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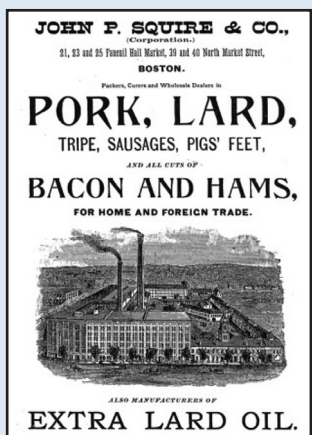


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## Traffic stops for undocumented immigrants policy under review



A report by the city's Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee shed light on police policies regarding the handling of undocumented immigrants.

By Jim Clark

At the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council on Thursday, March 24, members of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee reported on the results of their previous meeting on Tuesday, March 15.

Among the various issues covered, an order that the Chief of Police and the Director of Racial and Social Justice report on the city's policy for traffic stops for undocumented immigrants, how they adhere to the Somerville Welcome Community Ordinance, how reporting to immigration agencies is prevented and what information is provided to residents to educate them on Somerville's Welcome Community Ordinance was addressed and resolved.

At the meeting, Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino stated that *Continued on page 4*

## Sarah Borges releases 'Together Alone' in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

"Been a while now since I've seen my friends. Don't know when I'm gonna see them again," sings Sarah Borges on the opening track of her new album, *Together Alone*.

This is, of course, not the first time that a singer has used a song to express a combination of longing and uncertainty.

However, the Taunton native's words are particularly fraught and relatable given the harsh realities wrought by COVID-19. They take on added weight when sung by someone whose livelihood is dependent on as many people as possible gathering in confined public spaces.

Much of *Together Alone* address the personal and financial stress that Borges has undergone over the course of the past two years as both a working musician and fairly recently divorced mother of a young child.

In the following Q&A, the three-time Boston Music Awards winner *Continued on page 4*



Sarah Borges will be at The Burren on Saturday, April 2, presenting her *Borges Together Alone Release Show*.

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Ibbetson Street literary magazine, founded in Somerville in 1998 by Doug Holder, Richard Wilhelm, and Dianne Ro-bitaille, will celebrate the release of the 50th issue at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library, 79 Highland Ave. on March 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Street sweeping begins for the season on Friday, April 1. Make sure you know when your neighborhood is swept and where you can park by checking signs in your neighborhood and visiting www.somervillema.gov/sweeping. The schedules are currently being updated. Street sweeping helps keep leaves and other debris out of storm drains, which helps prevent flooding. Help keep the streets clean – and avoid getting a ticket – by moving your car on street sweeping day.

The City of Somerville’s Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) Department invites the community to a virtual forum to meet department staff, learn about their work, and find out how to get involved on Thursday, March 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Go to somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall at the start time of the forum to join online, or call 311 on March 31 to get call-in information. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Nepali, Mandarin, and American Sign Language will be provided.








Sav-Mor Spirits will host a grand opening of its new Assembly Row location April 1– 3. They will have tastings, giveaways (non-alcoholic) and a lottery for the chance to buy some rare items. The ribbon cutting will be held on April 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday Sue Pye, of the famous Pye family from Somerville. We hope she has a wonderful birthday. Happy birthday to Tyler Hart, of the famous Harts. We wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday to Pat Scrima, a great guy and

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 30 – April 5 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday March 30	Rain	49°/36°	3%	2%	WNW 10 mph
 Thursday March 31	Partly Cloudy	57°/55°	38%	26%	SSE 12 mph
 Friday April 1	Partly Cloudy	63°/37°	22%	18%	WSW 15 mph
 Saturday April 2	Partly Cloudy	54°/36°	2%	1%	WNW 18 mph
 Sunday April 3	Partly Cloudy	53°/30°	20%	16%	NW 9 mph
 Monday April 4	Cloudy	50°/39°	22%	19%	N 9 mph
 Tuesday April 5	Partly Cloudy	53°/38°	25%	20%	NNW 12 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Do not establish a Local Historic District at 125 Highland Avenue

Michael Grunko says:

Dear SomeTimes,  
It is my belief that the King Solomon’s Lodge A.F. & A.M, while residing at 125 Highland AV, never had a member who was a person of Color, and if so, practiced the same white supremacy that Ralph Adams Cram is accused of. If that is the case, why would the King Solomon’s Lodge A.F. & A.M be entitled to the proceeds of their shameful membership practices? Also, when was the last time they held a meeting and where was it held?

Sean Cryts says:

With all do respect to your organization:  
It is not an organization that would being preserved it would be a potentially architecturally significant building. That is the real issue.  
It looks a little like to me that you have entered into a deal with a developer and it might fall through if you are designated a Local Historic District. This is about preservation & if we did not go through the process everything would look like an Apple Store.  
It was listed as on the National Register of historic places in 1989. It is a great example of a Romanesque Church built by Ralph Adam’s Cram & his only example in Somerville.  
Let’s not tear down architectural significant buildings so developers can make a profit

Joseph P Lynch says:

Mike Grunko. To answer your question. The author of this article and a member of the Lodge is a person of color. Or would you like to have a complete list of every person of color from the Lodge’s inception?

Nancy says:

No one is fooled by developers and a fraternity trying to make a fast buck by tearing down an old church. Why not convert the existing building into all affordable housing? That would show the community how King Solomon’s Lodge A.F. & A.M lives up to Somerville’s values.

Peter Blaikie says:

To respond to Mike Grunko’s comments, King Solomon’s is diverse as is all Freemasonry. Your comments are untrue and unfounded. We do have lodges that might be grouped together for cultural and religious groups but any Blue Lodge welcomes any man looking to join and our membership grows stronger through diversity. Also your point of racism is on the designer and not the Freemasons who purchased the building years later. I am a member of this lodge and this Op-Ed has a spot on to the problems we have had to deal with such an old building that as much as we enjoy it we have realized the price to maintain is too high and that their are people willing and financially able to develop the land and add some affordable housing as well.

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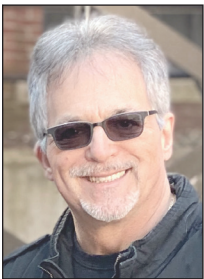
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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Squire’s Slaughterhouse



Bradlees which, was close by. As the re-

It was operational for many decades. You could hear the pigs squealing as the trains were bringing them to slaughter. Some said you could smell the plant from

porter in this story, I am passing on comments of those who have memories of the Squire Slaughtering and Curing establishment.

It burned down on September 1, 1978. Here are my friends’ recollections:

“I do remember it well. It was a prime employer of Italian immigrants in its day in the first half of the 20th century. My grandfather took me when he visited friends who worked for Squire’s in the early 1950’s. It was dingy and dim and animal carcasses hung on hooks while they were ‘dressed.’ I remember the well-worn wooden floors were saturated with blood. A grim and horrid memory for me. I believe it was acquired by Swifts and then abandoned. I was not sorry to see it burn down.” Wow!

“The slaughterhouse itself .... was in Somerville.”

“Squire’s meat plant was across the street from Hacienda restaurant.”

“When I was a kid, my friends and sister would go over there and tried to save the pigs. I think we were about 11 years of age. The workers would tell us to get lost and stop hanging around.” Sweet!

“We used to hook school and watch the



hogs get loaded off the truck and into the factory to become bacon. They had these prods that would shock them if they weren’t cooperative.” Bullies!

“I was there with my dad who was a Somerville fire fighter. We were at my aunt’s house near the top of Ten Hills for dinner (a Sunday). The alarms came in and he responded and took me along. I think that I watched safely with a battalion chief from McGrath Hwy. which had been shut down because of the blaze. I’ll

never forget it.”

“I worked at Milton Ladders in 1959, you could hear the sheep baying going to slaughter.” Sad.

“The night it went up in flames the sky was lit up like it was daylight.”

When the fire burned it down, they say it burned for days. It must have smelled like Redbones Barbecue. It was Somerville and East Cambridge’s biggest pig roast ever. A bidda a bidda a bidda that’s all folks!

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## SHC's Spring Into Action Event returns



After a three year absence, the Somerville Homeless Coalition's Spring Into Action Event took place at the Somerville Theatre's newly refurbished Crystal Ballroom on Thursday, March 24. Food was provided by Dave's Fresh Pasta and Red Bones and The Chicken Slacks brought the music. All proceeds from this event will benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition clients facing homelessness, eviction and food insecurity. If you missed the event but would like to learn more about supporting the SHC, go to <https://somervillehomelesscoalition.org>.



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## Team SCES walking to support Meals on Wheels

A group of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) staffers are walking this spring to support food security locally and statewide.

Team SCES is participating in the 2022 Project Bread Walk for Hunger to raise funds for SCES Meals on Wheels and Project Bread's hunger relief efforts across the Commonwealth.

The Walk for Hunger is being held virtually this year, so Team SCES is walking throughout the month of April and on May 1, with the goal of raising \$1,000 to support those causes.

As a local non-profit that supports food security, SCES Meals on Wheels will receive 60 cents of every dollar raised by the team. The other 40 cents go toward Project Bread's relief efforts.

SCES Meals on Wheels has a direct impact on food security in Cambridge and Somerville. In a recent survey of SCES Meals on Wheels recipients, 72% of respondents said the program provides their main meal of the day. Just under half of respondents said they would have a food shortage without the meals.

Statewide, the pandemic caused food insecurity to skyrocket. Project Bread estimates that 1 in 5 households with children across the Commonwealth are facing hunger right now.

To support Team SCES, visit the Walk For Hunger page on ProjectBread.org and search for Team Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services.

We also have a limited supply of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services T-shirts for donors who give \$50 or more, while supplies last. Email Nathan.lamb@eldercare.org for more information.

And be sure to look out for virtual walk updates from Team SCES in April on the SCES Facebook and Instagram pages.

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



## Sarah Borges releases 'Together Alone' in Somerville

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discusses, among other things, what inspired the new songs that she will highlight at her record release show at The Burren on Saturday.

**The Somerville Times:** Had you previously collaborated with any of the musicians on *Together Alone*?

**Sarah Borges:** Eric Amble, who produced the record and plays guitar and some auxiliary items, had produced a couple records with me previously. He also tours with me and has sort of become almost a mentor. He made the record possible because he knew how to take the remote recording that we had to do and make it sound like we were all in the same room.

The guy who plays bass on most of the tracks is named Keith Voegle. He's my boyfriend, but he also was in The Bottle Rockets. We had played with them a ton before, too. And the other folks I knew, but we had never played together. And because so much of the record was made from afar, there are people who played on the record

who I haven't met in person. I've only talked to them electronically or on the phone.

**TST:** Several songs (*Wasting My Time*, *Rock and Roll Hour*, *Together Alone*) reference worries about paying the rent and bills. Is *She's A Trucker* about how you made up income lost from not being able to perform live?

**SB:** Yeah. Basically, I'm a courier, so I go to a location in Chelsea and then just deliver whatever. Yesterday, I went to the Medical Examiner's office in Boston, and sometimes I deliver dialysis machines. It just really depends on the day. That's what I do when I'm not doing the band stuff.

**TST:** The song *You Got Me on the Boat* was inspired by an Outlaw Country Cruise that you participated in. How did you choose the three bands that you mention in it?

**SB:** They were all on the boat! (*laughs*) They are also three bands that I really admire. Eric Amble – we call him "Roscoe" – was in The Yayhoos. And I'm such a huge NRBQ fan. John

Perrin, who's their drummer now, played on *Together Alone*. And The Mavericks are just a band that I love.

**TST:** Would it be correct to say that your previous album, 2018's *Love's Middle Name*, had more of a rock and roll component to it while *Together Alone* is more country-flavored?

**SB:** I think that's right on. Some of the songs on *Love's Middle Name*, I wrote on an electric guitar with the band. I had the basic idea, then brought it to them and they finished fleshing it out. For this record, it was just me home with an acoustic guitar. And the initial track for every single song was an acoustic guitar track. So, when you're starting there as opposed to an electric track, I think it lends itself to something different.

**TST:** The first song on *Love's Middle Name*, *House on the Hill*, includes the lyric, "I've given it some thought/About what we are and what we're really not/Together alone/Cut to the quick down to the bone." Does that phrase resonate with you in

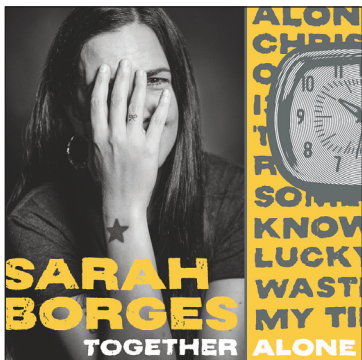
some particular way?

**SB:** Yes! You are the first person to catch it! So, I said it once, and I liked the phrase. Then pandemic time came, and what could be more descriptive of this time we're in of how we made the record? Plus, I already said it once, so it's a nice little foreshadowing.

**TST:** You wrote or co-wrote all of the songs on *Together Alone*. On your previous albums, you covered artists as disparate as Mahalia Jackson and The Magnetic Fields. What prompts the decision to record others' material?

**SB:** When I like a song, I always want to know how it's put together. It's almost like if you like toasters, you're going to take apart the toaster and figure it out. I think that they were all songs that I just liked and really wanted to understand better. It's really just a matter of, "I can't hear this song enough, so I better learn how to play it myself so I don't have to keep hitting rewind."

**TST:** You have won and been nominated for numerous Boston Music Awards. How important is that to you?



Borges' latest release, *Together Alone*.

**SB:** All I know is that when I was a kid in Taunton, MA, and the Boston Music Awards would happen, they would run the winners in the paper the next day. And they've run the winners in the paper the times that I've won, and the feeling of having your grandma be proud of you because your name's in the paper because you won a gosh-darn Boston Music Award is priceless! Of course, it's an honor to be nominated, but when you win it, you feel great.

*Sarah Borges Together Alone Release Show: Saturday, April 2 at The Burren, 247 Elm Street, Davis Square. Doors at 6, show at 7. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.*

## Traffic stops for undocumented immigrants policy under review

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this issue was discussed in 2019 when the Welcoming Committee was passed and the ordinance was conveyed to the Somerville Police Department.

Femino stated that practices were put into place but were not formalized as policy. It is now formalized and mirrors what was put in place in 2019.

When stopping a driver who does not have a driver's license, there is no arrest made but summoned to court. The police department tries to park the car legally and decide for someone to

come to the scene to drive the car away rather than tow the vehicle.

Usually, there is a diverse group working at the police department and they will be called to provide translations either over the phone or through the dispatcher. The police department explains the rights to the individual, how they can appeal the summons and to appear before the court.

Racial and Social Justice Director Denise Molina Capers said she looked into the policy of the Police Department and believes it is handling the pro-

cess according to best practice for sanctuary cities.

Femino and Capers indicated that the Welcome ordinance will be made into a webinar and will be accessible to the public. Chief Femino stated they have been working together and discussed how to create webinars in different languages to help the community understand the process. This also includes how to get a license.

There is a new policy that the police department has new officers go through an 8-12-week

field training and are then required to read all policies of the department which includes those of ICE and how the city cooperates with ICE.

Femino stated that the Somerville Police Department will implement an annual two-hour in-service training regarding immigrant rights. He also created an ICE form that will soon be put into use.

Committee Chair Beatriz Gomez Mouakad asked about exposure of the individual when they leave the courthouse. Femino

noted this is under the state jurisdiction but could discuss implementing a MOU with the state.

Chief Femino also noted the Welcoming Ordinance requires reporting every six months on any immigration/ICE arrests. These reports are given to the council and the mayor.

The Somerville Police Department will be submitting these reports. Chair Gomez Mouakad suggested educating the community about the Welcoming City to help residents understand that they have rights.



# Maker Movement Huddle at Boynton Yards

At Union Square networking event, creatives convene with developers and city officials

By Molly Rains

Entrepreneurs, artists, and other “makers” from across Somerville gathered together for a Maker Movement Huddle on Thursday, March 24. The event was hosted by the Boynton Yards development team and the City of Somerville’s Economic Development Division, with Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and representatives from the Somerville Arts Council also in attendance.

The creatives assembled at The Hive, a Boynton Yards property at 561 Windsor Street. The building, which also houses Taza Chocolate, is a stone’s throw from the new Union Square T stop on the Green Line Extension. The developers describe the space at The Hive as “a hub for creative professionals.”

Throughout the evening, many emphasized the importance of the arts to the character and history of Somerville. “Here in Somerville, we like to pride ourselves in being so innovative and creative,” said Mayor Ballantyne. Tom Galligani, the City of Somerville’s Director of Economic Development, echoed her sentiments, emphasizing that “the arts community of Somerville is an essential part of our DNA.”

The Maker Movement Hud-



Local makers and educators Kelly Taylor and Dina Gjertsen of Parts and Crafts, a family makerspace on Somerville Avenue, display an assortment of handmade gadgets and toys. — Photos by Molly Rains

dle offered an opportunity for Somerville’s vast and diverse population of creative professionals to network, support one another, and learn about the resources available within the city government and creative community. “We thought it would be important to get everybody all together, to start talking, to start connecting with each other,” said Galligani in an address to the crowd. “We all need to start talking and working together so that we can figure out how we all get to flourish moving forward.”

Organizers and attendees alike noted the development-related concerns of local creatives and business owners. Discussion touched on rising rent prices in the city, which may make it difficult for artists to remain in the

area. Zoning ordinances passed in 2019 represented an attempt by the city to ameliorate these effects by mandating allowances for “arts and creative enterprise” spaces in Somerville buildings. The Hive at Boynton Yards is one such space.

Throughout Somerville, “makers” are going strong. This was evident at the Huddle, where local artists, entrepreneurs, hobbyists, engineers, and more enjoyed the valuable opportunity to exchange ideas across industries. Further huddles have yet to be announced, but local creatives can keep an eye on the City of Somerville’s Events calendar ([somervillema.gov/events](http://somervillema.gov/events)) for similar events and other opportunities to make local connections.



Creatives and makers of Somerville exchanged ideas at the Maker Movement Huddle hosted by Boynton Yards and the Somerville Economic Development Division on Thursday.



Cambridge Hackspace, a makerspace on Somerville Ave, displayed sample creations and gadgets at the Maker Movement Huddle.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #250

### The mayor of Union Square

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Robert Aldersey Vinal was the oldest of eleven children. Born in Boston, he was three years old when his parents moved to Somerville/Charlestown in 1824. It was here that his father, a grain dealer, and his mother, Lydia Stone, resided until his father’s death in 1867. This place would become known as Union Square.



In 1872, the homestead location became the four-floor, fifty-room Hotel Warren. It was named in honor of the Bunker Hill hero, Joseph Warren. Today, one hundred fifty years later, 40 Union Square houses a Citizens Bank.

Following in their father’s footsteps, Robert and his younger brother Quincy took over his grain business on Lewis Wharf, Boston, and worked together for fifteen years. After inheriting a large track of land on the southern slope or Walnut Street side of Prospect Hill, they built small houses in the Greek Revival style.



They and their friend Edwin Munroe subdivided their lands with the forethought of selling them to Boston and Charlestown businessmen. As time went by, they were remembered by the streets, avenues, and ways they created – Vinal, Aldersey, Quincy, Stone and Munroe. In 1842, only the top circle of Munroe Street and Boston Avenue at historic Prospect Hill’s summit had been laid out. At that time, 1,013 residents lived in Somerville. The population grew slowly until after the Civil War’s real estate boom.



It was at this time that Robert’s business abilities blossomed. During his era, his opinion became a great asset in the betterment of Somerville and few activities flourished without his support. He was social, religious, patriotic, civic minded, and otherwise a crusader to the maximum. He was a member of many clubs, lodges and committees. He was also a Massachusetts State Representative during the Civil War, an

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COMMENTARY

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Taking a stand against violence

By Rachel Walsh-Peterson

March 16 marked the one-year anniversary of the shooting spree in Atlanta in which eight people were killed, six of them women of Asian descent. Most importantly when reflecting on this tragedy, we must remember and amplify the names of the deceased: Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Yaun, Paul Michels, Suncha Kim, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Yong Ae Yue.

We must then consider the factors that led to this shooting – our nation’s history of racism and misogyny, a terrifying recent increase in violence and hatred directed towards the AAPI community, and the ready availability of firearms across the United States.

If the shooter was not able to access a firearm, these eight people may have enjoyed a regular day last March 16. Even if not a regular day, even if he had still acted on his racist and sexist impulses, if he had not had a firearm those eight people could still be alive. Their families, loved ones, and communities would not be continuing to suffer due to their loss.

People who share the sentiments held by the shooter would not have his actions to hold up as an example.

According to the most recent data, hate incidents targeting Asian Americans rose by nearly 150% in 2020, with Asian American women twice as likely to be targeted as men. Stop AAPI Hate received 3,800 reports of anti-Asian hate from March 2020 to February 2021, with 35% of discriminatory acts happening at businesses. There is an intersectional dynamic in that others may perceive both Asians and women

and Asian women as easier targets. By a more than 2:1 margin, racially-motivated attacks against Asian Americans during the pandemic targeted Asian-American women.

This is the heart of gun violence prevention. We all have to think of others, especially those who are oppressed and vulnerable in society, when considering our position on gun safety. How can we help keep others safe? What common sense measures can we support to keep firearms out of the wrong hands? How can we contribute to the creation of a society that

is safer for women, for people of color, and for all marginalized communities? What harm could it cause for firearms to be less readily available and more safely regulated?

It is the hope of this writer that all members of the Somerville community will agree with and live by this statement:

We stand with the AAPI community against this violence. We are committed to disarming hate, preventing violence against women, and stopping gun violence in all forms. We do not have to live like this, and we do not have to die like this.

Somerville tenants urge lawmakers to act at GLX grand opening

On Monday morning, March 21, more than 70 residents, organizers and activists, and elected officials joined the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) at the entrance of the re-opened MBTA Lechmere Station for a bilingual Somerville community press conference called, “Don’t Let the Green Line Become the Gentrification Line!” The event preceded the MassDOT grand opening ceremony for the MBTA Green Line Extension (GLX).

At the community press conference, organizers celebrated the long-awaited arrival of the GLX and allowed residents who are experiencing gentrification firsthand to share their stories. The aim was to highlight the injustice that in Somerville, working class residents who need this transit most are the ones facing displacement first due to rampant real estate speculation, building sales, and unaffordable rent increases and property taxes.

One of the speakers, Vanessa Vela, is in the struggle for a new and affordable lease after her building near Gilman Square was sold in September

2021. The developer/investor who purchased her building is remodeling each unit into luxury rentals marketed at three times the original rents paid by tenants, and refuses to negotiate with Vela for a renewed tenancy.

“The opening of the GLX in Somerville has a bittersweet taste to immigrants and the hardworking class due to the gentrification that is happening in the past couple of years, mostly during the pandemic,” said Vela, a longtime Somerville resident and immigrant from El Salvador. “I am tired of seeing how the people most affected by all this tyranny are people of color, Latinos, and hardworking people whose voices have been silenced.”

Union United is a coalition of neighborhood residents, non-profit organizations, small businesses, and labor unions that formed in 2014 in response to rapidly increasing gentrification in the Union Square neighborhood. The coalition joined CAAS as a co-sponsor of the event.

“While the city government threw its full weight behind the

GLX, it did little to respond to the inevitable gentrification and displacement pressures that would accompany it. Its inclusionary zoning and linkage efforts were overshadowed by soaring rents and taxes on property near future T stops,” said Sandra Brown, Union Square resident and member of Union United, at the press conference.

The organizers implore that since the Red Line came to Davis Square in 1985, Somerville has known for decades about the unintended consequences that new transit can bring to a community: building sales, condo conversions, skyrocketing rents and property taxes, the loss of working class and immigrant residents and small businesses – the transformation of entire neighborhoods. Now with the GLX open, they say, “we cannot let history repeat itself.”

The organizers called on lawmakers at the local, state, and federal officials to work on an immediate, intentional anti-displacement plan that, at minimum, includes the following:

1. Preserves and increases affordable housing, especially



— Photos courtesy of Kevin Foster

for residents making below \$30k/year

2. Place limits on investor purchases so that housing is treated as a human right in Somerville, not as an opportunity for profit-minded greed

3. Increases tenant protections, such as enacting good cause evictions and mitigating unaffordable rent increases through rent stabilization

4. Is implemented with an equity lens to protect our most vulnerable Somerville residents

Elected officials in attendance included Mayor Katjana Balantyne, Somerville City Councilors Charlotte Kelly, Jake Wil-

son, Willie Burnley Jr, Kristen Strezo, JT Scott, Judy Pineda Neufeld, Ben Ewen-Campen, State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representatives Christine Barber, Mike Connolly, and Erika Uytterhoeven, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and Senator Ed Markey.

A full recap of the Somerville Community Press Conference with video recording, photos, and additional media coverage can be found at: <https://www.caasomerville.org/news-items/2022/3/22/somerville-glx-community-presser>.

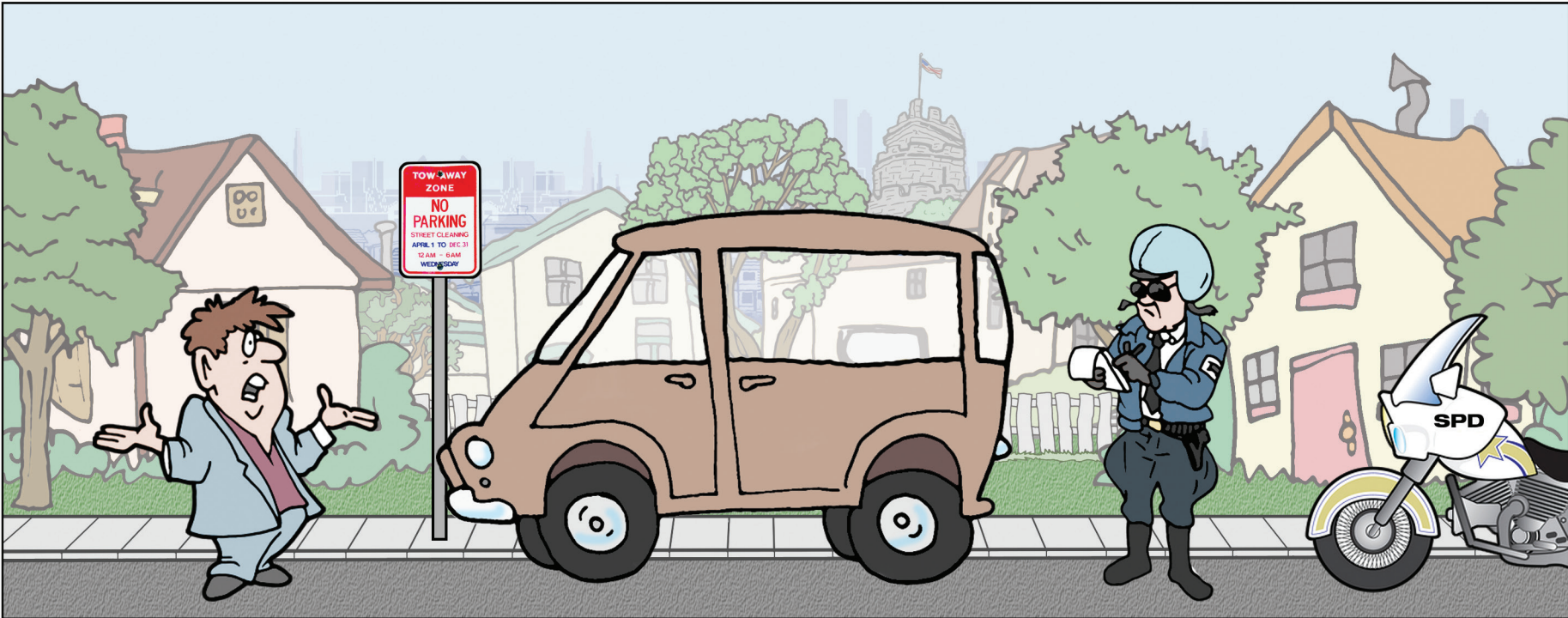




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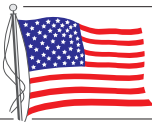
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't be a fool on April 1 - street sweeping resumes and parking restrictions apply.

Our View Of The Times



Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes the inevitable regular street sweeping activities throughout the city.

As inconvenient and annoying it may be to comply with schedule, it is an inescapable fact of life for us all and we must make the adjustment accordingly.

Practically speaking, the Traffic and Parking department is doing its best to keep city residents informed and ready

to make sure they avoid the \$50 fine that has been mandated for those who fail to comply with the parking regulations.

The city has provided complete schedules on various Web pages as well as offering email reminder services and access to scheduling data on its 311 phone line. Additionally, all streets affected are furnished with signs indicated the days and hours of sweeping times.

So all in all, there is little excuse for getting caught with your car being parked in the wrong place at the wrong time. The information is out there, and you can mark your calendars, set your phone apps, tell your mom to call and remind you, etc.

We can grouse and moan about the inconvenience, but let's face facts. We all want our streets to be safe and clean, and

complying with these reasonable regulations isn't so much to ask of us, is it?

Just get out there when the times comes, put the ignition key in the slot and you know the rest. Nothing could be simpler and aggravation will soon fade away.

Consider it your small contribution to keeping our great little city looking as good as possible. Pitch in and do your part, or at least be ready to pay the price.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

former resident. We hope he has a great birthday. We wish a happy birthday to all of our Facebook friends such as **Megan O'Brien, Kathleen Kennedy, Daniel M Rivera, Christopher John, Charles Ryan, April Yarasitis, Heather Ann, Douglas Kelley, Leo Connerty, Sarah O'Brien, Liam Seward, Rachel Lynn, Joanna Costante Callinan, Lyss Nicole, Patricia O'Leary Shanahan and Carolyn Ryan**, 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.

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**Thaddeus Piper MacDonald**, an 8th grade student at the **Argenziano School**, recently placed first in the Grades 6-8 category of the **Youth Art Month (YAM) Flag Contest**, administered by the **Council for Art Education**. This year's contest theme was "Art Connects Us." Winning flag entries will be on display on the **Massachusetts Art Education Association's YAM website**. Youth Art Month is a celebration of the visual arts and the skills that are developed through visual arts experiences, such as problem-solving, creativity, observation, communication, and critical

thinking. Congratulations to **Thaddeus** on his outstanding work, and his art teacher, **Diana Taremi**.

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Somerville's **indoor mask mandate ended Saturday, March 5**. The **City of Somerville** lifted its mask requirement for city buildings and events on **Monday, March 21**. This means all city-issued mask mandates are now lifted. Some federal and state mask requirements remain in effect. The **Somerville School Committee** voted to make masks optional in **Somerville Public Schools** as of **Monday, March 14**. The decisions to lift the local mask mandates follow current guidance from the federal **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**. But businesses can still set their own mask policies, so make sure to check before heading in. More information, including where to find the latest health guidance can be found at [somervillema.gov/maskmandateupdate](http://somervillema.gov/maskmandateupdate).

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**Mayor Katjana Ballantyne** has announced that the **City of Somerville** is launching mattress and box spring recycling starting the week of **April 4**. This free service is available to all residential households that have city-managed trash

collection. Residents will simply need to schedule a pickup and place their items on the curb on the pickup day. For more information on recycling in Somerville, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling](http://www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling).

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Running coach **Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello** is holding a **marathon-a-month** in 2022 to raise awareness for social justice organizations. Owner of **The Atalanta Effect**, Duclos-Orsello hopes to bring attention to Boston-area nonprofits doing work around equity, diversity, and justice. Future organizations Duclos-Orsello plans to highlight include **Jane Doe, Inc., the Cambridge Women's Center**, and Somerville-based **The Welcome Project**. More information can be found at <https://www.theatalantaeffect.com/> or by following Duclos-Orsello's journey using **#LizRuns2022aCause** on social media.

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Families and community members are invited to join **Somerville Public Schools** on **Wednesday, March 30** for a virtual roundtable, **Working TOGETHER to Support Our Students**. City and district representatives will discuss challenges and solutions related to the men-

tal health and social-emotional wellness of Somerville children and teens. Event details will be posted on their **#SomervilleTogether** event page. For more information about the **#SomervilleTogether** campaign, visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/together](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/together).

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The **City of Somerville, Arts Council**, and **OSPCD**, is seeking three artists to serve on an **Armory Master Planning Committee**. This committee will guide the municipal consultants and staff in preparing the Somerville Armory Master Plan over the next few months, in preparation to transitioning the property into a public community arts center. Comprised of a diverse mix of municipal leaders and local artists, the Committee will meet six times to discuss the following issues. For more information and to apply go to: <https://forms.gle/Vv9dcS25SfjBBgAa9>

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The **Haymakers** are happy to play the fool on **Friday, April 1**, at **Union Tavern**, 345 Somerville Ave. at 8:00 p.m. Opening up the night is Somerville's own **UnCivil Servants**.

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FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Where was the first Academy Awards presentation was held?

2. What was the first color film to win an Oscar for Best Picture?

3. Who did poet Dorothy Parker bequeath her estate to when she died?

4. What is the difference between white and green asparagus?

5. In what movie did Elvis Presley play the son of an American Indian family?

6. What is the name of the whaling ship in the Moby Dick

movie?

7. What kind of plant produces bananas?

8. What actress was the author of *Nibbles and Me*?

9. *With Teeth* and *Year Zero* were hit albums for which band?

10. What was the title of Frank Sinatra's debut album?

11. What was the name of Ellie's Chimp in *The Beverly Hillbillies*?

12. What is the strongest sense of a bear?

Answers on page 11

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. A dragonfly has a lifespan of only 24 hours.

2. On average, a person will spend up to two weeks kissing in their lifetime.

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15. "The Taming of the \_\_\_\_"

16. Godfather's family

17. Make a choice

18. Bridal veil fabric

19. Like Rock Hudson's and Doris Day's talk

21. Katherine Heigl wore 27 of these

23. Dumbo's big one

24. Gift for the naughty

25. "I Was a Male \_\_\_\_ Bride" starring Cary Grant

28. Inauguration ball, e.g.

30. Eyelid drooping

35. Half of binary code

37. Ruptured

39. PayPal money

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41. Avoid, as in taxes

43. "The Sun \_\_\_\_ Rises"

44. "Colorful" announcement

46. Fifty-fifty

47. Bit of slander

48. Rookie

50. Tolstoy's Karenina

52. Hitherto

53. Hammer part

55. Canada's neighbor

57. Sleepless in which city?

61. Drew Barrymore has never been what?

64. Don't mention it

65. Akira Kurosawa's 1985 movie

67. Erasable programmable read only memory

69. Seize a throne

70. Gold medalist Nathan Chen's turf

71. Smooth transition

72. Post-deductions

73. "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas..."

74. Sound like Wilbur

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Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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OBITUARY

Sligo Pub Owner, Thomas W. Mannion



**Thomas W. Mannion**, of Arlington, March 23, 2022.

Beloved husband of the late Bridget T. (Kelly) Mannion. Devoted father of Kelly Melin, her husband Michael “Mitch” Melin, and Tara Champagne, all of Arlington. Loving grandfather of Kevin, Shea, and Dillon Melin, Kelsey and Mason Champagne. Brother of Evelyn Doherty, Irene Day, Msgr. Joseph Mannion, Jarlath Mannion, Marettta Lavin, Sr. Monica Mannion, and the late Harry Mannion, Margaret Navin, Herbert Mannion, Sean Man-

nion, Dermot Mannion, and Mary Pascal.

Owner and Operator of the Sligo Pub, Davis Sq., Somerville for the past 32 years.

Further survived by many loving nieces, nephews and other family members.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours at the Keefe Funeral Home, 5 Chestnut St., Arlington, Tuesday, March 29th, from 4-8 pm. His funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Agnes Church, Medford St., Arlington, Wednesday, March 30th at 11:30 am. Services will conclude with burial at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Brighton Hospice, 1234 Chestnut St., Newton, MA 02464. Late US National Guardsman. To send an online condolence please visit [www.keefefuneralhome.com](http://www.keefefuneralhome.com).

Somerville to host small-group COVID-19 listening sessions



As part of Mayor Katjana Ballanytne’s First 100 Day Agenda and the City’s ongoing work to ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Ballantyne will be hosting small-group listening sessions with Somerville residents and workers disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal is to listen to community experiences and gather ideas and input on how the city can support the recovery. Listening sessions will be jointly facilitated by the mayor and interested members of the community. City staff will also help document the conversations so that ideas and comments can be considered as the city develops its recovery plan.

Somerville residents and workers who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, such as those who have lost loved ones and those who have had their income, employment, health, housing, food access, education, childcare, or mental health disrupted by the pandemic will be prioritized for participation in the sessions.

Somerville residents or workers interested in participating in a listening session can sign up as an individual or on behalf of a group at [somervillema.gov/ListeningSessions](http://somervillema.gov/ListeningSessions) or by calling 311 (617-666-3311). Participants can also volunteer to serve as a community liaison for their group, which could include helping with facilitation, note taking, and reviewing write-ups of the meeting. Listening sessions will begin in April. Sessions can be held via Zoom, telephone conference, or in person. Interpretation can be provided.

City continues study of police funding

By Kyle Dante

In light of financial matters, the police force remains a sensitive subject. Concerning movements such as Black Lives Matter, it is a discussion of uncertainty.

In 2001, Somerville’s Sam Alterman led an investigation. The investigation is about the budgetary decisions made by the Somerville City Council. Alterman called for a deemphasis on the police, citing public health and safety as primary reasons. Reevaluated in 2004 by then-Mayor Joe Curtatone, it formed the Police Advisory Group in 2005. Following that, more police officers have joined the ranks.

However, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, the police budget diminished. There exists civil unrest on what defunding impacts. Furthermore, it makes clarifying the police budget vastly important. Otherwise, there will continue to be anxiety and frustration.

The City Council revisited it on March 22nd as one of the aspects in the financial meeting for a two-to-four month reexamination. In a recent move, police officers are receiving more job opportunities. Last month, on February 2nd, police officers covered forty-one positions for crossing guard posts. The positions varied, including funeral crossings.

According to Director Denise Molina Capers, the thorough investigation has a deep understanding of race and injustice. It is a public safety concern of what data is collected and what is not. “It is something we can inform that is sustainable for our community, their needs, and their



wants,” Capers clarifies.

It is imperative to acknowledge the safety and justice situations. Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad mentions two recent shootings. She asked Capers about the previous process of diagnosing a potential victim, or criminal, in previous studies involved with the shooting.

Capers explains the dangers of misconception in assessing the matter. “Some community members may be worried about something (ex: theft, safety, etc.). I emphasize the collaborative nature of receiving questions, feedback, and information. We are making sure the work is sustainable, understandable, and thorough for the safety of Somerville,” Capers elaborates.

“When we create whatever we create around public safety, it is well-informed. There is trust around the process,” Capers explained the data collection.

Councilor Charlotte Kelly, throughout Capers’ time speaking, clarified multiple aspects. On the subject of misconception, Kelly questions the change of perception. Kelly says concerning disputes on a potential improvement.

“I am not looking at the Tisch (College) poll, but I agree it is a

misconception...,” Capers states.

Lastly, regarding position changes, Kelly asks why there was a budget increase in prioritizing staffing. Patrol officer departments received a budget increase, not organization matters.

“If we’re reimagining public safety, we have to think how it will change the need for resources... knowing where, what, how, and why it will increase will create multidisciplinary on the additional resources,” according to Capers.

Based on the responses, there is a good chance the ongoing study will help. However, Mouakad mentions more work to do. There is a usage of public opinion and WhatsApp for communication. But Mouakad mentions red flags on how minorities do not get represented in the process. “If the study’s poll is solely English, it is a red flag,” Mouakad expresses.

As noted, the topic of police defunding is a sensitive subject. It requires a large basis to cover. Not only for data collection but to represent as many demographics as possible. The study continues, with further information coming at the end of the study. For the time being, stay diligent and answer truthfully.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

incorporator of the Somerville Saving Bank, an original Water Board member, a Town Treasurer, and a Selectman when the town changed to city government in 1872.

In 1852, he built the first large mercantile building in Union Square. Vinal’s Franklin Hall was a framed structure that served as a post office, grain and grocery store, and a hall for meetings and entertainment. The Franklin Institute, a library and debating association, also held meetings in the building.

This was followed by other developers who helped to build Union Square as solid as a brick. Quincy A. Vinal once said, “I have

stood on Prospect Hill in the fall and counted thirty kilns of brick burning at one time on Mr. Hawkins land near Cambridge.” Before mechanized presses, Somerville produced 1.3 million bricks annually. After mechanization, they produced 5.5 million.

Robert was a volunteer firefighter on Somerville’s original fire company located at Washington and Prospect Streets. He was the department’s third Chief Engineer from 1854 to 1857 and later the Somerville Firemen’s Relief Association’s first secretary and its treasurer for seventeen years. In 1874, the Union Square ladder truck was named in his honor, Robert A. Vinal

Hook & Ladder No. 1. When he died three years later, the public gathering was memorable and every fire company in the city turned out for the service.

Today, a vintage Greek Revival style house built in 1845 is the oldest remaining structure in the square. It is now the Mid-Nite Convenient store located at 15 Union Square and was originally owned by Robert Aldersey Vinal – the unofficial “mayor” of Union Square.





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*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

**LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

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**ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT**

**Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties**  
HPC.ALT 2022.20 – 17-19 Aldersey Street  
Applicant: Paul Morgan  
Owner: ZD Aldersey, LLC (Paul Morgan & Carrie Endries)  
*The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing windows and doors, installing vents, and enclosing windows.*

**HPC.ALT 2022.16 – 9 -11 Campbell Park**  
Applicant: ACE Residential Solar, LLC  
Owner: Eugene Mirman  
*The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing solar voltaic cells on the roof.*

**HPC.ALT 2022.19 – 50a Spring Street**  
Applicant: Jeff O'Neill & Claire Decoux O'Neill  
Owner: Same as applicant  
*The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by altering existing window openings, the addition of a Juliet balcony, the extension of a first-floor porch, and the addition of a second-floor porch with pergola on the left elevation.*

**HPC.ALT 2022.21 – 78 Sycamore Street**  
Applicant: Daniel Macheras  
Owner: Same as Applicant  
*The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing tracking lines for a ductless split system on the right elevation.*

**Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2022.09 – 57 Trull Street**  
Applicant: Rich Ducott  
Owner: Tim Buntel & Cynthia Graber  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.10 – 3 Prescott Street**  
Applicant: Damian & Penny Mangino  
Owner: 3 Prescott St Nominee Trust  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.11 – 9 Union Square**  
Applicant: Hamilton Construction Management, represented by Michael Sambuceti  
Owner: Union 2 Associates, represented by Carol Rash  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*


**Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2022.13 – 32 White Street**  
Applicant: SGL Development, Inc.  
Owner: Gary F. Shea & Teresa A. Grove  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.14 – 44 White Street**  
Applicant: SGL Development, Inc.  
Owner: ETS Family Investments, LLC  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

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

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

The Project consists of: Smoke alarm, loadcenter and video intercom system replacements and fire alarm control panel repair at Brady Tower.

The work is estimated to cost **\$260,100.00 (including all alternates)**

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Electrical.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2022** and posted online, forthwith.

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

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

Bid forms and contract documents will be available on **Wednesday, March 23, 2022** at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com) or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA 978-499-9014 (M - F 8:30AM - 5PM).

Go to [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com) and login with an existing account or click [Sign Up](#) to register for free. Enter Project Code **848454** in the project locator box. Select “Acquire Documents” to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog’s physical location, or request a free project CD.

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

The job site and/or existing building will be available for observation starting at 10:30 am **Thursday, March 31, 2022**, starting at Brady Towers 252 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02145. To limit the number of bidders present at any one time, multiple observation times may be held. Bidders must contact Nangle Engineering Inc. ([gpnangle@nangleengineering.com](mailto:gpnangle@nangleengineering.com) or (978)777-7650) prior to close of business on the Monday prior to schedule an appointment. Bidders attending may be limited to one person per firm. Attendees are advised to bring, and may be required to wear, a face mask which covers the nose and mouth, and may wear gloves. To maintain social distancing, attendees may be asked to enter the work spaces one at a time.

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

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

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 11, 2022** at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a Common Victualler and an Entertainment by Devices – Indoors License, for Brianas Café Corp., d/b/a Brianna’s Cafe, 393 Medford St., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk’s Office.


For the Commission  
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**RE: Somerville Housing Authority/Alewife Brook Parkway Land Appraisal Request Scope of Services**

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) is soliciting services for an appraisal of a parcel of land of the Somerville Housing Authority’s, located on 268 Powder House Blvd., North Street and Alewife Brook Parkway, Somerville, Massachusetts consisting of approximately 5.36 acres of land with existing structures. The appraisals must be completed in strict compliance with Standard 1 of the Uniform Standards for Professional Appraisal Practice, with no deviations, and otherwise applying procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid.

**General Approach to the Project**

Each valuation will be of a ground lease interest in the real estate, with the SHA as the landlord. The selected appraiser will work with the SHA and their affiliates to confirm the details and methodology of the appraisals, including attending meetings conducted by phone conference and other communication. The selected appraiser will visit the site for the appraisal and review all applicable documentation.

**Fee Structure**

Fee proposals should be submitted in a document that is separate from the rest of the information submitted. The SHA prefers a fixed fee structure based a lump sum price for the appraisal. Such price must include any allowance for out-of-pocket expenses. Please include pricing for supplemental work, upon request, to provide a) updates to previously completed reports, and/or b) multiple or alternative valuation methodologies within a given report. The SHA also, prefers a payment structure in which the appraiser would receive a portion of their compensation as specified items are completed.


**Submittals**

Eligible respondents must be licensed appraisers who have at least five years’ experience and who can demonstrate that they have performed at least three appraisals of properties with characteristics similar to the subject parcel within the past five years. Selected respondent upon agreement, must sign a non-collusive Affidavit and a tax Compliance Certification.

**RFP Information can be obtained by emailing Brian Langton at [BrianL@sha-web.org](mailto:BrianL@sha-web.org) on or after Friday March 25th, or calling at 617 625 1152 ext.331.**

Responses can be mailed or emailed to Somerville Housing Authority, ATTN: Kevin Bumpus, 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145 or emailed to [kevinb@sha-web.org](mailto:kevinb@sha-web.org) with the subject line SHA/Alewife Brook Parkway Appraisal. Responses are due no later than April 13th, 2022 at 1:00 PM

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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, April 06, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 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 [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1294315823258925326>  
Webinar ID: 178-094-275

**TO CALL IN**

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422  
Access code: 643-001-987

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

**26 Clyde St #2** Jeff Byrnes seeks relief from the required percentage of windows on the face width of a shed dormer in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Variance.

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](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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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](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on **4/13/2022** at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Dennis Berry unit #1712. 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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**LEGAL NOTICE**

City of Somerville  
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)  
RFP# 22-PS1 CD  
RFP # 22-ESG CD

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

invites sealed proposals for the 2022-2023 HUD Action Plan for the:

**Community Development Block Grant Program  
Emergency Solutions Grant Program  
Emergency Solutions Grant-CV Program.**

**Community Development Block Grant Program.** Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number [RFP # 22-PS1 CD](#)

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program.** Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number [RFP # 22-ESG CD](#)

Request for Proposal packages for both programs will be posted and available for download on the City of Somerville website beginning at **8:30 A.M. Wednesday, March 30, 2022** at [www.somervillema.gov/CDBGGRFP](http://www.somervillema.gov/CDBGGRFP) and [www.somervillema.gov/ESGGRFP](http://www.somervillema.gov/ESGGRFP)


Print copies available upon request to Julie Melgar at [OSPCD@somervillema.gov](mailto:OSPCD@somervillema.gov).

An electronic PDF file should be emailed to [OSPCD@somervillema.gov](mailto:OSPCD@somervillema.gov) and proposal packages must be submitted no later than **12:00 P.M. Monday, May 2, 2022** for Emergency Solutions Grant **12:30 P.M. Monday, May 2, 2022** for Public Services to the above email address.

**Please contact Julie Melgar, Program Compliance Officer,** by email [Jmelgar@somervillema.gov](mailto:Jmelgar@somervillema.gov), for information and proposal packages.

George Proakis, Executive Director  
617- 625-6600, x 2500

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
KATJANA BALLANTYNE  
MAYOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on **April 7, 2022 at 6:30pm**. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4868589531048078864>

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

- Vivaldo Meneses Sr. requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 86 Prospect Street from UR to MR5.
- Powderhouse Living, LLC requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to the Permitted Uses Table 7.2.7 of the Powderhouse School Special District.
- Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of the contiguous parcels containing 250-256 Somerville Avenue and 5-27 Allen Street (odd side only: 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 21-23, and 27) from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).
- Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of the contiguous or abutting-across-a-public-way parcels of 29-31, 33-35, and 37-39 Allen Street (odd side only) and 34 Allen Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Commercial Business (CB).

Zoning amendments may be viewed online by searching the Somerville City Council's online meeting calendar for the address or item number.

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES  
RFP # 22-48**

**Acquisition of Commercial Office Space by Lease for Police Station**

The City of Somerville, acting through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as a police substation serving the neighborhood of East Somerville.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's electronic bidding platform at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**. Sealed proposals will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, at 93 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02143 or via Bid Express until **Monday April 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Chief Procurement Officer 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 preferred space will be located on or in the environs of lower Broadway in a highly visible location and be large enough to accommodate a vestibule, a conference room, and two offices and will include some off-street parking. The desired lease term is three years plus options to extend for up to two additional years. Lease start date shall be **July 1, 2022**.

**Angela M. Allen  
Chief Procurement Officer  
617-625-6600 x3400**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
IFB 22-50**

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


**Ash Tree Treatment**

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com), <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **3/30/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **4/13/2022, 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 email [yrobles@somervillema.gov](mailto:yrobles@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Yoli Robles-Casanova  
Construction Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x3400**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
IFB#22-46**

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

**Irrigation System Repairs and Maintenance at Lincoln Park**

The bid package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**. Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **3:00 pm, Thursday, April 14th, 2022**.

The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation or reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.

Massachusetts Prevailing Wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please email [yrobles@somervillema.gov](mailto:yrobles@somervillema.gov) for more information.

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3. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	8. Elizabeth Taylor
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
City of Somerville  
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Thursday the 14th day of April, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **171 CEDAR ST**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): 171 CEDAR STREET LLC  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **33/F/1**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **08310190**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4963 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 71833, Page: 203

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$7,739.91</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,205.57</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$10,170.48</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 DANE ST**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): VIEIRA MARTIN J  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **64/C/26**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22692051**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1997 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 21486, Page: 405

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$7,614.80</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,063.54</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$9,903.34</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **17 HUDSON ST**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): ROBERT F. DOLD & LINDA DOLD  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **42/C/36**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04205112**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6487 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 12258, Page: 516

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$5,977.56</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1,655.57</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$7,858.13</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **SPRING HILL TERRACE**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RALPH B. FRONGILLO  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **43/C/32**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **06259180**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6416 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 13999, Page: 289

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,930.51</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$281.50</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$3,437.01</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **82 MUNROE ST**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): KUAN-NENG CHEN & I-NING LEE  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **80/E/5/10**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20030280**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 65982, Page: 413

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,547.40</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$719.38</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$3,491.78</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **731A SOMERVILLE AVE**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): YAN ZHOU  
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **37/A/19/731A**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20086110**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63028, Page: 542

Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,212.10</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$624.03</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$3,061.13</b>

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Vaccine Center is now accepting walk-ins, as supply allows. The center is open to all, five days a week and some Saturdays. You can get **booster shots** for ages 12+ and **initial vaccines** for ages 5+. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration or health insurance status, and you don't need to show ID. Full hours and details are here: [challiance.org/vaccine](http://challiance.org/vaccine). You can still make an appointment at [tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine](http://tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine). If you're a CHA patient you can also make an appointment through **MyChart**: [challiance.org/mychart](http://challiance.org/mychart). If you need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can call 3-1-1 (617-666-3311).

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen invite you to a virtual public meeting about upcoming construction in Spring

Hill. **The Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project** is one in a series of projects across the city that will mitigate flooding, reduce waterway pollution, and upgrade century-old infrastructure. The first phase of work will begin in earnest this spring and is expected to continue through 2023 on Summer Street (Belmont Street to Bow Street), Central Street (Highland Avenue to Summer Street), Westwood Road, Avon Street, and Carter Terrace. This meeting will outline the project goals, scope of work, and anticipated construction impacts. Join in **Wednesday, April 6**, at 6:00 p.m. For more information and to register to attend, go to [somervillema.gov/springhill](http://somervillema.gov/springhill).

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The **Somerville Historic Preservation Division** invites you to take home a piece of Somerville history. Designed by local

artists, this historic collection of **Somerville stickers and magnets** tell a unique story of Somerville's history. Purchases help support local organizations and small business, and display the Somerville pride. Visit the Somerville Historic Preservation Division website to find out more about their historic events, education, and preservation efforts: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historicpreservation>.

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Looking for a way to **practice social distancing** but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the **Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program**. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look

forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call **Natasha** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.


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Are you a **Somerville High student** with a passion for food, community, and justice? Join **Groundwork Somerville's spring Green Team internship program**. You'll earn school credit while making friends, working for social justice, and learning about sustainable farming. Apply here: <https://forms.gle/4e5bAyLZ1pVAToMi6>

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1858 – Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia patents the pencil with an eraser attached on one end.

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1870 – The 15th amendment, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race, passes.

1885 – In Afghanistan, Russian troops inflict a crushing defeat on Afghan forces, despite orders not to fight.

1943 – Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration, *Oklahoma*, opens on Broadway.

1950 – President Harry S Truman denounces Senator Joe McCarthy as a saboteur of U.S. foreign policy.

1981 – President Ronald Reagan is shot and wounded in Washington, D.C. by John W. Hinckley Jr.



# Somerville celebrates ‘Week of the Young Child’

Starting Monday, April 4, Somerville will join communities across the nation in celebrating the Week of the Young Child. Sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Week of the Young Child is a way to celebrate young children and the important role that early education plays in preparing our youngest learners for a lifetime of success. This year’s Somerville event will be virtual and all are invited to be part of recognizing and celebrating Somerville’s youngest residents.

Children across the city will have an opportunity to learn about Somerville’s new Mayor, Katjana Ballantyne, through a social story that describes her personal immigrant journey from Greece to her new country, her new home, and to becoming Mayor of the City of Somerville. The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative partnered with Mayor Ballantyne to write the social story. To view or print multilingual copies of the story, please visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/woyc](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/woyc). Starting April 4th, video links will also be available to listen to this story, “Hello from the Mayor”, narrated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole, along with a multilingual performance by Maura Mendoza of the song “Hello to the Mayor”.

As part of the Week of the Young Child celebration, we invite Somerville children to draw a picture answering one or both of the questions the mayor asks in her story:

“What do you do to help people now?

How will you help people when you are grown up?”

Parents and guardians are invited to share their children’s work on social media using the hashtag #SomWOYC22. You can also email your child’s artwork to [rronen@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:rronen@k12.somerville.ma.us) or mail the artwork to the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative, c/o Nomi Davidson at 8 Bonair St., Somerville, MA 02145. We will be compiling responses through April 30th and will share the gallery through the Somerville Public Schools website.

Somerville’s Week of the Young Child celebration is a collaboration of the Somerville Public Schools (SPS), SomerPromise, the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) and Somerville Partnership for Young Children.

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# Somerville to launch mattress and box spring recycling

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne announces that the City of Somerville is launching mattress and box spring recycling starting the week of April 4. This free service is available to all residential households that have city-managed trash collection. Residents will simply need to schedule a pickup and place their items on the curb on the pickup day.

The city has hired Boston Carting to collect mattresses and box springs and Green Mattress Recycling to arrange for their recycling. Foam and fabric will be made into new foam and textiles. Metal will be sent to scrap yards. Wood will be converted to mulch and other materials. Somerville was awarded a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant of up to \$46,406 to offset costs.

The program will give the city a head start on meeting new state requirements. As of November 2022, all municipalities must have mattress and box spring recycling in place. MassDEP reports that approximately 600,000 mattresses and box springs are discarded in Massachusetts each year.

Removing these items from the solid waste stream will support the goals of the State’s 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan to reduce all waste disposal statewide by 30 percent (from 5.7 million tons in 2018 to 4 million tons in 2030) over the next decade.

“As we focus on how to reduce our impact on the planet, making sure we recycle to conserve resources and reduce landfill is just common sense. And for mattresses in particular, because many are made with fossil-fuel-based products, recycling them helps reduce carbon emissions and gets us closer to our Net-Zero Carbon Negative climate goals,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “I want to commend MassDEP, our Office of Sustainability and Environment, and our Department of Public Works for moving this effort forward. I look forward to our residents doing their part to schedule pickups as needed.”

### How to Recycle Your Mattress and Box Spring

- ♦ **Schedule a pickup:** Residents must contact 311 Constituent Services in advance to schedule a mattress and/or box spring pickup. Call 311 at 617-666-3311 or visit [somervillema.gov/311](http://somervillema.gov/311) for more contact options.
- ♦ **Put items on the curb on the arranged pickup day:** The mattress or box spring will be picked up curbside one day after your regular trash day with one exception. For residents with Friday trash pickup, mattresses and box springs will also be picked up on Friday.
- ♦ **Place on the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the pickup day:** Mattresses and box springs may be placed outside for pickup starting at 4:00 p.m. on the day before the pickup day — and must be out before 7:00 a.m. on the pickup day.
- ♦ **Please follow the rules:** Recyclable mattresses placed out with trash and not scheduled for pickup will be left on the curb and, after a grace period at the start of the program, may be subject to fines.

### Which mattresses and box springs can be recycled?

Most mattress types can be recycled including foam, spring, mixed material, or latex mattresses and all box springs. All mattress sizes will be accepted, from king to crib size. There are a few exceptions. The following items should be disposed of with the trash and will not be accepted for recycling:

- ♦ infant sleeping pads not meant for cribs
- ♦ futons, mattress pads, or toppers
- ♦ excessively torn, soiled, or moldy items
- ♦ broken, crushed, or twisted items
- ♦ air or water beds
- ♦ bed-bug-infested mattresses (For information on how to properly mark and dispose of an infested mattress, visit [somervillema.gov/bedbugs](http://somervillema.gov/bedbugs).)

For more information on recycling in Somerville, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling](http://www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling).



## Somerville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners seeks one member

Open Positions: One, Term: Five years

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) Board of Commissioners seeks one new member, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply.

This position does not have to be filled by an SHA resident, but SHA residents are encouraged to apply. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, expertise, and perspectives to share their talents and insights with their community.

The SHA Board of Commissioners sets and revises policies for the housing authority, establishes annual budgets, ensures the housing authority is in compliance with state and federal laws, adopts and revises bylaws, and supports SHA operations.

The Board of Commissioners meets once a month and occasionally holds special meetings. Annual stipends for Commissioners range from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and are paid quarterly. This position is appointed by the Mayor.

Applications are due Friday, April 22. Interested candidates should submit a statement of interest and resume to SHA Executive Secretary Emily Eschmann at [emilyh@sha-web.org](mailto:emilyh@sha-web.org) or by mail to Emily Eschmann, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Please contact her with any questions at the previously listed email or 617-625-1152 ext. 349.



## Spring Hill Construction Public Meeting, April 6

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen invite you to a virtual public meeting about upcoming construction in Spring Hill.

The Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project is one in a series of projects across the city that will mitigate flooding, reduce waterway pollution, and upgrade century-old infrastructure. The first phase of work will begin in earnest this spring and is expected to continue through 2023 on Summer Street (Belmont Street to Bow Street), Central Street (Highland Avenue to Summer Street), Westwood Road, Avon Street, and Carter Terrace.

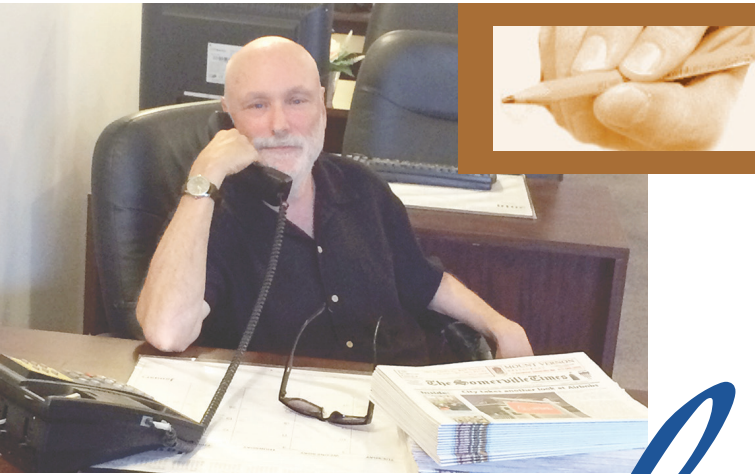
This meeting will outline the project goals, scope of work, and anticipated construction impacts. Join us Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. For more information and to register to attend, go to [somervillema.gov/springhill](http://somervillema.gov/springhill).

Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, or Nepali may be available upon advance request by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at [somerviva@somervillema.gov](mailto:somerviva@somervillema.gov) or calling 311.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

In memory of poet

Richard E. Brenneman

The first time I went to the Boston Medical Center was in the 70s, when it was known as Boston City Hospital. I was a college student, without medical insurance. Back then we all knew we could get a hospital card and get free medical treatment there. I hadn't been back until now, 45 years later, and it was for a profoundly different reason.

My friend, poet Richard E. Brenneman, was in the intensive care unit at the Menino Wing of the hospital and gravely ill.

I didn't see the Richard I knew, a 76-year-old-man with an unstoppable font of boyish enthusiasm for poetry, books, and scholarship. Richard was attached to tubes.

He at times seemed to recognize me, but all he could emit were halting, pained breaths – his eyes wide open with some sort of recognition. Richard found our literary group, The Bagel Bards, late in his life. He was a retired Boston civil servant, who lived for years in a small studio apartment, in a rapidly gentrifying South Boston.

Richard hinted at the hard times he had – being a diminutive, gay man in a hardscrabble section of the city. He was a solitary man, but he found friends and community with the Bards.

He had a distinct Midwestern twang (He grew up in Missouri) and wrote finely crafted poems about everything from art, travel – to lonesomeness in the city.

We became a family of sorts for this man. He reveled in the eccentric nature of the group – the cast of characters – the sometimes-vaudevillian nature of our meetings. He was invited to parties by one of our members and he was like a social butterfly, happily engaging the old timers and the young intelligentsia alike.

I knew when I walked out of that hospital room I would never see him again. I have been in many Boston Hospitals recently. And each time I try to walk back to my home in Somerville.

Richard has taken his final journey, and my journey home has been through the winding streets of Boston – traversing the alley ways – the long-forgotten Brownstones of the city, the tar rooftops of the Back Bay where I watched the Boston Mara-



thon run by. There is poetry on my journey, and there is poetry in Richard's ... and there is poetry in yours. There is poetry on my journey, and there is poetry in Richard's ... and there is poetry in yours. There is poetry on my journey ... and there is poetry in Richard's ... and there is poetry in yours...

RUSTLING

Shadows of images come to mind  
of which the scenes are lost,  
projected on an inward screen  
to haunt me, and then drift on  
down the passages of time.  
Fragments of images come and go,  
and moods and metaphors  
rustle through the mind  
like pages quickly turned.  
The heart feels once again  
memories of love, desolation, hate  
like the dry crunching leaves  
from a forgotten fall  
blowing across the deserted paths  
that have been left behind.

— Richard E. Brenneman

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

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Nineteen

Nineteen is emerald green.

Nineteen is like diving with Great White Sharks in Australia

but also like sleeping under luminous stars in Bryce Canyon

National Park on a summer night.

Nineteen is the taste of bitter black coffee.

It is the smell of fresh spearmint gum

and the sound of popcorn kernels popping in the microwave.

It is a stomachache.

Nineteen is like running through New York City on New Year's Eve

but also like walking on a tightrope over the Grand Canyon.

Nineteen is a Taylor Swift breakup song.

It is the sight of amber sea glass on the beach shore

and the feeling of burning your tongue on hot chocolate.

It is a Brindle French Bulldog.

Nineteen is like singing karaoke at an overcrowded gastropub

in Nashville,

but also like learning to speak Italian while in Florence.

Nineteen is the last page of the first chapter in a novel.

— Lauren Nielson

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Pre-K and K snow plow contest

It's official! The City of Somerville's Snow Plows now have their own unique names thanks to Somerville's pre-K and Kindergarten students and teachers. Somerville Public Schools pre-K and K classrooms partnered with Somerville's Department of Public Works on a Snow Plow Naming Contest as a fun way to help our youngest learners learn and think about some of our city's important community helpers during the winter months. Students enjoyed learning about how Somerville snow plow drivers help to keep our streets safe and clear after a winter storm. Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers were asked to submit their top snow plow name for their classroom. Entries were due by March 9 and five winners were selected by DPW. All winning classrooms will receive a visit from their snowplow and a driver in the coming weeks. Great job to all the contest participants and congratulations to the following winners:

- First Place – **OVERDRIVE** – Ms. Scrima's Kindergarten class, Kennedy School
- Second Place – **KHIONE- THE GODDESS OF SNOW** – Miss Bruneault's Kindergarten class, Healey School
- Third Place – **THE SNOWSLEEPER** – Mr. Yiu's Pre-K class, Capuano Early Childhood Center
- Fourth Place – **CATERPILLAR** – Ms. Cunningham's Pre-K class, Capuano Early Childhood Center
- Fifth Place – **SNOW LEOPARD** – Mr. DeBenedictis's Pre-K class, West Somerville Neighborhood School




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