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# **City to consider tighter regulations for construction noise on weekends**



The Somerville City Council's Legislative Matters Committee will be examining a proposed amendment to the current construction noise ordinance.

## By Jim Clark

At the most recent regular meeting of the Somerville City Council on Thursday, April 13, an ordinance was put forward by Council President and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen amending Section 9-116 of the Code of Ordinances, the Noise Ordinance, by prohibiting loud and disruptive construction activities on Saturdays and evenings.

Speaking in favor of the amendment, Ewen-Campen said, "There is a lab building in construction in Ward 3, and they recently went through part of the construction that involved blasting bedrock, which is as disruptive as it sounds. And for this period, they blasted bedrock basically from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day. Every weekday, and then on Saturdays from 9:00 to Continued on page 4

# 'I say this a lot: it really does take a village!'

## By Jess Reese Salem Wildlife Rescue

Last week, I took in two baby squirrels from Somerville. Mom was gone so the babies fell out of the nest looking for help. They were dehydrated, had bugs on them, a bit of blood on their faces, and were in obvious need of help. Many adult dead squirrels have been seen due to it being a high-traffic area.

Local resources were unable to help them, so the caring neighbors, with the help of the local community FB page, banded together to get them the help they needed. They have been safe and happy with me ever since.

Now fast forward to yesterday afternoon. The residents were advised that there could be siblings and to be on the lookout. Unfortunately, *Continued on page 13* 



A family of squirrel siblings were rescued and brought back to health by a group of generous local volunteers. - Photos courtesy of Jess Reese







The views and opinions expressed in Newstalk do not necessarily reflect those of The Somerville Times, its publisher or staff. The column has many contributors.

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.

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To those celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to former alderman and great guy, Jack Connolly. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy Birthday to a nice guy, Blake Maddux, you have seen his music reviews here in the paper. We wish him a great day with his family. Happy birthday to Julie Phelan Brady. We wish her a great day. Happy birthday to Jim Cook, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Bob DiGuardia, who is also celebrating this week. We wish a happy birthday to all of our Facebook friends such Olga Solomita, Joanne Veneziano Finnegan, Carol Duffy, Jackie Coviello, Patricia Ferrelli, *Continued on page 7* 



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# **Somerville Weather Forecast**

for the week of April 19 – April 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday April 19	Partly Cloudy	58°/40°	5%	3%	W 14 mph
Č	Thursday April 20	Partly Cloudy	61°/42°	2%	1%	WNW 12 mph
Č	Friday April 21	Partly Cloudy	62°/50°	15%	11%	E 13 mph
•	Saturday April 22	Rain	58°/49°	60%	54%	E 13 mph
•	Sunday April 23	Rain	60°/46°	47%	41%	NW 12 mph
••	Monday April 24	Rain	57°/43°	42%	37%	WNW 14 mph
Č	Tuesday April 25	Partly Cloudy	60°/44°	19%	11%	NW 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: Can't get any privacy in here**

#### Tomas Sepulveda says:

I know the arresting officer and would like to speak with Joshua Sterling's defense attorney.

## Retired says:

Tomas, since you know who the arresting officer is, can you share with the readers what his name is and what information you would share with the arrested/masturbating perpetrators lawyer?

#### Rachel Klein says:

Not sure what sort of defense one puts on in a case like this, assuming the report is factual. Satyriasis?

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

# Somerville Democratic City Committee May Meeting and Vice Chair Election

Thank you to everyone who participated in our March Somerville Democratic City Committee meeting and special election for Chair. Our newly-elected chair, who will serve out the rest of this term, is Jim Vetter. We want to thank both candidates, Jack Perenick and Jim Vetter, for participating in this special election, as well as thank everyone who took the time to participate and vote. With former Vice Chair Jim Vetter having now been elected Chair, our next meeting will include an election for the open Vice Chair seat. This meeting, including the Vice Chair election, will take place via Zoom on Monday, May 22. Please visit this link to sign up and for more information: https://www.somdems.org/may2023\_sdcc\_meeting.



Back in the 70s I had a very friendly family who lived in the projects on Powder House Boulevard. I heard that it's being torn down and it just uncovered a lot

of memories for me. When I think of the projects I think of fun and a little bit of mischief too.

On a particularly bad judgment day my friend was driving early on a Sunday morning in wet conditions and we hit a telephone pole. The hood crumpled up so bad that my friend had to lean out the window to drive. The funny thing about the story is that the cops were already at the projects at my friend's house when we pulled up. File under crazy kids.

I reached out to my social network friends for their memories of the projects on Powder House and North St.

"I grew up at 125A. I lived there until I was 23. I love the friendships I made there. I have so many memories of both joy and heart break associated with growing up in such an insulated community. For better or worse, it was somewhat isolating. For the most part I didn't wander the city and I was never too far from home. Did I miss out on things by not 'hanging' outside the projects? Possibly. But it was what it was. I can't change the past so I am just thankful happy memories and try to understand the sadder ones."

Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

**Goodbye Projects** 

"They're tearing down to rebuild. Long overdue. Everyone deserves somewhere livable. Those buildings have been falling apart for a long time. Def deserves the updates that are coming."

"The Clarendon Hill Project. My family's apartment was on the corner of North and Powder House Blvd. This housing was built in 1948 to ease the housing situation created when veterans returned home from WWII. We originally lived in Section B on the third floor at 34 North. We outgrew that apartment and moved when a 3-bedroom became available right on the corner. Favorite memory: Del's Pizza truck on Saturday, two slices on a piece of cardboard for 25 cents."



"I grew up at 278 PHB. I hung there until age 14 then started hanging in Teele Sq. Moved out at 16. Lots of memories. We all share a lot of the same memories. Not only do we share Somerville memories, but also growing up together there."

I can't wait to see what they build over there.

Some pretty tough close-knit kids grew up there. I had some of the most memorable fun I ever had with my friends who lived in the North St Projects.



# Are You Sitting On A Fortune?

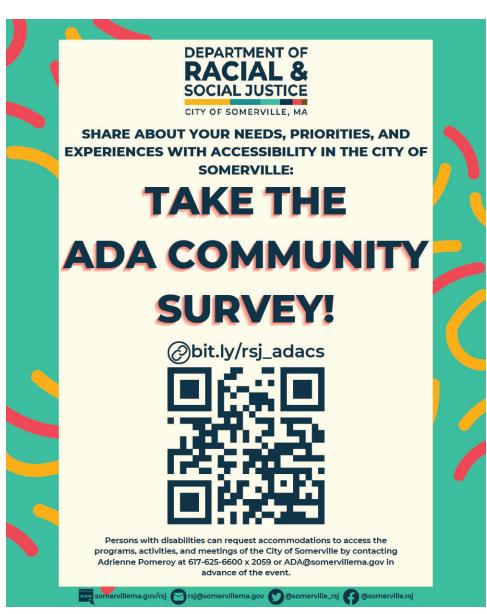
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# Larceny and a switchblade knife in hand

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to Assembly Row last Saturday evening on reports of a man threatening people with a knife.

Upon arrival, the officers were flagged down by one of the victims in front of Starbucks, who stated that the suspect, later identified as Quentin Harris, took off towards the Christmas Tree Parking lot. The officers followed the victim in their cruiser and began checking the Christmas Tree parking lot. The victim then screamed out that Harris was trying to get into a car stopped at a red light at the intersection of Fellsway and Middlesex Ave.

The officers then reportedly observed the male party entering a car which was stopped at the red light. The officers activated their lights and pulled their cruiser out in front of the vehicle at the red light. The vehicle pulled to the side and stopped.

The officers ordered Harris out of the vehicle and placed handcuffs on him. They asked him if he had a knife on him and he reportedly replied he was not sure if he still had the knife on him. A black switch blade was subsequently in his side pocket. The victim told police that as he was leaving the CVS store, he began walking towards Southern Kin and saw Harris in front of Southern Kin with two blue duffel bags with the security tags still on them.

The victim told Harris that he needed to return the items to the store, at which time Harris reportedly told him that he was going to slice him up with his knife if he did not get away from him and made threatening gestures.

Harris was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and larceny under \$1200, and on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle operator failure to identify self, and possession of a class B drug.

# **SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG**

### Arrests:

Mauro Spindola, of Medford, April 10, 12:41 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Stephen Fusco**, of Providence, RI, April 12, 4:26 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Ricardo Silva**, April 15, 5:23 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Quentin Harris, April 16, 6:42 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and larceny under \$1200, and on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle operator failure to identify self, and possession of a class B drug.

# City to consider tighter regulations for construction noise on weekends

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whatever it is, 6:00 or 7:00 when they basically filled the entire time, they were allowed to do that with blasting bedrock. And it was really, really, really disruptive."

Ewen-Campen went on to affirm that this was happening in a community that understands construction needs to happen, that construction is disruptive, but that this incident was extreme.

"During the course of that," Ewen-Campen continued, "it was made apparent to me that in fact some of our neighboring communities –including most notably Boston – do not allow this sort of construction to happen on Saturdays, on weekends, and have much stricter hours on weekdays as well. That got my attention, and I reached out to our Inspectional Services Department, who were incredibly helpful, and provided me with an overview of how this sort of activity is regulated in a lot of our surrounding communities, and I have attached a table that Mr. Zaino from ISD prepared. And then they also helped me create a list of the really, really disruptive construction. Things like blasting bedrocks, things like cutting metal and concrete. And then I worked with the Solicitors Office to come up with this draft amendment that I would like to refer to Legislative Matters."

Ewen-Campen then flagged a few issues to explain how he landed on the matter at hand. "For one thing, there will be times when this sort of work does need to happen on Saturdays, some potentially after 5:00 p.m.," the Councilor said. "And so, the amendment has a carve-out that allows ISD or the enforcement official to, in consultation with the Ward Councilor, to grant exemptions to this."

Ewen-Campen said he went back and forth as to whether noise itself should be used or should specific activities be regulated. "My own opinion is that the noise ordinance is quite flawed in its enforcement," according to Ewen-Campen. "I think we all know this, and so I've really been convinced that it's beneficial to call out specific activities, as just you can't do these on Saturdays or after 5:00 p.m., as opposed to continuing to rely on this sort of flawed approach.

Ewen-Campen indicated that he had not yet gotten input from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) or Infrastructure and Asset Management as of his presentation of the proposal at the City Council meeting, and that he welcomes that.

With that, the Councilor asked that the proposal be sent to the Legislative Matters Committee for deliberation.

In response to the proposed amendment, Ward 5 Councilor

Beatriz Gomez Mouakad stated, "I think I would recommend going with - if the ISD is OK with it and they can do it – to have a special permit. So, if someone starts working, they have proof that they have it [permission] to do it. Because there are times due to logistics, conditions, these things might have to happen on a weekend. You know, especially on a tight site. Sometimes, certain pile driving - I'm doing it right now, it's actually not that loud, believe it or not - it depends on what you're hitting and certain soil conditions. So, I just want to make sure we leave a little room here for error."

Ward 2 Councilor Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott weighed in on the issue, saying, "I very much appreciate this. My personal trauma on this was during virtual kindergarten in the pandemic, when the building less than ten feet from the bedroom windows

from the house was getting jackhammering done from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day, and for that big chunk on Saturday. I am looking forward to this getting a lot of different discussion in committee, and I'm curious what committee you're going to send this to. But I would like to ensure that it isn't just simply an authorization by, for example, the Inspectional Services Director. Because I get calls about this when, for example, the entire skyscraper construction crew was working on a federal holiday. And it took me quite a while to figure out why that was happening."

Scott thanked Ewen-Campen for bringing the matter to the Council's attention and expressed his full support for the proposed amendment.

The proposed ordinance amendment was referred for recommendation by the Council's Legislative Matters Committee.

# Somerville through the eyes of Denise



Captive moon.

— Photo by Denise Provost

# **Otis Shanty live**

Local slacker-rock group, Otis Shanty, of Prospect Hill, is set to play a string of local shows as daylight hours add up in Somerville. The band is currently in the studio recording their next album, a double EP. Otis Shanty is Sadye Bobbette, Ryan DiLello, Julian Snyder, and Jono Quinn. The

four have played for four years, and hope to play forever. A few shows of note:

- April 27, 8:00 p.m. The Middle East, Cambridge
- April 29, 10:00 p.m. Hamilton College, Clinton
- May 6, 5:00 p.m. Remnant Brewery, Somerville
- May 11, 9:00 p.m. The Rockwell, Somerville
- May 12, 7:00 p.m. EXIT Galleries, Allston
- + May 13, 3:00 p.m. Porchfest, Somerville
- May 20, 9:00 p.m. Berklee Red Room Cafe, Boston

Find more info and stream music at www.otisshanty.com.



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# Somerville's Patriots' Day Colonial Fair 2023

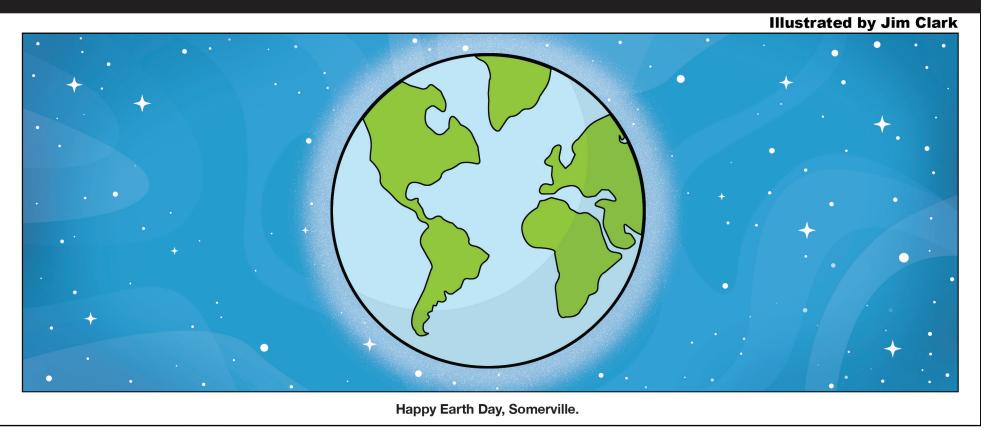
On Monday, April 17, the City of Somerville celebrated Patriots' Day at Foss Park on Broadway. The event featured a reenactment of Paul Revere's famous ride from Boston to Lexington, which happened to pass right through Somerville. Attendees enjoyed period-appropriate refreshments and games. They were invited to complete their "Colonial Passports" to win a prize and shop for educational items at the Somerville Museum's table, all while enjoying music from the Somerville High School band. Colonial clothing was encouraged and worn by many who attended. — Photos by Claudia Ferro and Bobbie Toner



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# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES



**Our View Of The Times** 



It began after a bad oil spill that took been raised to a level where concrete acplace in 1969 off the coast of California. A year later, the first annual Earth Day was celebrated to demonstrate universal support for environmental protection and responsible stewardship of the planet and its inhabitants.

Since then, public and official awareness of the negative impacts of human activity - such as air and water pollution - have

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22, Groundwork Somerville, 138 South St., Somerville, will host a farm workday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., along with a community-wide celebration from 12:00

flicted on our world.

to 2:00 p.m. filled with hands-on education is being demanded to mitigate those tional activities, games, music, and more. effects and heal the ills that have been in-

The occasion may represent an opportunity to reflect on how fragile our biological and environmental systems truly are, and the need for proper care and implementation of procedures that will ensure the optimal health of both the large and small on the only home we have, our precious planet Earth.

Similarly, the many factors affecting our environmental health demand that immediate and meaningful measures must be taken as soon as possible.

Cooperation between nations, corporations, informed experts and the common inhabitants of this world is clearly the best hope for saving us all.

May all of us gather together in the common cause of doing just that.

Lee Erica Byron Palmer, Paul Stanford, Benjamin Holmes, Celia Miller-Saltman, Jim Ospenson, Susannah Buzard, Sylvia Cabrera, Tina Kneeland, Bella Khadijah, and Dinunzio Angelmarie who are all celebrating this week. To all the others we may have missed and, yes, we must admit there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays. \*\*\*\*\*

On Saturday, April 22, Groundwork Somerville will host a farm workday

from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., along with a community-wide celebration from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. filled with hands-on educational activities, games, music, and more. Enjoy family-friendly activities including scavenger hunts, voting on their next farm-mural, live music, seed-starting demonstrations, seed-packet give aways, tours of the farm and greenhouse, and additional activities presented by local environmental and climate organizations such as Conscious Planet and MAMAS Gardening Collective. This event is free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP for the workday and the celebration visit groundworksomerville. org. Rain date: Sunday, April 23.

On this anniversary of the annual cele-

bration taking place this Saturday, April

\*\*\*\*\* Unions and Racial and Economic Jus-

tice: A Labor Spring "Teach-in" - All of Somerville is invited to learn about the accomplishments of the labor movement and the challenges Somerville workers are facing today. Explore how race and racism has weakened working class power. Learn and share the struggles of workers of color in Somerville today. Develop and refine our vision for a municipal "Green New Deal" that addresses both economic and racial inequality. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Somerville Stands Together and the Racial Justice Collaborative. Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave.

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Nibble Kitchen is proud to present the Nibble Cooking Class Series 2023. Each class is led by a Nibble Program Graduate representing their home countries, cultures, and of course cuisines. Our upcoming chefs will be highlighting cuisines from countries including Jamaica, Laos, and Benin. This year's series will be a weekly cooking class from May 9 to June 6 and will be led by an all women group. Learn more at https://nibblesomerville.com/classes-events. Nibble Kitchen is a space and program supported by the Somerville Arts Council. Continued on page 15 Ms. Cam's

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# FUN & GAMES

# The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

Queen Elizabeth II was a trained mechanic.
 It is impossible for you to lick your own elbow.

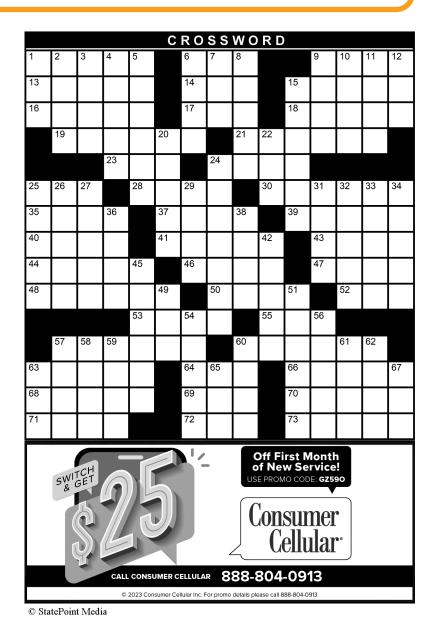
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2. Fine by me"
3. Basket or study
4. Adam's or pie



5. Finely-spun cotton threads 6. Eagle's foot 7. Workout unit 8. Slightly drunk 9. "Doggone it!" 10. College drilling org. 11. 1/36th of a yard 12. "\_\_\_\_, humbug!" 15. #15 Down, pl. 20. Come to pass 22. Feline 24. Fissure 25. Silly \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ down 26. Church part, pl. 27. Antiquity of the past 29. Southwest \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Minor 31. Lou of The Velvet Underground 32. Rainbow swimmer

33. Free \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ hour

34. Glorify 36. Weighted weapon 38. Nevada Wolf Pack's home 42. Cuban dance 45. 1.094 of a yard, pl. 49. Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_ knows? 51. Description of a fool 54. Give qualities or money 56. More eccentric 57. Theatrical performance 58. Previously mentioned, acr. 59. Hair styling products 60. Annoying biter 61. Irish name of Ireland 62. Very bright star 63. Easter \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ salad 65. \*Dry \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ cream 67. Part of tennis match

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

1. Who holds the men's record for the most Boston Marathon wins?

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2. Who holds the record for the most women's Boston Marathon's wins?

3. Who holds the record for running the fastest Boston Mara-thon?

4. Which of *The Golden Girls* actresses was named the honorary Mayor of Hollywood in 1955?

5. What was the name of the boat from *Gilli- gan's Island*?

6. When is Humor-

7. What did the father from *The Brady Bunch* do for work?

ous Day is celebrated?

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8. Which Tarantino directed film was released in 1994?

9. O'Shea Jackson is the real name of which rap artist?

10. How many feet separate the stakes in a game of horseshoes?

11. Which fruit has the highest fiber content?

12. Which organ is responsible for regulating metabolism? Answers on page 10

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

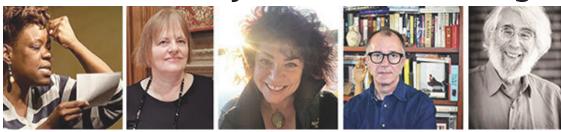
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# Lyndell's Bakery Scholarship fundraiser

Lyndell's Bakery held their annual Sean Collier Memorial Scholarship fundraiser this past weekend in loving memory of Officer Sean Collier. Proce eds from every half-moon sold went to the SAPD (Somerville Auxiliary Police Dept.) Sean Collier Memorial Scholarship. Winners of the raffle tickets sold can be found on Lyndell's Facebook page. — *Photos by Claudia Ferro* 



# Voices of Poetry – Back in Cambridge



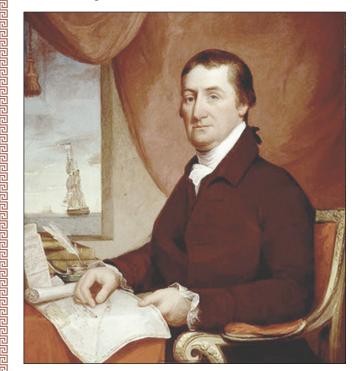
Voices of Poetry is pleased to present a free program of exceptional poetry on Saturday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA. This event will feature five acclaimed poets: Toni Bee, Eileen Cleary, Deborah Leipziger, Michael McInnis and Lloyd Schwartz. Registration not required. Handicap accessible.

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# A Glorious Morning in April By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"What a glorious morning for America." Today, this quote circles the logo of Lexington, Massachusetts. It is attributable to the Samuel Adams quote of April 19, 1775 to John Hancock upon hearing the gunfire at the Battle of Lexington. They had just been saved by a desperate rider's message.



Somerville Statesman, honorable Edward Everett first brought this quote to notice in his 1825 Lexington oration. The Prospect Hill monument celebrates the raising of America's first flag and the birth of the Continental Army. It took place there on January 1, 1776 and was coincidentally the 40th birthday of one of General Washington's soldiers.



At that time, this new United States trooper had already proven his allegiance to the colonial cause. Eight months before on the eve of April 19th on a daring midnight ride through Somerville and beyond, he triggered the American Revolution. His name was Paul Revere and

the trail he and his horse left across this city that night was far reaching.

Although Somerville never claimed Revere as its name, she can vaunt an historic trail of connections with the famous "Midnight Rider." Today, a memorial statue in front of the Holiday Inn on Washington Street makes note of his near capture by British cavalry. If he *Continued on page 12* 

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#### 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 <u>historic@somervillema.gov</u>.

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# 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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#### 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 <u>Wednesday, May 3, 2023</u>, 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/3817432234329074526					
Webinar ID:	671-635-627				
TO CALL IN					

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422 Access code: 300-135-228

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

- 18 Ivaloo Street Mike Cheng and Dan Flynn seek relief from the side setback encroachment requirement for a rear projecting porch in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Variance.
  483 Broadway Tavis Babbitt seeks re-approval of previously
  - granted, and now expired, hardship variances for story height and the minimum number of stories in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) zoning district (P&Z 2021-012).
- 45 Trull Street Alexandra Teyssandier seeks an administrative appeal of the Building Official's determination of the building type for the building at 45 Trull Street.
- 21 Francesca Ave Manuel O. Zepeda and Katherine R. Jong seek an administrative appeal of the Building Official's determination of the building type for the nonprincipal building located at the rear of the lot.

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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#### Advertising

The **Somerville Housing Authority** is seeking competitive sealed Request for Responses (RFR) for Network Services, **SHA Job No. P-NET52023** in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The Term is for Five (5) years.

- Documents will be posted at 11:00 A.M., April 19, 2023.
- Responses will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 3, 2023.

The work is estimated to cost \$429,000.00 for 5 years.

Download of RFR Documents will be available for download on SHA's Web site, <u>www.sha-web.org</u>, under our Bid opportunities tab at <u>11:00</u> <u>a.m., April 19, 2023</u>. If bidding, you must contact Anthony Crespo by email at <u>Tonyc@sha-web.org</u> and register\leave contact information including an email. You will receive a reply to your that your email if is received. Addendum\s will be posted on the website and shall be the bidder's responsibility to include in bid. Proposers are responsible for ensuring that their email and bids are received. 4/19/23 The Somerville Times

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#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Removal of Public Shade Trees

City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a virtual public shade tree hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. using GotoWebinar software to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s):

#### • 625 McGrath Highway on Bonair Street 1. One (1) zelkova- 4" diameter, fair condition

1.One (1) zelkova- 4" diameter, fair condition Tree is in conflict with planned sewer installation by Somerville Engineering.

### 66 Oxford Street

1.One (1) green ash- 13" diameter, fair condition Tree is in conflict with overhead utility lines and has been excessively pruned. Condition and size of tree make it a poor candidate for emerald ash borer treatment.

• 91 Highland Road

1.One (1) Colorado blue spruce- 7" diameter, fair condition Tree is directly adjacent to utility pole and under power lines and is shaded by adjacent trees. Will require excessive utility pruning in future.

#### 95 Highland Road

1.One (1) Norway maple- 4.5", good condition Tree is in direct competition with adjacent oak, planted ~5' apart. Removal would promote long term viability of the neighboring oak.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden prior to or at this public hearing. Documents may be sent via email to: trees@somervilleMA.gov, or mailed to: 1 Franey Rd., Somerville, MA. 02145.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this Public Shade Tree Hearing will be conducted via remote participation. A recording of this hearing will be available upon request to <u>trees@somervillema.gov</u>.

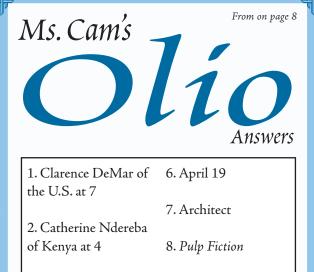
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of Kenya at 4	8. Pulp Fiction
3. Geoffrey Mutai of Kenya on April 18,	9. Ice Cube
2011	10. 40 feet
4. Betty White	11. Passion fruit
5. S.S. Minnow	12. Thyroid

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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; Northwesterly by Lot "B" on a said plan, eighty and 55/100 (80.55) feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Hopkins, fifty-two and 61/100 (52.61) feet: and

Southeasterly 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 con-taining 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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# **Community Conversation:** Gallerists with Lynn Gervens

These conversations will address the question: How can we help arts and culture thrive in Somerville? To learn more or to register, visit the Somerville Cultural Capacity Plan page on the Somerville Arts Council website, somervilleartscouncil.org/culturalcapacity/conversations or contact Somerville Arts Council Director Gregory Jenkins via phone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2985 or email gjenkins@somervillema.gov. Thu, April 20, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Mudflat, 81 Broadway, Somerville.

#### **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 (South-ern 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.

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 Middle-sex 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"

#### 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 5, 2023

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #23-63

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

**DPW Combined Boiler Repair and Replacement** 

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <u>www.bidexpress.com</u>, https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <u>04/19/2023</u>. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: <u>05/04/2023 at 2PM EST</u>. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing

Please contact Jordan Remy at jremy@somervillema.gov for more in-

5% Bid Deposit required. Massachusetts Prevailing Wages apply.

Jordan Remy Senior Procurement Manage 617-625-6600 x3409

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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: <u>nervillema.gov/procurement</u>.

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 tele-phone at (617) 625-6600, x.3409, by fax at 617-625-1344 or by e-mail at ervillema.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** 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, May 4, 2023, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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/6864805676524218715 671-703-243 Webinar ID:

#### TO CALL IN Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access code: 992-235-658

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

Eversource Energy seeks to establish a Minor Utility Facility Use in the Commercial Core and 51 Prospect Street Mid-Rise 4 zoning districts, which requires a Special Permit.

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

ma.gov/depart 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

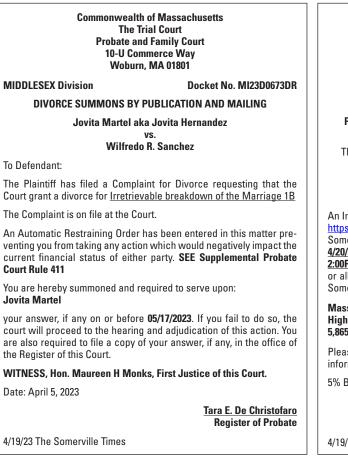
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REBID IFB #23-42

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

> 2023 Street Resurfacing Project-Western Washington and Select Locations

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <u>www.bidexpress.com</u>, <u>https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement</u>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <u>4/20/2023</u>. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: <u>05/08/2023</u> <u>2:00PM EST</u>. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Highway Construction, for the project with an estimated value of 5,865,000. will be required.

Please contact Andrea Caruth at  $\underline{acaruth@somervillema.gov}$  for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required.

<u>Andrea Caruth</u> Deputy Chief Procurement Officer 617-625-6600 x3400

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# Spring 2023 City Hall Community Meetings

Community members are invited to join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City Council at the spring 2023 City Hall Community Meetings. In-persons meetings start with a social half-hour with pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks, where you can chat one-on-one with elected officials including the Mayor and your Ward City Councilor or At-Large City Councilors as well as staff about issues important to you. All Ward meetings will be held in person and one all-virtual, all-ward meeting will be held on Zoom and will be accessible online or by any phone. Two additional, all-ward meetings will take place in person: one in Spanish and one in Portuguese. All in-person meetings will be recorded for later on-demand or TV viewing. For more information and the full schedule visit somervillema.gov/communitymeetings.

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# Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 9

had been caught at this site, American history would have been altered. His name has emblazoned some of our city's parks, apartment buildings and businesses. Stone markers at Cobble Hill and the crown of Winter Hill make note of Revere's ride.

During his time, he was not only a patriot, but a soldier, sailor and spy. Revere was also a businessman. His



foundry produced cannons and bells, some of which hang in this city today. He provided the USS Constitution with bolts, spikes, blocks and copper for her hull. He was the first to roll copper over the dome of the Massachusetts State House. Early on, he was an engraver and a silversmith who did much work for Elias Hasket Derby of Somerville, the nation's first millionaire and once owner of the Ten Hills Farm.

Elias Derby, the son of Richard Derby, the Colonial "King of Shipping" at that time and his Salem family were patriots. They took an active part in support of the colonies during the Revolution. During those revolutionary years, their ships numbered 158 privateers which captured 445 British vessels.

After the Battle of Lexington, Elias's brother John was sent by the Continental Congress on a secret mission. He quickly sailed his small schooner, the Quero, the fastest in the fleet, across the ocean to London and delivered the first American accounts of the fighting to Benjamin Franklin, our American Ambassador. Eight years later, also on a Derby ship, John brought home the first message of the "Treaty of Paris" ending the Revolutionary War.

They were Paul Revere, the son of a French emigrant and Elias Hasket Derby, a Prince of Shipping ... Rich man and poor man, patriots both.

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If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

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1689 - Residents of Boston oust their governor, Edmond Andros.

1764 – The English Parliament bans the American colonies from printing paper money.

- 1775 The American Revolution begins as fighting breaks out at Lexington, MA.
- 1934 Shirley Temple appears in her first movie.
- 1939 Connecticut finally approves the Bill of Rights.
- 1943 The Warsaw Ghetto uprising against Nazi rule begins.
- 1971 Russia launches its first Salyut space station.
- 1977 Alex Haley receives a special Pulitzer Prize for his book Roots.
- 1982 NASA names Sally Ride to be the first woman astronaut.

1993 – The FBI ends a 51-day siege by storming the Branch Davidian religious cult headquarters in Waco, TX.

1995– A truck bomb explodes in front of the federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people.

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yesterday one was found deceased, but two more were now on the sidewalk. Someone else had called me by recommendation of the group and in the time it took her to quickly grab a box, one had escaped. As of now, one of the brothers is here! He came in worse off than the other two, as expected being an extra 24 hours without care. This morning after heat, fluids, and care, he has perked back up and has reunited with two of his siblings who excitedly welcomed him back.

As of now, the other sibling is still missing and could have gone back up into the nest visible from the tree on the sidewalk. I don't have a ladder to have looked up there myself last night, but it is low in the tree. Somerville residents, please keep an eye out for the missing baby! The tree is by the intersection of Summer Street and Carter Terrace. Last night I swung by with no luck, but I left a note taped to the tree about the situation and with my contact info in hopes that if the baby is found, he/she can get immediate help. I hope the last baby can be found and can join his family.

THANK YOU to the amazing Somerville residents who cared for these babies to get them the proper assistance they needed! Even better, the residents didn't try to feed them themselves (which would make them even worse off), so these babies had an even better chance! Thank you



to everyone involved who cared and gave them a second chance. I will never stop being impressed by people like this! These babies are alive thanks to this amazing community! Edit: THE LAST BABY HAS BEEN LOCATED! Trying to figure out transport as I'm working and the finder has to leave for work soon, but THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND!



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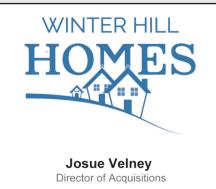


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edited by Doug Holder

Kenley Kegler is a senior photography major at Endicott College. She is from Ridgefield, Connecticut, and has enjoyed creative writing since she was in high school. Her poetry is inspired by people close to her that have made an impact on her life and is dedicated to those who struggle with alcohol addiction.



#### Liquid Poison

So easy to get, we just walk into the store, show our ID, and walk out.

All around us, we see people, throwing back shots,

Sipping from cans, pouring a glass of wine.

It's the norm for us here,

We never tend to question someone having a drink. But I do.

I watch as alcohol takes over.

One clear glass of 1800 Tequila, turns into 4. The whole glass gone multiple times over by the end of the night Leaving its victim helpless, wanting more and more. They can't go to sleep without downing a drink Wincing at the taste of pure alcohol burning their throat as it goes down.

3:00 A.M. and their body starts to shake. Heart rate rising, withdrawals setting in. Small nerves turn into a full blown panic attack Their body begging for another drink just to keep it going.

Another glass klinks on the counter as it is set down. A few minutes pass and their body levels out Back to functioning as usual. The cycle continues day after day

Hard to escape even when it is most wanted.

# OFF THE by Doug Holder

# 'The Ruined Millionaire' by Ben Mazer

The Ruined Millionaire By Ben Mazer MadHat Press Cheshire, MA www.MadHat-Press.com ISBN 978-1-952335-55-6 103 Pages – \$21.95

Review by off the Shelf correspondent Dennis Daly

Internalized reality and memory need inspired, mindful editing to reach their fated shape of firstrate poetry. Ben Mazer showcases his skills as the genre's perfect (or, at least, near-perfect) editor in his new book, The Ruined Millionaire. Somehow, in the evident density of Mazer's work, his mirrored image metaphorically seems to appear distributing versified handbills that alert his already captured audience to the celebration of self-consciousness unquestionably underway. Oxidized word-bronzes and broken shards of stained-glass history are reinvigorated by this poet into contemporary, albeit runic, measures. Here the mind's suzerainty is never in doubt. And Mazer is nothing if not the self-conscious observer of his own cognizant creations.

Opening the collection, Mazer's poem *The Double* dives right into the soup of human imagination. In this universe intent weighs as much as action and time is a function of memory, not the reverse. Distance walks with one, mimicking motion. The poet plays with creation and not everyone appreciates it,

... I remember red gray green blue brown brick before rain or during rain. One doesn't see who is going by,

One doesn't think to see who is going by.

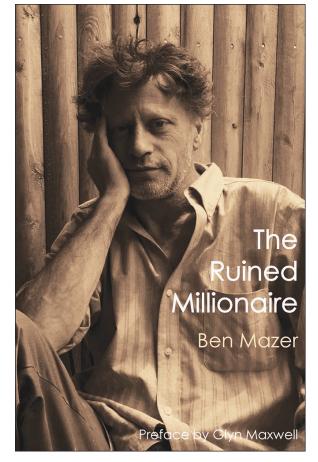
One sees who is going by all right, but one doesn't see who is

going by.

The bright lights attract customers to the bookstore. Seeing, chalk it up to that. The bitter looks of the booksellers,

as you leave the shop without paying. Rickety steps that will

Something so easily accessible, ruining lives Turning young wild minds into dependent ones. Not able to go about their day without the feeling of alcohol in their system. Support from others can only do so much.



soon be history.

In his piece entitled The Exile, Mazer visits a dreamworld that has solidified into another kind of reality. He moseys around, reconnecting things again into a logic of place, the new overwriting the old, updates added, and lastly, a climatic stimulation of consciousness, in other words, a final edit,

... Coffee is birth.

I was surprised to see how things had changed since I first dreamed I came here long ago. The villagers were lobbying new plans, who had been immigrants before the snow. I was among the first to try the new cuisine, the classless restaurant. In the best house I recognized my host,

and he who had fulfilled a noble life

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You want to do everything you can, to stop them from drowning, To save them. But you can't. - Kenley Kegler

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

## Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

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 Holland 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.

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**Open Studios 2023** will take place on **Saturday, May 6**, and **Sunday, May 7**. More than 300 artists across Somerville will open their studios to the public to display their latest work and meet visitors. The artist directory is now online, so you can find your favorite Somerville artists and preview this year's event at any time. Physical maps will be available at a corner near you in Somerville this **Friday**, April 21. Somerville Open Studio 2023 weekend hours: Saturday and Sunday, May 6 – 7, noon-5:00 p.m. Visit www. somervilleopenstudios.org.

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Kicking off Somerville Open Studios weekend, Upstairs at Bow Market is hosting the Lexie Butterfly Fashion Show. This show will feature three designer's collections: Lexie Griffith, Martha Friend, and Consuelo Perez. These Three Musketeers have each put together an eight-look collection to send down the runway. Avant garde, thought provoking, and full of creativity, this event is a must see. Come join in for an exhibition of unique fashions and fun. https://www. lexiebutterflyvintage.com/fashion-show.

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The Welcome Project is excited to announce the 14th Annual YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City. Please join in to celebrate the work of immigrants across the Boston area and highlight local restaurants that reflect the diverse and beautiful community Somerville has become. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event or purchase tickets, please use this

# link: https://bit.ly/YUM2023

Street sweeping not only keeps our streets clean, but is essential for reduced flooding by preventing clogged street drains. The 2023 season continues through December 31. 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.

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The city's Inclusionary Housing Program has eighteen income-restricted rental opportunities at Union 346 (346 Somerville Ave.). The lottery includes fifteen studios and three 1-bedroom units. Attend a virtual information session on Monday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom to learn more. Applications for the lottery are due Thursday, May 4, by 2:00 p.m. For more information or to apply, visit https://sebhousing.com/property/ union-346.

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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, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 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 live auction, emceed by 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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exhibited no need for conversation. Then I was swept up in the exultation Of thousands of revelers' descent to hell.

There is a lot to see in Mazer's new world of edited imagination. "Start with the rain," he says in his fascinating piece entitled *The Rain*. Indeed, the elemental drumming upon the eaves suggest the consciousness awakening with a new awareness of life's mysteries. Yes, mankind is different. He sees things and remembers what he needs or he wants to. The poet seems to use rain in the classic way, as a rebirthing force. But Mazer rebirths everything as his own personal universe and in his own image (poetically and internally) from which he continues to slice and dice. Consider these ruminations on man's purpose,

The streets are slick with memory's reflections, the many byways of the mind's directions, wet thick on brick, where nothing in its mystery shall stick, affording a proper end to introspection that have no name, where no two are the same, except in the unity of your dissections, the fame of eternity's ejections. Mankind is sick. And comes up against naught but stone and brick, not certain what there is he should atone for. He's quite insane, yet know him by his name and you shall know the most and least of pain, the trouble he has opening the door. What stretches forward, and what comes before. There is nothing holding you together, except the windy and rainy weather.

Isolation and lost love coalesce in Mazer's title poem, *The Ruined Millionaire*. The poet mines these emotions by chipping away at memory's marble blocks and refashioning a memory of himself. His command over his imagined material appears childlike, most assuredly innocent, but his awareness and experience borders on omniscient. Here is the heart of the poem,

...He does things on a whim, like take out childhood letters for an evening, despite the fact his loneliness is grieving for company that never comes. Who They? No one gets inside. No one can say what makes him tick. He lights a parlour trick by rote, as if the moon were doing it, but there is no audience, none can complain he took a turn and willfully insane made silent inventory of his pain, his need for utterance still unfulfilled, reminders of the time that he first killed. Control is his. Considers History, and sees that through a century or three the ways of doing things have little changed.

Under the title of Lexington, Mazer composes in poin-

tillist fashion, cinematic tapestries of remembered images bleeding together, a perception that must be seen from afar. This poem of leisure and wealth brings with it a dystopian undercurrent and intensities such as diseases, assault, and love's debris kept at bay. Mazer strings together knowledge and nuggets of solidified consciousness. Here he details (picking and choosing, as a good editor should) mnemonic items charged with the raw material of poetry,

In the cellar theatrical properties and paintings, trunks, of costume jewels, pirate treasure, and men's magazines. Nothing endears the mind except truth. I am still amazed at all that passion growing daily, planned like a tea party. In youth I fell in love with the old movies and disappeared like Ahab in the screen, The Son of the Shiek with Rudolph Valentino gave fevered distance to the afternoon, its byways and coursings palpable only in the breach, the stock market, the rare book store, out of reach

Perhaps Mazer delivers his fevered visions of memorious wreckage uniquely and authentically because he has invented a new self from the remains. His editorial consciousness chisels out a mimetic unity which beautifies all that matters in poetic diction and structure. This collection represents the very best of Mazer. And the very best of Mazer is very good indeed.



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