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After a long time coming, the City of Somerville has established a citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

By The Times Staff

On Tuesday, April 11, the City of Somerville announced that it has adopted a plan for a bicycle network. A public statement was released stating the following:

After more than a year of engagement, research, and analysis, the City of Somerville has released Somerville's first-ever citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

The Plan documents Somerville's community-based vision for an 88-mile network of connected streets and paths where people of all ages and abilities will be able to bike safely and comfortably. Compared to the fragmented 30-mile network that exists today, the Bicycle Network Plan envisions a future with vastly more biking

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First Look Exhibit to kick off Somerville Open Studios

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Somerville Open Studio (SOS) is a local annual event where artists from the local area open their studios and workplaces to the public. Considered the largest open studio event in all of New England this year's edition is just around the corner.

But, before the studios open between May 6 and 7, the Somerville Museum in conjunction with Somerville Open Studios is hosting a First Look Exhibit. The exhibit, which runs from April 21 to May 13 is a way for people to get a first look at the various artist's works.

Alison Drasner, Assistant Director of the Somerville Museum has been a part of the museum for the last five years. For her, working with Somerville Open Studios has been a productive

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"giove e saturno" by Courtney Chelo, one of the many artists to be featured at this year's Somerville Open Studios event.

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Somerville Public Schools, and Somerville’s early childhood community invite parents, children and educators to enjoy music, pizza, and games at the **One Somerville, Every Child** celebration on **Wednesday, April 12** on the Somerville High School concourse (81 Highland Ave.) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Help celebrate **Paul Revere’s famous ride from Boston to Lexington** and **Somerville’s revolutionary history** by volunteering to be a part of **Somerville’s Patriot’s Day festivities**. The city is seeking volunteers to help publicize and support activities at the **Colonial Fair** on **Monday, April 17**, at **Foss Park**, which follows a reenactment of Revere’s ride. Both adults and Somerville students are welcome to sign up. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Historic Events and Education Coordinator Brandon Wilson** via bwilson@somervillema.gov or 617-776-3938.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: A big happy birthday to **Mayor Katjana Ballantyne**. We hope she has enjoys her day. Happy birthday to **Jesse Moos**, we hope he has a great day. We wish a happy birthday to all of our Facebook friends such as **Patricia Garrity, Warren Goldstein-Gelb, Carmen Dolores Ferreira, Mark Hnl Kaye, Eileen Langille, Karen Muti Standel, Missy JT and Jaqueline Meneguel**, who are all celebrating this week. To all the others we may have missed and, yes, we must *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of April 5 – April 11 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday <i>April 12</i>	Partly Cloudy	71°/52°	2%	0%	NW 14 mph
Thursday <i>April 13</i>	Sunny	79°/60°	4%	2%	W 12 mph
Friday <i>April 14</i>	Sunny	81°/54°	3%	1%	W 8 mph
Saturday <i>April 15</i>	Cloudy	68°/54°	10%	7%	NE 11 mph
Sunday <i>April 16</i>	Rain	63°/50°	40%	36%	E 12 mph
Monday <i>April 17</i>	Rain	63°/47°	36%	31%	SW 14 mph
Tuesday <i>April 18</i>	Rain	57°/45°	34%	26%	WNW 13 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: City holds Community Safety Meeting addressing concerns over gunfire incidents

matt c says:

Is it members of the public that want more cops in schools or is it parents ? This is an important distinction.

Response to: Hump Day

matt c says:

Too bad we don’t have speeding cameras to enforce speed limits... I live on a narrow one-way street where parents won’t allow their young children to play outside in front of their homes because of speeding cars. Plus decide our priority, putting the safety of adults and children who are not in cars at risk or enabling often distract a drivers to get where they’re going two or three minutes sooner.

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Parenting groups

Are you or is anyone you know interested in talking with other parents about parenting? Two moderated groups meet weekly at the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative to do just that. On Thursdays from 1:00-2:30p.m., parents are invited to meet up with families of babies birth to 15 months at the Edgerly Building, 8 Bonair Street.

Parents of children birth to 10 years are invited to meet up virtually from 4:00–5:30p.m. every Thursday. Find out more and register at the SFLC Playgroups and Parent Support webpage.

Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

A look back



This story was part of one that I did a few years ago.

As you all may know by now, I love reminiscing about Somerville in the old days, especially with my Facebook friends.

Not the 1900's, but the 1960's through the 1980's. The dates may not all be correct but that's what comes with the aging process – a process I love as long as it continues for as long as humanly and coherently possible.

Today I am going to spend a fictitious day traveling through the Somerville of my youth. Again, chronologically I may be off, but in my mind, there are no dates, just memories. I can't help but once again go back for a visit to my favorite long gone spots. Are you with me?

My day starts off with a hankering for a submarine sandwich. Where should I go? My two favorites are Bella Meos, in Powder House Square and Todì's (pronounced

Toddies) in Ball Square.

At Todì's you get to listen to the fast paced, quick witted wise cracks of Todì himself. That is like dinner and a show! Or maybe I should pop in Harold's Luncheonette at the corner of Rogers and Broadway. There's a show going on there also. The Anna show! I always get a warning when I go in there because I travel with a pack of St. Clements hooligans. But Butch keeps us in line. They have a wicked cool jukebox and a killer BLT.

Then maybe I'll head up to Teele Square to Duke's 5 & 10, and then Steen's Bakery for some great bread. Almost forgot to pick up that prescription for dad at Fur-bush and Shute Drugstore.

In the winter we have to hit Harold's for hot chocolate after freezing our butts off skating on the frozen over Trum Field. After all, Dunkin' Donuts isn't in Magoun Square yet.

Davis Square has tons of restaurants that cater to just about every taste, style, and preference. Back in the day my favorite was The Venice Cafe,

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

The judge will let him back in

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts on Broadway last Thursday morning on reports of an unwanted, apparently unwanted inebriated man inside the store refusing to leave.

Upon arrival, the officers were met inside by the reporting party and store manager. As soon as the manager started to explain to them what was taking place, a man, later identified as Leodan

Salmeron-Molina, reportedly walked over and started to yell at the manager in an apparent attempt to prevent her from speaking to the officers.

Salmeron-Molina was immediately escorted outside and it was explained to him that if the Dunkin' Donuts staff asked him to leave because of his disruptive behavior, he had to leave. However, Salmeron-Molina was reportedly very agitated and refused to

let the officer speak further.

The officer was able to explain to Salmeron-Molina that he was trespassing from the store and if he was to return inside, he would be subject to arrest, to which he reportedly replied, "I will go back inside." The officer repeated numerous times the consequences of going back inside.

As soon as the officers left, Salmeron-Molina went back inside the store, prompting the

manager to run to the police cruiser as they were driving around the block back into the parking lot of the Dunkin' Donuts.

Once the officers arrived back at the store, Salmeron-Molina reportedly started to walk outside. Once he was outside, the officers attempted to place him under arrest, but he refused to turn around and a brief struggle took place.

Salmeron-Molina was taken to

the ground and the officers asked him to put his hands behind his back, at which time he complied.

Salmeron-Molina was placed under arrest on charges of trespassing, resisting arrest, and witness intimidation.

Once the transport vehicle arrived, Salmeron-Molina reportedly stated to the officers that the judge was going to let him go and he was going to go back inside the store.

Somerville publishes city's first bicycle network plan CONT. FROM PG 1

infrastructure and better connectivity so that residents, workers, and visitors can bike to schools, parks, jobs, businesses, and other key destinations in Somerville and across the region. Somerville joins Cambridge as the only municipalities in Massachusetts to establish a citywide bicycle network plan.

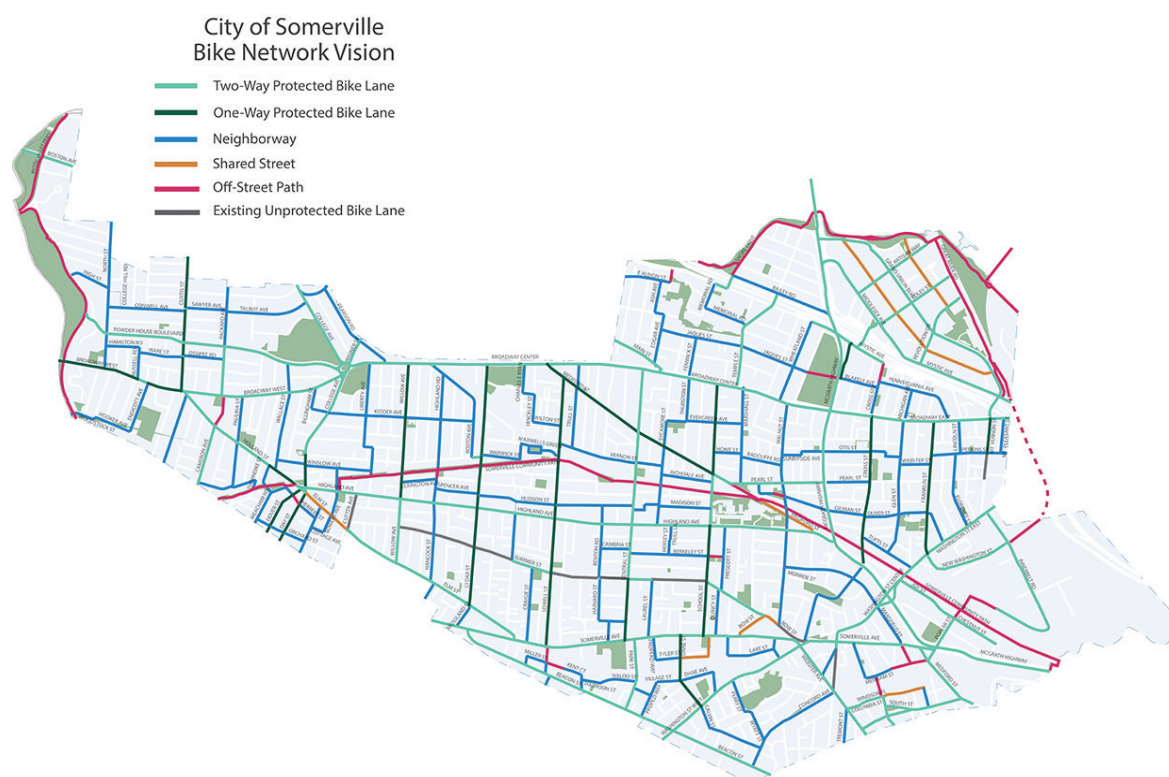
"It's imperative that we lay the groundwork now to create a safe, sustainable future for transit in Somerville," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "Our residents want city government to act with urgency to save lives on our streets, to reduce carbon emissions, and to create more freedom and choice in how we get around. The Bicycle Network Plan establishes our path forward to do just that. I'm grateful to the more than 1,000 community members who helped shape this vision for Somerville's future. I continue to direct City agencies to work together to implement the Plan in a transparent manner consistent with public input."

The Bicycle Network Plan identifies a high-priority 40-mile network of bike facilities to be installed by 2030, with the full 88-mile network forecasted to be installed within 20 years. The network includes a mix of protected bike facilities, off-street

paths, and traffic-calmed backstreet "Neighborways" routes. The Plan designates some type of bikeway on 54% of Somerville's streets. The city will continue to hold public engagement processes before installing any facilities identified in the Plan. The city expects to evaluate the Plan every 5 years.

"In recent years, Somerville has made important progress in creating streets that are safe and inviting for people riding bikes," said Mayor Ballantyne. "Even so, I often hear from constituents who are eager to bike more but are deterred by safety concerns. As a long-time bike rider myself, I understand those concerns first-hand. We need to expand and improve our infrastructure so that biking is a safe, convenient option for traveling from one place to another. Our new Bicycle Network Plan will help the city move even faster to keep people safe on our streets."

Somerville's Bicycle Network Plan was produced through extensive community engagement, with a focus on reaching groups historically excluded from planning processes. City staff held community meetings and mapping workshops, hosted pop-up events in parks and schoolyards, conducted public surveys in



multiple languages, offered community bike rides, and made presentations to the Somerville City Council. A draft of the Plan was published in December 2022 and revised based on public comment. The priorities expressed by the community, as well as those established in the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, Somerville Climate Forward climate action plan, and SomerVision comprehensive plan, guided the development of the Bicycle Network Plan.

"The Somerville community has long called to be the most

walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented city in the country, and establishing Somerville's first Bicycle Network Plan is crucial to making that commitment a reality," said Somerville Mobility Director Brad Rawson. "A well-connected bike network will encourage ridership and expand equitable access to transit. With our vision clarified, we can accelerate our work with the community to create safer streets in Somerville."

The Bicycle Network Plan will be a key resource for both the city and the Somerville commu-

nity. Documenting the future bike network will create predictability for residents and workers and help them anticipate changes to streets across the city. The Plan will also help guide public and private investment street by street, and it forecasts the financial resources needed to plow snow and perform other crucial maintenance activities as the bicycle network grows.

To read the Bicycle Network Plan, learn about its development, and stay informed about implementation, go to somervillema.gov/bikenetwork.

Public Health and Safety Commission discusses Covid-19 status, homelessness, and record keeping

By Ana Celerier

The Public Health and Safety Commission of Somerville met on Tuesday, April 4, to discuss the ending of the federal Covid-19 public health emergency, updates on the efforts to provide shelter to unhoused individuals during the harsh winter months, and discuss record keeping with the Somerville Fire Department.

The ending of the federal Covid-19 public health emergency status has impacted many nationwide. In many cases, it has

removed covid era restrictions entirely and ended the national emergency support. The Public Health and Safety Commission discussed the impact this would have on the city's residents regarding access to testing, vaccines, and other covid support resources.

During the meeting, the Commission also spoke with the Director of Health and Human Services to receive an update on the efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell. Last year the Somerville Homeless

Coalition served an estimated 7,000 individuals. Members of the leadership team, Michael Libby and Hannah O'Halloran, said at a presentation two months ago that the organization focuses on getting unhoused individuals long-term needs through their programs.

They help these individuals transition into new homes and help support them through rebuilding their life. Libby and O'Halloran also commented on the warming centers stating that volunteers are critical to making

warming centers become a reality because without them there is a lack of staffing resources due to being spread out throughout the different programs offered.

The last discussion point on the agenda was the discussion of record keeping for the Somerville Fire Department in coordination with the director of housing stability. The council discussed with them collaboratively the feasibility of conducting annual reporting on the following matters; the number of fires, the causes of those fires, the numbers dis-



The recent ending of the federal Covid-19 public health emergency was among the topics addressed by the Somerville Public Health and Safety Commission at their April 4 meeting.

placed by each fire, and if those displaced were able to relocate within Somerville or not.

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Somerville through the eyes of Denise



A day in the life of an urban magnolia tree. — Photo by Denise Provost

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Paul Revere rides again from Lexington to Boston, through Somerville!

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Somerville School Committee selects Dr. Rubén Carmona as next Superintendent of Schools

Following a months-long search process, at their meeting on Monday, April 10th, the Somerville School Committee selected Dr. Rubén Carmona to serve as the next Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools. Dr. Carmona was one of four finalists who participated in site visits and public interviews during the week of March 27.

"I'm honored to welcome Dr. Carmona to the Somerville Public Schools. Dr. Carmona's commitment to instruction, equity, and instructional excellence shown through in his interviews and site visits to our district. I truly believe that Dr. Carmona has the potential to be a transformative leader, and a leader that will fit very well within our diverse urban school community," said School Committee Chair, Andre Green. "I want to thank all of the candidates who worked with us

over these last few months. We had a hard choice before us but I know Dr. Carmona is the right choice in this moment for our entire district. Congratulations and welcome to the team."

"I am privileged to lead the work at the Somerville Public Schools am grateful for this opportunity. I am excited to learn from and listen to all of the stakeholders in Somerville to best support all learning in the community," said Dr. Carmona. "Somerville's commitment to addressing academic inequities, academic excellence, and to supporting students through the whole child approach is important to the way I also approach the job, and I am excited to begin my tenure in the Somerville Public Schools."

Dr. Carmona currently serves as Executive Director of Family, Community and Employee En-

agement in the Salem Public Schools. Previously he was the Regional Recovery Academic Director in Boston, and a Principal in Salem and Lowell. Dr. Carmona has 15 years of teaching experience working in Bilingual Education and dual language programs. He obtained his undergraduate training in Modern Languages/Linguistics at the Universidad del Valle-Cali in Colombia before obtaining Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Educational Leadership at Salem State College. In 2012 he obtained his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at Boston College.

Dr. Carmona will assume the Superintendent role in Somerville as of July 1, 2023, following formal negotiations with the School Committee.

Current Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeff Curley,

will depart the Somerville Public Schools district in July after more than six years in Central Administration, including Chief of Staff to former Superintendent Mary Skipper. Dr. Curley will support the incoming Superintendent as needed through the summer transition.

"Alongside my colleagues on the School Committee, I want to be the first to formally welcome Dr. Carmona to the Somerville Public Schools," Dr. Curley said. "Dr. Carmona will be joining a stellar team of educators, administrators and staff, and over all school community. We are all excited to welcome you to our district, and will be ready and eager to get right to work with you on day one to ensure a smooth transition in July. Thank you to everyone in the SPS community who lent your time and energy to this process. We are fortunate



Somerville's new Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rubén Carmona.

to have great educators and a very involved community here in Somerville. It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside you, and I know Dr. Carmona will have a seamless transition into his new role because of the work each of you do every day."

The search for a new Superintendent of Schools *Continued on page 10*

Somerville workers and small employers invited to employment-based residency info session

The City of Somerville and Pathways for Immigrant Workers will host a free immigration legal information session for small employers and lower-wage workers on Wednesday, April 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School Cafeteria located at 50 Cross St.

The information session will share how small employers can sponsor lower-wage workers for employment-based permanent residency. Employers and workers will be invited to schedule an individual assessment with Pathways for Immigrant Workers to determine eligibility to receive pro-bono legal representation for qualifying workers.

To find out more, and register in advance, email info@myimmigrantpathway.org. Registration is not required to attend the workshop, and walk-ins are welcome.

Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be available and additional languages may be requested by emailing somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.

Pathways for Immigrant Workers is a Cambridge-based non-profit legal organization that assists lower-waged workers and small employers with employer-sponsored green card applications. The organization provides pro-bono legal representation to eligible small businesses who otherwise would not have the means to obtain legal representation to sponsor their employees.

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I'm pretty sure it's where Orleans is now (unless Orleans is gone and another restaurant snuck in without me knowing) I have mentioned The Venice many times in this column. Maybe it's because I never want its memory to fade away.

Shall we will stop by Joe's Spa on Bow Street or Izzy's on the corner of School Street? You never know who you will bump into in there. I wonder if he is any relation to Joe Izzy down on

Glen Street?

I want to check out the newest 45 records at Bernie's in Porter Square. I also need a few of those little plastic things to put in the holes. I'm pretty sure Bernie's brother runs the record shop in Davis Square. Are there any new guitars in Butler's Music Store? I'm saving up for a new one!

I hate waiting in lines, except at Steve's Ice Cream in Davis. That was before frozen yogurt and fat free this and that. If

we gained weight we waddled down to Bradlees. I feel like one of those pickles in the big barrel at DiNitto's Market on the corner of Somerville Avenue and Merriam Street.

I am heading back home which means I will be walking through Davis Square. I have a choice of places to eat supper at. There's Frascatis, Speedy Pizza, Ming Toy, The Waldorf, or The Pine Tree Diner.

I have said it before and I will

say it again. I still picture the old stores exactly where they used to be. I still think of myself as a 15-year-old, full of energy and adventure.

My nuttiest stunt was performed in Davis Square on a stingray bike. I drove my bike in the front door of Woolworth's. I then sped through the aisles, dodging customers and clerks. I bounced down the small stairs near the pet section, and exited out the rear door on Herbert

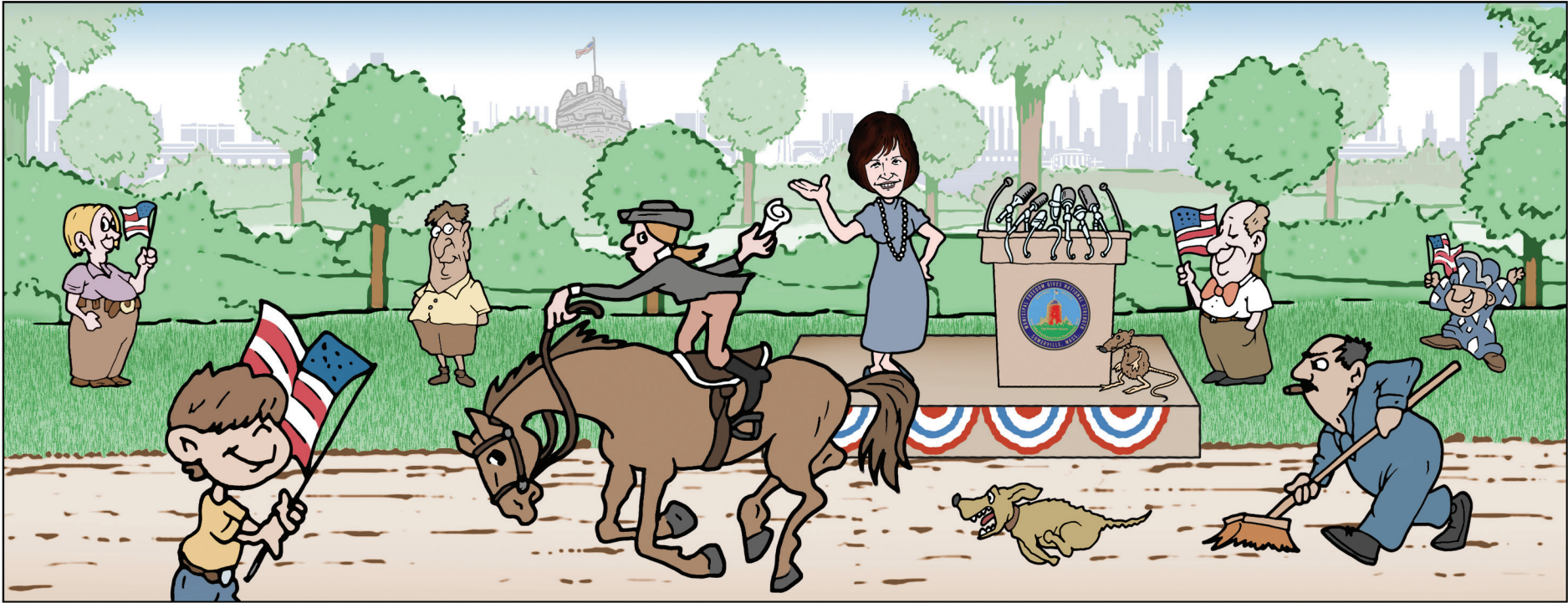
Street. My friends thought I was quite the man. I'll never forget the look on Mary's face. You remember her, don't you? She had jet black hair and bright red lipstick and worked there for as long as it was open. I later worked at "Woolies" in the stockroom and behind the luncheonette counter.

Somerville keeps changing and getting better. For me, I enjoy the updates, but still dwell in the past, with a smile and a chuckle.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Patriot's Day is just around the corner!

Our View Of The Times



It's not just another three-day weekend, folks. It's a huge part of our national – and regional – heritage.

Patriot's Day was established over 100 years ago to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. Re-enactments are staged and speeches are given, and a generally festive air of patriotic zeal pervades.

It is also the day when the Boston Marathon is run. Almost as venerable as the holiday itself, for many the event is a symbol of the resilience of the American spirit.

It's also just a nice time to get outdoors and enjoy some of the fine early spring atmosphere. After the tough winter we all went through, an opportunity to drink in the warmth and regenerative power of the

season is more than welcome.

So be sure to give some consideration to what the occasion is all about, and maybe join in the festivities at Foss Park on Monday morning. We can't guarantee it, but we'd bet dollars to teabags that a warm tingle of patriotic exuberance may wash over you. Especially if you willingly give yourself over to the moment.

And remember, the city is looking for

volunteers to help present the celebration. Both adults and Somerville students are welcome to sign up. You can contact Historic Events and Education Coordinator Brandon Wilson via bwilson@somervillema.gov or 617-776-3938 to volunteer if you're interested.

If nothing else, you might snag a selfie with Paul Revere. Now, that will be something to show your grandchildren!

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

The City of Somerville is participating in **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** this month, hosting two collection events for residents to safely dispose of prescription medications. Collection events will take place **Saturday, April 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 220 Washington St. and 6 Newbury St. Staff from the city's **Community Outreach, Help, and Recovery (COHR) Department** and the **Prevention Services Division** will be at both locations

to collect unused or expired medications and used sharps (needles and syringes) and to provide overdose prevention information and resources. Free harm reduction materials including Narcan, fentanyl test strips, CPR face shields, and syringe disposal boxes will also be available. For more information, contact **Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell** at mmitchell@somervillema.gov or (617) 625-6600 ext. 25.

Somerville's **Memorial Day parade** will return this year on **Sunday, May 28** (rain date: May 29), stepping off at noon from Davis Square, proceeding west on Hol-

land Street through Teele Square and onto Broadway, and ending at the Veterans Cemetery between Alewife Brook Parkway and North Street. The city's annual remembrance ceremony will immediately follow. Sign up to volunteer or participate and march along with local Veterans and first responders by contacting Somerville VETS at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700. Parade volunteers should reach out by **Friday, April 21** and participants by **Friday, April 28**. To learn more, visit somervillema.gov/veterans.

Congratulations to the five Somerville High School student artists who were ac-

cepted into the **2023 Massachusetts Art Education Association Recognitions Juried Exhibition**. Two of the five students also won **2023 MAEA Recognition Awards**. View the complete exhibit at the Web Gallery to see these artists' incredible work. <https://maearecognitions2023.artcall.org/pages/web-gallery>

Stop by **Lyndell's Bakery**, 720 Broadway, **April 14 – 16**, for a half moon in loving memory of **Officer Sean Collier**. Proceeds will go to the **SAPD (Somerville Auxiliary Police Dept.) Sean Collier Memorial Scholarship**. Grab a friend and stop by for a treat,

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FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. When was the first U.S. Open in golf held?

2. Where was the first golf U.S. Open played?

3. What U.S. president was a licensed bartender?

4. What was America's first national park?

5. Where do U.S. vice presidents live?

6. How many moons does Neptune have?

7. What musician was awarded the
- first gold record?

8. In what country does *The Jungle Book* take place?

9. What comic series is the CW's *Riverdale* based on?

10. What is the name of Sabrina's cat in *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*?

11. Which number does every Major League Baseball player wear on April 15?

12. How many folds are in a chef's hat?

Answers on page 10

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. One teaspoon of honey represents the life work of 12 bees.
2. It is impossible to tickle yourself.

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1. Unsuitable

6. Agency behind food labels, acr.

9. Pastoral sounds

13. More painful

14. "Maggie May" singer

15. Secret storage

16. Hajj destination

17. Inflated feeling

18. One in a quiver

19. Scooby-Doo's best friend

21. Stone Age Fred's best friend

23. Zip

24. Type of wave

25. "Mangia!"

28. Apple leftover

30. Unlike Pinocchio

35. Law school test acronym

37. Tiger's forte

39. Jack Black's Libre

40. For ____ kitchen counter

41. Jewish folklore creature

43. Singer Whitman of "Secret Love" fame

44. Formerly known as dropsy

46. Spanish Surrealist

47. Stay out of its way!

48. Make a remake

50. Shawm

52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no ____"

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53. Like hard times

55. Tube in old TV, acr.

57. Jessica or Peter

60. Anthropomorphic squirrel's last name

63. Small and elegant

64. Mozart's "L' ____ del Cairo"

66. Like a whistle?

68. Optical illusion creation (2 words)

69. "Time," e.g., colloquially

70. Hint of color

71. "The Way We ____"

72. Farm pen

73. Skedaddle
4. Pie option

5. Calamitous

6. One of the Eagles

7. Pluto or Snoopy

8. Acrobat maker

9. Rural building

10. Homesteader's purchase, sing.

11. Nabisco's "Chips ____!"

12. To use a Singer

15. Dairy industry missing person-seeking prop

20. Nordic gl, hwein

22. Ooh and ____

24. Troublemaker

25. Fudd's first name

26. Line to the audience

27. "It is silent," in sheet music

29. Living space

31. Don Johnson's Bridges

32. Plaudit and pomp
33. Bake an egg

34. One of the Pickles

36. Like a broken horse

38. Phineas' stepbrother

42. Be a parasite

45. Just about (2 words)

49. Hula necklace

51. Builds a tower, e.g.

54. Very small particles

56. Opposite of ecbat

57. Ready for picking

58. A bit cracked

59. Not the life of the party

60. Same as cagey

61. Lotto variant

62. Palm starch

63. Gift topper

65. *Garfield or Tom

67. Butterfly catcher

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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and maybe even win some raffle prizes.

Thanks to a generous donation from **Legoland Discovery Center, Somerville Central Public Library** has many advanced **Lego and Lego Technic kits** just waiting to be built. They'll have Lego kits available for building for three days of April school vacation week: **Tuesday April 18** and **Thursday April 20** starting at 2:00 p.m. and **Friday April 21** starting at 12:00 p.m. Attend as many sessions as you'd like. The completed kits will be put on display in the library. This program is intended for ages 10-18. Want to receive reminders for this program and other tween and teen programs? Text @ SPLREMIND to 81010.

Somerville residents can once again drop off **household hazardous waste** at the **DPW yard** on designated days. Drop offs are accepted on **the first Saturday of each month, April through November**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the DPW yard (1 Franey Rd.). Accepted materials include motor oil, aerosol paint, household cleaning chemicals, rechargeable batteries, and more. Proof of residence

such as a driver's license or utility bill is required. Waste materials should be placed in sturdy boxes and not in loose or plastic bags. Residents can learn more about other accepted items by visiting somervillema.gov/trash or calling 311 (617-666-3311).

Street sweeping not only keeps our streets clean, but is essential for reduced flooding by preventing clogged street drains. The 2023 season began on Monday, April 3, and **continues through December 31**. A reminder to: Check signs in your neighborhood for sweeping days. Get familiar with the street sweeping schedule in areas where you park. Visit somervillema.gov/sweeping for a full schedule and to sign up for complimentary street sweeping reminders by text, email, or phone. For more information on street sweeping procedures, visit parksomerville.com.

ArtBeat 2023 planning has begun. This year's theme is **PULSE**. Deadline for the various calls are quickly approaching: **April 17** – Music, Dance, and General Talent application. To apply: [https://](https://somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2023)

somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2023. **June 5** – Community/Cultural Organization Application. To apply: <https://forms.gle/y7NWE1vSzibcjKQe7>. At this year's festival, they will explore everything that vibrates, pulses and suggests life. They invite artists of all kinds as well as community members to interpret the theme in myriad ways. Delve into all that pulses – things like hearts, cities, lights and drumbeats. Whatever the art form or mode of expression, we seek performances and activities that are brimming, beating, expanding, or keeping a sense of time. Visit somervilleartscouncil.org.

Somerville Recreation summer program registration is now open. Visit their website to learn more. <https://somervillema.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>. There will be a **Job Fair** on **April 26**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Edgerly School, 8 Bonair St. They have open positions as lifeguards, Dilboy laborers, recreation aids, counselors and supervisors. On site interviews and conditional offers.

RESPOND, Inc., the Somerville-based nonprofit organization serving survivors

of domestic violence throughout Middlesex and Suffolk counties, will host its first back-in-person **fundraising gala** since 2019. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. on **May 4** at **The Kimpton Hotel Marlowe** located at 25 Edwin H. Land Boulevard in Cambridge. The cocktail reception will feature hearty, passed hors d'oeuvres, an open wine and beer bar, silent auction packages, and other fun prizes. The program culminates with the presentation of the **2023 Timothy White Take a Stand Award** to **Shaquera Robinson**, and a dynamic live auction, emceed by **New England Emmy Award-winning Meteorologist and WCVB StormTeam 5 Weather Producer A.J. Burnett**. Tickets are available on RESPOND's gala website: www.respondinc.org/gala. Tickets are \$125 each, with event host blocks of 10 tickets for \$1,200.

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Breakfast Sandwiches

These make ahead breakfast sandwiches will save you plenty of time during the week whether you're off to work or school. They can also be frozen if you want to make extra.

- 6 English Muffins
- 6 Eggs
- 6 Slices Cheese, Cheddar, Swiss...
- 6 Slices of Canadian Bacon, 12 Slices Bacon, Sausage Pattie or Ham
- Salt & Pepper

Precook the bacon and or sausage patties and set aside. Toast the English muffins. To cook the eggs, I use individual silicone rings to keep the shape uniform, of course this is optional. Place the prepared silicone rings in the

bottom of the nonstick frying pan. In a small bowl, scramble the eggs, season with salt and pepper, and evenly pour the egg mixture into each silicone ring and cook. Assemble the sandwiches. Place the cooked eggs on the bottom half of the English muffin, add the cheese slices, place the bacon, or sausage on the eggs, then If you're going to eat them right away, no need to scramble the egg, just crack it in the silicone ring, season with salt and pepper to taste and leave the yolk runny if you prefer.

If you plan on freezing, wrap each one individually in wax paper and store in the refrigerator for a couple of hours to make sure they are totally cooled down before placing them into a ziplock bag and storing in the freezer. They should be good for up to a month.



To reheat, place the sandwich in the microwave and heat for 45 seconds to 1 minute or longer. Enjoy!

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR.
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8738203065619940704>
Webinar ID: 217-094-811

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: 1 (914) 614-3221
Access Code: 249-579-026

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

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

HPC.DMO 2023.05 – 236 Pearl Street
Applicant: Barros Properties LLC
Owner: Goodpitch, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2023.05 – 234 Pearl Street
Applicant: Barros Properties LLC
Owner: Stuart Pitchel, Trustee of 234 Pearl Street Realty Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2023.05 – 325 Alewife Brook Parkway
Applicant: Robert DiPierro
Owner: William N Doucette, Trustee of 325 Alewife Realty Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-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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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 382 McGrath NT LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust, dated June 10, 2022 and recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264 Page 140 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 382 McGrath Highway, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:30 p.m. on the 4th day of May, 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 382 McGrath Highway, Somerville, Middlesex (Southern District) County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Somerville owned by the Estate of George D. Haven," Charles J. Elliot, Engineer and Surveyor, dated May 18, 1922, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 4685, being bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Medford Street, now known as McGrath Highway, by a line with a radius of 750 degrees, forty-seven and 18/100 (47.18) feet; Northwest by Lot "B" on a said plan, eighty and 55/100 (80.55) feet; Southwest by land now or formerly of Hopkins, fifty-two and 61/100 (52.61) feet; and Southeast by land now or formerly of Francis, seventy-two and 58/100 (72.58) feet. Containing 3,749 square feet of land according to said plan. For title see Deed recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264, Page 137.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is".

TERMS OF SALE:
Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. Present Holder of Said Mortgage: Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esq. Potter MacLellan, LLP 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 – 617-257-7050 Dated: April __, 2023

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 0037 Main Somerville LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust, dated August 2, 2021 with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389 , Page 62 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 37 Main Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May, 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 37 Main Street, Middlesex (Southern County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
The land together with the improvements thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts ("the premises") shown as Lot A on a plan ("the Plan") entitled: "Plan of Land in Somerville, Mass." Dated July 20, 1965, made by Fred M. Gould, Surveyor, recorded Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 10934, Page 201. For title see Deed recorded with the Essex County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389, Page 59.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is".

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Somerville School Committee selects Dr. Rubén Carmona as next Superintendent of Schools

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in SPS was launched in summer 2022, following former Superintendent Mary Skipper's selection as the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools. The School Committee launched a formal search process in Fall 2022, ultimately opting to re-open the search in late January 2023. In making their final decisions, the School Committee weighed candidates' public interviews as well as community input from more than 150 stakeholders including educators, administrators, staff, students, and families.

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Answers

1. October 4, 1895

2. Newport Golf Club in Rhode Island

3. Abraham Lincoln

4. Yellowstone

5. On the grounds of the U.S. Naval Observatory

6. 14

7. Perry Como

8. India

9. Archie comics

10. Salem

11. 42, for Jackie Robinson Day

12. 100

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)
SB23.2

The City of Somerville, Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invites sealed proposals for skill building opportunities, Industry Specific Training Program, Contextualized Education for Adults and English Language Learners, digital literacy and other skill building education and training opportunities for low- and moderate-income workers employed by Somerville based small businesses: Small Business ARPA Grant Programs

Small Business ARPA Grant Programs. Proposals must be for programs that assist in the creation and maintenance of skill building opportunities for low- and moderate-income workers employed by a Somerville based small business. Funds for the Industry Specific Training Program, Contextualized Education for Adults and English Language Learners, digital literacy and other skill building opportunities are provided by ARPA funding. Bid Number **SB23.2**

Request for Proposal packages will be posted and available for download on the City of Somerville website beginning at 10:00AM, April 12, 2023 at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/assistance-businesses>. Print copies available upon request to Adriana Fernandes and Jennifer Mancia at email: economicdevelopment@somervillema.gov

An electronic PDF file should be emailed to economicdevelopment@somervillema.gov

and proposal packages must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM, May 31, 2023 for responses to SB23.2.

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

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES
RFP # 23-61

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY LEASE FOR
DANCE SPACE IN UNION SQUARE

The City of Somerville invites proposals from qualified applicants for the lease of property for use as a dance rehearsal and performance space for approximately 3,200 sq. ft., located in the Union Square neighborhood. The acquisition by lease is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is publicly available online: www.somervillema.gov/procurement.

The successful proposal will support and advance the goals of the Somerville Arts Council. Refer to the RFP for further details.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by **11:00a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023.**

For questions and additional information, please contact Jordan T. Remy, Senior Procurement Manager at the above address or by telephone at (617) 625-6600, x.3409, by fax at 617-625-1344 or by e-mail at jremy@somervillema.gov.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information, and to reject any or all proposals if determined to be in the best interests of the City.

Jordan T. Remy
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB# 23-55

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites bids for:

Restaurant Food Health Inspectors

The RFP 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: **Thursday, April 6, 2023.** Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **1:00 pm, April, 26, 2023.**

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the IFB process, and accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email jremy@somervillema.gov for more information.

Jordan T. Remy
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, April 20, 2023,** at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5533221228743851360>
Webinar ID: 411-547-203

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221
Access code: 205-856-480

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

1 McGrath Highway Somerbridge Hotel, LLC proposes to develop a six (6) story General Building and establish a Hotel use in the High Rise (HR) district, and requests relief from façade build out requirements, 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 Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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City of Somerville
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 19, 2023,** at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3471240002966207326>
Webinar ID: 605-179-139

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221
Access code: 292-170-820

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

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
30 Memorial Road
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145
Telephone (617) 625-1152 Fax (617) 628-7057

Request for Proposals-Rooftop Antennas

1.INTRODUCTION

This Request for Proposal is issued by the Somerville Housing Authority (herein after the “Authority”) to solicit proposals for the lease of available rooftop and penthouse space. These spaces are available for the installation and operation of communication facilities. These facilities are not limited to, Cellular Telephone, Personal Communication Systems, Paging , Land Mobile Radio, and Internet Antenna’s. The lease of these spaces will be on a nonexclusive basis.

2. PREMISES TO BE LEASED

The Authority has rooftop and penthouse space for lease at 114 Highland Avenue in Somerville, MA. Included in the RFP package is a layout of the roof at this site. Specific locations on the roof or penthouse for installation of equipment will be viewed in the field and negotiated as such.

3. LEASE TERM

Lease Terms are negotiable.

4. LEASE RATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

The monthly rent is subject to negotiation as is the yearly escalator.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- A. Respondent must have been in business for at least five years.
- B. Respondents must supply a list of references complete with Names of Owners and locations of other sites where they currently lease rooftop space for antenna equipment.
- C. Respondents must supply a monthly rental rate for proposed installed equipment, an annual escalator and a length of lease.
- D. Respondents must include in their bid a full description of antenna equipment to be installed including space mounting requirements.

6. RFP Packages are available by email from ryanc@sha-web.org as of April 5th, 2023at 11:00 AM.


RFP’s will be received by email to ryanc@sha-web.org by May 24th, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB# 23-62**

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

Maintenance & Repair of Electrical Generators

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, April 12th, 2023.**

Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or electronically/online via Bid Express until: **2:30 pm, Thursday, April 27th, 2023.**

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor informality in the bid process, if in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City would be served by doing so.


The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms at the City's sole discretion.

A 5% bid deposit is required. Massachusetts Prevailing Wages are applicable.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

**Thupten Chukhatsang
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB #23-59**

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

Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Maintenance and Repairs

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 23-58**

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First Look Exhibit to kick off Somerville Open Studios CONT. FROM PG 1

"It's a long-standing arrangement, it's a long-standing show, so people sort of know about it at this point," Drasner said. "[Somerville] Open Studios, they do a really good job with promoting the open studios."


So far, there have been a few hundred artists who have signed up for this year's edition of Somerville Open Studios, this includes Drasner herself who creates pieces with alcohol inks, acrylics, and other mediums.

When asked how they manage to accommodate so many artists' pieces at one place, Drasner gave an insight into the process. "We curate the show, there's a bunch of volunteers from Somerville Open Studios and they

curate the show based on what looks good, just like any art show would be curated," Drasner said. Admissions into the exhibit will be free. The Somerville Museum will be open Pre- and post-SOS hours: Thursdays 2-7

p.m., Fridays 2-5 p.m., Saturdays noon-5 p.m. SOS weekend hours: Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, noon-5 p.m. More information on the exhibit and the upcoming SOS: <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org>.

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On This Day in History
April 12

10193 – In the Balkans, the distinguished soldier Septimius Severus is proclaimed emperor by the army in Illyricum.

1454 – The city states of Venice, Milan and Florence sign a peace agreement at Lodi.

1682 – Robert La Salle claims lower Mississippi River and all lands that touch it for France.

1770 – Captain James Cook discovers Botany Bay on the Australian continent.

1865 – General Robert E. Lee surrenders his rebel forces to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Va.

1916 – The German army launches its third offensive during the Battle of Verdun.

1942 – In the Battle of Bataan, American and Filipino forces are overwhelmed by the Japanese Army.

1950 – Comedian Bob Hope makes his first television appearance.

1963 – Winston Churchill becomes the first honorary U.S. citizen.

1970 – Paul McCartney announces the official break-up of the Beatles.

Annual Chuckie Harris Park Easter Egg Hunt

By Denise Provost

Over 130 people - children, young people, and their adults - gathered in Chuckie Harris Park on Saturday, April 9. The crowd gathered under a clear sky for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. In its ninth year, this event is hosted by Connexion United

Methodist Church and East Somerville Main Streets - with special help from Somerville Girl Scout troop 67645. Volunteer Girl Scouts and church members stuffed over 1,500 plastic eggs with tiny toys and candy, and hid them around the park. Some of the brightly-colored eggs were left in plain sight, for the littlest

ones, who got to search first. While waiting to take their turns, kids could visit the face painting table; decorate bags to carry their eggs in; dance, or have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny - who made an in-person appearance. Little ones were dressed in their Easter best for the occasion: bunny ears (and

tails) were spotted on even the youngest participants, along with other costumes and festive spring outfits. Excitement filled Chuckie Harris Park as kids ran in the sunshine, gathered eggs, and jumped with joy. Parents smiled, laughter was everywhere, and tears were nowhere to be seen. — Photos by Denise Provost and Claudia Ferro



Somerville High School Boys Volleyball vs Malden High School

The SHS Highlanders rallied back from a sizable deficit in the third set to force a fourth, but lose to Malden 1-3 on April 5. For more photos go to: <https://alexfredette.smugmug.com/Volleyball/SHS-Volleyball-Malden/>
— Photos by Alex Fredette



SHS Boys Tennis vs Everett High School

The Somerville High School Highlanders swept Everett 5-0 in their home opener at Duggar Park on April 6. For more photos go to: <https://alexfredette.smugmug.com/Tennis/SHS-Tennis-Everett/>
— Photos by Alex Fredette





OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Andrea Read: Of Academic Pedigree and the Common Touch

I met with poet Andrea Read after I heard about her work for the Somerville Cultural Capacity Plan (<https://somervilleartscouncil.org/culturalcapacity>) that will happen in late April. This project will involve conversations with artists and writers. Read will lead the discussion with writers, asking them pointed questions about their needs in the community.

Read told me she was previously renting an apartment in Cambridge, but she kept going through Somerville on her way to the Home Depot. She reminisced, "I loved that Somerville was hilly, and I could see a lot of vegetable gardens around. I felt at home in Somerville." So eventually she bought a house (not far from where I interviewed her, the Bloc 11 Cafe) and seems to be happy with it.

In 2015 Read, who has a PhD in Romance Languages from the University of Chicago, got her MFA from Lesley University. She told me, "I had fabulous teachers, such as Kevin Prufer, Steven Cramer, Cate Marvin Teresa Calder, and others."

Back in the day, Read worked in the theatre as a dramaturge, where she read original scripts, in order to decide what the theatre might be interested in. She worked at the Organic Theatre in Chicago. Later, when she was studying poetry and art in Spain, she loved the fact that other poets and artists mentored her. She reflected, "But in the states it is different, so I decided to go to the low residency program at Lesley. I was at a crossroads in my life. I could have been an academic or poet. I chose to concentrate on my creative side."

A number of years back Read started running a poetry group for the Little Sisters of the Poor (now run by the VNA) on Highland Ave. in Somerville.



Read told me about her experiences there saying, "With this group there were special challenges. Although the group membership are not cognitively challenged, I have to make accommodations with folks who have hearing and vision issues, for instance. The same people who joined in 2018 are still coming to the group, unless they passed away, of course. The members are not filtered, they say what is on their mind. They are open to the creative exercises that I bring to the plate. One member who used to travel a lot and cannot now said she now travels in her imagination."

Read is a strong advocate for poetry as a healing agent. And indeed, Read brings poetry and healing, here, in the Paris of New England, Somerville, Ma.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Our poet writes: Stephen Palencar was born and raised in Maryland, in a suburb of Baltimore. He experienced heavy trauma through his developmental years and uses writing as an outlet rather than an outlook. He calls his struggles a "beautiful burden." He pulls on his background in philosophy, psychology, and transcendentalism as inspiration for his writing. He aspires to give more back to these fields than he has taken. It is a self-proclaimed improbable goal, but those make the greatest stories. He now studies at Endicott College.



Thoughts

The pitter patter of the multitudes of my children
jump on their bed above me as I try to sleep
The squeaking and thumping
upon the hardwood floors of my mind
The floors are scratched
Scratched from the inside of the hospital
The pain of birth, seeing life in my child's eyes
The beauty of life, seeing the life leave my wife's eyes
My wife dying in childbirth
My child living in stillbirth
Where I hold back my tears
To get a clearer view of who I died for
On the hardwood floors
Above where I sleep
In my mind
So I can do it all again
The childbirth, to the lettering and patterning, to the death of
my wife
Whose hand I clutch, holding my own hand. In the hospital
On Top of the hardwood floors, above with I sleep
Within my mind
My thoughts
Thoughts

— Stephen Palencar

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:
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Students receive awards for naming MassDOT snowplow



Highway Director Paul Stedman greeted the 4th grade class of John F. Kennedy School in Somerville on Monday, April 10, and presented the students with a gift card in recognition of their naming the snowplow "Sherlock Snowmes," which is painted on the side of the plow truck.

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