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The new MBTA station under construction in the Union Square area has been progressing steadily, although the timeline for completion of the station's elevator has been pushed back. — Photo courtesy of MassDOT

By Joe Creason

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority meeting began without any comment from the public on Wednesday, May 19. Greg Karczewski, President at US2, was a guest presenter at the meeting. US2 is the Master Developer for the Union Square project which is currently under construction.

US2 is responsible for the development of a couple sites, including D2 and D3.1, which will complement the new MBTA station being built in the Union Square area.

"With regards to the D2 site, if you've been around there anytime recently you will have noticed increasing levels of activity. Current tasks on site include foundation work, utilities and we will begin work on the T station elevator soon," Karczewski said.

According to Karczewski,

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Bringing art to the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse

Blessing of the Bay is a slice of nature right here in urban Somerville. The boathouse is home to a canoe and kayak rental plus a rowing club. Now they are adding some great art.

This sign and art installation celebrates Blessing of the Bay Park's ecological and recreational importance to Somerville and the Mystic. A "wave façade" of blue ribbons will echo the surface of the water. A pattern of shapes that resemble an eye, leaf, fish, or boat will cover the installation, each featuring an image of the river captured by members of the community.

On Sunday, May 23, artists hosted an on-site, socially-distanced workshop for members of the public to contribute photographs and original artworks of the Mystic to be integrated into the wave façade.

The project is being done in partnership with artists, Carolyn Lewenberg and Jessica Finch, Selbert Perkins Designs, and is being funded in part by a challenge grant from Mass Development's Commonwealth Places Program.



Original works of art and photographs were contributed by the public and put on display at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse last Sunday. More photos of the event are on page 11. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



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Meet at the corner of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway at the former gas station lot (empty lot across from Foss Park) on **Wednesday, May 26**, at 6:00 p.m., for a **rally** to demand that **MassDOT** prioritize the safety of people over the speed of cars. Tell MassDOT to: Accelerate McGrath/Mystic Ave. improvements, Create Blakeley Ave. crosswalk now, enact traffic calming measures now, and erect sound barriers along Rte. I-93 to reduce noise pollution. Local officials attending include: **Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, State Reps Christine Barber and Mike Connolly, Mayor Joe Curtatone, City Councillors Matt McLaughlin (Ward 1) and Jesse Clingan (Ward 4)**. The public is invited to sign the petition to MassDOT. Attendees must follow Somerville’s Covid-19 mask and social distancing policy. Organized by **Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets** (somervillesafestreeets@gmail.com)

Somerville will join with the state in **lifting remaining COVID-19 restrictions** on **Saturday, May 29**. Please note, as of May 29, state guidelines will still require face coverings to be worn on public transit, in rideshares and taxis, in healthcare facilities, and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. Until May 29, face coverings remain mandatory in indoor public spaces and also outdoors when 6-foot social distancing is not possible. For more information on the state’s reopening plan and guidelines, visit mass.gov/reopening. All persons age 12 or older are currently eligible for vaccination. For information on how to schedule an appointment, visit www.somervillema.gov/vaccine or call the statewide helpline at 2-1-1. For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus and sign up for city alerts at www.somervillema.gov/Alerts. Community members are encouraged to sign up for every alert method: phone call, text, email. Also follow [FB.com/SomervilleCity](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity).

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Continued on page 7

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 26 – June 1 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>May 26</i>	Partly Cloudy	89°/68°	22%	11%	SW 16 mph
 Thursday <i>May 27</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/52°	10%	6%	NNW 12 mph
 Friday <i>May 28</i>	Partly Cloudy	62°/52°	25%	12%	ENE 11 mph
 Saturday <i>May 29</i>	Rain	64°/54°	34%	22%	E 12 mph
 Sunday <i>May 30</i>	Partly Cloudy	67°/55°	24%	17%	ENE 13 mph
 Monday <i>May 31</i>	Rain	73°/60°	29%	16%	ESE 11 mph
 Tuesday <i>June 1</i>	Rain	78°/60°	36%	19%	SW 9 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: MassDOT postpones safety improvements to McGrath Highway

Joe says:

The Mystic and McGrath intersection is indeed a complete mess. It should be entirely redesigned in a way that both enhances safety of pedestrians as well as significantly improves the movement of cars. It should be possible for vehicles to efficiently cross I-93, get on I-93 going either direction from either side, and get in and out of Assembly Square. And there should be a way for pedestrians to cross the area safely without slowing down traffic. It seems like a great place for several interconnecting underground pedestrian/bike tunnels.

Response to: Somerville Police respond to shooting

Jaycee Banks2000 says:

Waiting on the city counsel to address all this crime in the city lately but of course they won’t. They are too busy building bike lanes and Defunding the Police... ridiculous!

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Just about the dumbest comment ever. Do you even follow the crime reports? Crime in this city is so low there is hardly anything to report at all. Yes, random shootings will happen, and other things. There are bad people everywhere. But your obviously politically skewed interpretation is clearly biased. You’re either lying or completely delusional. Too bad if the truth hurts. Say “ouch”.

Yet another poster says:

A little bit of advice I picked up in life: before posting a comment, it’s always good to take a moment and reflect on what you’re about to say. Ask yourself: “does this make any sense? Does it follow any sort of logical progression? Is there any data whatsoever that would support my statement? Will using the word “ridiculous” be seen more as an indictment of my own mental state?”

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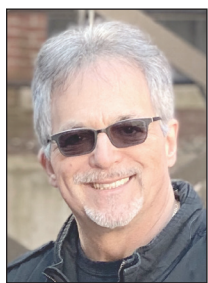
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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Cruising in the 80's



This is the true story of a car that had a life and personality of its own. A vehicle that transported colorful characters, and made the rounds in more ways than one way, on the streets of 1980's Somerville.

There was a former policeman that lived up my street and he owned a very cool black 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham. Every time I went by this car I marveled at its elegance. I actually day-dreamed about owning a car like that. If I was walking home I'd always stop and take in its sleek lines, look in the windows, and fantasize driving it to Las Vegas or Fort Lauderdale or Revere Beach!

Then it happened. Around 1982, I heard my neighbor was selling it. He put a lot of miles on it and it didn't want to put any more money into it. My heart

started beating like mad. But he didn't want to sell it to me because it needed a lot of work like a radiator, the A/C was broken and it had some rot. It wouldn't even start!

Because we were friends, he would only take ... \$30! 30 bucks! My pals pushed it from his house on the top of the street down to our driveway with me steering, and very excited about my Caddy. My Dad was on the phone in the kitchen when it rolled into the driveway. Looking out the window, I heard him loudly say, "My son just parked the biggest (expletive) Cadillac I've ever seen in the driveway!"

One of my friends helped me install the used radiator I bought at Nissenbaums junk yard, and I was off and running, and stalling occasionally, but it was a blast. I was in the band The Echos at the time so that was on my front plate.

I turned 30 years old in 1983. To celebrate, we had a rolling party. My dear friend and fellow Somerville musician Dave S. volunteered to be the designated driver. Seven of my friends, including the driver, piled in for a rolling birthday party. Because I was very immature, and also a theater buff, I had a collection of silly hats, goofy sunglasses, and colorful kerchiefs. My friends wore fedoras, scally caps, army helmets, and a motorcycle cop helmet with a built-in microphone.



Of course, we were making silly comments out the window to pedestrians. Gas was around \$1.25 a gallon back then. We gassed up and hit the streets of Somerville to celebrate my thirtieth birthday on July 28, 1983.

As I said, my pal Dave S. was the designated driver that day and I loaded the best of the best of my pals – the craziest of the crazies – in for a rolling party. There were childhood friends, a fraternity brother from Emerson, and bandmates.

Among the birthday guests were Jay, Dave E, John, and Archie. There were two more guys with us that I can't really remember. I think it was Mark A., Charlie V., Ron B, Jerry A., Jimmy M., or Jimmy L., I can't recall. It was 37 years ago!

We were all decked out in our kooky helmets, bandannas, sunglasses and other various obnoxious attire. The birthday crew looked like a bunch of nuts (and we were). Dave chauffeured us from one establishment to another encompassing most of Somerville. Some of the places we hit were The Venice Cafe, Johnny D's, The Rosebud, The Coronet (currently Redbones) Khoury's State Spa and, of course, The Embassy Lounge on Somerville Ave.

I remember when we pulled up right onto the sidewalk in front of Primo's or Mama Leone's. Our driver and lifetime friend Dave S. reminded me on the

phone this morning that we were picking up and dropping people off all day. Such a great day!

You can imagine the looks we got when we piled out of that limo-like Caddy dressed ridiculously, all over the city. That 1973 Fleetwood Brougham was like driving around in my living room. What a birthday, what a car, what great bunch of friends. What a year 1983 was.

I just found out that a very good Somerville friend also had a black Fleetwood Brougham around the same time. She was given the nickname "Gangsta Mom."

A few years later the old beast was starting to fail but it was still fun cruising in it. We had a phone on a cord that led to nowhere, just for looks. When the air conditioner broke, we drove around with the windows up so people would think we had A/C.

In 1983, *Dirty Laundry*, *Sexual Healing*, and *Separate Ways* were on the radio. With our competent designated driver, we went *Steppin' Out*, but always tried do the *Safety Dance*. However, occasionally the cops still had to tell us to *Beat It*.

Three of my pals from that epic day are no longer with us. Rest In Peace Archie, John G. and Dave E. The '73 Fleetwood is long gone. All I have left from it is the hood ornament, and many great memories of a zany birthday with some of my best friends in 1983 Somerville.



Singer Rachel Sumner online performance

Join folk singer-songwriter Rachel Sumner for an online set of acoustic music that will include traditional bluegrass/old time songs, original songs, and cover songs from favorites like Bob Dylan, Patsy Cline, and Johnny Cash. Wednesday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to join the performance email Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 to receive the ZOOM link. Presented by the Somerville Council on Aging.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Angry customer takes it out on barstool

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to Fasika Ethiopian Restaurant on Broadway last Saturday evening on reports of a dispute.

As units were responding to the location, Somerville Control informed responding units that the defendant, Javier Fabian-Dubon, fled the scene heading in the direction of Stop and Shop on McGrath Highway.

Fabian-Dubon was located on Mystic Avenue behind the Stop and Shop, hiding in the bushes near the loading dock. He was detained by officers and handcuffed.

Police officers spoke to an employee of Fasika, who stated that Fabian-Dubon walked into the bar and requested to be served an alcoholic beverage. Due to Fabian-Dubon's level of intoxication, the bartender refused to serve him, at which time he became extremely angry.

Fabian-Dubon reportedly picked up a bar stool and threw it behind the bar at a wall of glass shelves which held numerous bottles of alcohol. The glass shelves broke/shattered and the bottles fell onto the counter and floor. At the time of the incident, three patrons and three employees were in Fasika.

Photographs of the damage to the bottles and shelves were taken.

Fabian-Dubon reportedly admitted to police that he had consumed eight Corona Light beers. He was placed under arrest and transported in the prisoner transport vehicle to the Somerville Police Station where he was booked on charges of destruction of property over \$1200 and disorderly conduct.

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Arrests:

Mya Wilborn, of Roxbury, May 23, 6:28 p.m., arrested	at Laurel Ter. on warrant charges of furnishing a false ID to arresting law enforcement, assault and battery	with a dangerous weapon, trespassing, disorderly conduct, larceny from a building, resisting arrest, and	miscellaneous common law violation.	Broadway on charges of destruction of property over \$1200 and disorderly conduct.
		Javier Fabian Dubon, May 23, 10:41 p.m., arrested at		

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Public-private partnership plan progresses at 90 Washington St.

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the D2 property closed in December of 2020 and has been under construction ever since.

"I understand the timelines don't align with the station slated to be finished in October and the elevator is not, do you have any sense of how long that gap will be?" asked Patrick McCormick.

Though the elevator will not be completed at the same time as other site amenities, US2 believes that the surrounding lab facilities should be ready to open by the first quarter of 2022 and that residential units should be ready by 2023.

"We're working every day with the T to manage that critical path for the elevator. We're hopeful that after the first of the year we will have the elevator running," Karczewski said.

In the interim without an elevator, Karczewski says that US2 will be working with the city and the MBTA on providing access for pedestrians from the north side of the station with a temporary ADA path and an alternative access point from the Charlestown and Allen Street intersection. There will also be bike facilities for T workers and commuters.

In other news, the Redevelopment Authority is overseeing the progression of a project centered around creating a public-private partnership development of a site located at 90 Washington Street.


The Covid-19 pandemic is included in the list of complications which have plagued the multi-phase process so far, and though the project has already been approved and the property at 90 Washington Street has been acquired, there have been some delays in the phase 3 early decision of project delineation.

"The Building Committee has not done an effective job of communicating to the SRA or the City Council about any decisions they've made about a standalone project or a vertical integration project," said Director of Economic Development Tom Galligani.

While studying options for potential building approaches, city Planning and Public Safety staff noticed logistical challenges to some of the construction plans.

"In particular, there's a cost premium for building vertically," Galligani said, "You're basically building the public safety portion of the building, and then a separate building on top of it, they don't get to share a central core which increases costs."

Galligani informed the Redevelopment Authority that the Building Committee would pursue a standalone design for the Public Safety building, which will be accompanied by private retailers in the surrounding space.



The ongoing efforts to create a public-private partnership development of the 90 Washington Street site was one of the key items discussed at the recent meeting of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

PILOT ordinance draft moves forward

By Joe Creason

On Thursday, May 20, the Somerville City Council’s Legislative Matters Committee meeting began with a discussion on the proposal to draft a PILOT ordinance. This effort is inspired by the PILOT ordinance which is currently being implemented by the City of Boston.

The proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) ordinance draft looks to establish a Task Force which will formalize a fair and transparent annual reporting procedure, that would see larger non-profit organizations pay a determined amount of the taxes that would be due if they were not designated as non-profits.

Though large academic, medical and scientific institutions are labeled with the designation of non-profit, the owners of these tax-exempt properties accrue benefits in the form of city services, infrastructure and amenities.

Similar to the Boston PILOT ordinance, non-profit entities owning tax-exempt property valued at \$15 million or higher in Somerville would have to submit an annual report to the PILOT program Task Force.

The PILOT ordinance draft presented at Thursday’s meeting

differed from the expectations of some councilors which were established in discussions from previous meetings about the proposed legislation and raised several questions.

“This ordinance simply creates a Task Force to study the issue and doesn’t mention the 20% tax as a presumed threshold, or mandate anything like we discussed,” said Ward Five Councilor Mark Niedergang.

The Purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations for a more equitable and consistent PILOT program which takes the community into consideration, and compensates the city for lost revenue from tax-exempt properties.

“There is no mandate that the city can impose under the law for penalty of taxes on non-profit organizations,” said Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro.

In addition, some key distinctions between the Boston ordinance and the Somerville draft were noted by the council.

“Looking at the Boston ordinance, there are some pretty significant differences on how the Task Force would be constructed, if someone could point out the reasoning there?” Ward Six Councilor Lance Davis asked.

With regards to the composition of community members

on the PILOT Task Force, the Boston ordinance differs from the proposed Somerville draft in that the mayor of Boston, the Council President of the City of Boston, the PILOT Action Group and neighborhood groups representing areas with substantial amounts of tax-exempt property all get to nominate two representatives from the community to be on the PILOT Task Force.

The medical, academic and scientific community is also given a representative member on the Task Force in Boston.

This is in comparison to the Somerville PILOT Task Force that is only set to seat three non-government community members, which will be appointees from the mayor, City Council and School Committee chair respectively.

“We’re asking for a function similar to what is in the Boston ordinance, which is that two seats be authorized by community groups who have been working on this issue,” said Mary Anne Wells.

Though councilors voiced their support over the question of community involvement in comparison with Boston’s ordinance, this policy outcome did not appear to be in line with Somerville’s past approaches to



similar situations.

“As a practical matter, having those on a task force from a particular specified group is not typically what we have done with task forces,” Assistant Solicitor Shapiro said. “We typically would look for those who have qualifications and expertise in a wide range of areas, not just from a designated group.”

The PILOT ordinance was kept in committee for further discussion. If approved, the Task Force is set to meet on a regular quarterly basis.

In other business, the Council reviewed a request from the mayor to approve a surveillance technology impact report from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD).

The OSPCD will be own-

ing and operating a set of small drones for their audio and video capabilities. “What we use the drones for is aerial photography for neighborhood planning,” said Director of Planning and Zoning Sarah Lewis.

The drones have been used to photograph the outdoor dining layout of Davis Square. According to Lewis, FAA license holder Victor Nascimento will be the primary drone operator.

“They’re only used at higher elevations so we can see things like urban form and the network of streets. We’re looking at urban scale, not zooming in on people,” Director Lewis said.

Images captured by drones will not be shared with the Somerville Police Department. The City Council voted to approve the mayor’s request.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Carolicious Venezuelan Food

Situated inside the Aeronaut Brewing Co Food Hub, this little gem should certainly be on your list to try. If you already tried it, then you know what I mean.

I was first introduced to Venezuelan food, including the famous arepa, a few years back when a friend of mine wasn’t able to make it to a cooking class and offered me the ticket featuring Las Carolinas, (aka Carolicious), through the Foundation Kitchen on Washington Street.

Still to this day, I make my own arepas. However, they don’t compare to what Carolicious has to offer. Packed full of flavor, texture and creaminess from their signature basil sauce, all of their food is gluten free, with meat, or without, and are vegetarian and vegan.

In addition to arepas, they offer a Pabellón Bowl, with rice, beans, pork, chicken, or veggies, plantains, pico de gallo, mozzarella, topped with their

signature basil sauce, and the optional addition of hot sauce.

The only way I can properly describe the dish is, a symphony of flavors. While you’re waiting for your food order, don’t forget to order a fresh local beer from Aeronaut and enjoy the whole experience in their outdoor courtyard.

Be sure to check out their website for special events and catering information.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ and senators’ votes on roll calls from the week of May 17-21.

\$400 MILLION FOR NEW SOLDIERS’ HOME IN HOLYOKE (H 3770)

House 160-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill authorizing \$400 million to fund the construction of a new Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. The push to construct the new home follows the deaths of 77 veteran residents last year as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak at the current facility. A House-Senate conference committee hammered out this compromise version after the House and Senate approved different versions of the measure.

The bill also provides \$200 million to increase geographic equity and accessibility of long-term care services for Bay State veterans with a focus on areas that are not primarily served by the soldiers’ homes in Chelsea or Holyoke. The Baker administration and House and Senate leaders have urged speedy passage of the proposal in order to meet deadlines to apply for as much as \$260 million in funding from the federal government, which would leave state taxpayers with a \$140 million bill.

“Rebuilding the soldiers’ home in Holyoke and increasing access to services for our veterans is necessary and long overdue, especially after tragically losing many residents of the soldiers’ home to a COVID-19 outbreak last year,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) who served as the lead Senate negotiator of the conference committee. “This funding will ensure that the commonwealth’s veterans are met with the services that they deserve and that address their unique and changing needs.”

“Our veterans throughout the commonwealth deserve the very best in care and treatment as they age,” said Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) another member of the conference committee. The bill that we enacted today will ensure that their needs are met for generations to come in a safe, comfortable and welcoming soldiers’ home. Additionally, it is critical that this vital taxpayer-funded facility be built efficiently by a local, well-trained, safe and diverse workforce that provides a career pipeline for skilled craftspeople in Western Massachusetts. The bipartisan and collaborative bond authorization bill we sent to the governor is reflective of our values and consistent with our focus on providing equitable and top-notch care to every veteran in the commonwealth.”

“As the senator for the city of Holyoke and the Soldiers’ Home, I know what this new home means to so many in our community,” said Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), Senate chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. “This has truly been a long and emotional process that started well before this legislation was first filed. From the very start, families and veterans gave me a very clear message: ‘Get this done.’ We could not let them down and I am proud to say that we have not let them down ... The funding authorized in this bill will ensure that the future residents of the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home and veterans across our commonwealth receive the care with honor and dignity that they have earned in service to our nation. Today’s vote brings us one step closer towards fulfilling that mission.”

(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

UNEMPLOYED CLAIMANTS MUST LOOK FOR WORK – Gov. Baker announced that effective June 15, 2021, the work search requirements will be reinstated for all regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. Massachusetts temporarily suspended these requirements in March 2020 when the pandemic began.

Under the reinstated regulations, claimants must attest each week that they are making at least three work-search activities and provide proof of that activity to the Department of Unemployment Assistance, if requested, in order to maintain eligibility for UI benefits. Examples of valid work-search activities include completing a job application in person or online with employers who reasonably may be expected to have an opening for suitable work; registering for work and reemployment services with a local Mass Hire Career Center; and using other job search activities, such as reviewing job listings on the internet, newspapers or professional journals, contacting professional associations and networking with colleagues or friends.

“This is very good news for everyone,” said Paul Craney executive director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. “Businesses, workers and customers all need to get back to normal and this is a good first step toward that. Businesses are having a hard time hiring workers because the unemployment benefits are so generous. Customers cannot enjoy their favorite businesses because these businesses are dealing with a shortage of workers.”

“I am completely opposed to Gov. Baker’s move to reinstate work search requirements for UI claimants starting June 15th,” said Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge). “This adds an additional layer of complexity to a UI system that has greatly struggled to deliver benefits in a timely fashion for many residents. Moreover, we’ve just experienced one of the biggest disruptions to the labor market in history, so imposing these requirements right now will tend to perpetuate systemic racism and other inequities by pushing some of our most vulnerable residents into accepting underpaid work or work in unsafe conditions.”

FAKE SERVICE ANIMALS (H 1565) – Sponsored by Rep. Kim Ferguson (R-Holden), this bill heard by the Judiciary Committee would make it a crime for anyone to misrepresent that a dog or other animal is a service animal. First-time offenders would be required to perform 30 hours of community service for an organization that serves individuals with disabilities and/or up to a \$500 fine. Subsequent offenses would be punishable by 60 hours of community service and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.

Ferguson said the bill seeks to protect service dogs and their handlers from people who are abusing the rights afforded to them under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). “This has become an increasing problem throughout the country, so much so that 27 other states

have had to pass laws such as this,” said Ferguson. The law will reinforce the ADA and also provide guidance to business owners and the public, as well as training to law enforcement regarding what can and cannot be done if someone is in violation of the law.”

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (H 543) – Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton) sponsored this bill heard by the Education Committee that would require, as a provision of initial certification and recertification, that all educators and administrators must have training in “strategies to develop students’ social-emotional learning competencies, including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.”

Supporters said that mounting research evidence shows that high quality social and emotional learning practices in schools help children to develop the social, emotional and academic skills they need to thrive. They noted that many students come to school having experienced trauma that impacts their relationships, behavior learning and that school officials report that the numbers of students with anxiety, depression and suicidal ideation is increasing at an alarming level.

“It is important to recognize that children’s learning is, in part, dependent on their emotional state,” said Balser. “This bill requires teachers and administrators to receive training in social-emotion learning strategies.”

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 May 17-21, the House met for a total of ten hours and eight minutes while the Senate met for a total of six hours and 22 minutes.

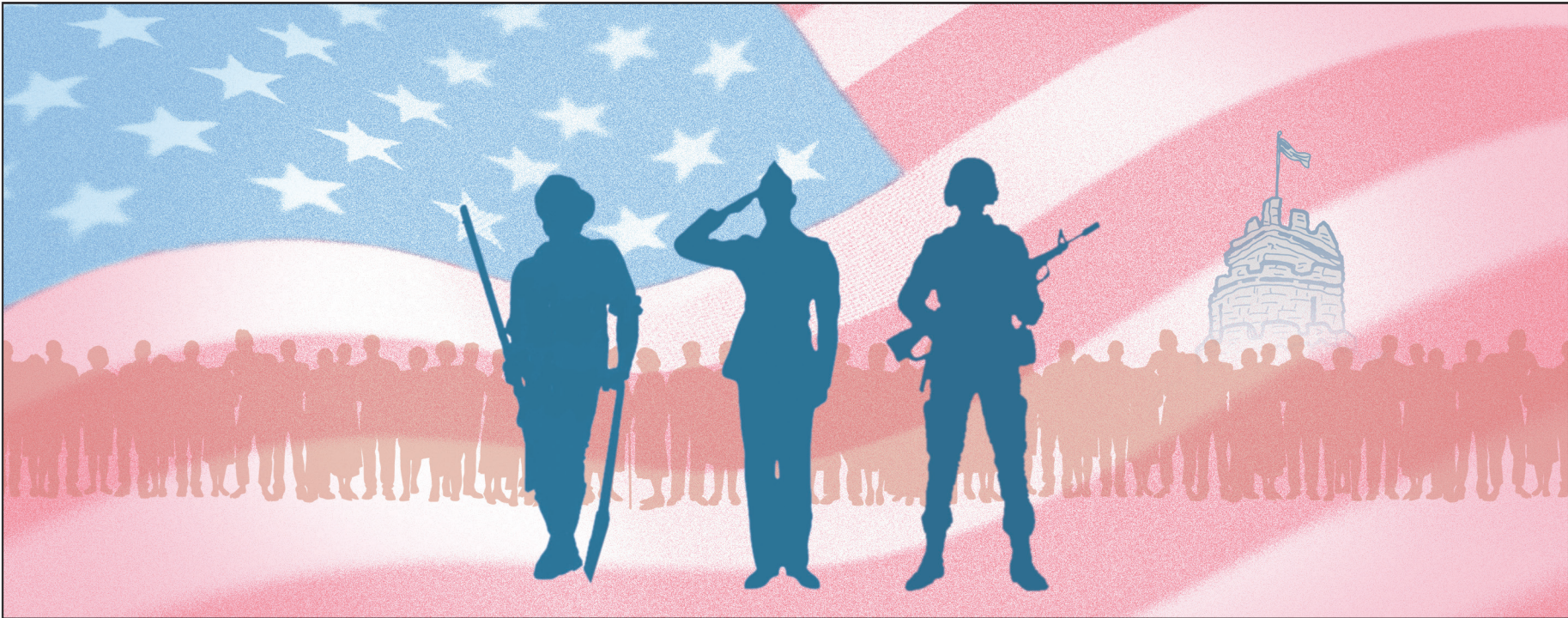
Mon. May 17	House 11:00 a.m. to 1:04 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 1:08 p.m.
Tues. May 18	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. May 19	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. May 20	House 11:02 a.m. to 3:37 p.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
Fri. May 21	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville proudly observes Memorial Day.

Our View Of The Times



It began as a way to memorialize the military casualties of the Civil War, and was originally termed Decoration Day. Decorating the graves of the countless multitudes of fallen soldiers helped to console the grieving survivors of the debacle while uniting the once divided nation in a worthwhile common cause.

On Monday of next week, we will take some time to pay homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. For us all. We will have to do it differently again this year because of the precautions being followed due to the ongoing coronavirus problem.

Missing will be the colorful parade that we usual enjoy. In the past it was always inspirational and a great place to meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones. It was an opportunity to take some time to meet and get to know a veteran that we may encounter during this special celebration.

These heroes deserve recognition and thanks for the service they have given, and we always came away from the experience feeling a bit more enlightened and enriched than before. But even though the usual means of recognition are on hold this year as it was last year, we still hold them dear in our hearts and minds.

So, give some thought to what the brave men and women who laid down their lives mean to all of us today. How the quality of life we enjoy in America would not be possible without those selfless acts of courage and devotion. It is good to have that sense of appreciation, no matter what we ourselves may be going through at the present time.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday to **Mary Hart**, the matriarch of the Hart family. She is a great person and we wish her the very best of birthdays. Another great person to wish a happy birthday to, **Chrissie Clark**, our own Editor's wife. We hope they have great plans to celebrate her birthday! Happy birthday to a great guy we grew up with down in East Somerville, **Russell (Rusty) Smithe Jr.** We hope he has a great time this week with his many friends and family members. Happy birthday to another local guy, **Dan Rogovich**, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to a good friend who grew up here in the city, who still has ties here **David Byron**. We wish him the very best of birthdays. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Breanna Lungo-Koehn**, **Danny McLaughlinn**, **Peggy Ryan Lookliss**, **Karen Ferullo**, **Tim Devin**, **John Gore**, **Mary Champagne Adamson**, **Denise Pereira Barker** and **Helen Mooney** 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.

The City of Somerville Office of Housing Stability is hosting a virtual workshop to assist **Section 8 tenants** looking for housing. This event is designed for Somerville Housing Authority Section 8 voucher holders or Section 8 applicants in the screening process, but all are welcome. Attendees will learn practical tips, advice, and strategies to make their Section 8 housing search more effective. The workshop will take place on Zoom on **Thursday, June 3**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. To learn more and register to attend, visit somervillema.gov/ohs.

Free walk-in COVID-19 vaccines are available **Monday – Saturday** at the **Cambridge Health Alliance Vaccine Center** at 176 Somerville Ave., right next to the Target near Union Square. And they have vaccines for everyone age 12 and up. If you have not been able to get your shot, don't delay. Vaccines are available regardless of whether you have health insurance and regardless of your citizenship status. You can go to <https://challiance.org/patients-visitors/covid-19-vaccine> for full details, hours of operation and other nearby locations.

In addition to the **free, walk-in COVID-19 clinic** from **Cambridge Health Alliance**, there will be free vaccine clinics at the **Kennedy, East, and West** this **Wednesday** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for any students or family members 12 years old and up. Learn more and fill out a consent form for students under 18 years old (registration links might require you to sign up for a site in **Everett** – but persevere and know your info will get to **Somerville**): <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/vaccination-event>. It's also possible to simply walk-in to one of the three sites for a vaccine.

Join a **community meeting** on **Thursday, June 10**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., (rescheduled from May 25) to learn about **supervised consumption sites (SCS)** data and research. At the meeting you can learn more about how SCS work, see data from a recently conducted needs assessment and evaluation that includes input from potential clients of the SCS and other community members, and ask questions and share feedback. A draft version of the needs assessment and evaluation will be available at www.somervillema.gov/SCS by **Tuesday, June 8**.

Healthy, local food is important. The **Farmers Markets** are open again in **Davis Square**. Fresh, locally-grown fruit, vegetables, meats, baked goods. Rain or shine, holiday or not. **Every Wednesday**, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., **May 20 – November 25**, at **Day St. and Herbert St.** (www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis) and at **Union Square, Saturdays**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., **May 15 – November 20**. New Location: **366 Somerville Ave.**, Somerville. Rain or shine. Shop local in open air at their COVID-19 prepared market. For more details, check out their website: unionsquaremain.org.

Want to learn about **climate action** taking place right here in Somerville? **This Thursday evening, May 27**, the latest cohort of **Climate Forward Ambassadors** will report out about their most recent projects. The whole event is virtual and you can register to take part at <https://cbuilding.zoom.us/j/64899999999>. There's never been a better time to get involved in charting a cleaner future.

The newly renovated **Somerville Public Library West Branch** at 40 College Ave. will open for curbside

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Which of golf's four Grand Slam tournaments is played at the same course each year?
2. Which MLB team is known by non-fans and critics as "The Evil Empire"?
3. What type of animal is an ibex?
4. Which *Archie* character wore a crown beanie and loved hamburgers?
5. What fruit appears on the first screen in the original Pac-Man arcade game?
6. In which sport would you find a record involved?
7. How did Carson City, Nevada, get its name?
8. What are you cutting if you are using pinking shears?
9. What is a kumquat?
10. What is the body of a DeLorean made out of?
11. What was the name of Tonto's horse in *The Lone Ranger*?
12. What is the name for an abandoned spider web?

Answers on page 10

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Until 1997, there were more pigs than people in Denmark.
2. Half of all bank robberies take place on a Friday.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

1970s LYRICS

ACROSS

1. Carole King: "But you're _____ away"
6. "I Thee _____"
9. Ring practice
13. Hacienda brick
14. Billy Joel: "I love you just the way you _____"
15. What speakers do
16. Leg of lamb
17. Styling goo
18. Spooky
19. Rod Stewart: "Oh, Maggie, I couldn't have tried _____"
21. Stevie Wonder: "Very superstitious, writing's on _____"
23. Type of constrictor
24. Can of worms
25. "_____ Cola, what a beautiful drink"
28. Capital of Peru
30. Carly Simon: "I had some dreams, they were _____ in my coffee"
35. Bad luck precursor
37. Swing seat, possibly
39. Macaroni shape
40. Capital on the Baltic Sea
41. Figure with vertex and rays
43. Venetian magistrate
44. Not fitting
46. Sealed with a handshake
47. Wise man
48. Annotator and commentator
50. Facts and figures
52. Bambino
53. Chinese monetary unit
55. International Labor Organization
57. The Knack: "M M M My _____"
61. Sister Sledge: "We are family, get up everybody _____"
65. Last European colony in China
66. Pastrami's partner
68. Sheik's bevy
69. Movie premiere, e.g.
70. Gunk
71. Ancient assembly area
72. Used to be wild?
73. Attila, e.g.
74. Part of mortise joint

DOWN

1. Long story
2. War god in Norse mythology
3. Same as fogey
4. J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
5. Reorganize or modify

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

4	6	7	1	9	2	3	8	5
3	2	9	4	5	8	6	7	1
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6	9	4	8	3	5	1	2	7
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CROSSWORD

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6. \$.725/hour, e.g.
7. Old fashioned 'before'
8. Nile's mouth
9. Boatload
10. What paralegal and parachute have in common
11. Seed covering
12. Angler's spool
15. Punch buggy car
20. Indian cuisine yogurt staple
22. Drunkard's sound?
24. Enter uninvited (2 words)
25. Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were born ____"
26. ____ acid
27. "And Seth.... ____ Enos"
29. Eric Clapton: "Darling, won't you ease my worried ____"
31. Oldsmobile founder
32. Lusitania's destroyer
33. Grown-up pupper, in social media
34. ABBA: "Dancing queen, young and

- ____, only seventeen"
36. Back of the neck
38. Dashing style
42. Spritely
45. Test (2 words)
49. Terry Jacks: "We had seasons in the
____"
51. One tritely familiar
54. Frustration, in print
56. Missouri River tributary
57. Old World duck
58. Creedence Clearwater Revival:
"____ you ever seen the rain?"
59. They're hidden up a sleeve?
60. Goes with rave
61. Eon, alt. sp.
62. Black Sabbath: "I am ____ man"
63. Infamous Roman emperor
64. J. Edgar Hoover's man
67. Queen: "Saramouch, Saramouch,
will ____ do the Fandango"

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Investing in Women and Families: Alternatives to a New Prison

By State Representative
Christine Barber and Tisch
Scholar Nithya Badrinath

Massachusetts is at a crossroads: will the state build a new women’s prison and continue to invest in the cycle of incarceration, or go another way to support communities? The Commonwealth has one women’s prison, in Framingham, a facility built in 1877 that is incredibly outdated and is becoming more uninhabitable each day. This presents an opportunity to rethink how we address criminal justice, particularly for those who suffer from addiction, acute mental illness, or are victims of trafficking. We have a unique moment to invest in communities, in mental health supports and substance use programs, education that is transferable, and safe housing for women and families to address the root causes of criminalization and stop the flow of incarceration.

The state’s Department of Correction (DOC) under Governor Baker is continuing on the course of creating more prisons. While ignoring over a year of concerns and protests from advocates and state legislators, DOC appears to be moving forward with a plan to upgrade a facility in Norfolk to create a new site for a women’s prison. This approximately \$50 million dollar project is moving swiftly through the planning stage, with the Baker Administration recently selecting the firm HDR Architecture to design the updated facility. Massachusetts has one of the lowest rates of incar-

ceration in the country and the current population at Framingham has dropped to under 200 women; yet the DOC is continuing to invest in prisons for future generations.

Black and Brown women are disproportionately incarcerated compared to their white counterparts. A recent report highlighting disparities in the Massachusetts criminal justice system details that Black people are imprisoned at a rate 7.9 times that of white people and Latinx people at 4.9 times that of white people. As the Commonwealth continues to address systemic inequities, we must consider alternatives in the criminal justice system.

As Co-Chair for the Task Force on Justice-Involved Women, I have been listening to and working with formerly incarcerated women to understand the needs and supports for women and their families. The Task Force supports policies to divert women from the criminal justice system, advocates for changes to discriminatory sentencing laws and increased community support programs, and seeks to move away from systems of punishment by instead providing opportunities for support and recovery.

Mental health services and supports are a clear opportunity for intervention where prisons are not able to support the needs of women and their families. Women who are in prisons and jails have higher rates of mental health and substance use disorders than men, and women are often incarcerated after expo-



sure to trauma. In December 2018, the Massachusetts DOC reported that 74% of women had open mental health cases, 15% had a serious mental illness, and 56% were on psychotropic medication. Mental health needs including accurate diagnoses, treatment including medication management for all conditions including substance use disorders, therapy and beyond should be a top priority.

Prison is not an environment conducive to treating a person’s mental health issues. In November 2020, the Massachusetts DOC was found to have violated the constitutional rights of incarcerated people by forcing restrictive housing stays and providing inadequate supervision and mental health care. According to a report from January about prison-based therapy, jails and prisons are not suitable sites for effective trauma-based interventions. Mental health

issues are often only exacerbated in prison, when women are isolated, not provided with adequate care to support their mental health, and separated from their families.

In addition, the majority of women who are incarcerated are mothers and primary caretakers; the national percentage is approximately 80%. It is critical for children to be with their mothers, especially in early development years. Family separation affects the mental health of both mothers and children, who face significant emotional burdens and are at risk for developing behavioral issues, thus increasing their likelihood of continuing the cycle by ending up incarcerated themselves. To ensure that women and their families receive the care that they need, it is imperative that we invest in mental health care and community-based gender-responsive alternatives to prisons.

As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and reckon with systemic racial injustice, we cannot continue to ignore the harm the era of mass incarceration has inflicted on our communities. Our decisions now about how to move forward will impact communities for years to come. Undoing the damage for communities in Massachusetts means focusing on achieving justice that is transformative—justice that does not seek to punish, but rather promote the healing and well-being of individuals and their communities—by providing each and every person with the resources they need to thrive.

*Christine Barber is a State Representative for the 34th Middlesex District.
Nithya Badrinath, Tufts University ‘22, is a Tisch Scholar working in Rep. Barber’s office.*

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

service starting **Tuesday, June 1**. Pickup will be at the building’s new front entrance **weekdays** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and **Saturdays** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Patrons will be able to select **“Somerville/West”** when placing holds online starting **May 28**. Renovation and restoration work began on the historic building in early 2019 and is now largely complete. The West Branch will open for indoor services at a later date in the not-too-distant future, at which point a proper celebration will be held to mark the occasion. More details will be shared as they’re finalized. In the meantime, visit somervillepubliclibrary.org and follow the Somerville Public Library on social media for regular updates

and glimpses inside the new space.

Mobile COVID vaccine clinics will be coming soon to Somerville. Dates, times and locations will be announced shortly, and you can sign up to get alerts for them at <https://bit.ly/3uegRBv>. Pick the place and time that works for you. We want everyone in Somerville to get their vaccine so we can put this pandemic behind us.

You might want to check out **The City Explorers summer program** for your students, offered through the **Elizabeth Peabody House**. For more information about local summer programming, from free programs to privately-run programs with costs associ-

ated, please visit: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/Summer>.

The next **GLX General Public Meeting** is planned for **June 30**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting format will be virtual, and a link will be posted soon on the GLX website. The meeting will include updates on: **Construction Status, Recent Project Milestones, Testing and Commissioning of GLX service**. For project information, please visit www.Mass.gov/GLX.

Reminder: **city buildings** are still closed to the public. Although city buildings remain closed to the public, a number of city services are still available online or by calling 311. Check the **“City Service**

Status” tab on the city’s COVID-19 page for more information.

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:45pm** on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

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

****Should the State of Emergency authorizing remote participation be lifted, please refer to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) agenda posted on the City website for alternative meeting locations. The agenda is posted to the website 48 hours prior to the start of the HPC meeting.****

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DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)

HPC.ALT 2021.31 – 12 Adams Street
Applicant: James Lockwood Construction Co. Inc.
Owner: Annette McKee & Mike Mariani
Replace aluminum and wood gutter with copper gutter

HPC.ALT 2021.33 – 42 Meacham Road
Applicant: Norma Elias
Owner: Saul Toby & Norma Elias Trust
Expand driveway; Replace concrete and grass ribbon driveway with paver stones

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

HPC.DMO 2021.15 – 108-110 Prospect Street
Applicant: 108-110 Prospect Street, LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

While City Hall continues to be closed to the public. Case documents reviewed by the HPC will be posted 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. 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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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elm Court, LLC, to Athas Capital Group, Inc., dated **March 5, 2019**, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 72305, at page 398, as assigned to The Rama Fund, LLC, by assignment recorded on March 29, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72400, at page 204, and as further assigned to PS Funding, Inc., by assignment recorded on April 11, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72443, at page 93, and as further assigned to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA TRUST 2016-1, by assignment dated July 21, 2020, recorded on August 10, 2020, in said Deeds in Book 75328, at page 438, of 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 One o'clock PM, on the 11th day of June A.D., 2021, on the premises below described being known as 111 Elm Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage as set forth below:

To wit: "A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated in the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville, belonging to Timothy Tufts arranged and numbered by L.R.W., May 6, 1890" which plan is recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 62, Plan 39. Said land is bounded and described as follows:
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NORTHEASTERLY by lot numbered 26 on said plan, seventy-seven 88/100 (77.88) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Hancock Street, eighty-seven and 96/100 (87.96) feet. Containing 5,429 square feet more or less, according to said plan of land.

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Its Attorney

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on **6/9/2021 at 12:00 PM**. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Osmond Helmand/Helmand Restaurant unit #0841. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5986525668623100944>
Webinar ID: 840-036-835

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0052
Access code: 827-841-226

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

5 Middlesex Ave - Block 21 BRE-BMR Middlesex LLC, proposes to develop a 12-story mixed-use building subject to the Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD) effective on 08/01/2019 and subject to PUD-PMP PB2018-07, as amended, which requires a Special Permit with Site Plan Review and a waiver from the maximum height limit.

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

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

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Answers

1. The Masters

2. New York Yankees

3. Wild mountain goat

4. Jughead

5. Cherry

6. Skydiving

7. Named after the mountain man Kit Carson

8. Fabric

9. An orangelike fruit

10. Stainless steel

11. Scout

12. Cobweb

Highway Justice for People: Mystic and McGrath Rally

Meet at the corner of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway at the former gas station lot (empty lot across from Foss Park) on Wednesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m., for a rally to demand that MassDOT prioritize the safety of people over the speed of cars.

Tell MassDOT to: Accelerate McGrath/Mystic Ave. improvements; Create Blakeley Ave. crosswalk NOW; Enact traffic calming measures now; Erect sound barriers along Rte. I-93 to reduce noise pollution

Local officials attending include: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley; State Reps Christine Barber and Mike Connolly; Mayor Joe Curtatone; City Councillors Matt McLaughlin (Ward 1) and Jesse Clingan (Ward 4)

The public is invited to sign the petition to MassDOT.

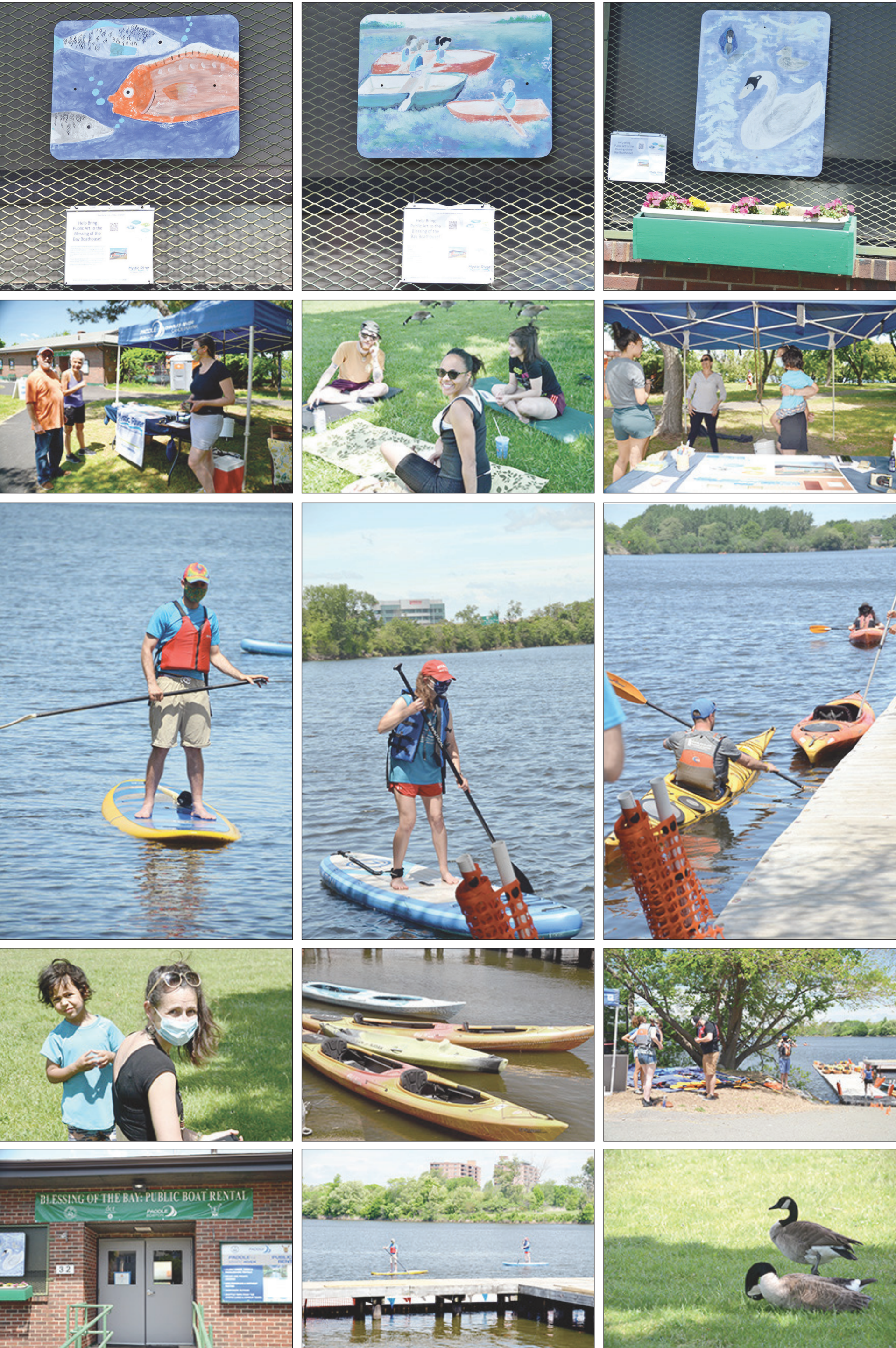
Attendees must follow Somerville's Covid-19 mask and social distancing policy.

Organized by Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets (somervillesafestreeets@gmail.com)



Bringing art to the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Online De-Cluttering Class – Wednesdays starting May 26 11:00 a.m. - Sometimes it’s easier to collect items and harder to get rid of them. De-cluttering can be a difficult process, but you don’t have to do it alone. If you are looking for support in regards to downsizing, decluttering or discarding items, consider joining the online de-cluttering support group. With a supportive group environment, you will learn how to turn your mountain of items into a manageable amount. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail nnaim@somervillema.gov to register.

ONGOING EVENTS

Taxi Rides - Do you need a ride? The COA has a program just for you. Taxi Rides for Somerville Residents 60 and Over Rides can be used for: Grocery Shopping in Somerville Pharmacy Prescription pick up in Somerville, Routine Medical Appointments in the follow areas: Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Boston or the V.A. in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury. Two Days Advanced Notice Required. For more info, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

Friendly Caller Program - Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain con-

nected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. We have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

EXERCISE

Exercise Schedule

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

Somerville City Cable

RCN = 13/Comcast = 22
The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Fit-4-Life YouTube

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s>
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwHfyoEZaws&t=247s>
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcl2eBSS024&t=158s>

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDtaldYSz0>
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAAnfwGybTI>

Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDGF_EEbqF0&t=130s
Yoga with Janine video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Zezcj9XXBU>
For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

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JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter and daily tips please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen 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

Carnaval returns to kick off SomerStreets 2021

The SomerStreets 2021 season will start in a modified format, featuring a series of smaller events on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6 (rain dates June 12 and 13). Performances will be limited to 150 attendees, and most will require a ticket to attend. Tickets are free, but attendees will need to preregister through the Somerville Arts Council at somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets.

Here is this year’s lineup:

Saturday, June 5

11:00 a.m.: Fabville & Fab Foundation presents Carnaval Mask Making (Virtual Workshop)
2:00 p.m.: Salsa Dance Instruction by Salsa y Control Dance Company at East Branch Library (115 Broadway)
3:00 p.m.: Salsa Music by Monolo Mairena at East Branch Library (115 Broadway)
6:00 p.m.: After-party: Dinner and Mariachi Music at Rincon Mexicano (99 Broadway)

Sunday, June 6

11:00 a.m.: Live music by Lechuga Fresca at the East Somerville Market at Deano’s Pasta (15 Garfield Ave.)
2:00 p.m.: Samba Dance Instruction by SambaViva at the East Branch Library (115 Broadway)
3:00 p.m.: Samba Music by Grupo Camarote at the East Branch Library (115 Broadway)
6:00 p.m.: After-party: Dinner & Music by Singer Edlaine Faria at Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine (102 Broadway)

SomerStreets: Carnaval is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and East Somerville Main Streets. For information on how to participate in any of the SomerStreets events, go to somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets or contact Iaritza Menjivar, Special Events Manager, at (617) 625-6600 ext. 2998 or imenjivar@somervillema.gov.



BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



How do you make 7 even?
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On This Day in History
May 26

- 0017 – Germanicus of Rome celebrates his victory over the Germans.
- 1647 – A new law bans Catholic priests from the colony of Massachusetts.
- 1835 – A resolution is passed in the U.S. Congress stating that Congress has no authority over state slavery laws.
- 1868 – President Andrew Johnson is acquitted of all charges of impeachment.
- 1938 – The House Committee on Un-American Activities begins its work of searching for subversives in the United States.
- 1946 – A patent is filed in the United States for the H-bomb.
- 1961 – The civil rights activist group, Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, is established in Atlanta.
- 1969 – Apollo 10 returns to Earth.
- 1977 – The movie *Star Wars* debuts.

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SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

SCATV is part of Somerville Media Center, home to Boston Free Radio, Somerville Neighborhood News and SMC Youth Media!

Join SMC today to make your own TV or Radio Production, learn skills like editing and field production and sign up for special media making workshops and classes for youth and adults! somervillemedia.org

Wednesday, May 26

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:30am DW In Good Shape
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Global 3000
9:30am Both Sides of the Bars
10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update
11:30am From My Heart to Yours
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm Colores Latinos
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm DW Conflict Zone
4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
5:00pm Hello Neighbor
5:30pm From My Heart to Yours
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP
7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits
8:30pm DW Euromaxx
9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, May 27

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash
1:00am Free Speech TV
1:30am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am DW Conflict Zone
7:30am DW Euromaxx
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Tomorrow Today
9:30am Hello Neighbor
10:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:30am The Chef's Table Series
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm The Somerville Line
1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
4:30pm The Struggle
5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm #AFAD
6:30pm #AFAD
7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
8:00pm LIVE - Our View
9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony
10:00pm Community Bulletin Board
10:30pm The World Fusion Show
11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, May 28

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Euromaxx
9:30am Strata
10:00am NASA TV
11:00am SOM ARTS
11:30am Cambridge Calendar
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement
2:00pm Somerville Pundits
2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Gay USA
5:00pm DW Global 3000
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Grandstanders
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:30pm Greater Somerville
9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, May 29

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night
1:00am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
5:00pm Free Speech TV
6:00am DW Focus on Europe
7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am SMC Youth Media
9:30am Science 360
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am TeleGalaxie
12:00pm Somerville Storytellers
1:00pm Tele Magazine
2:00pm Reeling Review
3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session
4:00pm Tele Kreyol
5:00pm Henry Parker Presents
5:30pm Henry Parker Presents
6:00pm Somerville Pundits
6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go
7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00pm #AFAD
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show
11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash
11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, May 30

12:00am Flotilla
1:00am NASA TV
1:30am NASA TV
2:00pm NASA TV
3:00pm Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am NASA TV
10:00am Tele Kreyol
11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session
12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update
2:00pm Chico and B-Man
3:00pm African Television Network
4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm Gay USA
6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
8:00pm Dead Air Live
9:00pm Tele Magazine
10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour
11:00pm TUTV
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, May 31

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Somerville Storytellers
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Science 360
10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am Going Postal
12:00pm Our View
1:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:30pm SOM ARTS
2:00pm Somerville Storytellers
3:00pm NASA TV
4:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm African Television Network
6:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
6:30pm LIVE from VOX POP
6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
7:00pm Tele Galaxie
8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade
10:00pm Colores Latinos
11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, June 1

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am NASA TV
8:00am Democracy Now!
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Strata
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm SMC Youth Media
4:30pm Going Postal
5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm From My Heart to Yours
7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The World Fusion Show
10:00pm Totally Working Out
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

Wednesday, May 26

6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
7:00am COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update
7:02am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
7:31am Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
8:00am Climate Forward Webinar
9:00am Traffic & Parking Committee - 5.17.21
11:01am Fit 4 Life #6
11:30am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
12:00pm Memorial Day Remembrance 2020
12:15pm SPD Ride Along
12:30pm Legislative Matters - 5.20.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
4:30pm School Committee Meeting 5.17.21
7:00pm Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
8:00pm Lead Paint Safe Somerville
8:45pm Conway Park Groundbreaking
9:00pm Climate Forward Webinar
10:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two
11:00pm Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
11:55pm Hope, Caution, Reflection

Thursday, May 27

12:00am Legislative Matters - 5.20.21
6:00am Memorial on the Mystic 2019
7:35am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
8:30am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
9:00am Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
9:30am Lead Paint Safe Somerville
10:15am SPD Ride Along
10:30am City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:30am Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:30pm School Committee Meeting 5.17.21
3:00pm Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
4:00pm Fit 4 Life #6
7:00pm City Council Meeting - LIVE

Friday, May 28

12:00am Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:27am COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update

12:30am Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
1:05am Climate Forward Webinar
2:10am Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
6:00am MLK Virtual Celebration 2021
7:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice One
7:35am Conway Park Groundbreaking
8:00am Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
9:00am Lead Paint Safe Somerville
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am Land Use Meeting - 5.18.21
2:35pm Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
3:00pm Lead Paint Safe Somerville
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
5:00pm City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
5:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
6:47pm SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
7:00pm Highway Justice for People
7:30pm Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
8:00pm Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
8:56pm COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update
9:00pm SomerViva en Espanol
10:00pm Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
10:30pm Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
11:05pm Mayor's 2021 Midterm Address
11:45pm SPD Ride Along

Saturday, May 29

12:00am Highway Justice for People
12:30am Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
1:00am School Committee Meeting 5.17.21
6:30am Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
7:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
8:15am SPL Cooking 11 - Tarragon Balsamic Chicken
8:26am COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update
8:30am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
9:00am Legislative Matters - 5.20.21
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:21am SPL Cooking 13
11:30am Land Use Meeting - 5.18.21
3:00pm Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
3:20pm Mable & Jerry - Senior Story

4:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
4:42pm COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update
5:00pm Traffic & Parking Committee - 5.17.21
7:00pm School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
7:30pm School Committee Meeting 5.17.21
9:56pm COVID-19 Vaccine Situational Update
10:00pm Climate Forward Webinar
11:10pm Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinaao

Sunday, May 30

12:00am Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
1:00am COVID Vaccine Virtual Town Hall
2:01am Reunion Informativa Vacuna COVID-19
6:30am COVID Vaccine Virtual Town Hall
7:31am Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
8:10am Conway Park Groundbreaking
8:30am Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
9:00am City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:30pm Legislative Matters - 5.20.21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life #6
4:30pm Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
5:30pm Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
6:00pm School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
6:30pm Highway Justice for People
7:00pm Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
7:30pm City Council Meeting 5.27.21

Monday, May 31

12:00am Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:30am Highway Justice for People
1:00am Land Use Meeting - 5.18.21
6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
6:42am SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
7:00am Traffic & Parking Committee - 5.17.21
9:00am Highway Justice for People
9:30am Climate Forward Webinar
10:45am Conway Park Groundbreaking
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #4
11:30am City Council Meeting 5.27.21

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
4:30pm Memorial Day Remembrance 2020
4:45pm SPL Cooking 14 - Sesame Peanut Noodles
5:00pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
6:15pm SPD Ride Along
6:30pm Memorial on the Mystic 2017
8:05pm Memorial Day Remembrance 2020
8:30pm Memorial on the Mystic 2019
10:05pm Highway Justice for People
10:30pm Climate Forward Webinar
11:30pm City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen

Tuesday, June 1

12:01am City Council Meeting 5.27.21
6:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
7:16am SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
7:30amSaiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinaao Contra
8:11am Greek Independence Day Ceremony 2021
8:30am School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
9:00am Memorial Day Remembrance 2021
9:45am Conway Park Groundbreaking
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:30am Congressional Update: Ayanna Pressley
12:00pm Highway Justice for People
12:30pm School Committee Meeting 5.17.21
3:00pm Mayor's Business Town Hall 2021
4:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
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Wednesday, June 2

12:00am Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:30am Traffic & Parking Committee - 5.17.21
2:30am SomerViva en Espanol

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Wednesday, May 16

7:00am Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
7:02am SPS Music & the Jessye Norman Family
8:00am Highlander History - O'Rourke & Dickerson
8:30am School Committee Update - Barish
9:00am GBL Semi:SHS Girls' Soccer vs LC 5.10.21
11:00am GBL Qtrfinal: SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford
12:30pm Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
1:00pm SHS Football vs Chelsea 5.7.21
3:00pm GBL Qtrfinal SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett
5:00pm Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
5:02pm SPS Music & the Jessye Norman Family
6:00pm Highlander History - O'Rourke & Dickerson
6:30pm School Committee Update - Barish
7:00pm GBL Semi:SHS Girls' Soccer vs LC 5.10.21
9:00pm All-City Middle School Spring Concert 2021
10:00pm Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
10:02pm SHS Football vs Chelsea 5.7.21

Thursday, May 27

12:00am GBL Qtrfinal SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett
1:32am GBL Qtrfinal: SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford
3:02am Highlander History - O'Rourke & Dickerson
4:00am GBL Tourney: SHS Boys' Basketball @ LE
7:00am Friday Family Fun Night III
8:00am Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
8:02am Spring Forward
9:00am All-City Middle School Spring Concert 2021
9:30am SHS Girls' Volleyball vs Malden 4.29.21
11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere 4.20.21
1:00pm SHS Girls' Soccer vs Malden 4.24.21
2:30pm GBL Qtrfinal: SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford
4:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs LC 3.29.21
6:00pm Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
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Friday, May 28

12:00am SHS Girls' Soccer vs Malden 4.24.21
1:30am GBL Qtrfinal: SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford
4:00amSHS Boys' JV Basketball Intersquad Scrimmage
7:00am SPL Gardening 5.14.21
7:28am SPS Music & the Jessye Norman Family
8:00am School Committee Update - Barish
9:00am Somerville Vaccine Situational Update
9:02am Highlander History - O'Rourke & Dickerson
10:00am All-City Middle School Spring Concert
11:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett 4.8.21
12:30pm SHS Boys' JV Basketball vs Medford
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Saturday, May 29

12:00am SHS Baseball vs Revere 5.26.21
4:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett 4.6.21
7:00am SPL Gardening 5.14.21
7:30am Highlander History - O'Rourke & Dickerson
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Kevin McIntosh: Author of 'Class Dismissed'

Kevin McIntosh met me at the outdoor patio of the Neighborhood Restaurant in Union Square to chat about his new book, *Class Dismissed*, as well as his life as a writer and teacher.

Originally from Illinois, McIntosh counts Ernest Hemingway as one of his earliest influences. After all he grew up in Oak Park, Illinois, where the great man spent his early years.

McIntosh has a wide range of experience as a teacher. He has taught in inner city schools, and at high-toned suburban academies.

McIntosh, as a young man, had a bit of the wanderlust, as he taught in Oakland, New York City, and in Dover Massachusetts, and held a variety of jobs before that. I asked him about his Somerville experience. He told me, "My wife and I had lived in Newton, Massachusetts for twenty years. We wanted to downsize and be close to the city. We have been here for six years and we love it."

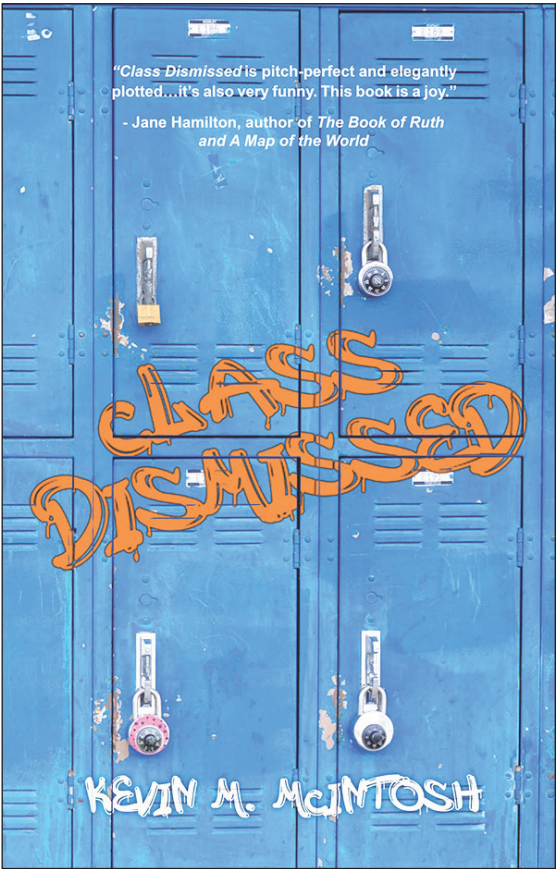
McIntosh noted that some of his favorite spots in our burg are the Common Grounds Coffee Shop in Ball Square (where he likes to write) and the Burren, an Irish pub in the heart of Davis Square.

McIntosh, a man in his late 50s, who sports a professorial beard, and a casual manner, has written a novel, *Class Dismissed*, that is very loosely based on his own experiences as a young teacher.

The 30-year-old protagonist of the novel, Patrick Lynch is from the hinterlands of Minnesota, and is adjusting to the mean streets and schools of New York City. Due to an unfortunate classroom incident with a student, he finds himself in the notorious "Rubber Room."

The New York school system's Rubber Room, which was exposed by the media in the early 2000s, (and may still be in use) is a sort of *Twilight Zone*/limbo space. Here, teachers who are held for various infractions wait for judgment from above about their exoneration – or not. They are in essence paid to sit. This can go on for years.

McIntosh's protagonist sits in this room, while his relationship with his girlfriend goes South, not to mention, that his life in general takes a downward spiral. McIntosh, who has never experienced such a fate, said that the room was, "Like a scene from *Waiting for Godot*, with this monstrous bureaucracy rattling on, keeping the teachers in suspended animation." Throughout the book McIntosh brings in the intricate aspects of the classroom experience, the students, the



teachers, and the institution.

McIntosh explained to me that in his career teaching English he found the inner-city kids just as creative as the kids he taught in the toney suburbs. He explained, "The kids in the suburbs were more grade conscious, bright kids, but narrowly focused. In New York City the kids were more open and seemed to be more spontaneous. There was a genuine joy for learning."

McIntosh, like may Somerville creatives I have interviewed, has an eclectic background. He was an aspiring playwright in his younger years. His play, a musical, *By George*, about the Gershwin brothers, was produced at his Alma mater, Carleton College, and had a staged reading at the Playwright's Center in Minneapolis. In this time at the center, he often saw the great African American playwright August Wilson walk the halls.

It is always a pleasure to interview people at the Neighborhood Restaurant patio, with its tangle of vines, comfort food, and friendly vibe. And I was glad to connect with McIntosh here, in the Paris of New England.

McIntosh will be reading June 30 at the Harvard Bookstore. For more details go to: <https://kevin-mmccintosh.com>.

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Madison Conrad is a nursing student at Endicott College.



A Book a Day

- Hard shiny cover
- Cracking of the spine
- As pages see the light
- Off white paper
- Dark black words
- Ink filling the page
- Musty aroma
- Dust filling the air
- An old bookmark
- Falls to the floor
- Pink faded paper
- Was once red
- Words across the top
- "Pick up a good book"
- The tape on the spine
- Rough on my fingers
- Barely holding on to
- The loose binding
- A long story
- A woman on a train
- Passing her old house
- Watching the neighbors
- Another woman
- Has gone missing
- Kidnapped
- Dead
- Pulls me in
- As I sit
- In my large blue chair
- Under a lamp
- Shining yellow light
- Down onto
- The ink filled pages

— Madison Conrad

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Section 8 voucher housing search workshop

The City of Somerville Office of Housing Stability is hosting a virtual workshop to assist Section 8 tenants looking for housing. This event is designed for Somerville Housing Authority Section 8 voucher holders or Section 8 applicants in the screening process, but all are welcome. Attendees will learn practical tips, advice, and strategies to make their Section 8 housing search more effective.



The workshop will take place on Zoom on Thursday, June 3, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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