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The City Council's Legislative Matters Committee is following up on its stated commitment to establish some form of police oversight.

By Joe Creason

The Legislative Matters Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 24, the first of several scheduled community discussions on establishing a system for civilian oversight of police.

Present at the meeting were City Councilors, city staff and community organizers who wished to share their perspective on how to improve civilian-police relations.

The discussion was opened with a presentation from City Council Legislative and Policy Analyst Ayerim Decena, who was hired to research civilian oversight of police departments and how other municipalities have handled this issue.

"Discussions around reimagining police and community relations have happened in Somerville before including the

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Somerville Poetry Open 2021 launching on April 1

The Somerville Council of PTSAs is pleased to announce their spectacular line-up of poet presenters for Somerville Poetry Open 2021, everyone in Somerville is invited to participate in poetry this spring, launching April 1.

Somerville Poetry Open 2021 includes a website with poetry lessons for school-aged students made by local poets, poetry experts and artists, and the creation of a new poetry book featuring poems written by Somerville students and citizens.

The last year has been rough for Somervillians, especially our young people. The Council believes poetry can help us all cope with the loss, trauma and isolation we are experiencing in this COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the grief and stress we are carrying from racial injustice.

During this extremely tumultuous period, all Somervillians are invited to explore poetry with the Open.

Take some time to learn something new from your poet neighbors, and to

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We wish all of our readers, their friends and families, a **happy Easter and Passover**. May the blessings of these occasions bring healing and strength to all of us throughout these challenging times. It is a time to embrace hope and optimism as we look together towards the future.








#NeighborsHelpingNeighbors: Clarendon Hill Towers residents want everyone to know that they are so thankful for your compassion and generous support of them during this last year. In the last year alone you all have contributed nearly \$25,000 worth of grocery gift cards, food and personal hygiene products.

The **Somerville Community Growing Center** is a contender in the **Nature's Path Gardens for Good competition**. They have an amazing opportunity to receive \$5000, just from crowdsourcing votes. The short window for voting is from **now until April 7**, but the top 21 vote-getting non-profit gardens will receive the money. Please help them rack up points by voting here (you can only vote once): https://www.naturespath.com/en-us/gardens-for-good/?fbclid=IwAR1415cy4tXIbx-zgqjBTWTdM4qHWfpzUsc1OYaDzIdTh9zYI_mye9xbN-3wo#the-somerville-community-growing-center.

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 former resident. We hope he has a great birthday. We wish a happy birthday to all of our Facebook friends such as **Daniel M Rivera, Chris Fusco, April Yarasitis, Charles Ryan, Heather Ann, Douglas Kelley, Michael R. Foster, Leo Connerty, Sarah O'Brien, Liam Seward, Joanna Costante Callinan, Patricia O'Leary Shanahan** and **Carolyn Ryan**, who are all celebrating this week. To all the others we may have missed and, yes, we *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 31 – April 6 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>March 31</i>	Rain	63°/54°	43%	32%	SSW 15 mph
 Thursday <i>April 1</i>	Rain	59°/28°	84%	41%	WSW 15 mph
 Friday <i>April 2</i>	Partly Cloudy	46°/29°	0%	1%	WNW 14 mph
 Saturday <i>April 3</i>	Sunny	55°/40°	2%	1%	W 11 mph
 Sunday <i>April 4</i>	Partly Cloudy	60°/39°	4%	2%	WNW 10 mph
 Monday <i>April 5</i>	Sunny	59°/40°	7%	3%	NNW 10 mph
 Tuesday <i>April 6</i>	Partly Cloudy	60°/39°	12%	7%	NW 12 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Leaders and community members call for more change to MassDOT’s design*

Ralph Kramden says:

“...the actual condition of the roadway itself is really deplorable.”
Has Rep. Connolly looked around the rest of Somerville lately? The same can be said about just about any other roadway in the city. The sidewalks too.

joe says:

It’s a shame our representatives don’t realize that not every single road needs to be 20 mph, with protected bike lines and pedestrian crossing every 200 feet. McGrath is a key artery for getting cars and trucks from Cambridge and downtown to Medford and Everett. What is the plan for these vehicles to get across Somerville in the future? I can’t seem to find an explanation other than proponents of such designs imagine everybody will just walk or bike or take public transit. Unfortunately, it seems to me like we’re simply on the path to a traffic nightmare.

TheoNa says:

What is missing from all of these road change narratives is funding. At what point do we start charging bicyclists for their fair share of road costs?

A.Moore says:

The thing to consider is it is a main road for traffic to the hospitals in Boston and used by many ambulance services. So that in this day and age has to be given some consideration. And what happens when traffic is returned to normal? And some of us do remember what a mess it was before all this was built.

Response to: *Everyone’s Big Brother*

Steve keenan says:

Jimmy,
Do you remember Feep?

Jimmy D says:

Hi Steve ... Feep ! He was on Fantasmic Features!

Gerry Pothier says:

Jimmy, I always enjoy your articles on Big Brother and Bozo the Clown, among others. I’m a couple years younger than you but clearly remember these shows as a kid growing up in Gloucester. Have been a Somervillian since 1984 and wanted to share a story with you. I was selected for jury duty at Cambridge district court some 15 or so years ago and Frank Avruch was one of the jury mates. It was a DWI case where the driver was found not guilty. I was appointed jury foreman on the case. Of course we all knew who Frank was and he will never be forgotten.

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Service was Tip Top



The Tip Top Market, formerly at the corner of Walnut and 211 Pearl Street, pops up quite a bit when people reminisce about the old days in East Somerville. We still have lots of corner stores in Somerville, but those neighborhood grocery, variety stores and meat markets of yesterday had a different



feel. It was a warm welcoming and familiar feel. Back then a cuff wasn't only on shirts and trousers, it was a way of getting by until payday.

I'll ask my fellow Somerville High School chum and great musician Bob G to start us off with his vivid memory of The Tip Top Market: "There was a bit of a rivalry between the stores (Tip Top Market and Mac's). Mac would call you out if he saw you going into the Tip Top market. I would walk around the block and sneak in the Tip Top when I had to go there for my mother."

"Mac would sell bologna and cheese on a bulkie for twenty-five cents. He would cut the meat and the cheese while he was talking to you. He knew everyone in the neighborhood and underneath his gruff exterior was a heart of gold. That area of Walnut and Pearl had Mac's, Tip Top, Means Pharmacy, Pearl St. Cleaners, John the Barber and a laundromat. It was a great neighborhood." Thanks Bob.

Neil adds: "I worked at Tip-Top Market when I was 12 years old delivering groceries in the shopping cart." "We grew up at 234 Pearl! Tip Top and Mac's were our go to stores!"

A former neighbor adds: "Never went into Tip Top. Would be a traitor to Mac. Mac was a wonderful man. One of the best ever!"

Another friend adds: "I lived on Walnut



and can't imagine how often my mother would tell me to run down and pick something up. Sometimes snow was piled up taller than I was. Can you imagine sending children to the store today with cash? Shame, I don't think it would be possible in our society today."

Here are some more memories of Tip Top Market: "I used to deliver groceries on Saturdays with my red wagon for tips sometimes. Also, there was a store across the street and the guy used to cut meat there. Also forget the name (Mac's).

"As a kid I remember going in there.

Saw dust always on the floor."

"Baloney and cheese sandwich for a quarter. We could go there from the Prescott School to get our lunch."

"Benny, Arnie, Mr. Weiner, Dot and Bee. Ice cream chest in the corner. You had to reach way down to get Popsicles (real two-stick ones) and almost fall in!"

"Doing weekly shopping on Saturdays with my mom as a child and thinking the store was big."

"Food order being delivered by hand pushed cart to our house."

"I remember when I

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Your basic Saturday night with gasoline and pills

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Rossmore St. residence late last Saturday on reports of an unknown male in the backyard with a can of gas. Upon arrival, the officers immediately smelled a strong odor of gasoline and proceeded into the driveway leading to the backyard. At that moment, a man, later identified as James King, was seen walking out and the odor of gasoline became stronger. Officers asked King if he lived there and he stated that he was sleeping in the backyard and was just then leaving. He reportedly said he had gotten into a fight with his girlfriend who lived

around the corner but could not provide an address. King then changed his story and said he was with a friend and were there to get a motorcycle out of the backyard. Police was able to confirm from the reporting party that the motorcycle belonged to her boyfriend and he was not supposed to have it. She stated that she was in her apartment when she began to smell a strong odor of gasoline in the apartment. She went into the hallway and saw her neighbor yelling at King that he wasn't supposed to be there and to get out. The reporting party then watched King go outside and

take the can of gas that was right next to the door located in the rear of the driveway and begin to fill her boyfriend's motorcycle. She then called the Somerville Police Department. As officers were talking with King, they noticed that he kept putting his hand in his right pocket. They asked him multiple times to leave his hand out of his pocket for officer safety. He reportedly put his right hand in front of his right pocket to try and conceal what he had in his pocket. The officers could see in plain view the top of a large clear plastic shopping bag with a clear plastic sandwich bag inside.

In the sandwich bag, the officers could see large white pills sticking out of his pocket still in the bag. The officers took the shopping bag out of King's right pocket and found three separate clear plastic sandwich bags all filled with big white oblong shaped pills. The officers asked King what they were and he stated Johnnies. From their collective training and experience, they knew that Johnnies referred to Gabapentin. The large number of pills individually wrapped in three separate packages are consistent with street level drug distribution. They were counted back at the

station and it was determined that each of the three bags contained 100 Gabapentin pills. The officers checked the backdoor where King had gone into the building and noticed that the door was shut and was locked. The door led into a common hallway with three separate apartments on the rear side. The reporting party stated that King was not supposed to be there even, though he claimed to know a friend in the building. King was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering, and possession of a class E drug to distribute.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	by asportation, trespassing, possession of a burglarious instrument, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous	weapon, larceny over \$1200, and attempt to commit a crime.	arrested at Knowlton St. on warrant charges of possession of a class E drug and armed robbery.	12:10 a.m., arrested at Rossmore St. on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering, and possession of a class E drug to distribute.
Christopher Towle , March 24, 5:30 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of shoplifting		Robert Burkhardt , of Malden, March 25, 10:34 p.m.,	James King , March 27,	

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City holds meeting on civilian oversight of police

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‘Welcoming City Ordinance,’ stating a citizen’s immigration status will have no bearing on their treatment by city agencies and law enforcement,” Decena said. “Overhauling the police confirmation process and formally rescinding the ‘Gang Ordinance’ have all been within just the past couple years.” Decena further outlined how the City Council and Administration have recently taken steps to address concerns from the community around policing, including increased oversight of surveillance technology use by police as well as a 7.7% of the proposed 2021 SPD budget to other social services. According to Decena, who cited a November 2020 Tufts University survey, 81% of Somerville residents support establishing a board of civilian oversight on police. “The process of creating this civilian

oversight committee is the process we are in now,” Decena said. Decena continued her presentation by laying out several methods for the civilian oversight of law enforcement which are currently being implemented across the United States. The main variations of civilian oversight which she discussed include:

- A Review-Focused Model, one in which a civilian board reviews the reports of internal affairs investigations, and one in which a civilian may file complaints with the review committee instead of directly with the police department.
- An Investigative Model, in which the board is comprised of civilians as well as professional investigators who have the authority to open an investigation that is independent of any which has been conducted but the police department.

- An Auditor/Monitor Model in which boards with ongoing monitoring and auditing authority over the police, receive complaints directly from the community and are focused on systemic reform of the department.

There are also Hybrid models, such as the one used by the city of Boston, which take into account the social, cultural, economic and political uniqueness of the various municipalities that implement them. Somerville is searching for an approach that best aligns with the interests of the community, Decena says. The City Council began a discussion concerning the civilian oversight of police as a response to the extensive protests this past summer in light of the murder of George Floyd. A number of organizations and perspectives were present at Wednesday’s community meeting.

Tracey Pratt spoke on behalf of Just Us Somerville, a group which emerged on June 7, 2020, with a rally against police violence towards the Black Community and a list of demands. Included on that list was the implementation of a diverse board of paid civilian representatives from the community that would play an oversight role with regards to police conduct and power over the Somerville Police Department confirmation process. Pratt says the demand to end racial inequality is a demand to end police brutality, and Just Us Somerville will continue to advocate for their perspective until their demands are met. Matthew from Defund SPD, the Somerville movement started by a petition signed with over 4,000 resident signatures in light of the murder of George Floyd, spoke on the issue of a civilian board for oversight of police and

the demands made by the organization he was representing. Defund SPD demands the formation of a board of civilian representatives who have no ties to or conflicts of interest with law enforcement, and that are also paid livable wages which match the median salary for Somerville police officers, says Matthew. “The board must have the right to reject all proposed new hirings if they feel that additional police officers are not required for the safety of the community,” Matthew said. “They also must have the power to eliminate entire divisions of the police department, including the department as a whole, and redistribute responsibilities to non-law enforcement professionals if necessary.” The discussion concerning a board of civilian oversight on police while continue in the Legislative Matters Committee.

Conway Field and Playground Renovation details ironed out

By Alex Reidy

The sixth and final public meeting concerning the Conway Field and Playground Renovation was held on Wednesday, March 24, where many issues were put to rest as they plan to get underway with construction.

Sometime this spring is the intended start date, with spring 2022 being the estimated completion date.

Phase 1 includes site preparation and traffic management. Around 4,000 tons of contaminated soil is to be removed from the park and therefore a large amount of truck traffic will be

expected.

Controlled entrances to the park will be set up, a decontamination zone for entering and exiting trucks, and a closed section of sidewalk will all be set up in order to complete construction efficiently and effectively.

Phase 2 consists of the actual removal and replacement of the soil and the installation of a new synthetic field.

Phase 3 is the renovation of the park itself, including the new multiuse field, two little league fields, resurfacing of the basketball courts, planting of new trees around the perimeter, and installing a geo textile fabric bar-

rier that separates old soil that will not be taken out with the new soil.

The park itself has a storied history, where it used to be a dyeworks in the 1930's, then in the 40's it was converted into a park and has been renovated in 1971 and 2001.

Lead and other hazardous materials were found in the soil in 2017 and the park was subsequently shut down.

Because of these hazards, dust is a major problem and the wetting of soil may be needed to alleviate dust blowing off the site. The destination of the hazardous soil is still to be determined.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Cannellini Bean Salad

A refreshing salad that can be made ahead of time. Serve it over quinoa, farro, or even mix it with romaine lettuce. Packed full of protein and flavor, a quick, easy dish for a very satisfying lunch or even a snack.

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Juice of 1/2 lemon, approximately 2 tablespoons
1 small garlic clove, finely minced
1/8 cup sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil, chopped, plus 1 teaspoon olive oil from the jar
1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons capers
1-15oz can cannellini beans, rinsed
1/3 cup crumbled feta
2 teaspoons parsley, finely minced

Salt and pepper to taste, start with a pinch each

Add the olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, and sun-dried tomato oil to a medium sized bowl, and whisk until incorporated. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, onion, capers, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Fold in the beans, feta, and parsley.

Taste and adjust seasoning, if needed. The flavors are bright from the lemon juice, creamy from the beans and feta, sweet with the sun-dried tomatoes, with a hint of brininess from the capers. Serve over farro, my favorite, especially given the extra texture. Feel free to substitute garbanzo beans and add chopped red bell pepper if you want.

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Honoring Women in our COVID-19 Recovery and Beyond
Women helped to get us through the pandemic
and we must center them in the recovery



By State Representative
Christine Barber

One year into the Coronavirus pandemic and the economic impacts, just one of the innumerable losses we have faced, are enormous. So many have lost jobs, risked their health and well-being by doing dangerous work and met greater needs to care for children throughout the pandemic. For this Women's History month, I am uplifting the women who helped Massachusetts get through the last 12 months of the pandemic. The best way we can honor women is to ensure the recovery from COVID-19 is squarely centered on their needs.

"She-cession." We have heard this term, but it does not encapsulate for me the full extent of the economic devastation of the last year for women. Job losses

are staggering – in December 2020, women accounted for ALL U.S. job losses, and many have dropped out of the workforce entirely. The ratio of women working has now fallen below 57% for the first time since 1988. The pandemic has further highlighted the inequality that exists due to race and gender, and it is our responsibility to face these issues head on.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports nationally, 2.5 million women have lost jobs or left the workforce over the pandemic. This issue is pervasive in Massachusetts as well, where women account for nearly 80% of all workers who left the workforce in January as a result of COVID-19.

It is important to understand that all women have not been affected equally – women in communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The Bureau of Labor Statistics displays a distressing trend that women of color are experiencing the highest unemployment rates nationwide - the highest is for Latina women at 8.8%, followed closely by Black women at 8.5%, compared to unemployment rates

for white women at 5.9%.

The crisis has severely strained industries where women's employment is more concentrated, like restaurants, retail, hospitality and health care. There are also thousands of permanent business closures due to financial constraints during the pandemic– meaning many of the positions originally filled by women, or owned by women, may be lost for good.

Loss of child care and the increased challenges of school-aged children being home or in hybrid school poses particular challenges to women's ability to remain in the workforce. As COVID-19 has forced the closure of schools and early education centers, keeping children in homes makes it more difficult for parents to work.

Mothers have provided the majority of child care throughout the pandemic, and often put their careers on hold to do so. A Census Bureau report found that 25-44 year old women were three times as likely as men to cite lack of child care as their reason for not working during the pandemic. In Massachusetts, 69.1% of women said the pandemic kept them from returning to work in a survey in Sep-

tember of 2020, when schools would have normally started. I hear this from constituents often - that juggling work and care needs has meant that women have left their job to focus on their family.

It is clear the COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately damaging women's employment. But the lasting ramifications will depend on our response. We must take action to uplift women's experiences for the duration of the crisis and provide support as we head for recovery.

First, it is imperative that we begin recognizing the indispensable work of women during the pandemic, both as caregivers and essential workers. The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, of which I am a Board member, has prioritized the impact of the pandemic on women and taken a leadership role in addressing these needs.

I am also prioritizing legislation, like a recent vote on Emergency Paid Sick Time, so workers do not have to choose between going to work sick or losing the pay they need to make ends meet - particularly important to women, people of color, and immigrants who are over-

represented in frontline occupations. Pay equity and a focus on hiring women back into the workforce are also imperative as we work to undo the damage this crisis has caused on women's livelihoods and career opportunities long-term.

Finally, access to affordable child care is essential to women's ability to participate in the workforce without putting their children's well-being at risk. I am working with families, schools, and early educators to increase funding for early education and care programs. As a majority female workforce, raising pay for early educators is critical to our recovery, as are subsidies for families to improve ability to afford early childhood care.

Our response to the growing she-cession will determine the role of women in the workforce post-COVID-19. Women are a vital part of our economy, and centering the needs of women is key to a successful and inclusive economic recovery. We must continue to take action to protect workers, promote equitable pay and increase accessibility to early education and care to honor and support women in the recovery.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I Can't Find My Somerville Pride

We are nearly 15 months into the struggle for justice being waged by Somerville mother Flavia C. Peréa in defense of her 6-year-old son who was accused of sexual assault by the City of Somerville. At the time of the drafting of this letter to the editor the city has yet to issue a statement of apology for the bigotry directed at this local family.

In a letter to the editor of the Boston Globe, dated March 4th and authored by Mrs. Peréa, she outlines a list of in-

disputably rational and just demands that I fear will continue to be ignored in the absence of a continued pressure campaign by those who demand justice and empathy from city leaders. This should not be required in a city, that as Mrs. Flavia has stated, promotes Progressivism as "its brand."

I think that it is time for the entire community to demand a joint statement in support of the Perea family from the School Committee. How can there be a banner supporting Black Lives on Somerville City Hall, while City Hall watches a

child be pushed into the school-to-prison pipeline at the youngest age imaginable? This contradiction must be remedied.

When I was a child, not much older than the accused, I remember my mother sharing with me the neighborhood saying, "I can't hide my Somerville pride." I feel like that is being challenged as a result of the inaction that I am observing by the City. What always made Somerville a place to be proud of is that we watched out for one another. We had empathy for each other. If a family was in distress, we stood up proudly to defend them.

Every morning that I wake up I look online for an official statement expressing regret for how the city handled the incident and every morning I feel my Somerville pride slipping away. This absence of empathy has gone on for too long. The word "sorry" should not be so difficult to state, especially in a city that claims such loyalty to the struggle that black and brown children and their families are facing. Enough is enough.

Matthew Hoey
Cambridge

Street sweeping resumes April 1 in Somerville

Regular street sweeping schedules resume Thursday, April 1, and continue through December 31, unless otherwise announced.

On designated street sweeping days, vehicles must be moved from the side of the street being swept, as noted on signs posted on each street. The penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$50 fine. You can find street sweeping information for your neighborhood by checking street signs or visiting www.somervillema.gov/sweeper. Please note that if there is a discrepancy between the online schedule and street signs, follow what is printed on street signs.



COMMENTARY

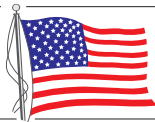
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy spring holidays, Somerville.

Our View Of The Times



The continuing COVID-19 crisis has certainly put a damper on our ability to enjoy the usual holiday celebrations in normal ways. So it may be that both religious-minded and secular folks will have to deal with yet another special occasion in semi- or total isolation.

And in spite of vaccinations being well underway, it doesn't help to know that in spite of our best efforts to avoid it,

the lurking danger is still out there when we're forced to venture out to buy necessities, to take a walk and get a little fresh air and exercise, and so on. It's the sad reality we all have to face at this time, until the danger finally goes away.

But we can also turn to these events for solace and inspiration, if we look at them in a certain way.

For example, for those of the Jewish

faith, the tradition of Passover represents in part the protection of the home against a deadly plague. While the correlation to today's events may be tenuous, there is something of a relevant message there. That staying in and strengthening the family bonds will protect us from danger.

Then, in the Christian faith, there is the miracle of resurrection and renewal as exemplified in the Easter story. We

will one day emerge from our self-imposed solitude, revived and re-energized, perhaps viewing the world before us through new eyes.

Whether one embraces and celebrates any particular religious beliefs or not, it is possible to draw a bit of inspiration from the core messages nestled within these occasions and use that to help get through a difficult time.

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must admit there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. SMC will host **Watch Party - SMC Producers Zoom Tips and Tricks**. Community Producer Series kicks off with a discussion by members about their Zoom productions. The **SMC Community Producer Series** is aimed to promote discussion and learning about media production. The first in this quarterly series focuses on the app that has made human connection possible over the past year. Join in for this watch party on Facebook to either get your Zoom production started or to take it to the next level. Community producers **Doug Holder** (*Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer*), **Diane Wong** (*Let's Talk About Race*), **Greg Hill** (*The Somerville Labor Show*) and **JoJo LaRiccica** (*Dead Air Live, Somerville Connects*) offer insight into the transition to remote video and audio production. <https://www.facebook.com/events/779896836290580>

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, **Ward 1 City Councilor Matt McLaughlin**, **Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott**, and

city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting to introduce the **Public Safety Building Project**. The meeting will take place **Wednesday, March 31**, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Safety Building Project will provide new facilities for the **Somerville Police Department's Headquarters** and the **Somerville Fire Department's Engine 3** at 90 Washington Street in East Somerville, as well as space for additional civic, residential, and/or commercial functions. At this meeting, staff will introduce the project, outline its major milestones, and highlight its goals for sustainability and neighborhood connection, which include providing space for multiuse development on portions of the site. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on their priorities and concerns. For more information and to register to attend, visit somervillema.gov/public-safety-building.

Join the **City of Somerville planning team** and **fellow community members** to help shape the future of the **Brickbottom area** of Somerville through an interactive workshop. This will be the first of several events to help us create a **Vision Plan** that reflects the communi-

ty's shared vision for the future of this area and can serve as a guide for future development. In this first session, we will discuss the existing conditions as well as several key improvement opportunities identified in our community outreach thus far. **Brickbottom: First Visioning Workshop, Wednesday, April 7**, at 6:30 p.m. This is a virtual meeting. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/BrickbottomWorkshop>. You can learn more about this initiative at somervillema.gov/brick. Questions? Email at planning@somervillema.gov.

The state has announced when all remaining groups will be eligible to receive the **COVID-19 vaccine**. **Monday, March 22**: People age 60 or older and certain workers became eligible. Eligible workers include those in restaurants and cafes, food service, retail, grocery and convenience stores, transportation, and more. See the full list at mass.gov/vaccine. **Monday, April 5**: People age 55 or older and people with one certain medical condition will be eligible. See the full list of medical conditions at mass.gov/vaccine. **Monday, April 19**: People age 16 or older will be eligible. For more information and to pre-register for an

appointment, visit mass.gov/vaccine or call 211. The City of Somerville is also available to help those who face barriers to accessing vaccines, including people who need transportation or language assistance. If you are currently eligible to receive a vaccine and need help accessing the vaccine, please call 311.

Greg Nadeau has announced his candidacy for **Ward 7 School Committee** in November's election. Nadeau has dedicated his life to public education. In addition to his professional career in educational systems, he has been active with Somerville schools. Any Ward 7 voters interested in meeting to share ideas about working together to better support Somerville young people, should register their interest at **People-WorkingWithGregNadeau.org**. Three Zoom meetings are scheduled: **Monday, April 5**, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., **Sunday, April 10**, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., and **Wednesday, April 14**, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Some **reopening restrictions to ease** starting **April 5**. As more residents have access to the COVID-19 vaccine, including essential and service industry workers, the **City**

A new decade, a new direction for the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation

By The Times Staff

After it was pointed out that there were a few inaccuracies in our story from last week concerning former Somerville Mayor Eugene C. Brune and the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation, we got together with Brune to have him clarify the facts and set the record straight. We thank him for the opportunity to do this.

The Somerville Times: Tell us about the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation and how it will work this year.

Eugene Brune: Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the SHS Scholarship Foundation would like the proceeds from our annual raffle to help ease the burden even further, by funding one (4) year, \$2,000 per year renewable scholarship for a highly deserving Somerville High School/Full Circle High School student. This would be in addition to all of the other \$1,000 to \$2,500 non-renewable scholarships that we award each year to students for their first year of post high school graduate degrees.

TST: How did the idea of holding this drawing come into being?

EB: One of our former Directors, Robert Publicover, who is no longer with us today, came up with the idea of holding a drawing each year with the winner receiving \$10,000 as well as other cash prizes, with a limit of 250 tickets to be sold.

Those who attend the drawing always walk out saying they had a good fun time. When Bob passed away, I agreed to take over and at a later date Director Joe Favaloro joined me in working as a team along with Joe's wife Barbara. The profit generally runs about 9 to 11 thousand dollars so I guess we can say that this drawing brought in about \$225,000+ over the past several years.

I need to thank the person that began the discussion of initiating the first four year, \$2,000 per year renewable scholarship, and that is our past President Joe Favaloro. Naturally, I am honored that the Board of Directors voted to name it The Eugene C. Brune four-year scholarship and my sincere thanks to each of them.

Because it was decided that this 4-year scholarship, costing \$8,000, will be totality supported each year by the funds from the drawing and not out of the general treasury, we will be asking the general public if they would like to donate towards the 4-year scholarship as a gift in lieu of, or in memory of, or for any reason.

TST: How can people contribute to the foundation?

EB: Checks can be sent payable to SHSSF -4 Year S, and mail to SHSSF, P.O. BOX 440275, Somerville, MA 02144.

We are also hoping that in the future we may be able to give more than one 4-year scholarship. We wish to thank all that have supported the foundation

in the past and please for the future of our children continue to support our yearly \$10,000 drawing.

TST: What is the origin of this foundation?

EB: The scholarship foundation was the idea of Somerville High School Former Head Master, Anthony Fedele. Tony is also no longer with us but we are sure that he is smiling down at us and saying "Job well done." Since Tony, our first president and to the present time with David Thorpe, serving now as our President we continue getting better with age.

Our foundation committee, past and present Presidents, Officers and Directors are all volunteers that have been giving their time, effort and money, working tirelessly for the past 30 years raising money to allow many of our high school students that live in Somerville to go on to higher learning.

TST: How does the foundation feel about the work it's done so far?

EB: I must say that each of us is pleased with what we have accomplished. I wish that I could list all of the so many former directors that joined the foundation from the very beginning that have taken the foundation to where we are today.

The foundation started out with just a few hundred dollars in contributions but due to the generosity of many former Somerville High School Alumni donating large sums of



Somerville Mayor Emeritus Eugene C. Brune.

money, along with the Alumni Associations making contributions at their reunions and the generosity of citizens writing the foundation into their will, we have received considerable sums of money.

Due to all of this along with a great economy, coupled with our foundation committee investment board working with our excellent investment officer, our investments have increased our balance line substantially.

The foundation is giving out over 50 scholarships each year, the majority being \$2,000 and the rest \$1,000, all totaling approximately \$100,000. The number of scholarships, along

with the dollar amount, is governed by the interest made on our investments.

TST: What is the process for choosing who will receive a scholarship?

EB: Choosing those to be awarded scholarships requires considerable time and effort and the members of that committee do an outstanding job. Due to the combined efforts of this scholarship foundation, more than one thousand Somerville High School students have received scholarships to help them achieve a better future. We thank all who have supported us in the past and we hope will continue to do so in the future.

City Council meets to address current issues

By Max Eidelman

The City Council met last Thursday for their regular meeting. One of the first topics addressed was a commendation for Donna Joy of the City's Personnel Department. Joy, after 34 years of service, is retiring. Ms. Joy briefly spoke, saying that it has been an honor to have worked for the city for such a lengthy period of time. As Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin said, "Every city employee, including us, has had to go through her at one point."

The Council also commended Daniel LeBlanc, who has led the city's Community Corporation for 20 years, on his retirement. According to the formal citation, the City Council's "affordable housing portfolio has increased tenfold" under LeBlanc's leadership.

Among the topics discussed was the continuation of options for remote-participation once in-person meetings resume. The Council recognized that there has been "major increase in participation through Covid" in city meetings, and the Councilors unanimously agreed to preserve this option.

As Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan said, having a remote option for participation is "imperative to having a robust and equitable conversation going forward." He stated that as the reopening process continues, it will be interesting to see what sectors preserve the remote option. For the industries whose employees who have been fortunate enough to keep their jobs and work safely from home, maintaining the option for remote participation seems the

sensible choice.

Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti summarized the High School Building Committee meeting that occurred March 15. Rossetti stated that the project is still in Phase 3, with asbestos-recovery underway. The completion date has been pushed out to May 2022.

Councilor At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah presented the city's newly appointed Director of Racial and Social Justice, Denise Molina Capers. Capers introduced herself, saying she is eager to work with the Council. As stated on the city's website, Capers' career has focused on supporting civil rights and equity, diversity and inclusion, and empowering others to advocate on the issues that matter most to them. Mbah noted that the creation of this role is a "testament to the city's con-



tinued commitment to dismantle systemic racism."

Various other matters were approved by the Council to be further discussed and explored in future meetings. Among these was a resolution introduced by Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo to implement a system for residents to be able to report hate crimes, should they unfortunately occur, via 311.

Another matter slated for fur-

ther discussion will feature the Director of Parks and Recreation, who is to speak with the Council's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy about the plan for reopening city parks and school playgrounds. As warmer weather and more readily available vaccines approach, such discussions were deemed prudent for the development of a safe return to outdoor activity.

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MAYOR

GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP
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 20, 2021** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8725760975606402064>

Webinar ID: 115-948-715

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: +1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 987-048-095

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)

HPC.ALT 2021.21 – 33 Warren Avenue
Applicant: 33 Warren Ave., LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Install new walkway and create new driveway

HPC.ALT 2021.17 – 64 Meacham Road
Applicant: Bridget Darling
Owner: Bridget Darling & Mary Margaret Darling
Exterior renovations

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

HPC.DMO 2021.10 – 25 Appleton Street
Applicant: Kwesi Acquah
Owner: 25 Appleton, LLC
Demolish all structures

HPC.DMO 2021.11 – 64 Medford Street
Applicant: P & P Realty Trust
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

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


HPC.DMO 2021.06 – 1 Washington Street
Applicant: Niranjan Gawli
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

HPC.DMO 2021.08 – 187 Central Street
Applicant: Nora, LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

HPC.DMO 2021.09 – 125 Highland Avenue
Applicant: Highand Masonic Temple Association, Co-Owner c/o Christopher Kenney
Owner: Barros Properties, LLC
Demolish principal structure

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4651534932822475278>
Webinar ID: 392-971-059

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8321
Access code: 616-077-759

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


255 Elm Street The Harvest Club proposes to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use in the Commercial Core district which requires a Special Permit.

240 Elm Street Sira Naturals, Inc. proposes to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use in the Mid-Rise 4 district which requires a Special Permit.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at
<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

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

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR WRITTEN QUOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 12, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for an Assembly Row Area All Forms Alcohol Restaurant, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors and Outdoors, Outdoor Seating on Private Property with Propane Heaters and Sunday Hours Licenses, for Parla Mystic Corporation d/b/a Parla XXI, 631 Assembly Row., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Christine Lindgren
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 12, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for an Enhancement Area Wine and Malt Restaurant, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors Only and Sunday Hours Licenses, for Koshari Mama, LLC d/b/a Koshari Mama, 583-585 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Christine Lindgren
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Attest: Lori Batzek
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City of Somerville
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021** at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7381844405939084046>
Webinar ID: 416-425-059

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221
Access code: 890-285-579

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

51 Central St Applicant, Fresh Start Contracting, proposes to modify the condition list of a previously issued Special Permit (ZBA 2017-36).

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at
<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED *DE MINIMIS* IMPACT DETERMINATION ON SECTION 4(F) RESOURCES – (ARTFARM)

PROJECT: 608605 – ADA Retrofits at Various Locations
CITY/TOWN: Somerville
PROPOSER: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

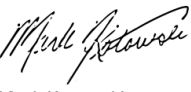
This notice will initiate review of the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures may be obtained from:

[Mark Kotowski](mailto:Mark.Kotowski@dot.state.ma.us)
10 Park Plaza, Room 4260
Boston, MA 02116
Mark.kotowski@dot.state.ma.us

The project, as designed, will require a permanent easement within the City of Somerville's Artfarm for the reconstruction of a concrete sidewalk and construction of an ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp. The property and its usage are held for protection as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.

This notice is being published in an effort to solicit public comments on the impacts this project will have on the referenced parcel. Given that the nature of impacts are associated with the enhancement of the sidewalk on the perimeter of the parcel, no recreational functions associated with the area will be impaired, as a result of the project.

MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed use of the concrete sidewalk reconstruction and wheelchair ramp construction meets the definition of *de minimis* (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A *de minimis* finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effect on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to Mark Kotowski via email at mark.kotowski@dot.state.ma.us, referencing the above referenced project within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.



Mark Kotowski
MassDOT Highway Division
Environmental Analyst – MEPA/NEPA Unit
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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 12, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for a Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices Licenses, for La Joie, LLC d/b/a Le Macaron, 411 Artisan Way., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Christine Lindgren
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Cities of Somerville and Revere announce COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Veterans, April 3

The City of Somerville Office of Veterans’ Services, in partnership with the Revere Office of Veterans’ Services and the VA Boston Healthcare System, have announced a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Veterans of all ages. The clinic will take place on Saturday, April 3, from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Beachmont Post 6712 located at 150 Bennington Street, Revere, MA 02151.

To be eligible, Veterans must be enrolled in the VA Healthcare. Veterans currently not enrolled can enroll by calling the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare at 877-222-8387, or they can enroll on-site the day of the vaccination clinic. There are no additional eligibility criteria. Vaccines will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis and no registration or sign-up is required.

“It was imperative that we create a multi-faceted strategy to reach the Veterans population by bringing vaccinations directly into impacted communities and offering an exclusive COVID-19 clinic for Veterans of all ages,” said Somerville Director of Veterans’ Services Ted Louis-Jacques. “This partnership is indicative of the fundamental changes that can happen when you provide access, break down barriers, and close equity gaps for the people who need it most.”

Marc Silvestri, Director of Veterans Services for the City of Revere, added, “I know firsthand how challenging the last year has been, but now with the vaccine, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I am proud to be working in collaboration with the VA Boston and VFW post 6712 in Beachmont to bring a vaccination clinic to Revere. We have been working diligently to make this happen, and it’s an honor to work together in vaccinating our Veterans. As leaders and trusted members of the community, we need to lead by example and get vaccinated. I am excited for April 3rd and hope to see you there!”

The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) vaccine will be offered at the clinic. Individuals who receive the Moderna vaccine will be scheduled to receive the second dose on May 1, 2021. A second dose is not needed for the Janssen vaccine.

For further details or questions, contact Ted Louis-Jacques, City of Somerville Director of Veterans’ Services at tjacques@somervillema.gov. The City of Somerville is also available to help those who face barriers to accessing vaccines including needing transportation or language assistance. If you are currently eligible to receive a vaccine and need help accessing the vaccine, please call 311 (617-666-3311).



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was a kid my grandmother would send me with a note to Tip Top to get cold cuts and you didn’t need money, they would just put you on the list. Then my grandmother would pay at the end of the week.”

I’d like to thank everyone that shared their memories with us.

A former neighborhood resident concludes: “I’ve gone through all the comments and have enjoyed them, and regret the loss to the community. There were so

many wonderful small businesses.” This story brought back memories of shopping with my mother. I recall the smell of fresh ground coffee in the Davis Square A&P. And I remember going in meat markets that had saw dust on the floor. Let’s support the small businesses of Somerville as we emerge from the pandemic and safely return to normal. Photos include a shot with Tip Top Market in background, and the corner of Walnut and Pearl St. today.



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of Somerville is moving forward with some additional modest business re-opening steps starting **Monday, April 5**. Somerville is still reopening at a more cautious pace than the state, remaining in a modified **Phase 3, Step 1** of the state’s reopening plan until further notice. Starting April 5, restaurants may stay open beyond 9:30 p.m. until their regularly permitted closing hours, but must remain at 25% indoor capacity. The city will work with recreation facilities to expand their operations in ways that are safe for each business. **The Somerville Museum** will be allowed to open, but must adhere to special event capacity caps in effect citywide of 10 persons indoors and 25 persons outdoors. The City of Somerville continues to monitor COVID case, vaccination, and other related data on a daily basis. As more people are vaccinated there is hope for further reopening in the near future, but guidance from public health experts does not support further openings at this time given the recent increase in case numbers across the state.

Massachusetts Military Support

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

Now that people are home more often than usual, don’t forget, if you would like to subscribe to receive a **digital edition** of our paper, go directly online to our website over to the right side and fill out your email address to receive a free, full PDF copy of the paper without the need for going out for a copy of the print edition.

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

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

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

If you or someone you know would pre-

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

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

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

Somerville Poetry Open 2021 launching on April 1

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write something for yourself. Help us record our feelings, our thoughts, our artistry, our city during this unique moment in our history. In short, write a poem.

Locally Made Poetry Videos

A who's who of local poets and artists give micro-lessons and talks on a variety of poetry topics, including free writing, hip-hop verse, slam poetry, choreo-poems, Spanish language poetry and more.

Videos will continue to be released throughout National Poetry Month, April 2021 on somervillepoetryopen.com, and will be presented with reading lists and activities.

Confirmed participants include:

- David Blair, published poet and educator.
- Alondra Bobadilla, Boston's first ever Youth Poet Laureate.
- Jef Czekaj, award-winning cartoonist, children's book author & illustrator, and musician.
- José Luis Falconi, published poet, Professor of Latin American Art at Brandeis University and President of Cultural Agent Inc.
- Tanya Larkin, award-winning poet and educator, Tufts University, editor at *Transition Magazine*.
- Danielle Legros Georges, award-winning writer, transla-

tor, academic, and Boston Poet Laureate, 2015-2019.

- Jill McDonough, award-winning poet, educator, MFA program at UMass-Boston.
- Cliff Notez, award-winning multi-digital media artist, musician, organizer and filmmaker, educator at Berklee College of Music.
- Porsha Olayiwola, writer, performer, educator, Individual World Poetry Slam Champion, current Boston Poet Laureate.
- Alli Ross, dance theater artist, choreographer, educator, Boston Conservatory.
- Lloyd Schwartz, award-winning poet, Pulitzer Prize winner for criticism, current Somerville Poet Laureate.
- Julia Story, award-winning published poet and former high school teacher.
- Gilmore Tamny, multidisciplinary artist and poet.

Please see participant bios at www.somervillepoetryopen.com.

Submit Your Poem: Somerville Poetry Book

The poetry book will be a collection of poems written by Somerville residents and students during the pandemic. Poems may be submitted for the collection via the website: somervillepoetryopen.com from April 1 to 23.

Poems will be judged by a

panel of local poetry experts. Winning submissions will appear in an online e-book and hard copy book, published in May 2021, and to be edited by children's book writer and editor Amy Maranville. All Somerville residents are encouraged to submit.

Pre-order your copy of the poetry book at somervillepoetryopen.com. All proceeds from book sales will benefit the Somerville High School PTSA Scholarship Fund, for graduating high school seniors. Published poets will receive a free copy of the book.

Somerville Poetry Open is presented by the Somerville Council of PTSAs, a non-profit organization representing the Parent Teacher Associations Somerville Public Schools: Somerville High School, Capuano Early Childhood Center, Arthur D. Healey School, Benjamin G. Brown School, East Somerville Community School, Albert F. Argenziano School, John F. Kennedy School, West Somerville Neighborhood School, Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

This program was made possible with support from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



Cliff Notez, award-winning multi-digital media artist, musician, organizer and filmmaker, educator Berklee College of Music, will be participating.

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| 1. April Fools Day Tsunami | 7. Lou Gehrig |
| 2. Mo Vaughn | 8. Base on balls |
| 3. Nelson Mandela | 9. Explosives |
| 4. 17 Minutes | 10. Chris Cornell |
| 5. The T-Birds | 11. The 20th Century |
| 6. Russia | 12. Arlington National Cemetery |

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- 1880 – The first electric street lights ever installed by a municipality are turned on in Wabash, Indiana.
- 1889 – The Eiffel Tower in Paris officially opens on the Left Bank as part of the Exhibition of 1889.
- 1916 – Gen. John Pershing and his army rout Pancho Villa's army in Mexico.
- 1918 – Daylight Savings Time goes into effect throughout the United States for the first time.
- 1933 – To relieve rampant unemployment, Congress authorizes the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- 1966 – An estimated 200,000 anti-war demonstrators march in New York City.
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Wednesday, March 31					
12:00am	Free Speech TV	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	NASA TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie
9:00am	DW Global 3000	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony	3:00pm	MA House of Representatives Formal Session
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:30am	From My Heart to Yours	10:30pm	The World Fusion Show	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night	5:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	Friday, April 2		6:00pm	Somerville Pundits
1:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:30pm	The Somerville Labor Show
2:00pm	Colores Latinos	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	BLOWW Show a Go Go
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:00pm	DW Conflict Zone	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	#AFAD
4:30pm	Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library	6:00am	NASA TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show
5:30pm	From My Heart to Yours	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	DW Euromaxx	11:30pm	Queer Cats
6:30pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:30am	Strata	Sunday, April 4	
7:00pm	"The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP	10:00am	NASA TV	12:00am	Flotilla
7:30pm	Sidewalks Entertainment	11:00am	SOM ARTS	1:00am	NASA TV
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	11:30am	Cambridge Calendar	1:30am	NASA TV
8:30pm	DW Euromaxx	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	NASA TV
9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement	3:00am	Free Speech TV
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley
11:00pm	Flotilla	2:30pm	Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library	8:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes
Thursday, April 1		3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Effort Pour Christ
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	4:00pm	Gay USA	9:00am	NASA TV
1:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	DW Global 3000	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
1:30am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	House of Representatives Formal Session
2:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Grandstanders	12:00pm	Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Emergency Preparedness	1:00pm	SOM ARTS
6:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley	7:30pm	The Somerville Labor Show	1:30pm	SNN Neighborhood Update
7:00am	DW Conflict Zone	8:00pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Chico and B-Man
7:30am	DW Euromaxx	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	3:00pm	African Television Network
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Fur, Fins and Feathers	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	Gay USA
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	11:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show	6:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects
10:00am	The Chef's Table Series	Saturday, April 3		6:30pm	DW Tomorrow Today
10:30am	The Chef's Table Series	12:00am	VOX POP Comedy Night	7:00pm	Emergency Preparedness
11:00am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals	1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
11:30am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals	2:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Tele Magazine
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	5:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	TUTV
1:30pm	The Somerville Line	6:00am	DW Focus on Europe	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
		7:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Monday, April 5	
				12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
				5:00am	Free Speech TV
				6:00am	NASA TV
				7:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				8:00am	Science 360
				9:00am	Dead Air Live
				10:00am	TeleGalaxie
				11:00am	Somerville Storytellers
				12:00pm	Going Postal
				1:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				2:00pm	Science 360
				3:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
				4:00pm	Our View
				5:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
				6:00pm	SOM ARTS
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				11:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
				12:00pm	LIVE from VOX POP
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				2:00pm	Tele Galaxie
				3:00pm	LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
				4:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
				5:00pm	Colores Latinos
				6:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
				7:00am	Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
				8:00am	NASA TV
				9:00am	NASA TV
				10:00am	Democracy Now!
				11:00am	The Chef's Table Series
				12:00am	Strata
				1:00pm	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
				2:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
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				5:00pm	Democracy Now!
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				12:00pm	The Somerville Labor Show
				1:00pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
				2:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
				3:00pm	The World Fusion Show
				4:00pm	Totally Working Out
				5:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
				6:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, March 31					
6:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four	8:22pm	SPL Cooking 12 - Lemon Squares	5:00pm	Land Use Meeting 3.16.21
7:00am	Climate Forward Webinar	8:30pm	Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address	6:40pm	In the Principal's Office: WSNS
8:30am	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin	9:15pm	Public Utilities & Public Works 3.30.21	7:00pm	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
9:00am	Civilian Oversight Community Meeting	Friday, April 2		7:30pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
10:00am	Somerville COVID-19 Social Services	12:00am	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services	8:00pm	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
10:30am	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	12:30am	City Council Meeting 3.25.21	8:55pm	Hope, Caution, Reflection
11:00am	Fit 4 Life #6	6:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four	9:00pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
11:30am	School Committee Meeting 3.22.21	6:45am	SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake	10:16pm	SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
12:20pm	SPL Cooking 14 - Sesame Peanut Noodles	7:00am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021	10:30pm	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
2:30pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	8:00am	Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address	11:15pm	Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking
3:00pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott	8:40am	In the Principal's Office: WSNS	11:30pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #5	8:55am	Hope, Caution, Reflection	Sunday, April 4	
5:00pm	Climate Forward Webinar	9:00am	Somerville COVID-19 Social Services	12:00am	City Council Meeting 3.25.21
6:30pm	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin	9:30am	Somerville COVID-19 Vaccine Update	6:00am	Raising Families
7:00pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott	10:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three	6:30am	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
7:30pm	SomerVIVA Español	11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
8:00pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	11:30am	School Committee Meeting 3.22.21	8:00am	Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
8:30pm	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021	2:30pm	Vacuna Contra el COVID-19	8:45am	In the Principal's Office: WSNS
9:30pm	Vacina Contra o COVID	3:01pm	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021	9:00am	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
9:45pm	SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #4	9:30am	Vacuna Contra el COVID-19
10:00pm	Public Utilities & Public Works 3.30.21	4:30pm	Vacina Contra o COVID	10:01am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
Thursday, April 1		4:45pm	Hope, Caution, Reflection	11:00am	Fit 4 Life #6
12:00am	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	5:00pm	Civilian Oversight Community Meeting	11:30am	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
12:30am	MLK Virtual Celebration 2021	6:00pm	SomerViva	12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
1:20am	Hope, Caution, Reflection	6:30pm	SomerVIVA Español	12:30pm	Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
1:30am	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação	7:00pm	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação	1:04pm	Climate Forward Webinar
2:30am	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	7:45pm	SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake	2:30pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
6:00am	Climate Forward Webinar	8:00pm	Legislative Matters 4.1.21	3:00pm	Somerville COVID-19 Social Services
7:05am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021	11:00pm	Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address	3:20pm	Hope, Caution, Reflection
8:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three	Saturday, April 3		4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
8:45am	SPD Ride Along	12:00am	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott	4:30pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
9:00am	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott	12:30am	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	5:00pm	Climate Forward Webinar
9:30am	In the Principal's Office: WSNS	1:00am	Land Use Meeting 3.16.21	6:30pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott
10:00am	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação	2:40am	Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking	7:00pm	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
11:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three	3:00am	Vacuna Contra el COVID-19	7:30pm	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin
12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services	6:30am	Raising Families	8:00pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
12:30pm	Land Use Meeting 3.16.21	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two	8:20pm	Hope, Caution, Reflection
2:10pm	Central Hill Playground Groundbreaking	7:55am	Hope, Caution, Reflection	8:30pm	Somerville COVID-19 Social Services
3:00pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	8:00am	Civilian Oversight Community Meeting	9:00pm	School Committee Meeting 3.22.21
3:30pm	City Council Spotlight - JT Scott	8:40am	In the Principal's Office: WSNS	11:50pm	Hope, Caution, Reflection
4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #4	8:52am	SPL Cooking 06 - Baked Mac and Cheese	Monday, April 5	
4:30pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	9:00am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021	12:00am	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services
6:00pm	School Committee Update: Ilana Krepchin	10:00am	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação	12:30am	Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
6:30pm	Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021	11:00am	Fit 4 Life #6	1:04am	Climate Forward Webinar
7:00pm	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services	11:30am	Senior Circuit: Prevention Services	2:30am	SomerViva
7:30pm	Civilian Oversight Community Meeting	12:00pm	Mable & Jerry - Senior Story	3:00am	In the Principal's Office: WSNS
8:10pm	In the Principal's Office: WSNS	12:35pm	Legislative Matters 4.1.21	6:00am	Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
		4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #5	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
				7:00am	Highlander History - Melillo & Che
				4:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21
				6:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21
				8:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
				9:30pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
				11:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21
				Sunday, April 4	
				12:30am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21
				2:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
				4:00am	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
				7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
				8:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
				9:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21
				12:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21
				1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21
				3:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
				4:30pm	Highlander History - Melillo & Che
				5:01pm	School Committee Update - Ilana Krepchin
				6:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
				7:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21
				10:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21
				11:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21
				Monday, April 5	
				1:00am	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
				2:07am	Highlander History - KGarrity & KEduoard
				7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice I
				8:00am	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
				10:00am	SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21
				12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21
				2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21
				4:00pm	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II
				8:00am	Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
				10:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
				11:30am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
				1:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21
				3:00pm	Highlander History - KGarrity & KEduoard
				3:30pm	Highlander History - Palmer & DeBona
				4:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
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				10:30pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, March 31			Friday, April 2			Sunday, April 4			Tuesday, April 6		
7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II	7:30pm	School Committee Mtg 3.22.21	3:28pm	Highlander History - Melillo & Che	7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice I	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21	7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II
7:55am	Somerville Vaccine Update 03.26	10:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	4:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	7:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	2:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	8:00am	Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara
8:00am	COVID Social Services Situational Update			6:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21	8:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	2:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	10:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
8:30am	SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake			8:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	9:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II	11:30am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
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10:30am	Highlander History - Palmer & DeBona			11:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21	8:00am	Highlander History - KGarity & KEduoard	3:00pm	Highlander History - Palmer & DeBona
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1:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21					4:30pm	Highlander History - Melillo & Che	6:00pm	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II	6:00pm	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II
2:30pm	COVID Social Services Situational Update					5:01pm	School Committee Update - Ilana Krepchin	7:00pm	Let's Talk About a Poem - F. O'Hara	9:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21
3:00pm	Let's Talk About a Poem - W. Stevens					6:00pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	10:30pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	10:30pm	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford 3.24.21
5:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21					7:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21				
7:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney LIVE					10:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21				
9:55pm	Somerville Vaccine Update 03.26					11:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere 4.1.21				
10:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21										
Thursday, April 1			Saturday, April 3			Monday, April 5					
12:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21	1:00am	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21						
1:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21	1:30am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21	2:07am	Highlander History - KGarity & KEduoard						
7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I	3:00am	Public Domain Theater								
8:00am	School Committee Mtg 3.22.21	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II								
11:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball GBL Tourney 3.31.21	8:00am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21								
1:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn English 3.19.21	9:30am	SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Malden 4.1.21								
2:30pm	Highlander History - Melillo & Che	11:00am	SHS Girls Basketball @ Everett 3.31.21								
3:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere - LIVE	12:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett 3.26.21								
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

A Brief Brush with Somerville painter Adam Adkison

I was fortunate to catch up with Somerville painter Adam Adkison. Originally from the hinterlands of Wyoming, he has found a home in our rich creative hub. From his website:

"Adam Adkison has been drawing and painting for as long as he can remember. One of his first memories was as a 7-year-old, digging through crayons or oil pastels from large cabinet drawers at the front of the class, breathing in the heady scent of wax."

"Raised in a coal mining town in Wyoming, Adam grew up surrounded the austere beauty of the area. Inspirational places like Adobetown, Castle Rock, and Boar's Tusk were all within a short distance."

"Adam's work has been called a mixture of realism and impressionism. He tends to steer his work away from feeling like a photograph, preferring to keep brushstrokes visible. He is attracted towards scenes of quiet beauty, finding peace and comfort in them. He works from real life as much as possible, finding that it gives the work more depth and vibrancy."

Doug Holder: You were raised in a coal mining town in Wyoming. Now, you are an artist living in Somerville. How has the city been for your creative life?

Adam Adkison: Coming from a state where there's about 10 people per square mile to one of the most densely populated cities in the country was a bit of a shock, as you can imagine. It's been nothing but good here though, with the Somerville Arts Council, with Open Studios, with Mass Art, the Academy of Realist Art, so many wonderful opportunities to learn and meet some great people.

For me, one of the best events for art has been the Cape Ann Plein Air competition, held every October, although last year was virtual due to the pandemic, of course. But, there's an event called the quick draw where you get two hours to paint. You pick your spot in a designated location, and with a hundred or so of your new best friends, you summon all your skills and paint your little heart out. Some of the best plein air artists in the region are there, and it's a delight to be around them while they create these beautiful paintings.

DH: You have been described as both a realist and an impressionist painter. Impressionism is all about light and its transience. How does this play out in your work?

AA: Well, I could get into the technical jargon, talking about lost and found edges and compositional flow, but in the end it's how I want the viewer to experience the painting. I'm not interested in painting every leaf on the tree, that sounds tedious and dreadfully dull. My goal with a painting is to let the eye move around the canvas in a harmonious way, giving areas of rest for the eye, then areas of rich color and detail to savor. That's my goal anyway.

DH: You are also a realist painter. How do you define that? Do you ever veer to abstraction?

AA: So, it's interesting you ask that. I see every painting I do as an abstract painting at its core, because what is abstract work other than large shapes of color? There's a wonderful article online about the painter Mondrian, where he paints a tree relatively realistic, early on. As he progresses in his career he breaks it down into simpler and simpler shapes.

When I start a painting that's what I see, are the large shapes of my subject. The barn isn't windows, doors and a weathervane, just a red block to start. After I get the blueprint down then the details come in.



DH: What do your subjects tend to be?

AA: It really depends on the season. From spring to fall I like to be outdoors. The Arboretum offers an endless supply of inspiration for me, so many hidden spots. I love older architecture, something this area is rich in. Figurative and portrait work is another area I keep returning to. The human face is a wonderful challenge, our brain can unconsciously tell if a portrait looks like the person or not.

In the winter I turn to still life, antiques, flowers, pottery, fruit, self portraits, anything I can work from real life. That's the thing about being an artist, you get to spend hours studying cool things.

DH: Where did you train? Any major influences to speak of?

AA: While getting my accounting degree, I took every art course I could. Drawing, painting, pastel, whatever was offered. When I moved out here I started taking workshops and classes. The amazing watercolorist Wendy Artin (whose show just ended at the Gurari gallery) was an excellent teacher and I'm constantly inspired by her work.

Going through the MFA, it's hard not to be inspired by the Sargents, the Monets, the beautiful Rembrandt paintings we have here. There is one painting at the Harvard art museum of Rembrandt's, an old man, that is so rich in character and emotion I get speechless thinking about it, there are no words.

DH: One of your paintings I noticed was a painting of Central Square, Cambridge. It seemed like a dreamscape, a misty memory. How do you achieve this affect?

AA: I really wanted to give that rainy, misty day feel and watercolors are perfectly suited for this type of painting. Wetting the canvas, letting the color disperse, it's a bit up to the canvas what happens, but that's the magic of it and where the fun is, really.

DH: How has the Pandemic affected you and your work?

AA: Good question. Obviously, I haven't done as much work outdoors. I'd say there's been more introspection, my paintings have been a little quieter, a little calmer. There's been some teaching gigs that have fallen through. I was supposed to be over in Morocco next month teaching a 9-day watercolor course which of course didn't happen. But it is what it is, grateful for the vaccines and to everyone who wear masks and social distance to keep others safe, along with the frontline workers.

DH: What is in the works now?

AA: Getting ready for more outdoor painting! Priming canvases, making sure all my gear is in check. I went out for the first time last week, and it was embarrassing how rusty I was, so getting everything running smoothly again is the key right now.

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"My name is Katherine Turner and am a senior at Endicott College. I'm a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. I plan to further pursue an education at Suffolk University for an advanced degree, and hopefully realize a career in data analytics. I live in a small town of Wrentham, MA, and I am a huge New England sports fan!"



Definitions of Poetry Poem

Poetry is driving before the sun sets with just enough light to see the road when the sky is warm, and life feels calm

Poetry is making somebody laugh over a silly remark and capturing the moment like a photograph in your mind

Poetry is taking an elevator up to the rooftop with a champagne glass in hand ready to see the view

Poetry is getting a drink spilled on your favorite shirt by a guy you wouldn't mind getting to know

Poetry is hugging your parents feeling the weight fall off your shoulders because you know you are home

Poetry is the warm taste of your hot chocolate during the first snowfall of winter

Poetry is celebrating in silence, watching a father dancing with the bride in the center of a ballroom

Poetry is being able to turn off the alarm and get the extra sleep you've been longing for

Poetry is a pat on the back from the coach who never gives praise

Poetry is a rainbow that still leaves people in awe like it's the first one they have ever seen

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