



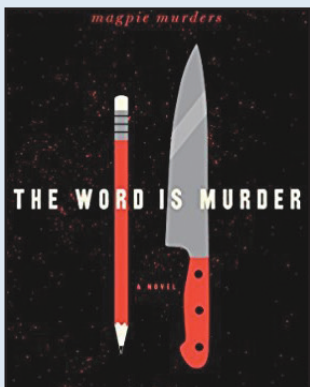
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Somerville Media Center expands at Somernova campus



The Somerville Media Center expansion at Somernova will provide much needed space and facility for the organization.

Rafi Properties, Owner and Operator of Somernova, the 7.4-acre innovation campus and community dedicated to helping people and companies iterate and grow faster, has announced that the Somerville Media Center (SMC) will expand their footprint at the campus, and open a new, state-of-the-art media center designed to spark creativity and amplify community engagement.

SMC is operating in a limited capacity in their current, 2,500 SF space at 12 Tyler Street, and plans to come back and offer all of their services and more in their new space at 29 Properzi Way. Tailor-made for the digital age, the new 5,000 square foot media center, will serve as a nexus of collaboration and exploration designed to inspire Somerville's next generation of storytellers, innovators, and change-makers. *Continued on page 4*

Somervillians invited to 'Slice of the City' spring meet-up series

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City Council invite Somerville community members to the inaugural "Slice of the City" meet-up series. This new series of family-friendly pizza parties in the parks offers attendees a new way to connect and engage with city leaders and staff as well as neighbors all while enjoying Somerville's parks.

The outdoor series for all ages will feature seven early evening meet-ups, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., throughout the month of May – one each in each of the city's seven wards. Held in parks and green spaces, the drop-in style gatherings are an opportunity to mingle with Mayor Ballantyne, your Ward and At-Large City Councilors, School Committee members, and State Delegation representatives, as well as City staff and neighbors. Meanwhile, the Recreation Department will host *Continued on page 4*



The "Slice of the City" meet-up series kicks off on Thursday, May 2, in Ward 4 at the Healey School Playground.

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Celebrate Somerville’s newly updated community climate action plan, **Climate Forward**. Step into **Somerville in 2050**, an inspiring community where our collective efforts have triumphed in creating a climate-forward society. Enjoy live music, refreshments, and interactive art installations that depict our shared vision of resilience in the face of climate change. **Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, Greentown Labs (444 Somerville Ave). Registration recommended but not required: <https://greentownlabs.com/>.

Interested community members are invited to learn more about **foster parenting** at a virtual information session sponsored by **Somerville Public Schools, Cambridge Public Schools, and MA DCF**. April 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Register: bit.ly/cps-register

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Big happy birthday to a good friend over at **Ball Square Café, Mike Moccia**. We wish him a great day. Happy birthday to **Anthony Fraser**, who grew up in East Somerville. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Blake Maddux, Sylvia Cabrera, Tina Kneeland, Bella Khadijah, Dinunzio Angelmarie, Kate Sherlock Guiliano, Debbie Shansky Murray, Dom Panzino, Joseph DeSousa, Chris Lavelli and Rose Lister** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays. *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

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

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday April 24	Rain	59°/30°	44%	39%	SW 14 mph
Thursday April 25	Sunny	54°/37°	0%	1%	NNE 10 mph
Friday April 26	Sunny	57°/36°	2%	1%	E 10 mph
Saturday April 27	Partly Cloudy	60°/47°	3%	2%	SW 11 mph
Sunday April 21	Partly Cloudy	69°/53°	22%	15%	W 13 mph
Monday April 29	Partly Cloudy	66°/50°	23%	17%	ENE 11 mph
Tuesday April 30	Cloudy	58°/50°	24%	18%	NE 12 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: **Davis Sq. merchants get double dose of distressing news**

Tom says:

I’ve been a Somerville resident and property owner since 2010. The metered parking in Davis Square is a disaster, and I enthusiastically agree with the efforts of city planners to remove it. It is easy for any Somerville resident to get a parking sticker for their vehicle(s), and there is plenty of off-street parking in the immediate vicinity of Davis Square. The existing lots in Davis Square always have empty spaces for those without stickers. The complaints in these replies are not representative of Somerville residents.

TheoNa says:

There is a total lack of transparency within the Mobility Division, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD). Essentially no published agendas, invitations, or minutes from their meetings, no community engagement, no prior notifications sent out until after a decision is made. Perhaps we need to make them electable officers and give the public a voice in holding them accountable.

Slaw says:

There are ongoing public processes about these street scape changes. The people opposed to street safety in favor of (basically) free storage of private vehicles in public space, are simply upset that in these processes they are significantly outnumbered by those wanting safer and more human centered streets.

JAR says:

Since these newly built out empires in the City are immune to such annoyances as the open meeting laws, etc., perhaps it’s time for aggrieved parties to gather together, hire an attorney, and file a class action suit against the City to cease and desist with this subterfuge and mis-allocation of taxpayer funds. Something needs to be done.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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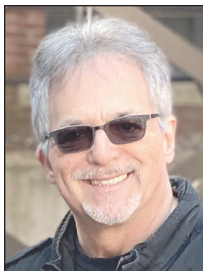
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Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

The lost tapes



Four Somerville kids start a band in the early 70's. The Tools (formerly Shadowfax) was the name of my original band from the 70's. In 1978 we recorded a 45 with two songs, *Spark 'em Up* and *Love My Money*.

We had 250 pressed and there are still a lot of them around. I have two and the record was in the jukeboxes of Harold's Luncheonette and The Embassy Lounge.

Our guitarist, Richard Collins, is moving to Seattle so we got together last Saturday to reminisce and say goodbye and good luck.

For three hours we talked and laughed. When we recorded the record, we also recorded two new Tool songs. All these years no one had copies of the two, *Guardian Angel* and *Tool In Your Hand*. I located the former owner of the Baker Street Studios, Roger Baker. He told me when he sold the business all the master tapes went too.

Would we ever find these missing recordings? Well, you can imagine the

shock I got when Richard came downstairs with a master tape. Hopefully it has the new songs on it. I don't know if Richy had recently found it while packing, or that he had it all the time and didn't know it.

The Tools are me on keyboards, Richard Collins on guitar, Charlie Vigneau on bass and Teddy Bates on drums.

Right now, I'm looking for a studio that can play the tape and it may be the one that my sons' band Mallcops use. It will be exciting to hear what's on the tape if anything. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the over 40-year-old tape is still in working order.

We are excited at what may be on the tape.

Let's hope it wasn't demagnetized or erased or something.

The tape may have been mixed in with our possessions from when we all lived together in the early 70's.

If it's the tape we think it is, the studio master, there should be at least five songs on it. I'm still looking for a studio that can play the vintage tape. Imagine if there's a hit song on the tape. I'll have to come out of retirement and do gigs.



I'm very excited to hear what's on there. I'll keep you all informed about the tape. In the meantime, good luck In Seattle, Richard. We'll let you know if we have two new Tools songs. Taylor Swift, watch out.

2024 Somerville Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Department of Veterans' Services are announcing that Somerville's Memorial Day parade will be held on Sunday, May 26.

The parade will step off at 11:00 a.m. from Davis Square, proceeding west on Holland Street through Teele Square and onto Broadway, ending at the Veterans Cemetery between Alewife Brook Parkway and North Street.

The City's annual remembrance ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Somerville Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country. The ceremony will feature remarks by Mayor Ballantyne and Director of Veterans' Services Jerome Thomas.

Sign up to join the parade as a marcher or volunteer

Somerville community groups, organi-



zations, and local businesses are encouraged to participate and march along with local Veterans and first responders, as well as volunteers to help the parade run smoothly.

To sign up to participate, or volunteer, please complete a brief form at somervillema.gov/memorialday or call 617-625-6600 x 4700 by end of day on Tuesday, April 30. Please contact the Somerville Department of Veterans' Services at veterans@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600 x 4700 with questions.



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Somerville Media Center expands at Somernova campus CONT. FROM PG 1

Established in 1983, the SMC has long been a beacon of connectivity and creativity for the Somerville community. Home to local access channel SCATV, the SMC has hosted nationally recognized programming such as "Dead Air Live," the longest-running show in US cable access history, and "Let's Talk About Race," an award-winning broadcast and podcast program focused on racial dialogues and historical analysis.

After the SMC was asked to relocate from the property, they were based in for almost 40 years, Rafi Properties offered to re-home the media center in a temporary 2,500 square foot space at Somernova in 2023. Today's announcement further solidifies SMC's important presence as part of Somernova's creative and innovative ecosystem and marks the next chapter for the SMC as it continues to grow its multi-media offerings including its radio programming, Boston Free Radio, hyperlocal Somerville news shows and locally produced television programs.

"As the producer of SMC's 'Let's Talk About Race' since 2017, I've facilitated and showcased the vital conversations between the BIPOC and white residents of Somerville," said Diane Wong, Director of the Racial Justice Collaborative. "Our show has always been a space where dialogue about race is open, honest, and transformative. With our move to our new home at 29 Properzi Way, we're not just changing locations; we're stepping into a realm of even greater possibilities.

This new space, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, represents our ongoing commitment to continue and elevate these critical conversations. Here, in the heart of Somerville, we will delve deeper into the stories that have shaped our racial history and personal experiences, fostering understanding and empathy in a way that only genuine, fearless communication can. As we embark on this exciting new chapter, I am reminded of the power of our voices and the impact of our stories. To-

gether, at our new home, we will explore, learn, and grow, driven by the belief that through meaningful dialogue, we can illuminate the nuanced realities of race and diversity, creating a more inclusive community for everyone."

The SMC's expansion at Somernova will advance its servicing of media and communications needs for local non-profit partners and enhance its youth programming and on-campus partnerships. This summer, SMC will host a five-week Youth Creator Club program in collaboration with The Dojo, Somernova's youth-driven community center pilot. This transformative program will empower 40 young minds to unleash their creativity, learn media production skills, and craft their own stories, leveraging the SMC's cutting-edge resources and Somernova's spirit of innovation. Through initiatives like the Youth Creator Club, SMC aims to inspire and empower the next generation of media makers, ensuring that youth voices are heard and amplified.



"This is a huge step forward for SMC. While the continued transformation of Somerville is bringing a lot of change quickly, our new home at 29 Properzi gives us a chance to leverage our history in this city and rejuvenate our organization," said Jesse Buckley, President of the Somerville Media Center's Board of Directors. "I'm really excited for SMC's past, present, and future members to rediscover the power of collaboration with new tools, and in a new studio. This is something we will all

be building and discovering together, and it is possible in large part thanks to Somernova and the City of Somerville."

"Somernova values a holistic campus where innovators from all background and industries can collaborate, grow, and give back to the community of Somerville," said Collin Yip, Managing Director of Rafi Properties, Owner and Operator of Somernova. "I have no doubt Somerville Media Center's next chapter on campus will be synergistic and innovative."

Somervillians invited to 'Slice of the City' spring meet-up series

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kid's activities, and refreshments and pizza will be provided.

"Not everyone can squeeze a whole weeknight community meeting into their schedules, and others may be hesitant to join a more formal event, so it's important that we try out new ways for people to connect with the public servants who serve them," said Mayor Ballantyne. "We are excited to launch the 'Slice of the City' series as part of our ongoing commitment to creating access to local government and building community. Plus, it's always great to have a reason to hang out in our awesome parks."

Staff on hand will be happy to discuss neighborhood projects,

City programs and services, questions or concerns, or your favorite pizza topping.

Slice of the City Schedule

Look for the balloons and tables at each location. Rain locations if needed will be posted to somervillema.gov/slice or contact 311:

- Thursday, May 2: Ward 4 at the Healey School Playground, 5 Meacham Street

- Monday, May 6: Ward 1 at Chuckie Harris Playground, 17 Cross Street East

- Thursday, May 9: Ward 6 at Powderhouse Park, 850 Broadway (College Ave. side)

- Monday, May 13: Ward 7 at Lou Ann David Park, 1060 Broadway

- Thursday, May 16: Ward 5 at Trum Field Playground, One Franey Road at Cedar Street

- Monday, May 20: Ward 3 at Prospect Hill Park, 68 Munroe Street

- Tuesday, May 28: Ward 2 at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street (near Argenziano School entrance)

Each "Slice of the City" event will prioritize inclusivity and accessibility, with language assistance available through the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs and accommodations for seniors and individuals with mobility needs. In the event of inclement weather, indoor locations will be announced.

Replacing the traditional

spring cycle of City Hall Community Meetings, the "Slice of the City" series, along with the city's new annual Civic Day on Saturday, April 27, is designed to provide a broader range of engagement opportunities, ensuring that more residents have the chance to learn about and participate in Somerville civic life. This pilot program will be evaluated upon completion, with the goal of enhancing accessibility and inclusivity in civic access and discourse.

More information: Visit somervillema.gov/slice for more information.

ADA Accommodations: Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for

effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should please contact Adrienne Pomeroy in advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov.

Interpretation: The city will make every effort to provide interpretation into any language upon advance request (at least seven days in advance). Contact the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somervillema.gov/ContactSomerViva or contact 311 at 617-666-3311 or somervillema.gov/311.

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Dover St. fire in Somerville under investigation

Last Saturday night at approximately 10:00 p.m., the Somerville FAO received a 911 call reporting a fire near a construction site on Dover Street.

District Chief Matt Wall was first to arrive on scene and found heavy fire showing from the rear of a large three-story occupied dwelling.

A working fire was quickly ordered followed by a 2nd and 3rd alarm bringing all Somerville companies to the scene along with mutual aid from Cambridge, Boston, Medford and Arlington

Upon arrival, Engines 7 and 6 worked together to establish a water supply and knock down the heavy overlapping fire in the rear along with protecting multiple exposures from the growing fire.

First due Ladder 3 arrived on scene and immediately began a search on floor 3. Through heavy smoke conditions, Captain Derek Nolan with Firefighters Connor Colbert, Charlie Conway, and Josh McCann were able to find a disoriented occupant on Floor 3.

They were then met by the crew of Ladder 1 and the companies were able to bring the victim safely to awaiting Cataldo EMS for transport to a local hospital.

Local 76 would like to thank the Boston Sparks A-10 for their water, Gatorade, coffee and snacks as well as all mutual aid companies who worked and covered our stations.

— Somerville Firefighters Local 76



Even first responders need your support



Help your Local 76 raise funds to care for long time Somerville firefighter Roger Perez. After devoting 24 years of his life to service he was forced into early retirement due to Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a rare, debilitating and incurable disease.

PSP is not yet covered by the fire department as a work-related disability and the extensive, 24-hour care required is not covered by the city's health insurance.

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) is an adult-onset neurodegenerative disease that has no known cure, is readily mistaken for Parkinson's disease and affects approximately 1/100,000 people.

Initial loss of balance, tremors in the hands, changes in personality, weakness of eye movements, mouth, tongue, and throat, slurred speech, and difficulty swallowing lead eventually to loss of muscle and bodily function, and eventually death.

Visit www.psp.org for more information.

In the interim, any amount that you can give will make a significant impact and help Roger's family pay for his extraordinary care while he is still with us.



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Please Venmo all contributions to firefighter Tom Kelley. In lieu of funds, businesses are also encouraged to provide gift certificates, services, merchandise and or anything we can raffle off at the FUNDRAISER, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Premier on Broadway, Somerville, MA. Please spread the word and join us!

— Somerville Firefighters Local 76

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on bills that are currently in separate House-Senate conference committees which are trying to hammer out a compromise version of each bill following House and Senate approval of different versions of the bill. The members of a conference committee are appointed by the Senate president and House speaker.

Once a conference committee works out a compromise version, the full House and Senate vote on that version which, if approved, goes to the governor for her signature.

Here are some bills currently in conference committees, or soon to be in a conference committee, and how senators and representatives voted on the version originally approved by each branch.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCLUDING \$250 MILLION FUNDING FOR SHELTERS (H 4466 and S 2711)

House 121-33, Senate 32-8, approved different versions of a supplemental budget that includes an additional \$250 million in funding for the Emergency Assistance Program that funds the emergency family shelter system which houses migrants.

Other provisions keep in place some pandemic-era programs, set to expire, including allowing restaurants to sell beer, wine and cocktails for take-out and expanding outdoor dining.

The bills have been in conference committee since March 28.

(A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

USE INTEREST FROM STATE'S "RAIN DAY FUND" TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDS (H 4446 and S 2554)

House 154-0, Senate 39-0, approved different version of a bill that would leverage the interest from the state's Rainy Day Fund to better compete for federal dollars, to ensure the state receives the maximum possible share of federal funds and to pay down the state's long term debt liabilities. The Rainy Day Fund currently has a historic balance of \$8.2 billion.

The bills have been in conference committee since

March 25.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

APPROVE FIREARMS CHANGES (H 4139 and S 2572)

House 120-38, Senate 37-3, approved different versions of a bill that would change some of the state's gun laws including limiting the carrying of guns into public places including schools, polling places, government buildings and the private residences of others, with an exemption for law enforcement. Another provision would crack down on the spread of ghost guns – unserialized and untraceable firearms.

The bills have been in conference committee since February 29.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

EMPLOYERS MUST DISCLOSE A SALARY RANGE WHEN POSTING A JOB (H 4109 and S 2484)

House 148-8, Senate 38-1, different versions of a bill, dubbed the Frances Perkins Workplace Equity Act, which would require employers with 25 or more employees to disclose a salary range when posting a job position.

The bills have been in conference committee since October 30.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REVENGE PORN AND TEEN SEXTING (H 4241 and S 2703)

House 151-0, Senate 40-0, approved different versions of a bill that would prohibit the posting of sexually explicit images of another person online without their permission – commonly referred to as "revenge porn." The practice is often used by ex-spouses or ex-partners.

Massachusetts is one of only two states that does not have a law about this crime. The measure makes it illegal to do so and establishes a sentence of up to 2.5 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000; increases the upper limit of the fine for criminal harassment from \$1,000 to \$5,000; and allows a victim to petition the court for a harassment prevention order against a person who has violated this statute.

Another provision changes current law under which minors, under 18 years of age, who share explicit images of themselves or other minors, can be charged with violating Massachusetts child pornography laws and are required to register with the Sex Offender Registry. The bill allows minors to be diverted to an educational program that would provide them with information about the consequences of posting or transmitting indecent visual depictions of minors.

This bill has not yet been sent to a conference committee because the Senate has not yet appointed its members of a conference committee.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EXPAND PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (H 2890)

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would expand the current law which provides a property tax abatement to the surviving spouses and minor children of police officers and firefighters "killed in the line of duty." The bill provides that the abatement also go to the families of officers who "died in the line of duty."

"Killed in the line of duty" has a limited definition usually meaning the individual lost their life in an incident, accident or due to violence that are directly related to their service. "Died in the line of duty" is broader and can account for a number of medical emergencies like stroke or heart attack.

"This legislation honors the sacrifice of our brave police and firefighters," said sponsor Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham). "This simple language change will assure that surviving family members receive the tax benefit they are deserving of and what I believe was the original intention of the exemption."

COMMENTARY

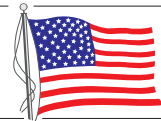
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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Arts at the Armory gets its GLOW on.

Our View Of The Times



Who among us doesn't appreciate all the fine things that the Arts at the Armory gives to the community? All sorts of special events, entertainment, cultural celebrations, and so on.

It's just a great institution that deserves our appreciation and support. This coming Friday, we all have an opportunity to join in a special event to benefit the organization, GLOWBALL: A Rave In Support

of Arts at the Armory - The Center for the Arts at the Armory.

GLOWBALL will transform the Armory Performance Hall into an immersive Glow-in-the-Dark Rave created by DJ Saucy Lady with hypnotic visuals by Jay Medina, all in support of The Center for Arts at the Armory.

It is an anti-gala, and a coming out party for their newly upgraded Performance

Hall. There will be no speeches, presentations or auction. Join in feting this glorious space and all of the transcendent moments it has provided to our community. This is set to be Somerville's most illuminating party of 2024!

They will be honoring the following Somerville-affiliated awardees at GLOWBALL:

Outstanding Artist: Marcus Santos

Community Arts Advocate: Joe Lynch
Lifetime Achievement Award: Lynn Gervens (Mudflat).

There will be performances by Marcus Santos' Grooversity drumming ensemble, and aerial circus performances by Ellen Waylonis and Sophie Kaufman from ESH.

Visit their website for more information: <https://artsatthearmory.org>.

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan, and city staff invite you to join a virtual community meeting to learn about flood relief and water quality improvement efforts planned for Winter Hill, Ten Hills, and the surrounding neighborhood. The meeting will take place Wednesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Visit the project website at somervillema.gov/mysticoutfall to learn more and attend the meeting. For those unable to attend, a recording of the presentation will be available on the project website, as well as on City YouTube and the City's GovTV channels.

On Friday, April 26, GLOWBALL will transform the Armory Performance Hall into an immersive Glow-in-the-Dark Rave created by DJ Saucy Lady with hypnotic visuals by Jay Medina, all in support of The Center for Arts at the Armory. Visit their website for more information: <https://artsatthearmory.org>.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 27. Somerville's Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) and Health and Human Services teams will be collecting unused or expired medications at two sites: 220

Washington Street and 6 Newbury Street from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Overdose prevention information and resources will also be available. And remember: Somerville offers a 24/7, year-round kiosk at 220 Washington Street for medications, syringes and needles. For more information, contact COHR Director, Patty Contente, at pcontente@somervillema.gov.

Join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Office of Sustainability and Environment for a series of free and family friendly events and interactive activities to celebrate SustainaVille

Week, April 20-27, an annual celebration of climate action in Somerville during the week of Earth Day. See the full schedule of events online at: www.somervillema.gov/sustainavilleweek.

East Somerville Spring Community cleanup will take place on April 27, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join in and make a difference in the East Somerville community. Meet at the East Branch Library.

A reminder that yard waste pickup has begun. Yard waste should be put out with your trash and recycling on your normal pickup day and be in
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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What was the original flavor of the creme filling in a Twinkie?
2. What Parks and Recreation star was born in Newton?
3. What beer, the flagship brand of the Boston Beer Company, was named after a U.S. founding father?
4. Which artist's entire 1985 Live Aid set consisted of just a single cover song?
5. What rock star moonlights as a horror movie writer and director?
6. What nut is typically a key ingredient in a Waldorf salad?
7. What national historical park is located in Quincy, MA?
8. Which classical composer was deaf?
9. What are the dying words of Charles Foster Kane in *Citizen Kane*?
10. What is the typical cheese that is part of a Caprese salad?
11. What landmark on N Square in Boston was the colonial home of which Revolutionary American hero?
12. Boston Globe editor Ben Bradlee Jr. headed up what infamous investigative reporting unit?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Our eyes are always the same size from birth.
2. It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

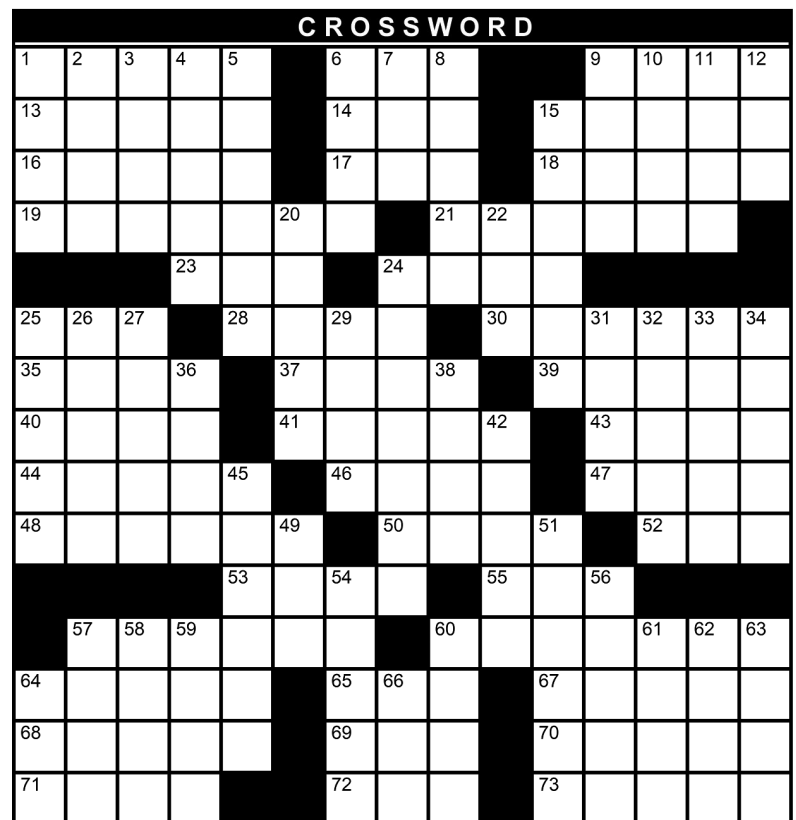
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1. Bars
6. Escape or flee
9. Green gemstone or Heather Graham in "The Hangover"
13. Turning point
14. 34th U.S. Pres
15. Actress Sophia ____
16. Each and all
17. Lake, in France
18. Roof overhangs
19. Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. ____
21. Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah ____
23. Not safe, in baseball
24. "Hold on!"
25. Uno ____, in Mexico
28. Iranian monarch
30. Be a go-between
35. Kind of cuckoos
37. Passing mention
39. Dwelled
40. TV show "____ 911!"
41. "Beloved" mother
43. Like a tennis skirt
44. Scottish kinship groups
46. Spare in car
47. Email folder
48. Vertical dimension
50. Turf alternative
52. Morse Code dash
53. Hippocratic ____
55. Three, to Caesar
57. Margaret White's telekinetic daughter
60. Elizabeth Zott of "____ in Chemistry"
64. Vernacular
65. R&R hot spot
67. Capital of Vietnam
68. Yours is as good as mine?
69. Tennis retry
70. Cause anxiety (2 words)
71. Bookie's quote
72. Well-kept secret, for some
73. Teatime treat

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1. Do like volcano
2. Honey home
3. Iris holder
4. Human trunk
5. iPad "pen"



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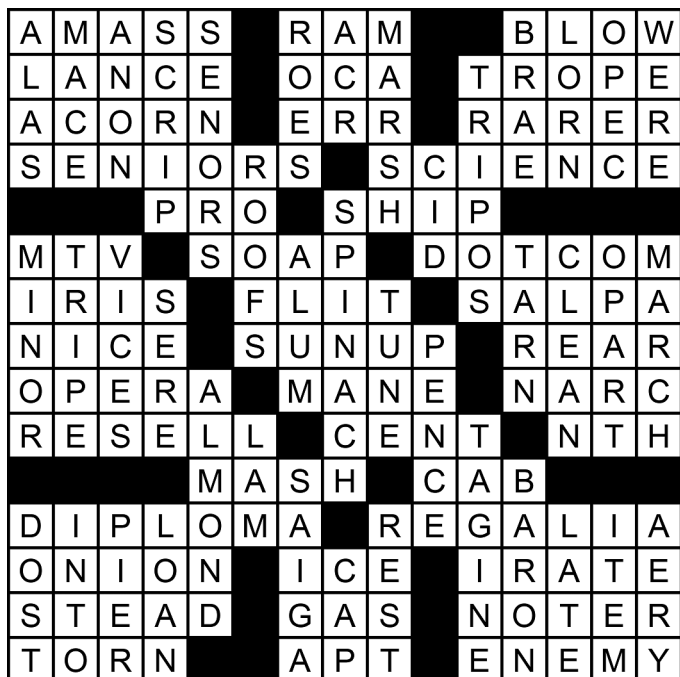
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Soultion to last week's crossword puzzle:



6. Matriarch, ____ Munster of "The Munsters"
7. Nadezhda of "The Americans," ____ Elizabeth Jennings, acr.
8. Muhammad's birthplace
9. Melissa Rivers' mom
10. Australian slang for afternoon
11. Widely hunted ruminant
12. Follow ems
15. A particular legume
20. Not pathos
22. Second O in EVOO
24. Kinda white
25. Mrs. ____, a.k.a. Marmee
26. Anoint
27. Red Sea peninsula
29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
31. Goals
32. Like a Harvard building?
33. Plant-based laxative
34. ____ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
36. Dance partner
38. Drive-____, for short
42. Like a haunted house
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. ____ chi
51. Casts a line
54. Popular electric car
56. Newton's first name
57. Foul substance
58. Matured
59. Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
60. Better than never?
61. On top of
62. "High" time
63. Cosine's counterpart
64. In the past
66. "Married... with Children" mom

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Somerville Rotary Club to celebrate 100 years of service

The Somerville Rotary Club is planning an event to celebrate 100 Years of Service to the Community.

The event will honor Nancy Kavanagh, St. Patrick's Women's Shelter, Darren Warren and the Porter Square Star Market Team, and Patricia Reardon, Somerville Rotarian of the Year.

The Planning Committee for the event, pictured here, include Eugene Ferraro, Dave Worzala, Ann Kirby, Gilda Nogueira and Mayor Emeritus Eugene Brune. Not pictured is John Keegan.

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. George Dilboy VFW Post 529, 351 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02144.



Individual event tickets are \$75, purchase tickets by scanning the QR code here.

For any additional event information, please contact David Worzala at dworzala@gmail.com or 608-695-3278. somervillerotary.org.



Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Roasted Cauliflower with Faux Parmesan

I thought I would share a recipe I came up with that's not only vegan friendly, but full of flavor and packed with many vitamins that most of us struggle to get into our everyday diet. It's called nutritional yeast. Nutritional yeast is gluten free, dairy free, Kosher, vegan, sugar free, and is low in sodium. It's high in vitamins B6, B12, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, and folate 752mcg DFE. And it's serving size is only 1 tablespoon.

Although I certainly do not claim this will in any way beat the flavor of Parmesan cheese, for those who can't eat dairy or choose not to, this is a great alternative. It's definitely worth a try. I even add this mixture to popcorn.

- 1 Medium Head Cauliflower, Cut into bite size pieces
- 2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt

Faux Parmesan Mixture
1/2 Cup Raw Cashews

- 2 Tablespoons Nutritional Yeast
- 1/4 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 2 Teaspoons Smoked Paprika
- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon Freshly Ground Black Pepper

Preheat oven to 425°. Prepare the cauliflower and place the pieces into a medium bowl. Add the olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt and toss until completely coated. Transfer to a sheet pan, and place in the oven for 20 minutes, or until almost fork tender but still has some crunch.

In a food processor, add the raw cashews, and pulse about 8-10 times until you have small granules. Add the cashews to a small bowl and add the nutritional yeast, garlic powder, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix well. Once the cauliflower is done, add it to a bowl and add 3 tablespoons of the faux Parmesan to the cauliflower and toss until fully coated.

Serves 2-3.

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



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

**THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR.
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 7, 2024** 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 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mBOG6A3qSRK_w6f5Q3GPsg
Webinar ID: 853 2506 6413

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

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

HP24-000001 – 382 Broadway

Applicant: Garrett Einis
Owner: 382 Broadway LLC
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
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB #24-68**

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, Invites Sealed Bids For:

Traffic and Parking Building Roof Replacement

A bid package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, April 24th, 2024**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 15th, 2024**.

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 email Sonia Castro scastro@somervillema.gov for more information.

**Sonia Castro
Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3407**

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**SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT
A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S FY2025 BUDGET**
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. (Originally scheduled on May 1, 2024)
In the **EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM-50 Cross Street**

To watch the Budget Hearing live from home:
Use the following web address and choose GOVTV: www.somervillema.gov/tv

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

**Ilana Krepchin, Chair
Somerville School Committee**

**Dr. Sarah Philips, Chair
Finance and Facilities Subcommittee**

**Dr. Rubén Carmona
Superintendent of Schools**

For questions regarding the Budget Hearing, please contact your School Committee Ward Member:
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/somerville-school-committee>

Budget information will be posted on the Somerville Public School website prior to the Budget hearing here:
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/central-administration/finance-and-facilities>

**STATE-WIDE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEARING**

**THE SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL
CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO
DETERMINE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL
CHOICE PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The City of Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is preparing its 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan as mandated by the federal Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This plan guides how the City will spend federal CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds over the next five years. **Additionally, the city will be amending the current Citizen Participation plan to include the authorization to seek Section 108 funding and related opportunities for public comment and procedures. The City seeks feedback on the draft plan and related Citizen Participation plan amendment, which will be available at <https://www.somervillema.gov/content/5-year-consolidated-plan-2024-2028> starting April 22, 2024.**

- The City will hold a virtual public hearing on May 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM to present the draft plan and receive comments. Members of the public may attend this hearing through the following link: <http://bit.ly/4aegnKT>
- Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville should contact Adrienne Pomeroy, at APomeroy@somervillema.gov.
- Interpretation into other languages may be available upon advance request by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.
- Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the draft Consolidated Plan to Miranda Rubin (mrubin@somervillema.gov) at the City's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (City Hall, 3rd Floor). All comments received by May 24, 2024, will be incorporated in the final Plan.

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

The **Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee** and the **Somerville Planning Board** will hold a joint public hearing on **Thursday, May 2, 2024** at 6:30 pm. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

REGISTER ONLINE

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lkH234wXRvuVbddXmFQ9Sg

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

- Mayor Ballantyne requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2, Article 3, Article 4, Article 5, Article 8, and Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinances to remove conflicts with the State Building Code.

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

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to the Planning Board and the City Council at publiccomments@somervillema.gov. Comments must be received no later than 12 Noon the day of the Hearing to ensure they are conveyed to the Committee for inclusion with the hearing testimony. The Chair(s) may opt to extend the period for written comments, in which case additional comments will be accepted until the date indicated. This information can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE - Vehicle Sale 05/05/2024

Pro Tech Towing notice to owner. The following abandoned motor vehicle will be privately sold unless claimed:

Car information	VIN#	Last registered owner	Address
2011 Dodge Durango	1D4SE4GT8BC594293	Hannah Marie Allain	655 Boston Post Rd. Apt. #1205 Sudbury, MA 01776
2002 Dodge Ram	1D7HU18N12J142289	Jeffrey Audette	109 Treys Way #D, Godley TX 76044
2018 Ford Focus	1FAD3F2XJL2244633	Steven Kapopoulos	42 Felton St., Hudson, MA 01749

Date of Sale **05/05/2024**. A 5-day notice to the Waltham Police Department Chief will be provided before sale. Location: Pro Tech Towing, 205 Willow St. Waltham, MA, Phone: 781-894-5058

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER M.G.L.c.183A:6

By virtue of Judgment and Order of the Somerville District Court (Docket No. 2310CV000329), in favor of TRUSTEES OF THE CUMBERLAND CONDOMINIUM TRUST against ESTATE OF PATRICIA RICARDO, ET. AL. establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L.c.183A:6 on the real estate known as UNIT #40-EIGHT, 40 HIGHLAND AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS of THE CUMBERLAND CONDOMINIUM for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction at 11:00 O'CLOCK AM ON THE 6th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2024, AT UNIT 40-EIGHT, 40 HIGHLAND AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

Unit No. 40-Eight of The Cumberland Condominium created by Master Deed dated July 29, 2005 and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 45862, Page 115, and The Cumberland Condominium Trust dated July 29, 2005 recorded with said Deeds in Book 45862, Page 128.

The Post Office Address of the Condominium is: 40 Highland Avenue, Unit Eight, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143.

The unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan recorded herewith, which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in G.L. c. 183A, §9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in G.L. c. 183A, the Master Deed and the By-Laws recorded therewith.

The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities is 4.31%.

For Grantor's title see deed to PATRICIA RICARDO AND WILLIAM RICARDO dated February 6, 2007 and recorded with the Middlesex County Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 49457, Page 579.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

- TERMS OF SALE:
1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.
 2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.
 3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
 4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.
 5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.
 6. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.
 7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.
 8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is".
 9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.
 10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, PC, 45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

THE CUMBERLAND CONDOMINIUM TRUST,

For the Trustees,
By its Attorneys
MARCUS, ERRICO, EMMER
& BROOKS, PC

Dean T. Lennon, Esq.
BBO#668031
45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107
Braintree, MA 02184
(781) 843-5000

Dated: _____

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 119537

Two Public Informational Meetings will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Maffa Way/Mystic Avenue Bridge Superstructure Replacements project in Somerville and Charlestown.

WHERE: Charlestown Knights of Columbus
545 Medford Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

WHEN: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM

WHERE: Somerville Public Library
Central Branch
79 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

WHEN: Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public an overview of upcoming construction activities on the Maffa Way/Mystic Avenue Bridge Superstructure Replacements project. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project consists of replacing the two deteriorated bridge superstructures of the Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue bridges over the MBTA Orange Line and Commuter Rail lines in Boston and Somerville. This project is set to improve public safety, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations by addressing standard bridge conditions. The project will be integrated with adjacent projects, such as Assembly Square, Rutherford Avenue, and the One Mystic development.

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In the event of inclement weather a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
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CARRIE E. LAVALLEE
CHIEF ENGINEER



CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
RFP 24-67

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

Nutrition Consulting Services for Older Adults

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home>, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**.

Sealed proposals will be received at the above office or via BidExpress until: **2:30 pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2024**. 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 email tcukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated November 8, 2022 by Edge Real Estate Investments, LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust u/d/t dated October 25, 2022 (recorded with Middlesex County (South) Registry of Deed in Book 80884, Page 355), said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 80926, Page 372, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of May, 2024** at 42 Sargent Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: **42 Sargent Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts**

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Somerville, being the same premises now known and numbered 42 Sargent Avenue, and being shown as the Lot marked No. 42 on a Plan of Land on Sargent Avenue, Somerville, belonging to Eveline M. Duseault, dated August 1, 1919, James E. Stone, Eng., and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans No. 275, Plan 24, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Sargent Avenue, forty-eight and 4/100 (48.04) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land of Smith, seventy and 88/100 (70.88) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by land formerly of Skilton, fifty and 50/100 (50.50) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY and by land of Dimond, seventy-one and 4/100 (71.04) feet.

Containing 3597 square feet of land.

For grantors title, see deed recorded herewith [Book 80926, Page 369].

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 taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, 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. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust
u/d/t dated October 25, 2022
Present holder of said mortgage
By his Attorneys,
Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.
1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610
Quincy, MA 02169

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The Goods in Somerville selected for Pay it '4ward'

The Goods, the premier dispensary in Somerville committed to providing high-quality cannabis products and supporting the local community through philanthropic initiatives, is proud to announce its partnership with the Wana Brands Foundation in support of Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts with a radical approach to ending hunger – permanently.

Established in 2021 by Wana Brands CEO Nancy Whiteman, Wana Brands Foundation's #4ward20 campaign is an annual giving initiative commemorating 4/20. Instead of purchasing promotional items destined for landfills, Wana Brands upholds the community ethos of 4/20 by reallocating resources to "pay it 4ward," selecting dispensaries from across the U.S.A. to enhance their local communities through charitable endeavors.

"At The Goods, we believe in giving back to the community that supports us. Teaming up with the Wana Brands Foundation to support Project Bread allows us to make a meaningful impact on food insecurity in Massachusetts, striving to make sure that no one in our community goes hungry," said Chris Vining and Alex DeGroot, Co-Founders of The Goods.

"Through the Wana Brands Foundation and the annual #4ward20 campaign with Wana Brands, I've had the opportunity to meet some incredible organizations that are truly changing the world. It is not hyperbole to say that being a part of their work has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Celebrating this milestone of donating more



than \$4.2 million to these nonprofits energizes us to further our collective mission to enhance lives and do good," said Nancy Whiteman, CEO of Wana Brands and Founder of the Wana Brands Foundation.

Project Bread's mission resonates deeply with The Goods' commitment to community welfare. By connecting individuals and communities to reliable food sources, Project Bread aims to eliminate hunger and address systemic injustices that disproportionately affect marginalized communities.

"We have made incredible strides against hunger, from the passage of permanent free school meals in Massachusetts to increasing access to SNAP for immigrants facing food insecurity," said Erin McAleer, Project Bread's CEO. "But hunger is still a pervasive problem in our state, with 1 in 5 households with children currently facing food insecurity. The support of our partners at The Goods and the Wana Brands Foundation helps drive our mission forward to ensure all families in the Commonwealth can access

affordable, nutritious food."

McAleer will be among over 3,500 in-person and virtual participants to step up for Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5th. Participants will walk an accessible three-mile loop around the Boston Common or in their own neighborhoods. Beginning in 1969, as the first pledge walk in the nation, the one-day celebration aims to raise more than \$1.3 million and will feature family-friendly activities, programming and games, as the nonprofit invites people with mobility devices, strollers, young children and other needs to all participate in the mission to end hunger in Massachusetts. To register as a participant for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, or to support a walker or team with a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk.

For more information about The Goods' community efforts, check out their Instagram and visit their website. To discover the impactful initiatives of Wana's #4ward20 campaign, head over to its Instagram highlights.

Early Music Ensemble and Arab Music Ensemble: The Confluence of Musical Traditions in Medieval Spain and Beyond

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Early Music Ensemble and Arab Music Ensemble: The Confluence of Musical Traditions in Medieval Spain and Beyond at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Tuesday, April 30, at 8:00 p.m.

The Early Music Ensemble and the Arab Music Ensemble collaborate for a night of music directed by Jane Hershey and Naseem Alatrash. With special artists Dan Meyers, Tareq Rantisti, Jamal Sinno, and Rami Abu Olaya.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus.

For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.2253.

COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries and letters to the Editor of The Somerville Times do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville Times, its publishers or staff.

Electrify Somerville: Ensuring Equitable Home Electrification for All

By Michelle da Silva

As a long-time resident of Somerville, I have witnessed firsthand the growing interest in sustainable living within our vibrant community. This Earth Month, as we reflect on our role in the ongoing battle against climate change, it's important to take stock of all of the progress we've made, while also considering the roadblocks that remain, and what we need to do to continue moving forward.

Home electrification – getting your home off gas and transitioning to modern electric heat pump technology – is the single largest lever to reduce your carbon emissions as a homeowner. This is because home energy use is responsible for roughly 20% of the average American household's carbon footprint. In Massachusetts specifically, installing a heat pump reduces emissions by about 63% throughout its 15-year lifespan when compared to a

gas furnace. This is why there is such a big push to ban natural gas in our state.

My work as a Home Comfort Advisor at Elephant Energy has provided me with unique insight into the common challenges and misconceptions of electrifying a home. I've found that through education and consultation, it's most effective to guide homeowners through a phased electrification process that respects their circumstances and budget. This might start with something as simple as installing an induction stove or weatherizing to improve energy efficiency, and gradually moving towards more significant changes like heat pumps or heat pump water heaters. Every step counts.

Beyond understanding what a heat pump is and how it can benefit a household, many homeowners still have questions. One common concern is whether heat pumps work in harsh New England winters. They do—the right cold climate heat pump can effi-

ciently handle your home's heating needs down to -15 degrees. Others are apprehensive about the upfront cost of installation. This is where MassSave comes into play. It's a statewide initiative that provides residents with resources, rebates, and incentives to improve home energy efficiency. Established in 2008, the program was designed to help the state meet its energy goals and is funded by energy efficiency fees on residents' gas and electric bills, and sponsored by large utility providers in our state. Importantly, MassSave also provides zero-interest financing to help residents make energy-efficient upgrades.

However, the rebates strongly favor homeowners who live in single-family homes, or own condos in buildings with four or fewer units. These homeowners are eligible for a very robust \$10,000 rebate for transitioning to a heat pump. By comparison, homeowners in buildings with

five or more units only receive \$1,250 in rebates per cooling ton installed (typically amounting to \$2,500 - \$3,750 in savings). And, it's challenging to kick off the process, as MassSave's policy requires multi-family buildings to be audited simultaneously for energy efficiency to enroll—in many cases, arriving at this consensus can be challenging, or even a non-starter.

As a condo owner, I understand the unique challenges we face in adopting heat pumps firsthand. Many are enthusiastic to get off gas, but often encounter hurdles like the aforementioned limited incentives, space constraints to fit the technology, or the need for consensus in these buildings.

Especially in a city where multi-family housing is more common than single-family homes, streamlining processes and providing tailored support for condominium buildings with over four units is essential. Grants and incentives targeting

these types of housing could significantly facilitate the adoption of green technologies. With the MassSave plan being updated this year in preparation for the next three-year plan cycle (starting in 2025), now is the perfect time to provide comments to the MA Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, advocating for stronger incentives for condo owners.

In our mission to Electrify Somerville, let's remember that every small effort matters. Simple steps towards electrifying our homes are vital, especially in supporting our neighbors in multi-family units. By making even minor upgrades, we're not just reducing emissions but also fostering an inclusive approach to sustainability. Our collective actions and advocacy for equitable policies can lead to significant change. A greener Somerville is within reach, growing with each step we take together in home electrification. We must ensure everyone is part of this journey!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor,

Somerville's housing costs are beyond the reach of many of the city's employees. Our city would function more equitably and efficiently if city employees could live in Somerville.

I would like to propose a policy change

that might mitigate this problem.

A small percentage of the Somerville housing stock is designated as "affordable housing" (Inclusionary Affordable Housing and Rental Program) and can only be purchased or rented by people whose income is below a specified threshold.

I would suggest that the city's "essen-

tial" employees (e.g. teachers, firefighters, police, sanitation workers, and some others,) whose salary exceeds the affordable housing specified income limits but is below Somerville's median income be consider as "automatically qualified" to apply for Somerville's affordable housing units.

This policy change would make Somerville safer by keeping essential employees closer to our community, assist the city in its employee recruiting and retention efforts, and promote a more equitable city.

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Elfland Workshop: Crafting Fairy Homes + Elf Abodes

Calling elementary school children for a weekend-long sculpture workshop! Join local artists August Sklar and Nolan Boomer for two morning sessions on how to make miniature houses inspired by Elfland. Both sessions we will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road Somerville, MA 02143.

On Saturday, May 11, artists will teach the techniques of hand building with clay to construct the fairy home sculptures. This technique is a great introductory method to working with clay, as it requires little to no skill and promotes intuitive making. Children do not need any prior art experience to enroll in this class. Once the air-dry clay hardens, we will adorn the structures with an array of natural materials and craft supplies.

On Sunday, May 12, kids will finish up the models and then the group will walk to the Somerville bike path to display them in a Mother's Day fairy parade, families welcome.

EVENT TIME: Attendees

must attend both sessions.

Session #1 = Saturday, May 11 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session #2 = Sunday, May 12 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (includes a Mother's Day parade walk from the Somerville Museum to the Somerville bike path)

ADMISSION: FREE! This program is sponsored by an LCC grant from the Somerville Arts Council.*

Attendees must be between the ages of 7 and 12 years of age.

MATERIALS: Materials will be provided.

NOTES: Each attendee will be required to sign a waiver to participate. Spots in the workshop will be given to first ten (10) children to register. Space is limited and spots must be reserved in advance. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Please cancel 48 hours in advance so we can offer the opportunity to other children.

PARKING: Please note that there is no dedicated parking at the Somerville Museum. For more information and how to get to the Museum please review our website: [https://www.somerville-](https://www.somerville-museum.org/gettinghere)

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ACCESSIBILITY: The Somerville Museum is now handicapped accessible. The ADA entrance can be found on the ground level at 1 Westwood Road. For more information, please check out our website at <https://www.somerville-museum.org/gettinghere> or email us at info@somervillemuseum.org.

About August Sklar + Nolan Boomer

August Sklar is a visual artist and educator, currently studying landscape architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. They have taught sculpture to children ages four to seventeen, at various arts nonprofits, including Abrons Art Center, Art OMI and City Arts for Youth. They have served as an assistant teacher in the specialized education department at Avery's Creek Elementary School in Buncombe County, North Carolina and are invested in cultivating spaces for neurodivergent children, who learn in ways that go beyond the capabilities of the educational system. Nolan Boomer is an



architectural history doctoral student at Harvard University. They write for publications like New York Review of Architecture, Artforum, PIN-UP, and Places Journal. They are passionate about model making and excited to teach.

About Elfland

To learn more about the Elfland movement in Somerville: [\[um.org/elfland\]\(https://www.somerville-museum.org/elfland\)](https://www.somerville-muse-</p>
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*This event is a collaboration with the Somerville Museum. Any donations made benefit the Somerville Museum's programming, staffing, and overhead expenses.

*This program is supported in part by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

LEGO® Discovery Center Boston and Boston Bruins® deliver 100 care packages to Mass General for children

Children at Mass General for Children (MGfC) had a BRICKTASTIC morning when they were presented with care packages from LEGO® Discovery Center Boston and the Boston Bruins®. In honor of the Bruins Centennial Year, the two organizations collaborated to bring 100 care packages including tickets to LEGO® Discovery Center Boston, LEGO builds, Bruins gear and more to children at the hospital.

Last month, Boston Bruins® Kids Club members and LEGO® Discovery Center Boston's Mini Model Builders met at the Discovery Center to box up these 100 care packages. Kids Club members and mini builders had the chance to build a LEGO bear, the same build included in the care packages, with a Master Model Builder and write personalized notes that were included in the care packages.

Master Model Builder, Sean Martin, and Princess Argenta from LEGO® Discovery Center participated in the special delivery along with Dr. Allan Goldstein, surgeon-in-chief at MGfC and Sandy McGee, executive director of MGfC. Also in attendance was Bruins Foundation President, Bob Sweeney, to share in the joy with the children and families at Mass General Hospital.

"It was a special day at Mass General for Children," said Bob Sweeney, President of the Boston Bruins Foundation. "Giving kids and families the LEGO Discovery Center and Bruins care packages brought smiles to many through an otherwise difficult time. The Bruins are currently playing in round one of the NHL Playoffs and it's great to be able to share some of that excitement with the families at MGfC today."



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TAX INCENTIVE FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE (H 2852) – The House gave initial approval to legislation that would promote urban agriculture and horticulture by allowing Gateway cities as well as cities and towns, with populations of more than 50,000, to exempt from property taxes any land of two acres or less that is used for commercial urban agriculture and horticulture. Additionally, the parcel must have had at least \$500 in gross sales of agricultural or horticultural products in the prior year to be eligible for the tax exemption.

“Rep. Vanna Howard (D-Lowell) and I filed this bill together to support small-scale urban agriculture, which expands access to healthy food and promotes economic growth in cities,” said co-sponsor Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). “In addition to these benefits, urban agriculture also improves environmental health and makes local food systems more resilient. By incentivizing urban agriculture, this bill will help cities obtain the benefits of these operations.”

INCREASE PARKING FINES (H 3326) – The House gave initial approval to legislation that would allow cities and town to double the maximum fine for some parking violations. Current law sets a maximum fine for many violations at \$50 if paid within 21 days, \$55 if paid after 21 days and \$75 if paid after the parking clerk reports the parking offense and fine to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The bill increases the fines to \$100 if paid within 21 days, \$110 if paid after 21 days and \$150 if paid after the parking clerk reports the parking offense and fine to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Rep. Susan Gifford (R-Wareham), the bill’s sponsor, said the current maximum fines established in have not been changed since 2004, nearly twenty years ago. “This bill does not establish any minimum fines or mandate an increase in any existing fines,” continued Gifford. “It merely gives communities the option to adopt policies that better suit local needs and enforcement priorities.”

REPLACE PROPERTY TAX (H 4271) – The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a measure that would allow cities and towns to abolish the local property tax and replace it with both a personal and business income tax to fund the local city or town’s budget.

The bill was filed by Rep. James Arciero (D-Westford) at the request of a constituent, under the state law that allows citizens to request their local legislator file a bill on the constituent’s behalf. These bills are known as “by request” bills and do not necessarily have the support of the legislator who filed it for the constituent.

“This bill was filed at the request of Mr. Peter Barbella of Littleton who is interested in ways to decrease the real estate tax burden on seniors who typically are on a fixed income,” said Arciero. “He feels this would help seniors, who in many cases have already paid taxes for many years to their local town government, to stay in their long-term

residence instead of being forced out by rising real estate tax rates. This bill would essentially allow a municipality to change from a revenue stream based on real estate taxation by replacing it with both a personal and business income tax to support a local town’s budget.”

INCREASE TAX ABATEMENT FOR BLIND RESIDENTS (H 4458) – Another bill heard by the Revenue Committee would increase from \$457 to \$1,800 the amount of the real estate tax exemption for blind residents.

Supporters said this exemption has remained at \$437 for more than 20 years and has not provided the intended benefit to blind residents.

“I sponsored this bill after being made aware of this issue by a constituent who had received this tax abatement for most of his life,” said sponsor Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield). “It does not make sense for a benefit such as this one to lose its value with the US dollar. The figure should be updated to reflect the proportional assistance that was intended to be given to blind residents.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Utility accidents from damaged underground lines and pipes are both dangerous and costly. Calling 811 is the best way to ensure a line won’t be hit when starting a new home project this year.” — *James Van Nostrand, chair of the Department of Public Utilities, highlighting April as Dig Safe Awareness Month to remind excavators, contractors and residents to call Dig Safe’s 811 line before starting any outdoor digging projects. 811 is the line for Dig Safe, an organization that notifies gas, electric, telephone and cable companies about any intended digging project to ensure underground lines and pipes are not tampered with.*

“I am honored to be here tonight to express my support for Dana-Farber’s proposed adult inpatient hospital that will expand access and equity, reduce costs and save lives. I’ve always had great respect for the work Dana-Farber does, and even more so now that I’m a patient. This proposed cancer hospital will ensure Dana-Farber is equipped to provide every patient with world-class care in an environment that supports the best health outcomes. But most importantly, it will offer more of what every single cancer patient and their families is looking for, which is hope.” — *Rep. Frank Moran (D-Lawrence) testifying in support of a new hospital dedicated to cancer patients and a new collaboration between Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.*

“Although we are heading into warmer weather, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) can provide much needed assistance for customers who are struggling to keep up with their energy costs and helps to cover energy usage dating back to November 1, 2023.” — *Damaris Dominguez, Manager of Customer Advocacy at National Grid, urging people to sign up before April 30 for the fuel assistance program that can help them pay and manage their energy costs.*

“Over a million people each year use the MassLegalHelp website, often in moments of crisis. By providing information that folks can trust and presenting it in an understandable format, we hope to help make stressful situations less overwhelming and make the legal system more navigable.” — *Marlena Idrobo, MassLegalHelp Website Project Manager, announcing the official relaunch of MassLegalHelp.org --one of five websites it manages.*

“Our hospitals and research institutions are key contributors to Massachusetts’ global leadership in health care and thriving sectors such as the life sciences. Every day, patients’ lives are being transformed thanks to the hard work and innovation taking place at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and across Mass General Brigham. The Mass Leads Act aims to accelerate these efforts, particularly in areas like women’s health that have been historically overlooked and inspire breakthroughs for a generation to come.” — *Gov. Maura Healey, announcing \$2.8 million in new grants through the Women’s Health Project and highlighting Massachusetts’ leadership in life sciences and her proposed 10-year reauthorization of the Life Sciences Initiative in her Mass Leads Act*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of April 15-19, the House met for a total of 49 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 31 minutes.

Mon. April 15	House session No Senate session
Tues. April 16	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 12:21 p.m.
Wed. April 17	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 18	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
Fri. April 19	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Upcoming events:

Medical Equipment Program – Through the generosity of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and from the direction of Mayor Bal-lantyne, the Council on Aging is now able to provide Durable Medical Equipment at no cost to Somerville residents. Residents with a documented need for medical equipment must be over the age of 60, or have a permanent disability, and must be otherwise unable to afford or access needed medical equipment. We currently have available: Commodes, Bath Chairs, Bath Benches, Rollator Walkers, Incontinence Supplies and Transport Wheelchairs (wheelchairs are intended for transport and are not self-propelling or self-breaking.) For additional information, or for an application, please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Senior Tax Work Off Program – The City of Somerville offers a tax-work off program for qualified homeowners to reduce their property tax bill by up to \$1,500. by volunteering for a City Department. Volunteer hours can be completed between April and November 2024 and reductions will be reflected in your January 2025 tax bill. The Senior Citizens Tax Work Off is available to Somerville residents over the age of 60, who meet income criteria and who own and occupy the property for which the taxes are paid. Active participants currently hold volunteer positions at: The Council on Aging, Library, Mobile Market, Schools and many more. For additional information, or for an application, contact the COA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Spend the Morning at the Spa – Wednesday, April 24th, Tuesday, May 7th & Friday, June 7th starting at 9:00 a.m. at Somerville High School. The Council on Aging is traveling to Somerville High School Cosmetology and Culinary Departments for a morning of spa treatments and a delicious lunch. Participants will be able to choose from: a hair wash & cut for \$5, a facial for \$10 or a manicure for \$5, paid directly to the Cosmetology Department. We will enjoy lunch prepared by the Somerville Culinary Department. Lunch will be \$7 paid at time of reservation. Transportation will leave the Holland Street Center at 9:00 a.m. To RSVP for one of the spa dates, please contact Connie Lorenti by calling at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

CHA PACE – Cambridge Health Alliance – Wednesday, April 24th starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. The Somerville Council on Aging welcomes the Cambridge Health Alliance as they present the Program

of All-Inclusive Care for Edgerly (PACE) program. CHA PACE services are covered by Medicare and MassHealth. Private pay is also available. For more information and to register, contact Michelle Deutsch at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

Pottery Class – Wednesday, April 24th starting at 1:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. The COA welcomes back Fern, owner of Commonwealth Clayworks! During class we will learn how to make ceramic fortune cookies – you can slip in your own fortune after it is fired. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Bingo – Every Tuesday in April at our Ralph & Jenny Center – starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2323 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Bingo – Thursday at our Holland Street Center –starting at 10:00 a.m., April 25th. Lunch is available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2323 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group - Meets the 4th Thursday of each month (April 25th) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie, socialization and enjoy a meal together. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. All are welcome. This month's group will feature a very special guest – a therapy dog from Animal Assisted Therapy Services. For more information and to RSVP please contact Molly Pagliuca at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Tech Time- Drop In Hours – Every Tuesday in April starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Holland Street Center - RSVP to Molly Pagliuca at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318 or mpagliuca@somervillema.gov

Coffee & Conversation – Monday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center. Grab and Go lunch available. Join us as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation and good coffee. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at mabstardi@Somervillema.gov or call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

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Game Hour – Monday, 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at mabstardi@Somervillema.gov or call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Brown Bag Supplemental Food Program – PICK UP Thursday, April 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. For an application contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 or email Natasha at nnaim@somervillema.gov.

Virtual General Exercise Class – Thursday, April 25th with Michelle, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Michelle Deutsch at mdeutsch@somervillema.gov for the Zoom link.

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If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter, please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen Bastardi at mbastardi@somervillema.gov. If you would like to become part of our Google Group, please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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either a paper bag or a trash barrel with a "Yard Waste Only" sticker. Get stickers free of charge at the **DPW Building** (1 Franey Rd.), at the entrance desk at **City Hall** (93 Highland Ave.), or by emailing 311updates@somervillema.gov.

Applications are now available for an **income-restricted homeownership lottery** for four **affordable condominium units** through the city's **Inclusionary Housing Program at 71 Bow Street**. Two 2-bedroom units will be offered to households with an annual gross income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). One 1-bedroom unit plus study and one 2-bedroom unit will be offered to households with an annual gross income between 81% and 110% AMI. Applications should be submitted by **Wednesday, May 15**, at 5:00 p.m. Learn more and apply at somervillema.gov/inclusionary

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne invites community members to attend the city's spring **Civic Day celebration** on **Saturday, April 27**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at **City Hall** (93 Highland Ave.) and on the **City Hall concourse**. Civic Day aims to provide community members of all ages with fun, interactive opportunities to learn about City government, programs, services, and ways to get involved. For more information, please contact **Victoria MacGregor** at vmacgregor@somervillema.gov or visit somervillema.gov/civicday.

Municipal Scholarships are available for **high school seniors**. Five \$1,000 municipal scholarships are available for high school seniors graduating in 2024 through the **City of Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee**. Applicants must be residents of Somerville who have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. To apply, students are asked to complete a profile and answer three short essay questions by **May 1**. Learn more at somervillema.gov/scholarship.

Enjoy, Meet Our Poets: Somerville Poets Reading Their Own Poems and Poems They Love, a free event on **April 28**. The poets include Jennifer Badot, Simon Berry, David Blair, Zack Bond, Elizabeth Callahan, Parama Chattopadhyay, Jennifer Clarvoe, Linda Conte, Linda Haviland Conte, Donna Donna, Gary Duehr, Kirk Etherton, Michael Franco,

Bridget Seley Galway, Seth Garcia, Doug Holder, Katherine Hollander, Lucy Holstedt, Gloria Mindock, Tam Lin Neville, Pat Peterson, Denise Provost, Andrea Read, Hilary Sallick, Lloyd Schwartz, Michael Steffen, Janaka Stucky, Patrick Sylvain, Gilmore Tamny, Christie Towers, Anna Warrock, and Dan Wuenschel. This free event, organized by **Somerville Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz** and the Somerville Arts Council, will take place at the **Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Avenue, 1C, on **Sunday, April 28**, at 5:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public. <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/poetry2024>.

The **2024 street sweeping season** has resumed and will continue **through December 31**. Check signs in your neighborhood for sweeping days. 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 park-somerville.com.

Somerville's **Memorial Day parade** will return this year on **Sunday, May 26**. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. from the **Davis Square Rotary** (9/11 Memorial Granite Circle Site), and end at **Broadway and North Street**. The city's **annual remembrance ceremony** will be held at 10:00 a.m., **Monday, May 27**, at the **Somerville Veterans' Memorial Cemetery** to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country. To learn more, visit somervillema.gov/memorialday.

Upcoming events at **Somernova** this week. The **Dojo Game Day, April 27**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the monthly Game Day. Hosted on the last Saturday of each month, they invite the community to The Dojo to play games such as bingo, trivia, various video games, donut eating contests and more. Winners of the games will receive gift cards. Food will be provided. **Financial Literacy 101**: In partnership with **Somerville Community Corporation**, The Dojo will be hosting a series of workshops around financial literacy. Come learn more about budgeting for college, entrepreneurship and freelancing, stocks and investments, saving money and more. Hosted at The Dojo (15 Properzi Way, Somerville) on **April**

30 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Join **Union Square Main Streets** and **50+ of your favorite local food producers** for the **20th Annual Union Square Farmers Market**, 66-70 Union Square. Shop local **Saturdays from May 11-October 26, except September 21**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the **Union Square Plaza**. The market provides visitors and residents with top-quality, fresh, and local produce at fair prices; encourages active lifestyle values; educates consumers about farming and locally sourced foods; and gives customers opportunities to interact directly with farmers. For more information about the Union Square Farmers Market, visit unionsquaremain.org/2024-fmseason.

Visit **CultureHouse Union Square**, 64 Union Square, Somerville, **Wednesday – Sunday: 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.** This week they will be hosting **Climate Café, April 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** **Queer Potluck: Potatoes, April 26, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**, **Trauma/Healing & other works: Opening Reception, April 27, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**, **Asian Culture Dance, April 28, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** **Office Hours with Councilor Willie Burnley, Jr., April 28, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Open Mic for Writers, Comedians, Storytellers, April 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** For more information visit <https://culturehouse.cc/>.

Join a family oriented **Spanish immersion** for those who practice the language or for those who want to learn. The program includes bilingual storytelling, music and dance, dynamic games, and arts and crafts. In celebration of **Mexican-American culture**, hear **The Real Cinco de Mayo Story**. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/2spjprsy>. Questions? Contact **Keri** at kbradeen@somervillema.gov. **Central Library, April 28**. Ages 5 and up.

This May, join the **Somerville Public Library** and the **City of Somerville Health and Human Services Department** to "Paint Your Pride!" in a joy-filled series of community art events. The completed works will be displayed in the **Library's Gallery @ SPL for Pride Month** (June 2024). During the month of May, patrons of the Somerville Public Library, and citizens of Somerville can: Attend a **Library painting program** in-person at

one of their 3 locations. Pick up a "**Paint Your Pride**" Kit and attend a virtual painting program. All completed canvases and artwork should be turned back into the Library by **June 1** to be included in our "**Paint Your Pride Tiny Art Show**," showcased in the Gallery @ SPL during the month of June. Questions? Contact **Kerry**: keodonnell@somervillema.gov

April is **National Fair Housing Month**. In recognition, the **Somerville Public Library (MA)** and **Somerville Fair Housing Commission** are co-hosting two events. First was is a virtual and in-person discussion on **Tuesday, April 16**, then on **Saturday, April 27**, join a film screening of **Segregated by Design**, and discussion of **Richard Rothstein's** book, **The Color of Law**. For more information, contact **Kerry O'Donnell** at keodonnell@somervillema.gov, or **Hanalei Steinhart** at hsteinhart@somervillema.gov. Registration is required. Learn more at somervillepubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Somerville PorchFest 2024 will take place on **Saturday, May 11**, (rain date May 12) from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Perhaps you've sat on your porch and overheard a neighbor strumming guitar on another porch? Porchfest takes this idea and multiplies it. This is not a festival per se but rather a community event where Somervillians share their love of playing and listening to music ... from their porch, driveways, yards, etc. Registration is now open: <https://beta.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest/porchfest2024/>.

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Man charged with assaulting women while posing as a chiropractor in Somerville

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Somerville Chief of Police Charles Femino have announced that Jose Mendez, 60, of Somerville has been charged with two counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14, indecent exposure and operating as an unlicensed chiropractor in connection with

allegedly assaulting two women on separate occasions while providing services under the guise of being a chiropractor.

The preliminary investigation suggests that the defendant was allegedly operating an unlicensed chiropractic business out of his residence on Cross Street in Somerville. On two separate

occasions the defendant allegedly assaulted two women who came to his home to receive treatment. On both occasions the defendant inappropriately touched the victims and on one of the occasions the defendant also unzipped his pants exposing himself to the victim.

Investigators believe that the

defendant has been operating his business through word of mouth and referrals in the community and are actively investigating the scope of his unlicensed practice.

Anyone with any information regarding Jose Mendez or the unlicensed chiropractic operation located on Cross Street should contact Somerville Police at 617-

625-1600 x7278.

Mendez was arraigned in Somerville District Court on April 17, bail was set at \$5,500 and he was ordered to stay away from have no contact and not abuse the alleged victims, and to not practice as a chiropractor. The next date in this case is May 14.

Public Interviews for Somerville Police Chief Candidates

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Somerville Police Chief Search Committee are inviting all community members to attend public interview sessions with candidates under consideration to be the next Chief of Police for the City of Somerville on Thursday, May 9, 2024. All interviews will take place in-person at Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with a final schedule to be shared with the community in the coming days.

In advance of the public interviews, candidate bios will be shared with the community on Friday, April 26, on the City of Somerville website: somervillema.gov/policechief. Community input is a vital part of this process, and interview attendees are encouraged to share their opinions on the interviews via a community feedback form. The link will go live on the morning of Thursday, May 9, and feedback will be accepted through Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m.

The interviews will be broadcast live on City TV (channel 22 on Comcast and channel 13 on RCN). Live closed captioning will be available on the online streaming video of the hearing. Rebroadcasts of the hearing on City TV will include closed captioning.

After the public hearing, Mayor Ballantyne will review the submitted community feedback to inform her interviews with the candidates and make a final decision.

Background on Somerville's Police Chief search process

Somerville Chief of Police David Fallon retired from the Somerville Police force in December 2020 after 21 years of service. Chief Charles Femino accepted the role of Acting Chief at that time taking on pandemic public safety emergency response duties as well as the ongoing work of the department.

Somerville established a Police Chief Search Committee, consisting of constituents, subject matter experts, local elected officials, and City staff, to lead the community driven search. In February 2023, the city selected GovHR to lead the nationwide search to identify candidates with the requisite experience and principles to lead SPD. The firm has over 30 years of experience recruiting for leadership positions in the public-sector and shares Somerville's commitment to equity, diversity, and accessibility. GovHR has successfully recruited for almost 80 Chief of Police roles in 14 states.

For more information on the Police Chief Selection Committee and process, please email ChiefSearch@somervillema.gov.

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April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. The **Somerville Police Department** is committed to supporting victims and survivors, and as a team, pledge to continue to **Start By Believing**. Anyone with questions or a need for additional resources can reach out to the Advocate without the pressure to disclose. The Advocate can make advisements about what the process of reporting to law enforcement looks like, what local resources are available, and what rights are afforded to victims of crime in Massachusetts. **Maurien DiPaolo** can be reached by email at mdipaolo@police.somerville.ma.us, by calling 617-625-1600 x7279, or by call or text at 857-270-8744.

The **Welcome Project** welcomes back **YUM 2024: A Taste of Immigrant City** to an in-person event on **May 2**. After a five-year hiatus, they will be returning to the **Arts at the Armory** for a night of

great food, music, and conversations about how the immigrant community continues to be an asset to Somerville and the U.S. For more information visit: <https://www.welcomeproject.org/yum2024.html>.

Are you a member of **Somerville High School's class of 1974**? The **class of 2024** is looking for participants for this year's **Class Day festivities** which will take place on **Friday, May 31**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at **Somerville High School**. They are looking for 50 graduates in total from 1974 to participate. The Class of 2024 looks forward to seeing you. Email any questions to **Irma Calderon** at icalderon@k12.somerville.ma.us.

Somerville Open Studios 2024, 25th Anniversary will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 4 – 5**, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. each day at artists' studios and homes throughout Somer-

ville. Over **350 artists in 90 locations** citywide will open their studios to the public. Map, artist, and trolley info at <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org/>. The **SOS First Look Show at the Somerville Museum** opened on **April 11** and will run **through May 11**. For more information, map, artist, trolley and other events visit <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org/>.

Through the generosity of the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**, and from the direction of **Mayor Ballantyne**, the **Council on Aging** is now able to provide **Durable Medical Equipment** at no cost to Somerville residents. Residents with a documented need for medical equipment must be over the age of 60, or have a permanent disability, and must be otherwise unable to afford or access needed medical equipment. They currently have available: Commodes,

Bath Chairs, Bath Benches, Rollator Walkers, Incontinence Supplies and Transport Wheelchairs (wheelchairs are intended for transport and are not self-propelling or self-breaking.) For additional information, or for an application, please contact **Debby Higgins** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Somerville Public Schools is looking for **substitute teachers**. Join an amazing team of educators, earn \$150/day, and play an important role in our schools. Learn more about job requirements and apply here: <https://somerville.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=1146>.

Don't forget, if you would like to subscribe to receive a **digital edition** of our paper, go directly online to our website over to the right side and fill out your email address to receive a free, full PDF copy of the paper.

Tufts University Department of Music Presents 'Sunday Concert Series: Uyon-Uyon Nyamleng'

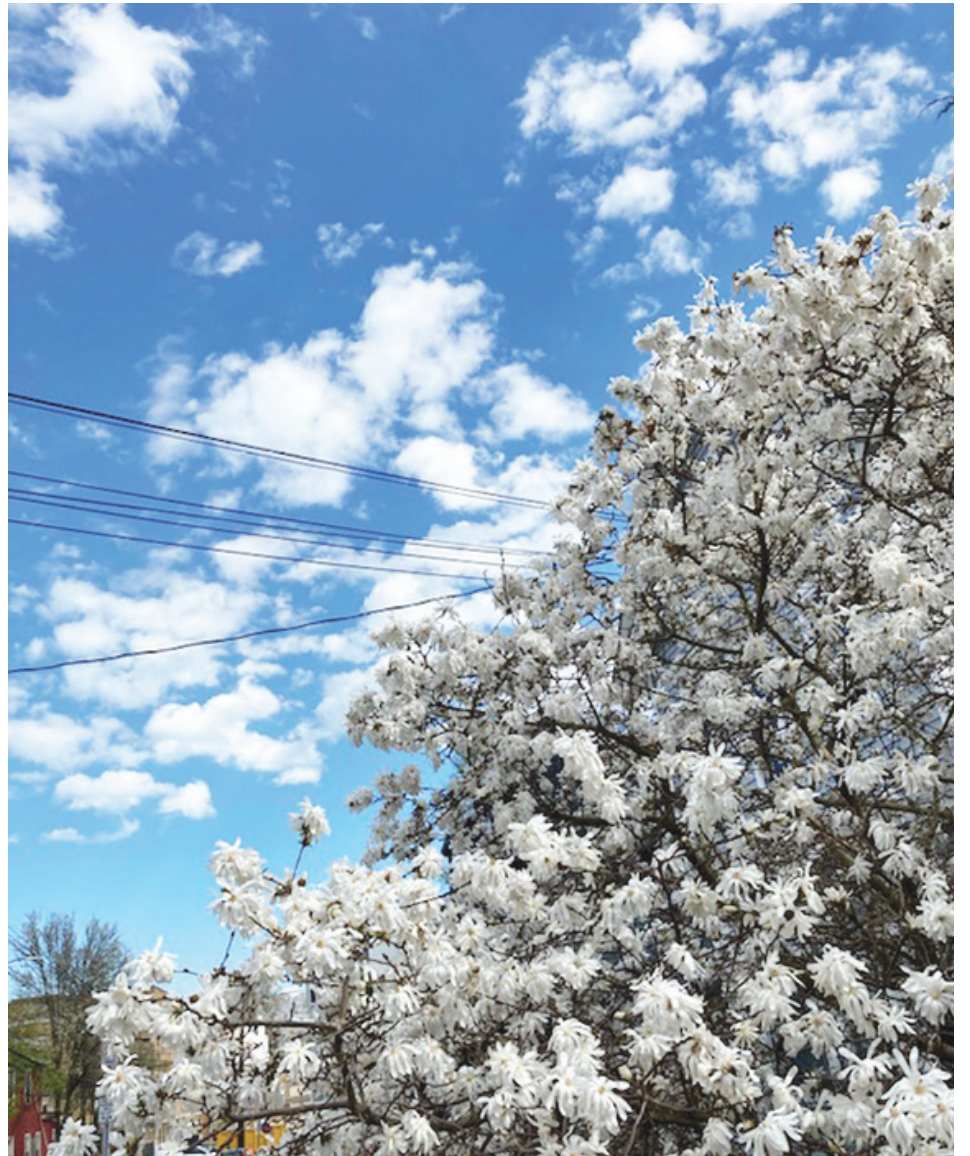


The Tufts University Department of Music presents "Sunday Concert Series: Uyon-Uyon Nyamleng" in the Fisher Performance Room at the Granoff Music Center on Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m.

Gamelan Laras Tentrem and the Tufts gamelan ensemble, Rinengga Sih Tentrem, present an afternoon of Javanese gamelan with special guest artists I.M. Harjito and Heni Savitri. This event will be livestreamed at go.tufts.edu/musiclivestream.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. For more information, please visit go.tufts.edu/musicevents or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

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April 24

- 0757 – Stephen II ends his reign as Catholic Pope.
- 1478 – Pazzi conspirators attack Lorenzo and kill Giuliano de' Medici.
- 1514 – Copernicus makes his first observations of Saturn.
- 1564 – William Shakespeare is baptized.
- 1607 – The British establish a colony at Cape Henry, Virginia.
- 1929 – The first non-stop flight from England to India is completed.
- 1937 – The ancient Basque town of Guernica in northern Spain is bombed by German planes.
- 1941 – The first organ is played at a baseball stadium in Chicago.
- 1968 – Students seize the administration building at Ohio State University.
- 1986 – The world's worst nuclear disaster occurs at the Chernobyl power plant in the Soviet Union.
- 1994 – Nelson Mandela wins the presidency in South Africa's first multiracial elections.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 AM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 7:00 AM Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
 7:30 AM SomerViva an Kreyol
 8:00 AM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 8:30 AM SomerViva em Português
 9:00 AM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 10:00 AM Women's History Month Celebration
 10:50 AM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 11:00 AM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 11:30 AM School Committee Meeting 4-1-24
 3:00 PM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 3:30 PM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 4:30 PM SomerViva em Português
 5:00 PM City Council Meeting 4-11-24
 9:00 PM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 10:00 PM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 10:30 PM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results
 11:36 PM Talking Business: Night Life

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 AM Women's History Month Celebration
 1:00 AM Broadway Corridor Public Input Meeting
 2:00 AM Spring Hill Walking Tour 2023
 7:00 AM Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II
 8:00 AM Women's History Month Celebration
 9:00 AM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 9:30 AM SomerViva em Português
 10:00 AM Museo Inmigrante: Mental Health
 In the Latino Community
 11:40 AM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 12:00 PM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 12:30 PM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 1:30 PM Museo Inmigrante: What Being
 an Immigrant Means to Me
 3:00 PM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 3:30 PM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 7:00 PM City Council Meeting - LIVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

12:30 AM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 1:00 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 1:30 AM School Committee Update
 2:00 AM Finance Committee of the Whole
 7:00 AM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results
 8:06 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 8:30 AM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 9:00 AM Patriots Day Celebration 2024
 9:40 AM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 10:00 AM Finance Committee of the Whole
 12:02 PM Talking Business: Night Life
 12:30 PM SomerViva em Português
 1:00 PM Museum of Bad Art Tour
 2:00 PM Museo Inmigrante: Mental Health
 In the Latino Community
 4:00 PM SomerViva an Kreyol
 4:30 PM Fit 4 Life Home Workout w/ Phelan #2
 5:00 PM School Committee Meeting 4-1-24
 8:00 PM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 9:00 PM Women's History Month Celebration
 10:00 PM School Committee Update
 10:30 PM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 11:00 PM Museum of Bad Art Tour

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

12:00 AM Patriots Day Celebration 2024
 12:33 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 1:00 AM Women's History Month Celebration
 2:00 AM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 2:30 AM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 7:00 AM Finance Committee of the Whole
 3-26-24
 9:02 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 9:30 AM School Committee Update
 10:00 AM Phil Reavis: Highlander to
 Olympian & Beyond
 11:10 AM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 11:30 AM City Council Spotlight: Naima Sait
 12:00 PM School Committee Meeting 4-1-24

3:00 PM SomerViva em Português
 3:30 PM Museo Inmigrante: What Being
 an Immigrant Means to Me
 5:00 PM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results
 6:10 PM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 6:30 PM Davis Sq. Commercial Area Plan Meeting
 8:35 PM Talking Business: Night Life
 9:00 PM Museo Inmigrante: Mental Health
 In the Latino Community
 11:00 PM School Committee Update
 11:30 PM SomerViva em Português

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

12:00 AM City Council Meeting 4-25-24
 7:00 AM Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
 7:30 AM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results
 8:36 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 9:00 AM Patriots Day Celebration 2024
 9:35 AM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 10:00 AM Finance Committee of the Whole
 12:02 PM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 12:30 PM Women's History Month Celebration
 1:30 PM School Committee Update
 2:00 PM School Committee Meeting 4-1-24
 5:00 PM Patriots Day Celebration 2024
 6:00 PM Reavis Field Ribbon Cutting
 6:45 PM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 7:00 PM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 7:30 PM City Council Meeting 4-25-24

MONDAY, APRIL 29

12:00 AM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 12:30 AM Patriots Day Celebration 2024
 1:03 AM Talking Business: Night Life
 1:30 AM Finance Committee of the Whole
 6:30 AM Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
 7:15 AM Dilboy Auxiliary Field Ground Breaking
 7:30 AM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results
 8:40 AM Greek Independence Day Flag Raising
 9:00 AM Nepali Flag Raising Event

10:00 AM School Committee Update
 10:30 AM Broadway Corridor Public Meeting
 11:15 AM SPD Ride Along
 11:30 AM City Council Spotlight: Pineda Neufeld
 12:00 PM City Council Meeting 4-25-24
 4:00 PM SomerViva an Kreyol
 4:30 PM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 7:00 PM School Committee Meeting – LIVE
 11:30 PM School Committee Update

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

12:00 AM Nepali Flag Raising Event
 1:00 AM Senior Circuit: Mental Health
 1:30 AM SomerViva em Português
 2:00 AM Museo Inmigrante: Mental Health
 In the Latino Community
 7:00 AM Fit 4 Life Home Workout w/ Phelan #2
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 2:00 AM Broadway Corridor Meeting Results

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM SHS Boys' LAX vs Medford
 9:05 AM SHS Chorus: Evening of Song
 10:30 AM Capuano Kindergarten Informance
 11:00 AM SHS Volleyball vs Arlington
 1:00 PM ESCS Music in Our School Month
 2:00 PM SHS Girls' LAX vs Cambridge
 3:00 PM SHS Baseball vs L Classical
 5:00 PM SHS Multicultural Fair
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 12:30 PM SHS Multicultural Fair
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Arts and Animals: Poems by David Campbell

Arts and Animals: Poems by David Campbell
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Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Denise Provost

Especially in Somerville, many will recognize David Campbell's extraordinary paintings of local scenes. Campbell's hyper-realistic scenes of our post-industrial landscape are easy to recognize. His subjects, often painted from rooftops, include defunct factories, dingy streets, wire-crossed horizons, moody skies. Have you looked at Campbell's painting of Everett Avenue, which hangs in Somerville City Hall – doesn't it take your breath away?

Campbell's brilliant paintings have overshadowed his accomplishments as a poet. The poems of *Arts and Animals* demonstrate the same clear vision and dedication to craft that radiate from Campbell's canvases. His two chosen arts inform each other in highly satisfying ways.

Some of Campbell's poems observe the act of painting. In *The Art Life*, we are taken on a journey of growth and disappointment: Ambition came home from the marketplace. Its narrator recollects the doors/I was ushered into and out of. Ultimately, direction shifts:

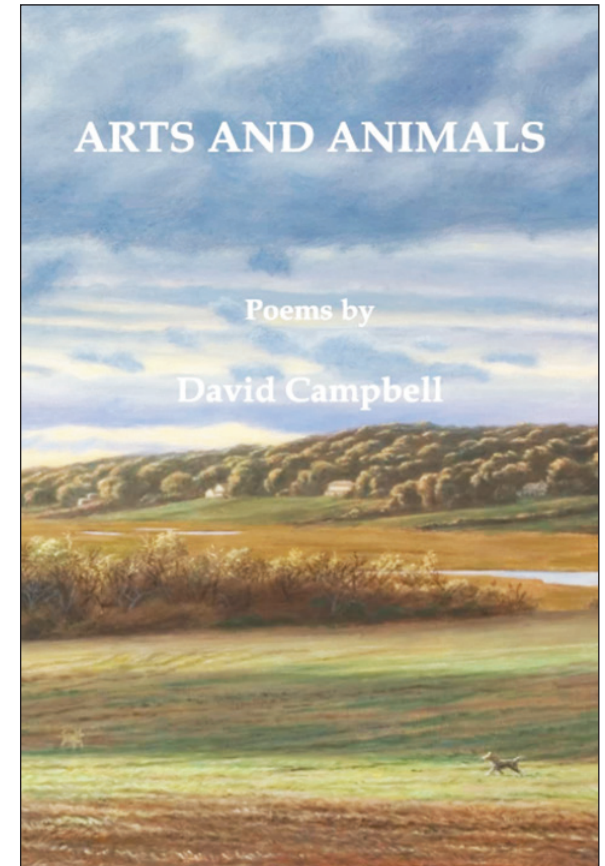
Ambition is at home
contemplating a plain wall and a window
among trains and loading docks
in a warehouse district
I tend my own house of wares
my light industry.

Expanding on this theme in *Ambition is a Crop*, the poet describes his work this way:

My job freeze-frames/the planet in its tracks/
grinds halts/to time's continuum/for shing moments/
across Somerville and Cambridge.

Other Campbell poems are conventionally ekphrastic – a term taken from the Greek language, referring to poems about other works of art. From them, we can picture a fall of puppet-wire rain, in a print by Hiroshige; almost see how "the two Vermeers muse quietly/in their tiny halls of mirrors..." Yet in these poems, Campbell also reveals much about his own philosophy of art – and of life, the two seemingly inseparable for him. The wry *Rembrandt Self-Portrait* interrogates the artist to reveal his motive force, receiving as its answer: The visual is everything/or else why paint?

In the marvelous *Colmar*, Campbell describes the history and details of Grunewald's spectacular Isenheim altarpiece. Unflinchingly, he links the pests and



famines/and flames of God's Gothic will to the present horrors of our epidemic wars. Then, musing on the depiction of malign beings:

Up they come from Europe's darkside undertow,
in from a background of arsonist
house-wrecking devils: Fear and Dread
personified, a toppling wave
of jabbing beakheads, blubbery mouths
spiked and blade-feathered hybrid howlers
scrabbling like panicked crabs in a box....

Unexpectedly, some of Campbell's ekphrastic poems are about music. Some poems tackle the challenging task of describing orchestral music. Others, like *The Hills of Roane County*, arise from song lyrics.

Long, narrative poems are difficult to pull off, especially in these times. Readers have become used to shorter, more episodic or lyric poetry. Campbell's Roane County poem is based on an Appalachian ballad about thwarted love, and what becomes of two separated lovers over time. It's a beautifully wrought work, philosophically wise about the workings of the heart. The jarring *Snapshot, 1953* recalls the dissonance of hearing a group of ankle-chained prisoners sing *Without a Song* while doing road work.

Campbell's poetry is generally preoccupied with human creativity, morality, and sense of meaning. But he is just as attuned to the dramas of the natural world. *Crows*, as he describes

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Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Our poet writes: My name is Sydney DelMastro and I am from Seekonk, MA and currently a student at Endicott College majoring in English with a concentration in Secondary Education. I work as a photographer at Endicott, and I love to read, write, go on hikes and play the ukulele. I also identify as a gym rat, animal lover, and plant mom.



Tentative Whispers

I love the sound of midnight rain
the quiet broken by its tap upon my window
the tentative whispers of its footfalls upon my roof

The world is asleep, and yet I am awake
and so is the rain
making the silent moments feel less

alone

I find it comforting,
the tapping of teardrops against the walls
like an old friend knocking on the door
or a lover throwing pebbles against the window

Many times I have mirrored the rain
letting the water flow from within
as it poured from above,
but tonight I sit and listen
as I know it might be the last time

I will get to do so
not so alone

— Sydney DelMastro

Meet Our Poets: Somerville Poets Reading Their Own Poems and Poems They Love

This once-in-a-lifetime reading includes the largest array of Somerville poets ever assembled. More than 30 poets will each be reading one of their own poems and a poem they love by a poet of their choice. This event is free and open to the public!

The poets include Jennifer Badot, Simeon Berry, David Blair, Zack Bond, Elizabeth Callahan, Parama Chattopadhyay, Jennifer Clarvoe, Linda Conte, Linda Haviland Conte, Donna Donna, Gary Duehr, Kirk Etherton, Michael Franco, Bridget Seley Galway, Seth Garcia, Doug Holder, Katherine Hollander, Lucy Holstedt, Gloria Mindock, Tam Lin Neville, Pat Peterson, Denise Provost, Andrea Read, Hilary Sallick, Lloyd Schwartz, Michael Steffen, Janaka Stucky, Patrick Sylvain, Gilmore Tamny, Christie Towers, Anna Warrock, and Dan Wuenschel.

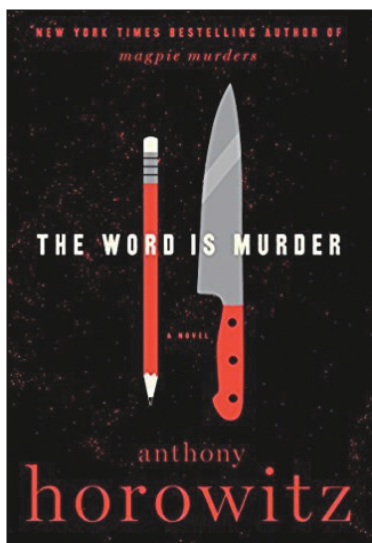
This free event is organized by Somerville Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz and the Somerville Arts Council and supported by Arts at the Armory's POPs space rental program. Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, 1C, Somerville, April 28, 5:30 p.m.



Book review: 'The Word is Murder' by Anthony Horowitz

By Dennis Fischman

Anthony Horowitz is an industry unto himself. On TV, he has written or produced half a dozen series, including the magnificent historical mysteries *Foyle's War* [1] and several episodes of *Poirot* [2] and *Midsomer Murders* [3] (the latter, on since 1997 and still running). In YA literature, his fifteen books about teen super-spy *Alex Rider* [4] have also become a series on the small screen. Horowitz's adventure stories set in our own day are not limited to adolescents. He has written literary mysteries about the middle-aged



The Word is Murder by Anthony Horowitz, Harper, 2018, 400 pages.

publisher Susan Ryeland [5] and the way she solves murders by understanding the fictional character Atticus Pund. He has also done homage to *Sherlock Holmes* [6] and *James Bond* [7]. Not content with being a prolific author, in *The Word is Murder* [8], Horowitz becomes a fictional detective himself. To be exact, Horowitz makes himself the foil to a detective, the Watson to a Holmes.

His lead character is disgraced former Detective Inspector Daniel Hawthorne, a misanthropic, homophobic, casually racist, grumpy and selfish man who happens to be a brilliant detective. Hawthorne has a proposition for Horowitz. "Write a book about my investigation," Hawthorne suggests, "and we'll split the take fifty-fifty."

In the book's terms, this answers the perennial question [9] of why someone who is neither in the police force nor a private detective gets involved in solving a murder. Horowitz, the character, does it for the story and the money.

And it is a good story. As the publisher summarizes it: "One bright spring morning in London, Diana Cowper – the

wealthy mother of a famous actor – enters a funeral parlor. She is there to plan her own service. Six hours later she is found dead, strangled with a curtain cord in her own home."

Are you intrigued? I was. It's a provocative premise, and it's carried out with the typical panache this author brings to his work.

I did like this book, but I didn't love it. It's a mystery only a writer could love. One writer in particular: Anthony Horowitz.

This book is the author's chance to show off. Not only does he make himself the bumbling foil to the brilliant but irascible detective (an act of false modesty a blind man could see through), he also revels in his mastery of ALL the conventions of the genre.

A crime in the past linked to murders in the present? Check. Hidden identity? Check. Philandering husband? Check. People with financial motives and other people with emotional motives to commit murder? Bumbling regular cops shown up by consulting detective? Psycho killer? Check, check, and check.

We get it, Anthony Horowitz. You know how to write mysteries. (You also know fa-

mous people and have no reluctance to drop their names on every occasion.)

There's a reason that authors are cautioned not to make themselves too obtrusive in their books. You threw caution to the wind, and some readers enjoyed it. I have to say I liked reading the book too, and I enjoyed discussing it with my murder mystery book club [10] at the Somerville Public Library (a/k/a the Boston Murder Squad).

But only one person could love it, because he loves himself. Not wisely, but too well, as the Bard would say. If you can put up with Horowitz' authorial self-indulgence, reader, you will enjoy this book. I am planning to try out the next one in the series, too.

Links:

- [1] <https://anthonyhorowitz.com/television/series/foyles-war>
- [2] <https://anthonyhorowitz.com/television/series/poirot>
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them, are all revved up like a motorcycle gang/taking over a forest in a drunken ruckus, then/suddenly moving on...." "Monarch" portrays the butterfly as, sovereign of sovereigns, its broader wings/the tickets to Mexico/when it locks eyes with the lowering sun/at the inbred angle. Of *Squirrels*, Campbell relates how:

Winter came

and wiped out the coordinates of their buried hordes. We watched their random, hopeless clawing at the snow....

The image presented by these four lines is not just visual – it is practically an animation. It brings to mind Bruegel's painting *Hunters in Winter*, weary figures trudging through the cold, returning almost empty-handed. It's a

reminder that nature, while it has its own laws, is indifferent to individuals.

David Campbell's paintings – which also give us much to think about – are displayed in the collections of esteemed museum and private collections. His deep, reflective poetry is as close as a favorite bookstore. Campbell's vision and insight shine from both.

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