan Bingham
for DavisNOW.org



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featuring local bands.

Now mind you, these were the days of 99 cents bottles of Ripple and Boones Farm Apple Wine. Needless to say, getting buzzed was very cheap and easy. Loud music, cheap booze, no A/C and teenagers were a lethal mix for trouble. Let's not forget to add in pot and the various pills of the era into the mix.

I don't remember a police detail being assigned to the concert, but I do remember the 25 officers and EMTs that were needed when a night at the teen center went horribly wrong. A group of roving troublemakers who terrorized the area for years

decided to crash the concert and beat the hell out of a couple of kids. One kid almost died.

I still get a cold chill when I go by that Library. It was such a good idea, but it just couldn't fly. Soon after the brawl they closed the teen center and we went back to hanging around on the corner of Bay State and Kidder Ave.

When I went up to the top floor of the West Branch for the first time in over 35 years, the place looked smaller than I had remembered. I got a bittersweet feeling inside. I remember playing Smoke on the Water one minute and hearing broken glass and sirens the next. One of the

guys who got the worst beating recovered fully with the help of some expensive dental work. I'll never forget how an idea so innocent and exciting could lead to such a violent end.

The early 70's were a tough time to be a teenager and more than a few of our friends didn't make it. I think of them a lot. They will be young forever to me. Thankfully, there were seldom if any problems at the Somerfest block party concerts that came along shortly thereafter.

When I walk by the newly renovated West Branch Library, I recall the music and the mayhem. When I go by the



corner of Bay State and Kidder Avenue, I think of the short, longhaired Italian kid with the smoldering cigarette in the

pocket of his leather jacket. I am glad I grew up in such a hectic era and survived. I have great memories.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



There is nothing like springtime in the Ville.

Our View Of The Times



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 seems 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.

As much as so many of us love our winter scenery, 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.

And even though our exuberance may be somewhat hindered by the burdens of dealing with the pandemic and its resul-

tant restrictions imposed on our movements and ability to interact with others, it’s still so nice witness the splendor of the natural environment’s rebirth.

It’s a fine time to take stock in what we so often take for granted throughout the sunnier months. We’ve really got it made, here in one of the most beautiful spots around, so let’s get out there and start loving us some springtime.

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Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to former Somerville resident, now in the western part of Kansas, **Carolyn Calier**, a great lady. Happy birthday also to one of the famous Sullivans of Spring Hill, **Michael Sullivan**. He is celebrating this week. A nice guy, we wish him the very best. Happy birthday to **Rachael Hart-Adams**. We wish her the very best of birthdays, celebrating with her great family and, of course, with her son, **Finn**. Happy Birthday to **MaryLynn McWatters O'Malley**. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to great guy and life-long resident, **Ed Bean** from Prospect Hill. Happy birthday to **Jim Halloran**, long time real estate agent in the city formally from **The Norton Group**. We wish a happy birthday to all of our Facebook friends such as **Rhonda Annette**, **Beth Redmond**, **D.j. Dabenigno**, **Judy McCollem**, **Maureen D Kelley**, **Christine Andrade McSheehy**, **Megan O'Brien** and **Kathleen Kennedy** who are all celebrating this week. To all the others we may have missed and, yes, we must admit there are a few more out there, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, **Ward 1 City Councilor Matt McLaughlin**, **Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott**, and **city staff** invite you to a virtual community meeting to introduce the **Public Safety Building Project**. The meeting will take place **Wednesday, March 31**, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Safety Building Project will provide new facilities for the Somerville Police Department’s Headquarters and the Somerville Fire Department’s Engine 3 at 90 Washington Street in East Somerville, as well as space for additional civic, residential, and/or commercial functions. At this meeting, staff will introduce the project, outline its major milestones, and highlight its goals for sustainability and neighborhood connection, which include providing space for multiuse development on portions of the site. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on their priorities and concerns. For more information and to register to attend, visit somervoice.somervillema.gov/public-safety-building.

The **City of Somerville** is remaining in reopening **Phase 3, Step 1** until at least **March 30** and capacity limits in Somerville businesses will remain at 25% or the limit set in the business’s city-approved health and safety plan until further notice. Until such time, Somerville continues to hold the limit on attendance at gatherings to no more than 10 persons until further notice. The limit applies to both indoor and outdoor gatherings of any kind unless otherwise specifically permitted by city activity-specific guidelines or city-approved health and safety plans. For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus and sign up for city alerts at www.somervillema.gov/Alerts. Community members are encouraged to sign up for every alert method: phone call, text, email. Also follow [FB.com/SomervilleCity](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity).

Congratulations to **Somerville High School** artists **Gabriel** and **Tyler** for placing in the juried **Massachusetts Art Education Association (MAEA) Recognitions Virtual Art Exhibition**. Gabriel’s artwork is called *Exploration*. Tyler’s piece is called *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. Both can be viewed in the online gallery at: <https://maearecognitions2021.artcall.org/pages/web-gallery>.

Townie Tours is back. They are doing private tours and small group tours offering a fun, outdoor activity that supports social distancing and is safe for everyone. Visit townietoursboston.com for more information.

Somerville residents can once again drop off select waste items at the **DPW Yard** at 1 Franey Road. Yard waste, electronic waste, and tires will be accepted. Note that yard waste cannot be in plastic bags. Residents may drop off eligible items’ weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill, is required and must be presented at the guard shack. Drop-off will be open to residents only, not contractors. The city reserves the right to refuse drop-off for any reason. Residents are required to wear a mask and observe all city COVID-19 protocols during drop-off. DPW office buildings remain closed to the public. For more information, please visit somervillema.gov/recycling or call 311.

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OBITUARY

Darryl Vincent Tatum1961 – 2021



Darryl Vincent Tatum
December 12, 1961 to
January 29, 2021
Somerville, MA

A colorful, spirited, compassionate and loving person has gone to meet his Maker and our ancestors. Darryl will be greatly missed in many realms for many reasons. Darryl lived in the South End and Back Bay neighborhoods of Boston for the first two thirds of his life. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1980. He also, attended Northeastern University. Darryl found his passion in music production and programming. And did he have the voice for that profession! He worked at various radio stations around the country including WRBB, and the former WILD, as well as, on a Gospel radio station in Louisiana. He worked with Mel King at the South End Technology Center as well as an instructor for an internet-based radio platform. Darryl was all things music. He was a giving man. He always wanted to help; and he would. He was a people person. Along his life’s journey and daily adventures, he met and made friends just about everywhere he went.

When he returned to Massachusetts from Louisiana, he became involved with canines. Darryl had two dogs: Mamou, a female Rottweiler and Isley, a male Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Darryl was an extraordinary guy living an ordinary life. He was very community oriented. He was the guy that would not hesitate to help you out in a crunch. He would give you his all. And boy did he know how to captivate an audience when re-telling an experience. Darryl had perfect comedic timing. He knew how to give you joy. Darryl most definitely touched the lives of those who knew him and those that just met him with his generosity, enthusiasm, talent, and big heart. It truly was a reward to have been befriended by Darryl.

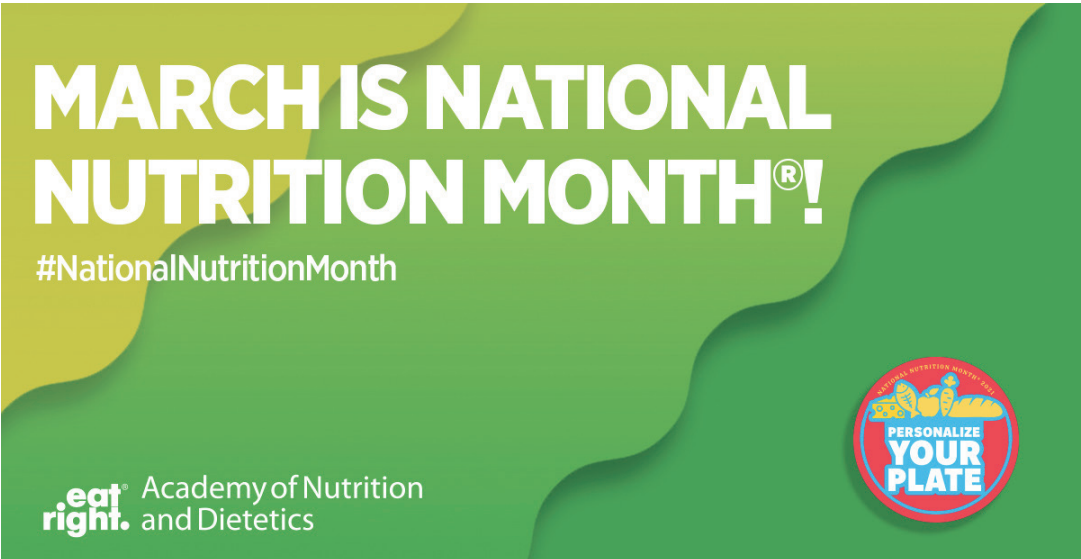
He broke through many barriers and labels just by being his authentic self. Many of us who knew him considered Darryl to be a true champion of humanity because he cared.

He will be missed by his immediate family: sisters, Charlene and Cheryl Williams, nephew Damian P. Hull-Williams and his close friends Joshua Carraha, Caliga, Ray Raynor, Ben Ewen-Campen and Eric Buck.

He is predeceased by his parents, Joan Olive Williams-Tatum, Johnny Vincent Tatum, his precious grandmother, Gladys Muriel Williams plus his two beloved canine companions, Mamou and Isley. His many connections in the Boston and Cambridge/Somerville area are too numerous to name but those that knew him during the last five years of his life knew he fought a valiant fight championing his health issues and navigating the imperfect healthcare systems.

There will be a celebration of life when gatherings are permitted. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/darryl-tatum-memorial-fund>
Please contact us for info on Memorial Service:
dvt.memorial@gmail.com

Healthy ways personalize your plate for Nutrition Month 2021



The nutrition program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is celebrating National Nutrition Month 2021 by sharing tips about healthy food and lifestyle choices.

Observed each March, National Nutrition Month is sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Speaking during a recent webinar to mark the occasion, SCES Dietitian Andrea Svartstrom said the annual campaign promotes good food choices and healthy routines.

“It’s a great time to focus on healthy eating, learn more about nutrition, set healthy goals for yourself, and see what works best for you,” she said.

The theme for National Nutrition Month 2021 is Personalize Your Plate, and Svartstrom said that reflects how there is no one-size-fits-all approach to nutrition and health. The session was co-hosted by Dietitian Candace Quigley of Mystic Valley Elder Services, who advised finding the right blend of foods and goals that work. The tips they offered included:

- Fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables
- Establish a healthy eating routine that includes a mix of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy.
- Try fruit with breakfast, as a snack, or as an alternative to sugary deserts
- Experiment with new vegetables, or try new ways to prepare old favorites. They also make a healthy snack.
- When possible, go with whole grain or whole wheat for bread and pasta. Swap out brown rice for white.
- For protein, try eating seafood twice a week, and include plant-based sources such as beans, nuts and seeds.
- With dairy, go for low fat or fat-free versions of milk, yogurt, cheese or calcium fortified soymilk.
- Limit saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars

The presentation also outlined benefits of a healthy eating routine and suggestions for setting health goals to get started. To watch the whole video, visit the SCES website (eldercare.org) or Youtube Channel and search National Nutrition Month 2021.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services provides a range of nutrition services, which include Meals on Wheels, education and counseling for nutrition clients, and reduced-price nutrition supplements.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older adults in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information about SCES nutrition programs, or free advice and guidance on questions of aging, caregiving or disability, call our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or email info@eldercare.org. For more information about National Nutrition Month 2021, visit www.eatright.org.

Historical FactCONT. FROM PG 5

• John Woolrich was the first recorded European home owner to live in Somer-



ville. He traded with the Native Americans from his palisade surrounded home which was built in the Dane Street area near Union Square.

• Alexander Graham Bell transmitted the world’s first outside telephone call from an electrical shop in downtown Boston to the home of his associate, Charles Williams. This historic Somerville home at One Arlington Street can still be seen today.

• The first home burglar alarm was patented in 1853 by a clergyman, the Reverend Augustus Russell Pope (1819-1858).

He lived at the corner of Central and Summer Streets in Somerville.


• It is referred to as General Lee’s House, the second in command under General George Washington, or the Oliver Tufts House. This historic home still stands on Sycamore Street and is said to be the oldest wooden home (circa 1714) in the city.

This list is a drop in the bucket of Somerville’s domiciles and the people who dwelled in them. From homesteads to high-rise and from historic to hip, Somerville is still New England’s City of Homes.



LEGAL NOTICES

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City of Somerville
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 31, 2021** at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5735861205198209036>
Webinar ID: 947-116-763

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 930-5321
Access code: 379-460-276


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

0 Fremont Street Freemont Street LLC proposes to construct a duplex in the NR district on a steep slope which requires a Special Permit.

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 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
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#21-61

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Irrigation System Repairs and Maintenance at Lincoln Park


An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **03/29/2021**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **04/12/2021 1:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the 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.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals.
Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

Prajakta Waditwar
Construction Procurement Manager

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#21-67

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Catchbasin Cleaning Services for the City


An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **04/05/2021**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **04/19/2021 1:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the 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.

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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 public hearing on **Thursday, April 1, 2021** at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4982823283520481292>
Webinar ID: 318-165-403

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422
Access code: 756-856-038

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

120-132 Middlesex Ave Brickyard at Assembly LLC proposes a master plan to develop a 1.3 acre site in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use (ASMD) special district. The master plan includes an 18-story laboratory principal building with underground structured parking and was previously granted a Variance from the ASMD's civic space requirement. The Applicant also requests multiple Special Permits to waive the maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR), the maximum permitted building height, and to authorize occupancy of commercial spaces over 10,000 square feet by any permitted use.

71-72 Union Square Laxmi Pradhan, Trustee of Everest Realty Trust, proposes to construct a 3-story commercial building in the Commercial Core district which requires Site Plan Approval and to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use which requires a Use Special Permit.

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.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#21-64

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Sidewalk Repairs for the City

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **04/05/2021**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **04/19/2021 1:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: 4BS0364A

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC is proposing to collocate antennas on a 115-foot building at 94 Beacon Street, Somerville, Middlesex County, MA. Public comments regarding the potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Laura Mancuso - Nova Group, GBC, 1107 Hazeltine Boulevard, Suite 400, Chaska, MN 55318, culturalresources@novagroupgbc.com or 504.350.1977.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Boynton Gateway

LOCATION: 495 Columbia Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPOSER: Boynton Gateway Owner, LLC (a joint venture between an affiliate of CV Properties LLC., and a fund indirectly owned by Columbia Property Trust)

The undersigned has submitted an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOWEA) on behalf of the Proponent. The Boynton Gateway project (the "Project") is subject to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

This will initiate review of the ENF for the Project pursuant MEPA implementing regulations (301 CMR 11.05(7)). Electronic copies of the ENF may be obtained upon request from:


Kyle Greaves
VHB/Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110-2354
617-607-2988
kgreaves@vhb.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties.

The Secretary of the EOWEA will publish notice of the ENF in the *Environmental Monitor*, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and within approximately seven days will issue a MEPA Certificate. All persons wishing to comment on the Project should write to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the Project.

By: Kyle Greaves, AICP - VHB
(agent for the Proponent)

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR WRITTEN QUOTES

The **Somerville** Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites written quotes from Contractors for the **Air-cooled Chiller Refrigerant Compressor Replacement at the Capen Court Elderly Housing Development** for the **Somerville** Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **C.A. Crowley Engineering**.

The Project consists of: **Replacement of (1) existing refrigerant loop compressor contained within an existing air-cooled chiller with (1) new compressor.**

The work is estimated to cost **\$ 16,500.00**.

Quotes are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A (2)(B) & to state prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

Written Quotes will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021**.


All Quotes should be emailed to: travisp@sha-web.org and received no later than the date & time specified above. Quotes must be emailed.

Contract Documents will be available at electronically or for purchase at www.Projectdog.com on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**, Project Code **842570**.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection at **10 A.M. on April 1, 2021**.

For an appointment call **Travis Panzini at the SHA at 781-570-6535**.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#21-60

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Landscaping Services for the Lincoln Park

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **03/29/2021**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **04/12/2021 12:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the 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.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals.
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Sally O'Brien's celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Ave. celebrated its Irish heritage last Wednesday on St. Patrick's Day. Owner Liam Mannion and former Alderman Bob McWatters invited friends and the public to a night of Guinness, corned beef and cabbage and Irish music.

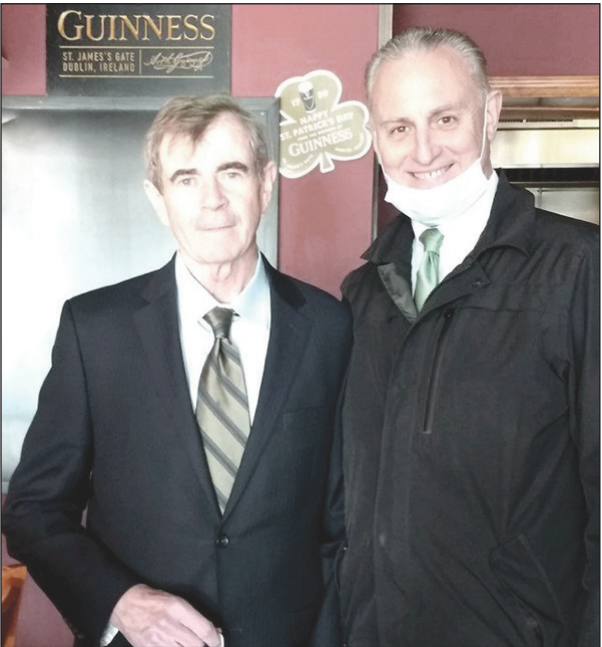
Joining in on the festivities were several past and present public servants such as Mayor Dorothy Kelley Gay, Secretary of State Bill Galvin, Middlesex County District Attorney Marion Ryan, State Representative Dan Ryan, Election Commissioner Nick Salerno and DPW worker Kevin McDevitt.



Former Mayor Dorothy Kelley Gay, Sec. of State Bill Galvin and former Alderman Bob McWatters at Sally O'Brien's celebrating.



Middlesex County District Attorney Marion Ryan and former Alderman Bob McWatters at Sally O'Brien's enjoying Irish music.



Secretary Bill Galvin with former Alderman Bob McWatters at Sally O'Brien's celebrating St. Patrick's Day.



State Rep. Dan Ryan stopped by Sally O'Brien's to celebrate with Bob McWatters and Nick Salerno Election Commissioner.



District Attorney Marion Ryan with Former Alderman Bob McWatters and Liam Mannion.



Bob McWatters and DPW worker Kevin McDevitt celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Sally O'Brien's.

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will be distributing **USDA Farmers to Families Food Box** to local families in Somerville and surrounding communities on **Saturday afternoons** on a weekly basis. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the **Somerville Lions Club**, 9 Washington Street, Somerville. Those wishing to receive food are asked to register online by visiting the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation website www.mmsf.org. On the day of the Food Box distribution, individuals shall arrive in a vehicle, remain in the vehicle and wear a surgical mask at all times. Volunteers will place the box in the vehicle's trunk, back seat or pick-up truck bed. Distributions will take place once a week at this location.

The **East Somerville Market** is back at **Deano's Pasta**, 15 Garfield Ave. on **Sunday, March 28**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check-out the participating vendors at www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market.

Now that people are home more often than usual, don't forget, if you would like to subscribe to receive a **digital edi-**

tion of our paper, go directly online to our website over to the right side and fill out your email address to receive a free, full PDF copy of the paper without the need for going out for a copy of the print edition.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is offering **free transportation to COVID-19 vaccination sites** to Somerville residents age 60 and up as well as adults of any age with disabilities. Appointments must be scheduled in advance. To learn more or schedule an appointment, contact SCES at 617-628-2601 or info@eldercare.org.

You can find **video updates from Gov-TV** about **progress in the vaccine rollout**, as well as recordings of vaccine informational sessions with medical professionals by clicking the **"Videos and Podcasts"** tab on somervillema.gov/vaccine. There are recordings available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Nepali. Or watch the videos on basic cable or GovTV on YouTube.

The city has been holding **virtual vaccine information sessions and Q&As** in multiple languages throughout the vaccine rollout. To find out when a session is coming up, click the **"Events"** tab on somervillema.gov/vaccine.

If you or someone you know would prefer to **get occasional vaccine updates via a phone call**, you can sign up by visiting somervillema.gov/vaccine or calling 311. If you prefer email updates, don't worry, you won't be missing any information if you don't sign up for calls. All information sent out via calls will also be included in these email updates.

Apply for **small business relief funds**. The City of Somerville has made \$5 million available to small businesses in its third round of the **Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund**. Eligible businesses can apply for grants of up to \$25,000. Applications are now available and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Learn more about the funding, including eligibility requirements, or apply for funds online.

Somerville's **Winter Farmer's Market** takes place **Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., through April 10**, at 191 Highland Ave. Offering the best locally grown and produced agricultural items and more. Online pre-order market with a small outdoor "live" shopping market. They offer a diverse range of local and New England produce, as well as cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment and activities. They accept SNAP/EBT, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. \$10 SNAP match for EBT customers. For market information visit: <http://www.somwintermarket.org>.

The **Pandemic – Electronic Transfer (P-EBT) Program** was created spring 2020 to provide eligible families funds to purchase food while schools were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended through the end of the 2020-21 school year. Visit <https://www.map-ebt.org/home/#ihdtab> for additional information.

Gene Brune’s Scholarship Board still going strong

By Alex Reidy

Eugene Brune has been an active member of the Somerville community for well past 30 years, especially during his time as mayor of the city.

In those early years of his tenure in the 80’s Brune established a board for the purpose of distributing scholarships to Somerville students.

At first these were paid for by a 100-dollar drawing of 250 tickets with a prize of 10,000 dollars for the lucky winner, and then the rest was to be distributed for scholarships. That tradition has continued well into the present and hopefully the future as the new Eugene Brune 4-year scholarship is created and used.

Every year since Brune’s creation of the Scholarship Board, approximately 50 to 70 scholarships are given out each year, totaling around 100,000 dollars, which is paid for all by the interest accrued by their cash reserves, and donations.

This new 4-year scholarship, the first of its kind for the Board,

is to be awarded once next year, and hopefully twice or three times the year after that, designating almost \$8,000 total for the one person over 4 years.

The Eugene Brune 4 Year Scholarship is to be awarded to someone who shows great financial need, great community commitment, and a strong aptitude for learning. The money to be put towards their college/further education can go to any Somerville student who shows these qualities.

The drawing of the tickets for the funding of this scholarship will most likely be in late May to early June. It is a great event that lasts almost two hours and is full of prizes and good times.

Eugene Brune himself wants to acknowledge, “the great board of Directors that have given many years of their time, effort and money to make this foundation successful. Starting with all our past Presidents and officers to our present President David Thorpe and our past and present Directors.”

You can buy tickets with a check payable to Somerville



Gene Brune drawing numbers for ticket holders at a previous SHS Scholarship Foundation fundraiser.

High School Scholarship Foundation or “SHSSF” and write on check “4 Year Scholarship.” Mail to SHSSF, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville, MA, 02144.

Happy birthday SMC!

Somerville Media Center, born March 21, 1983, is the oldest community media access center in Massachusetts, and we are home to the oldest continually-produced access show in the country, and they are currently busy planning their next 38 years.

Check out these Digital Literacy Courses that are free to you, Somerville, in a partnership with the Somerville Public Library.

April 6 at 11:00 a.m. online - Online Genealogy for Beginners Gain access into your family history with free online tools. Kevin O’Kelly, SPL Head of Reference and Community Languages Librarian leads this popular workshop on online genealogy.

May 4 at 11:00 a.m. online - Intro to Google Workspace Tim Devin, Technician Librarian leads an introduction to Google Workspace, an integrated suite of cloud-based collaboration and productivity.

Get more info and sign up at: <https://www.somervillemedia.org/>

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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On This Day in History

March 24

- 1663** – Charles II of England awards land known as Carolina in North America to eight members of the nobility who assisted in his restoration.
- 1765** – Britain passes the Quartering Act, requiring the colonies to house 10,000 British troops in public and private buildings.
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Wednesday, March 24

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:30am DW In Good Shape
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Global 3000
9:30am Both Sides of the Bars
10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update
11:30am From My Heart to Yours
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm Colores Latinos
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm DW Conflict Zone
4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
5:00pm Hello Neighbor
5:30pm From My Heart to Yours
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP
7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits
8:30pm DW Euromaxx
9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Flotilla

Thursdays, March 25

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash
1:00am Free Speech TV
1:30am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am DW Conflict Zone
7:30am DW Euromaxx
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Tomorrow Today
9:30am Hello Neighbor
10:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:30am The Chef's Table Series
11:00am Joanna Bremsis HMS Clinicals
11:30am Joanna Bremsis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm The Somerville Line
1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
4:30pm The Struggle
5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm #AFAD
6:30pm #AFAD
7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
8:00pm LIVE - Our View
9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony
10:00pm Community Bulletin Board
10:30pm The World Fusion Show
11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, March 26

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Euromaxx
9:30am Strata
10:00am NASA TV
11:00am SOM ARTS
11:30am Cambridge Calendar
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement
2:00pm Somerville Pundits
2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Gay USA
5:00pm DW Global 3000
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Grandstanders
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:30pm Greater Somerville
9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, March 26

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night
1:00am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
5:00pm Free Speech TV
6:00am DW Focus on Europe
7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am SMC Youth Media
9:30am Science 360
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am TeleGalaxie
12:00pm Somerville Storytellers
1:00pm Tele Magazine
2:00pm Reeling Review
3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session
4:00pm Tele Kreyol
5:00pm Henry Parker Presents
5:30pm Henry Parker Presents
6:00pm Somerville Pundits
6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go
7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00pm #AFAD
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show
11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash
11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, March 27

12:00am Flotilla
1:00am NASA TV
1:30am NASA TV
2:00pm NASA TV
3:00pm Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am NASA TV
10:00am Tele Kreyol
11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session
12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update
2:00pm Chico and B-Man
3:00pm African Television Network
4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm Gay USA
6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
8:00pm Dead Air Live
9:00pm Tele Magazine
10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour
11:00pm TUTV
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, March 28

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Somerville Storytellers
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Science 360
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am TeleGalaxie
12:00pm Somerville Storytellers
2:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm African Television Network
5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP
6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
7:00pm Tele Galaxie
8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade
10:00pm Colores Latinos
11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, March 29

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am NASA TV
8:00am Democracy Now!
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Strata
11:00am Joanna Bremsis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm SMC Youth Media
4:30pm Going Postal
5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm From My Heart to Yours
7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The World Fusion Show
10:00pm Totally Working Out
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, March 24

6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
6:42am SPL Cooking 15
7:00am Climate Forward Webinar
8:25am Somerville COVID-19 Vaccine Update
8:30am School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
9:00am SomerVIVA Español
9:25am Somerville COVID-19 Vaccine Update
9:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am School Committee Meeting 3.22.21
3:00pm SomerViva
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
4:30pm Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
6:30pm Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
9:00pm Climate Forward Webinar
10:24pm Hope, Caution, Reflection
10:30pm School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
11:00pm Vacuna Contra el COVID-19
11:31pm SomerViva

Thursdays, March 25

12:00am Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
12:37am I Got Vaccinated - Lynne Chamallas
12:50am Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
1:00am The Bilingual Brain
2:30am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20
6:00am Climate Forward Webinar
7:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
8:15am Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
8:23am SPL Cooking 11
8:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
9:00am School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
9:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
10:30am SPL Cooking 15
11:00am Fit 4 Life #6
11:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
12:30pm Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
1:04pm City Council Meeting 3.11.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life #6
7:00pm City Council Meeting - LIVE

3:00pm Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
4:00pm Fit 4 Life #6
5:00pm Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
7:30pm In the Principal's Office: WSNS
7:45pm SPL Cooking 15
8:00pm Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
9:00pm Civilian Oversight Community Meeting

Sunday, March 28

12:00am Legislative Matters 3.24.21
3:00am SomerVIVA Español
6:30am Finance Committee Meeting 3.9.21
7:50am Hope, Caution, Reflection
8:00am Vacuna Contra el COVID-19
8:31am Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
9:00am Climate Forward Webinar
10:30am SomerViva
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
11:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
12:30pm School Committee Meeting 3.22.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
5:00pm Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
6:00pm School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
6:30pm City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
7:00pm Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
7:30pm City Council Meeting 3.25.21

Monday, March 29

12:00am Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
12:30am Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
1:04am Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
6:00am Traffic & Parking Committee 3.15.21
8:03am SomerVIVA Español
8:30am In the Principal's Office: WSNS
8:42am Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
8:50am Hope, Caution, Reflection
9:00am School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
9:30am SomerViva
10:00am Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
11:00am Fit 4 Life #6
11:30am City Council Meeting 3.25.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
4:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

12:00am Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
12:55am Hope, Caution, Reflection
1:00am Traffic & Parking Committee 3.15.21
6:00am Land Use Meeting 3.16.21
7:40am Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
7:52am SPL Cooking 05
8:00am Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
8:55am Hope, Caution, Reflection
9:00am Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am SomerVIVA Español
11:55am I Got Vaccinated - Lynne Chamallas
12:00pm Legislative Matters 3.24.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life #6
4:30pm Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
5:30pm School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
6:00pm SomerVIVA
6:30pm SomerViva
7:00pm Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
9:30pm School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
10:00pm Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
10:45pm Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
11:00pm Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
11:40pm In the Principal's Office: WSNS
11:52pm SPL Cooking 11

Saturday, March 27

12:00am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
12:30am Climate Forward Webinar
2:00am Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
2:45am Powderhouse School Park Ribbon Cutting
3:00am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
6:00am Climate Forward Webinar
7:30am Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
8:10am In the Principal's Office: WSNS
8:22am SPL Cooking 14
8:30am SomerViva
9:00am School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am School Committee Meeting 3.22.21

6:00pm Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
9:00pm Legislative Matters 3.24.21
12:00am Land Use Meeting 3.16.21
1:40am In the Principal's Office: WSNS
2:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
6:00am Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
6:45am In the Principal's Office: WSNS
7:00am Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
8:00am SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
8:12am SPL Cooking 06 - Baked Mac and Cheese
8:21am SPL Cooking 11
8:30am School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
9:00am Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
12:30pm Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
1:04pm Climate Forward Webinar: Building & Energy Solutions
2:30pm School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
3:00pm Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
5:00pm SomerViva
5:30pm SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
5:42pm SPL Cooking 11
5:50pm Hope, Caution, Reflection
6:00pm Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
6:45pm In the Principal's Office: WSNS
7:00pm Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
7:30pm Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
8:04pm Climate Forward Webinar
9:30pm City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
10:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
11:00pm Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
11:45pm SPD Ride Along

Wednesday, March 31

12:00am Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
12:30am City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
1:00am Civilian Oversight Community Meeting

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Wednesday, March 24

7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice I
8:00am Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
10:00am Highlander History - Melillo & Che
10:31am Somerville COVID-19 Vaccine Update
11:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English
12:30pm School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
4:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
6:00pm SPL Cooking 15
6:30pm Highlander History - Melillo & Che
7:15pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford LIVE
9:30pm Highlander History - KGarrity & KEduoard
10:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21

Thursdays, March 25

12:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
1:30am School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II
8:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
10:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English
11:30am SPL Cooking 15
12:00pm Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
1:30pm Regular School Committee Mtg 3.8.21
5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21

7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett LIVE
10:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21

Friday, March 26

12:00am Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
2:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice III
8:00am School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
12:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
4:00pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
6:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett LIVE
8:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English
10:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
11:28pm Highlander History - Melillo & Che

Saturday, March 27

12:00am SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford
1:30am SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice IV
8:00am Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
10:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English
11:30am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
1:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
2:30pm Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache

3:00pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
7:00pm Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
9:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English
10:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21

Sunday, March 28

12:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
1:30am Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache
2:00pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice V
8:00am School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
11:30am Highlander History - Palmer & DeBona
12:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21
3:30pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
5:00pm School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
8:30pm Highlander History - Palmer & DeBona
9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
11:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21

Monday, March 29

12:30am SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice VI
8:00am Highlander History - Melillo & Che

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9:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
11:00am Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
1:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
2:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English 3.19.21
4:00pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
6:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC LIVE
9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
10:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21

Tuesday, March 30

12:00am School Committee Mtg 03.22.21
7:00am SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice I
8:00am Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
10:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21
12:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
2:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
3:30pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
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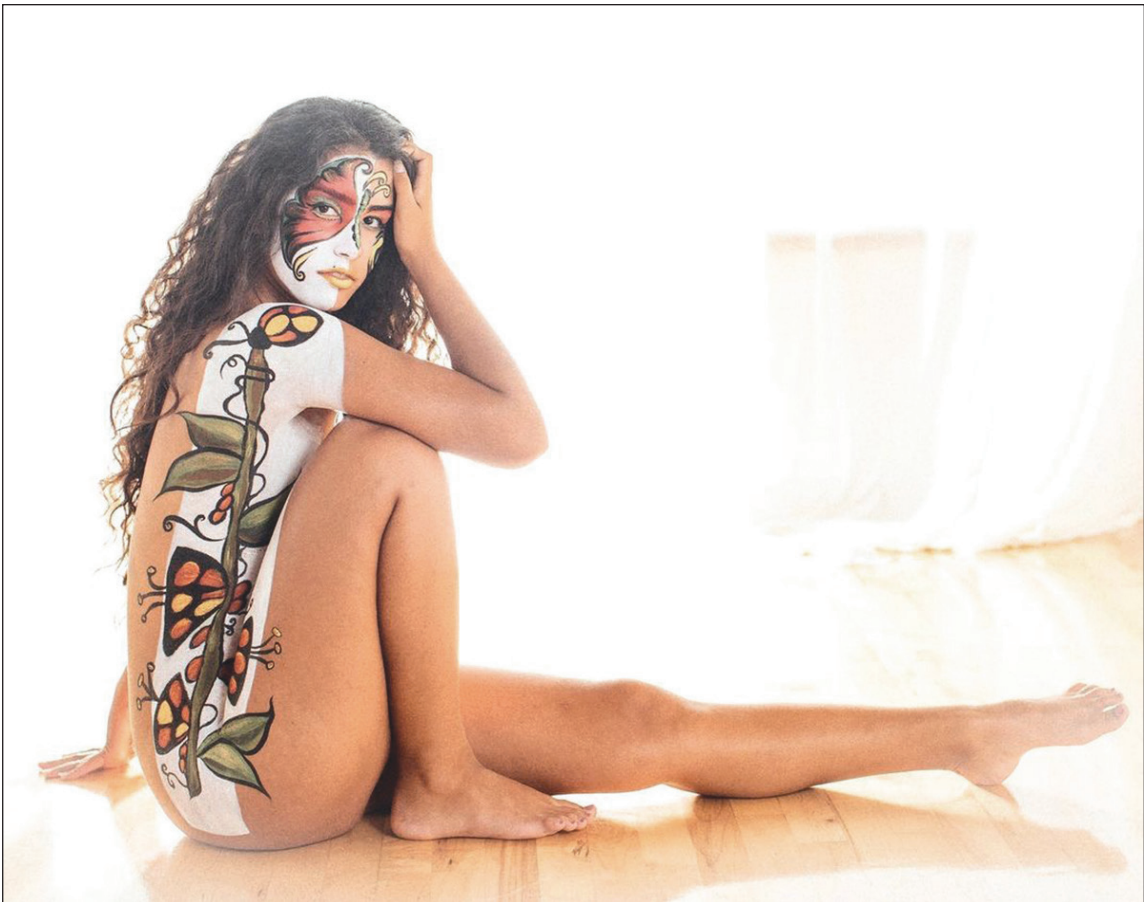
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Andreza Moon is a multidisciplinary artist based in Somerville since 2003. She is originally from Brazil. She told *The Times*, "I am a face and body painter, actress, circus performer and theater producer. I have already won nine awards because of my work. I also received a citation from the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, for my dedication to the arts and Brazilian culture." "My Somerville connection started a couple years ago, while working as a face painter for Somerville Family Networking, producing plays at the Arts at the Armory and working with a local photographer, as a body painter at the Somerville Art Studios." "Also, I'm part of the *Omolu* production from Robson Lemos. *Omolu* is a play that deals with Brazilian/African culture. I am also starting my fashion brand, Moon Tribe. I also have a 3D art show online called *Papillon*. Here's the link: <https://artspaces.kunstmatrix.com/en/exhibition/1805257/papillon>." **Doug Holder:** Tell us a bit how Somerville has been for you, as a place of creative expression. **Andreza Moon:** It is the best city for any immigrant/ artist to live. The city always embraces us, and gives us opportunity too. **DH:** Among other things you are a body painter and you started out as a face painter. Where did you train for this? Why did you progress to the body from the face? **AM:** I started this whole face paint idea when I decided to open my own business, "Kids Party Entertainment." So, I started looking for some schools and I found out about an event that happens every year in Florida. I went for the first time in 2008. This was the first time I saw this type of body paint and fell in love with it, and I started my practice in 2010. **DH:** Why would someone want their body

painted? How long does it last?
AM: Body paint is a celebration of the body. Human bodies are canvases. People who bless us with their bodies in the name of art understand this, the real meaning behind it. The paint lasts only for couple hours, because the paints are water-based. **DH:** You are an actress as well, and you are appearing in a play, *Omulu*, by Somerville-based playwright Robson Lemos. Tell us a bit about the play and your role as an actress, and in production. **AM:** I'm an actress and theater producer. With *Omulu* I will not be acting, but I will be responsible for the marketing and promotion of the project. **DH:** I know your work must be enjoyed by the Brazilian community. How about outside of it? **AM:** Most of my body painting projects were all made with Americans. I had the luck to also work in fashion shows, and collaborated with very amazing photographers in photo shoots. I have been working since 2010 with Ikonas Photography based in the Somerville Brickbottom Artist Studios. **DH:** Has anyone expressed concerns of the morality of painting nude bodies? **AM:** I am a professional. I try my best to educate people about body paint. As body painters, we celebrate the bodies and its parts as art, not pornography. I personally don't like to body paint men or naked girls. But if I have a professional photo shoot, with experienced models and photographers, they understand the art's meaning and purpose. **DH:** Tell us about your latest art exhibit. **AM:** My 3D art show on-line, *Papillon*, was made with body paint and digital art. I tell my viewers about the formation of a butterfly, from her caterpillar stage through the adult phase. When she finally becomes a butterfly, she starts to fly. Like a dream come true; we can become butterflies too, and achieve our highest spiritual levels.

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