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## City to pursue Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan



The city is looking into the many issues associated with antiquated substation facilities, such as the one in Union Square, and the growing electrical needs of the community. — Photo courtesy of Google Street View

By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council requesting that the Directors of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Engineering, Public Works, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, along with any other appropriate departments, work to develop a binding, equitable, citywide Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan to guide the location and design of electrical substations and other infrastructure.

Initial sponsor of the resolution, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, said of the initiative, "So this is unquestionably one of the most boring sounding resolutions I've ever submitted. We've got the names of three departments ... comprehensive ... infrastructure. So, I'm going to try to convince

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## Somerville Open Studios 2022 a success

By Ryan DiLello

This past weekend, nearly 300 artists across Somerville opened their doors to the public, for the annual Somerville Open Studios (SOS) event. With the help of local nonprofits, artists, and residents, the SOS organization coordinates a series of candid gallery visits and art markets, enabling the general public to connect with the arts community in a highly authentic way.

Today, I spoke with Terry Dovidio, the Secretary of the Board at SOS, about the event. Dovidio is a freelance graphic designer and shares a studio with a friend in the Vernon Street building. Though she is technically the Secretary of SOS, Dovidio explained that this year her responsibilities extended into timeline management and communications. "We are an active board," Dovidio said with a laugh, explaining the tremendous amount of planning and energy the event requires, especially this year. "We are the single largest open studio event, pretty much on the east coast,"

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Marja Lianko who is often inspired by the materials she stumbles upon to work with, constantly experiments and produces various pieces from abstract color fields to geometric constructions. — Photos by Ryan DiLello



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Happy Mother’s Day to all this weekend. Be sure to treat mom to a special day and let her know how much she means to you and others.

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Celebrate Mother’s Day at the kickoff of the Groundwork Somerville Summer Concert Series. Featuring music by the Emily Grogan Duo and Home Despot, as well as family-friendly fun and games. Presented by EventThem to support Groundwork Somerville. Saturday, May 7, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. South Street Farm, 138 South Street. <http://groundworksomerville.org/event/mothers-day-concert/>.  
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Happy Teachers Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day! Thank you for all you do!

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On Thursday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m., celebrate the opening of 101 South Street, the first building at Boynton Yards. 101 South is the first purpose-built lab/office completed in Somerville as part of the Boynton Yards science and innovation campus which is now home to Flagship Pioneering companies Cellarity, Generate Biomedicines, Laronde, and Tessera Therapeutics. The celebration will include a ribbon-cutting with remarks from Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, community leaders, and Flagship Pioneering leadership. Lunch with music, snacks and giveaways by local vendors and artisans will be featured.  
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To those celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to Aida Sousa-Braga, who celebrates this week. Happy birthday to Beverly Childers this week. We hope she has a great celebration. Happy birthday to Dennis Sullivan. We wish him a great birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Lillian Bove Litchfield, Fred Parker, Eric Pedro Sr., Johnny Ferola, Jack Costello, Karen Mancini, Millie L McCarthy, Cynthia Saltman, Jason Mackey and Jim Breath a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. *Continued on page 7*

# Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 4 – May 10 as provided by the National Weather Service

| DAY  | CONDITIONS    | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | HUMIDITY | WIND       |
|--|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
|  <b>Wednesday</b><br>May 4  | Rain          | 55°/48°  | 83%           | 67%      | ESE 9 mph  |
|  <b>Thursday</b><br>May 5   | Partly Cloudy | 64°/47°  | 13%           | 7%       | N 11 mph   |
|  <b>Friday</b><br>May 6     | Rain          | 62°/47°  | 48%           | 34%      | ENE 11 mph |
|  <b>Saturday</b><br>May 7   | Cloudy        | 53°/41°  | 22%           | 15%      | NE 15 mph  |
|  <b>Sunday</b><br>May 8     | Cloudy        | 56°/43°  | 16%           | 11%      | N 14 mph   |
|  <b>Monday</b><br>May 9    | Partly Cloudy | 60°/47°  | 15%           | 9%       | N 13 mph   |
|  <b>Tuesday</b><br>May 10 | Partly Cloudy | 67°/50°  | 14%           | 11%      | NE 13 mph  |

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

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: 34 years later – but still worth waiting for

DKimmel says:  
Thank you former Mayor Brune for all your work on expanding transit opportunities in Somerville, but that work is far from done. You mention the Green Line extension will be “finishing the completion” at Tufts, but that falls short of the original plan — still supported by Mayor Ballantyne and State Senator Jehlen — to extend it all the way to Routh 16. You also claim Somerville is “the most convenient city in the state to travel on public transportation.” That may be true, but as someone in West Somerville, it’s a sad joke. For me to get to Assembly Square I can take the bus to Davis Square and then wait for the sporadically scheduled 90 bus OR take the Red Line into Boston and then transfer to the Orange Line. Convenient? As the saying goes, sometimes where you stand depends on where you sit.

Wig Zamore says:  
It is important to remember that using the regional and state ratio of .6 jobs per resident, Boston is short housing for over 600,000 people and Cambridge is short housing for over 150,000 people. Somerville is vastly short jobs using the same live work balance ratio. With Somerville’s shared boundaries with Cambridge and Boston, it is mathematically ridiculous to blame transit for Somerville housing price pressures which are almost entirely caused by the live work imbalances in Boston and Cambridge. Without Somerville’s massive excess of housing over jobs, the regional situation would be dramatically worse. If Boston and Cambridge can move toward live work balance, as they should, regional housing price pressures will significantly abate.

### Response to: City’s Human Rights Commission launches recruitment campaign

TheoNa says:  
While strongly in support of human rights, I question why Somerville needs to have a Human Rights Commission. Human rights are a global issue that’s already addressed at both the global, national and state levels. Somerville already has an overabundance of commissions and committees. The Somerville Human Rights Commission will have no authority and will consume budgetary resources that could be directed towards more useful purposes.

### Response to: City foresters to plant 175 trees this spring

Tim M. says:  
Good to see! They took down a tree in front of my apartment last year and I’ve been waiting for them to plant a new one. It’s really had an impact on our neighborhood

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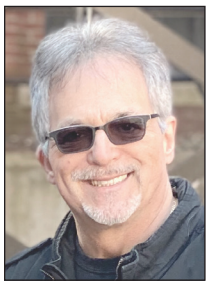


Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

# The Train



Before Somerville was turned into Detourville we were pretty lucky. Occasionally, we would get stuck behind a trash truck, or have to go a different way because of utility work. You may have noticed lately, however, that you have been sitting in a slow moving line of traffic at various points in the city because of Green Line construction detours.

It's not that bad, if you're not in a hurry. We try to be patient as traffic moves inch by inch. It can be really annoying. There was a time in my life when I didn't mind being in a stalled



traffic situation. A lot of us still remember sitting in our cars waiting for the B&M train to roll by. Living off of College Ave. all my life, I was delayed at the Davis Square railroad crossing many times. First you heard the ding ding ding, then you noticed the flashing of the lights, and then the crossing gates came down. Soon you heard the locomotive chugging into the square and then everything shook while the train went rumbling through.

I remember people on foot, bicyclists and even people pushing baby carriages peeking down the tracks to see if they could make it to the other side before the train came.

When we were kids we were lucky if we were among the first few automobiles in line so we could count the freight cars. Sometimes a train with 125 cars went by at 10 miles per hour until we would finally see the caboose. As I got older and started driving myself, waiting for the train to pass wasn't as much fun.

As dangerous as it was, a lot of us original Somerville folks hung around down the tracks

in the 60's and 70's. It was a recreation spot much like the bike path is now. We caught pollywogs, ate rhubarb, and many of us had our first disgusting taste of booze down the tracks. My favorite spot was the tracks between Cedar St. and Lowell St. We used empty box cars parked at the International Paper Company as our clubhouse.

*"All I can say is that it was a lot easier hopping on than hopping off"*

(Do not try this at home!) For those of us who weren't athletically inclined, our sport was running from the cops that chased us pretty regularly down the tracks. Oh yea, we hopped a couple of those trains back then too. All I can say is that it was a lot easier hopping on than hopping off. I often thought what a shock my parents would've got it if they saw me hanging onto a box car as it passed in front of their car at the Davis Square



railroad crossing. So, once again we are slowed down, detained and detoured because of ... more trains.

Yes, it used to be fun when the train barreled through Davis Square, especially if you were at The Somerville Theatre watching a movie because the whole place rattled until the train passed. The following is dialog from my friend, local train buff John Alan Roderick:

"The trains were going slow, as you know. If, for some reason, the brakes on the train went into emergency or otherwise caused it to stop, it could have potentially blocked the Square and Mass Ave. for who-knows-how-long until

the problem was resolved." "When the various bars and clubs in the Square were busy, as on a Friday or Saturday night, not to mention the theatre, people would park anywhere they wanted. If they were parked too close to the tracks at the crossing, the SPD would come out and have them towed."

It sometimes took 15 minutes for a long train to pass. That's a long time to sit in completely stopped traffic. Hopefully, you had air conditioning and an 8-track player.

Today, as you're getting hot under the collar because of detours, just think – soon you will be able to leave the car home and hop on the Green Line.

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## NOTICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Please take notice Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin invites interested parties to participate in a neighborhood meeting on **Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 PM** to discuss a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR-A) for Assembly Innovation Park at 5 Middlesex Avenue in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District. The project is two buildings totaling one million square feet and a one-acre public park.

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Please contact Councilor Matt McLaughlin at [Mattforward1@gmail.com](mailto:Mattforward1@gmail.com) for more information and to obtain details on how to access the meeting.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Asleep at the wheel and up against a beam

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to an Assembly Row location last Sunday on a check condition of a male party that may be asleep behind the wheel. The party in question was located at the intersection of Middlesex Ave. and Mystic Ave. in a white cargo van, parked up against a support beam for signage to the highway. The vehicle was wedged against the pole and there was damage to the front of the vehicle. Officers approached the passenger compartment and spotted a man, later identified as Vando Soares DaSilva, sitting in the driver's seat. As DaSilva did not speak English, an interpreter was called to the scene to translate. The officer removed DaSilva from the vehicle and noted that he was unsteady on his feet and had to hold onto the vehicle for balance. At one point he reportedly swayed forward and grabbed for the door frame to hold himself up. According to reports, the officers could smell the odor of alcohol coming from DaSilva's breath. They also noted that his eyes appeared bloodshot and glassy, and his speech sounded slurred. Due to the odor of alcohol, unsteadiness on his feet, slurred speech, and bloodshot, glassy eyes, DaSilva was asked if he would perform roadside testing. DaSilva, when asked, stated he does not wear glasses nor does he wear contacts. He had no injuries that would preclude him from performing any balance or walking tests. He stated he is not on any type of medication. DaSilva did only two tests as he was having difficulty following the directions. The first was a .089. The second was .175. DaSilva was placed in handcuffs and informed that he was under arrest, then transported to the station in the prisoner transport vehicle and was booked in the usual manner on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

## Police respond to report of shots fired in Somerville

On Sunday, May 1, at approximately 10:15 p.m., Somerville-911 Communications Center received multiple calls for shots fired in the area of 480 Mystic Avenue. Upon arrival, Officers discovered 10 9mm casings in the parking lot at Central Convenience, 460 Mystic Avenue. Officers also discovered ballistic damage to windows at the rear of 7 Memorial Road where bullets entered a window of a bedroom where children were sleeping. There are no known injuries at this time or evidence of injuries. Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to call the Somerville Police Department at 617-625-1600 ext. 7229 or leave an anonymous tip at somervillepd.com.



## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

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| <b>Arrests:</b>  |  |  |  |
| Henry Alvarez-Garcia, April 29, 12:09 a.m., arrested on war- | rant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, trafficking in cocaine, and larceny of motor | vehicle. Vando Soares Da Silva, May 1, 8:45 p.m., arrested at Mid- | dlesex Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and un- |

## City to pursue Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan CONT. FROM PG 1

everybody that this is actually extremely important, and that this is a way to right a bunch of historical and future mistakes." Ewen-Campen went on to point out that there is an enormous electrical substation in the heart of Union Square and that it is the first thing that people are going to see as they get off the Green Line. It is also one of the most prominently located substations in the city. "Right now, Eversource is seeking a special permit to expand that substation, to further fortify it, largely to serve the new commercial developments in the Union Square – Boynton Yards," Ewen-Campen explained. "So, you don't need to be a master urban planner to understand that this is a disaster of urban planning, the existence of this in its location." Ewen-Campen emphasized that the substation is in the heart of Union Square and that it looks like a "decrepit, rusting, hulking, fenced off piece of infrastructure that hasn't been touched since 1940. That's what it looks like." "So, here's the thing," Ewen-Campen continued. "In order to reach our fossil fuel goals we absolutely need to increase our electrical capacity at the local level. We need to do that at a huge scale. We want every house in the city to be heated by electrical heat pumps and cooled by electrical heat pumps." Ewen-Campen pointed out that we want more electrical capacity, but because of the way the city interacts with state utilities there is constant battling in one-offs on individual locations. "This is obviously not specific to Somerville." Ewen-Campen said. "We're seeing fights in East Boston. We're seeing fights in Cambridge. In every community there are often fights about substations, and there is a long history of them being sited in inappropriate locations for a variety of reasons." The solution that has emerged, according to Ewen-Campen, is to get Eversource and the community, as well as various members of the administration and possibly others to work together on a citywide plan that is equitable. "I, for one, hope that it involves moving this particular substation somewhere underground, far away from abutters and centers of city squares," Ewen-Campen said. "But it's not specific to this location. This needs to be a citywide plan." "I am heartened to say that the administration has signaled that they are very supportive of this and, in fact, the representatives of Eversource have said that they are kind of at least seemingly onboard with that. I very much hope that is the case," Ewen-Campen said. The Councilor expressed hope that the matter could be sent to the Land Use Committee for further study and conversation. "It's clearly extremely complicated and it's going to need a lot of expertise, so that we are not constantly having these kind of one-off skirmishes and battles at individual locations," said Ewen-Campen. After Ewen-Campen's presentation, Ward 5 City Councilor Beatriz Gómez Mouakad stated, "I just want to say this order is brilliant, not boring," and signed on as a co-sponsor of the resolution. Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan also signed on and in a moment of levity added, "I'd like to suggest something like 'SomerBuzz' or like 'SomerSizzle' or something. You know, we gotta give it a name." City Councilors Charlotte Kelly, Willie Burnley Jr., and Jake Wilson also signed on to the resolution which was then passed and referred to the Land Use Committee. The full text of the resolution reads as follows: WHEREAS: Reaching our climate goals will require an enormous increase in the capacity of our local electrical grid, yet today we lack a comprehensive plan for the location of such infrastructure, leading to a piecemeal, case-by-case expansion strategy; and WHEREAS: As one relevant example, Eversource is currently seeking to expand the existing electrical substation in Union Square; and WHEREAS: The unfortunate, poorly planned location of this substation and its dilapidated state is a lost opportunity for the heart of Union Square, and WHEREAS: The Union Square substation will ultimately need to be moved in order to facilitate the extension of the Green Line to Porter, and this relocation will require long-term planning and coordination; and WHEREAS: Neighboring municipalities have found creative solutions to place electrical equipment underground, coordinated with the large-scale commercial developments that particularly require the expansion of these facilities; WHEREAS: Somerville is dedicated to equitable citywide planning, to ensure that the impacts of such infrastructure do not fall disproportionately on certain neighborhoods; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, the Director of Engineering, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, along with any other appropriate departments, work with Eversource and any other relevant utilities to create a mid- and long-term comprehensive plan for the location of our growing electrical infrastructure.



# May Preservation Month schedule of events

Throughout the month of May, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) partners with other local organizations to host events honoring Somerville’s history and historic assets. All events are open to the public, ADA accessible, and free.

**May – October. Launch of Volunteer Docent Program.** Three Historic Sites: Prospect Hill Tower, Milk Row Cemetery, and Old Powder House. Full season schedule on weekends and Thursday evenings is posted on the SHPC and City websites, and on banners outside each site.

- **Thursday, May 5, 5:00 p.m.:** Special Commemoration of Unknown British Soldier sponsored in collaboration with Members of the British Community. At Milk Row Cemetery.
- **Thursday, May 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.:** First Seasonal Public Opening of Old Powder House (OPH), with a special talk about the history of the whole park from 6:30-7:30pm. OPH is within Nathan Tufts Park, off the Powderhouse Rotary. Heavy rain cancels.
- **Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. – noon:** “Jane’s Walk.” Theme for this year’s annual event celebrating Jane Jacobs, a world-renowned urban activist, is “Brickbottom: Impressions of the Past and Visions for the Future,” incorporating a diversity of community leaders. Meet at Buddy’s Diner at 115 Washington St. where walkers can grab coffee and breakfast. More about Jane’s Walks at [www.janeswalk.org](http://www.janeswalk.org).
- **Thursday, May 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.:** First Seasonal Public Opening of Prospect Hill Tower. Above Union Square on Munroe St. Heavy rain cancels.
- **Sunday, May 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.:** Walking Tour: “Connecting Assembly Square with East Somerville: Looking Back, Going Forward.” Ed Gordon, former President of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, will lead a lively walking tour of former industrial area undergoing significant transformation and its long-standing association with nearby neighborhood. Co-sponsored with Assembly Connect and East Somerville Main Streets. Meet at Middlesex District Court at 175 Fellsway, Somerville and end at Connexion at 149 Broadway with complimentary refreshments.
- **Monday, May 16, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.:** A Talk “Researching the History of Your Family and More,” given by a key resource -- Kevin O’Kelly, Reference Librarian for the SPL. Ideas, with slides, to help you research the history of your family through a mini tour of genealogy resources at the Somerville Library and beyond, as well as some tips for getting started, and for doing some house research too. Somerville West Branch Library, 40 College Ave., in Davis Square. Nice opportunity to view the newly renovated and enlarged Library that is now fully ADA accessible.
- **Thursday, May 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.:** Docent Tour of Milk Row Cemetery.
- **Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. – noon:** Docent Tour of Prospect Hill Tower.
- **Saturday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. – noon:** Docent Tour of the Old Powder House.

For more information, contact SHPC Executive Director Brandon Wilson remotely at 617-776-3938 or [bwilson@somervillema.gov](mailto:bwilson@somervillema.gov) or <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historic-events-and-education> or Somerville Historic Preservation Commission Facebook page for updates, flyers, and photos.



## Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Chicken Caesar Salad

One of the best things about this salad is that everything can be made in advance and assembled right before you’re ready to serve it. Whenever I have leftover bread, I also like to make croutons so I have them on hand pretty much most of the time. See the recipe below for the salad and a link for the crouton recipe.

*Baby Kale (5oz package)*  
Grilled Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, sliced (1 1/2-2, 6oz each serving per person)  
Croutons 1 Cup, here’s my recipe, <https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/73172>

*Caesar Dressing*  
1 Cup Mayonnaise  
2 Garlic Cloves, pressed or finely minced to a paste consistency  
1 Teaspoon Worcestershire  
1 Teaspoon Dijon Mustard

2 Tablespoons Lemon Juice  
5 Drops Fish Sauce  
1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese, plus extra to add to the salad  
1/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt  
1/2 Teaspoon Freshly Grated Black Pepper

In a small bowl, add all the ingredients listed above and blend well. Store it in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to a week. To assemble, place 1/3 cup of the Caesar dressing into a large bowl, then add the package of baby kale and the croutons to the bowl and toss it well until everything is lightly coated with the dressing. You can always add more dressing to your liking and serve extra on the side. Divide the mixture between three bowls or plates. Add the sliced grilled chicken and top off with either grated or shaved Parmesan cheese. Serving size for 3.

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





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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 April 25-29.

**APPROVE \$49.7 BILLION FISCAL 2023 STATE BUDGET (H 4700)**

House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$49.7 billion fiscal 2023 state budget after adding nearly \$130 million in spending during three days of debate. The House version now goes to the Senate which will approve a different version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

Provisions include \$18.4 billion to fully fund Mass-Health caseloads; \$70 million in rate increases for subsidized child care providers; \$3 million for early childhood mental health grants; \$110 million for a year-long extension of universal school meals; \$243 million for charter school aid; \$60 million for adult education to support English Language Learners and adults working towards their GED; \$15 million to support teachers of color, including \$7.5 million for Tomorrow’s Teachers program to provide scholarships to people committed to teaching in public schools and \$7.5 million for loan repayment for teachers of color; \$188.6 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Service; and \$653 million for the University of Massachusetts system.

Another provision would require the Department of Correction (DOC), sheriffs and the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to provide phone calls free of charge to persons receiving and initiating phone calls and other services such as video or electronic communications, who are currently paying \$14.4 million per year to communicate.

The package also would outlaw child marriage of children under the age of 18 and empower minors currently in marriages to seek divorce or annulment on their own.

“The House budget responds to the economic challenges currently facing Massachusetts residents by balancing a focus on immediate needs such as workforce development, with a focus on long-term investments that are designed to grow our economy in a sustainable way,” said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

(A Yes” vote is for the budget.)

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Rep. Christine Barber   | Yes |
| Rep. Mike Connolly      | Yes |
| Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven | Yes |

**PRESCRIPTION REBATE FOR SENIORS OVER 67 (H 4700)**

House 28-127, rejected an amendment making seniors, aged 67 or older, who are at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, eligible for a prescription drug rebate on their total out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$2,500 for the 12 months from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

Amendment supporters said this rebate will help low-income seniors on fixed incomes. They noted some of these seniors currently have to choose between paying for prescription drugs, food and heating costs.

Amendment opponents said there are several bills being worked on that would help seniors pay for their prescription drugs. They said this proposal should be filed

as a separate bill in order to hold public hearings on the measure.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), sponsor of the amendment and Tom Stanley (D-Waltham), the main opponent of the amendment did not respond to repeated requests from *Beacon Hill Roll Call* for a comment.

(A “Yes” vote is for the up to \$2,500 rebate. A “No” vote is against it).

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Rep. Christine Barber   | No |
| Rep. Mike Connolly      | No |
| Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven | No |

**FARM FUEL TAX REBATE (H 4700)**

House 29-127, rejected an amendment that would provide a tax rebate to farmers for the cost of fuel taxes paid for the operation of farm equipment from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Amendment supporters said the rebate will help hard-working farmers during this difficult economic time. They noted it will also help combat food shortages.

Amendment opponents said this rebate is a new idea and should be filed as a separate bill in order to hold public hearings on the measure.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from *Beacon Hill Roll Call* for a comment.

“Farmers, like everyone in this ‘Bidenflation’ economy, are struggling to survive, and with the state’s historic surplus revenue bonanza (aka, over-taxation), the state can certainly afford to lighten some of their burden easily,” said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. “Every small savings for producers will reduce the inflated end-cost for beleaguered consumers.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the rebate. A “No” vote is against it).

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|-------------------------|----|
| Rep. Christine Barber   | No |
| Rep. Mike Connolly      | No |
| Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven | No |

**REDUCE ESTATE/DEATH TAX (H 4700)**

House 30-126, rejected an amendment that would exempt the first \$2 million of the value of a person’s estate from the state’s estate/death tax that a person is required to pay following their death before distribution to any beneficiary. Under current law, only the first \$1 million is exempt. Under the current \$1 million threshold and under the proposed \$2 million threshold, the tax on anything over the threshold is a graduated one that ranges from 0.8 percent to 16 percent. This tax applies to the entire estate value, not just the portion above the threshold. Most Republicans are against any such tax and coined the name “death tax” to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an “estate tax” to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

Amendment supporters said that in light of the rising value of houses, with the average home price more than \$500,000, the \$1 million threshold of this unfair regressive tax is too low and noted the federal tax exempts the first \$12 million. They noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other

states where this tax does not even exist.

“Massachusetts has the most aggressive estate tax in the entire country,” said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. “This tax is very unpopular in every state that still has it and many states are eliminating it completely. The estate tax drives people out of the state and even President Joe Biden’s home state of Delaware recently repealed it completely. Only the Massachusetts Legislature would be willing to keep the country’s most aggressive estate tax, which hurts our elderly population the most.”

Amendment opponents said that this proposed tax reduction is one of many that are included in a separate stand-alone piece of legislation filed by Gov. Charlie Baker. They argued the amendment is premature and that the House should not act on this or any other tax reduction piecemeal here in the state budget but rather should wait until the Revenue Committee holds public hearing on the governor’s package as a whole.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from *Beacon Hill Roll Call* for a comment.

(A “Yes” vote is for exempting the first \$2 million of the value of a person’s estate from the state’s estate/death tax. A “No” vote is against it)

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| Rep. Christine Barber   | No |
| Rep. Mike Connolly      | No |
| Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven | No |

**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 25-29, the House met for a total of 31 hours and 27 minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 42 minutes.

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| Mon. April 25   | House 11:01 a.m. to 8:54 p.m.<br>Senate 11:16 a.m. to 1:42 p.m   |
| Tues. April 26  | House 11:00 a.m. to 7:43 p.m.<br>No Senate session               |
| Wed. April 27   | House 11:01 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.<br>No Senate session              |
| Thurs. April 28 | House 11:00 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.<br>Senate 11:12 a.m. to 6:28 p.m. |

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| Fri. April 29 | No House session<br>No Senate session |
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Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)



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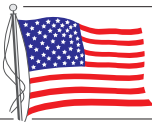
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Have a happy Mother's Day, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



In the midst of the darkness of these often troubled times, there is one particular beacon of goodness and light that pierces through the gloom to warm our hearts and lift our spirits – Mother’s Day.

While life as we know it has been far from normal in recent months, this is one occasion that can restore a bit of normalcy and order for us as we pause to honor the beloved matriarchs of our families.

Of course, some may have to celebrate in less than ordinary ways, due to the social distancing and shelter-in-place guidelines that by necessity are keeping many of us from gathering together. Whether by phone, internet, or snail mail, a lot of folks will have to make do with making contact in whatever alternative ways they can manage.

And then there are those who are fortunate enough to be able to give their moms a warm hug in person, and either enjoy some of their incomparable home cooking, or cook a fabulous meal for them for a change.

However we manage to do it, let’s make sure that they know we are thinking of them and express our gratitude for all they have done for us throughout our lives.

Depending on their individual circumstance, they themselves may be going through some feelings of anxiety during this stressful time. Especially among the elderly. Let us make an effort to reassure and comfort them, and quell their fears and concerns.

Let them know that you are doing well, and that you will do everything you can to see after them. Just as they would do for you.

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To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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Taco Crawl anyone? Celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** this **Thursday** in **East Somerville** with a **Taco Crawl** down **Broadway**. Visit their Facebook page for a recommended Taco Crawl route <https://www.facebook.com/eastsomerville-mainstreets>.

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Love to play music? Registration is underway for bands and musical performers interested in participating in the **Somerville Arts Council’s PorchFest 2022** on **Saturday, May 14**. The deadline to register is **Thursday, May 12**. To register and learn more, visit: <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest>.

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Somerville’s **Board of Health** unanimously approved the city’s proposed **extension of the eviction moratorium**. The moratorium now has a 60-day sunset period and will end on **June 30**. The city urges tenants and homeowners to use this period to seek assistance if they are facing housing instability. The **Office of Housing Stability (OHS)** is ready to help and can be reached at 617-

625-6600 ext. 2581. Landlords are encouraged to contact OHS on a tenant’s behalf rather than pursuing eviction. For more information, visit [somervillema.gov/ohs](https://somervillema.gov/ohs).

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**Groundwork Somerville (GWS)** is excited to announce their **Spring Seedling Sale**. GWS is excited to encourage community members to grow their own food by providing the community with healthy seedlings. For beginner gardeners, this is a great way to get started. All proceeds from the seedling sale will go towards helping GWS grow healthy veggies to donate to **Project Soup**, the **YMCA**, and **Somerville Community Fridges**. **Spring Seedling Sale, Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 138 South St., Somerville**

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The city is hiring **Crossing Guards** to help protect student safety at intersections along school routes. Uniforms and on-the-job training provided. The ability to work both morning and afternoon shifts is required. Applicants must pass a **pre-employment CORI and drug screen**. For more information, contact **School Safety Officer Joseph Teves**, at (617) 625-6600 ext. 7248 or visit [somervillema.gov/CrossingGuards](https://somervillema.gov/CrossingGuards)

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The **City of Somerville** and **Center for Teen Empowerment** will hold a **Somerville Youth Peace March, May 13**, at 6:00 p.m. March with them from **Foss Park** to **City Hall** as they raise awareness of violence in our community and work together to create peace. The march starts at 6:00 p.m. The vigil and rally at City Hall starts at 7:15 p.m.

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**Spring Garden Day 2022** at the **Somerville Community Growing Center, Sunday May 8, 2:00 p.m.** Tour the **Pollinator Gardens** and learn about native plants and their partnerships with pollinators. Learn about **saving seeds** and take home some **native seeds**. Bring seeds or seedlings to exchange with others, or just take some home to nurture. The **Growing Center Chorus** will premiere several songs. Performances by **Red Herring** and **Branbury Cross Morris Dance teams**. **Daisy Hebb of GreenBlossom Paintings** will demonstrate her native and pollinator watercolors, with notecards and calendars for sale. Rain date: **Sunday, May 15**.

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The **Somerville Homeless Coalition**

(SHC) **Big Sleep Out** weekend is weeks away. **Sleep In Sleep Out, May 13 – May 15**, while you sleep in your yard, basement, porch, couch or anywhere that isn’t your bed. SHC members will be sleeping outside (rain or shine). No planning necessary, just register with the link below and share the event with your friends and family. To register: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/22SLEEPOUT>

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Get a good start on **high school success**. Sign up before **May 15**: <https://bit.ly/3vXatRX>

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Are you a member of **Somerville High School’s Classes of 1970, 1971, or 1972**? The **SHS Class of 2022** is looking for participants for this year’s **Class Day festivities**, which will take place on **Friday, June 3**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at **Somerville High School**. This year will be the first Class Day that will take place in the new school building. Because there was no Class Day in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID-19, they are inviting alumni who did not have an opportunity to participate in this great tradition on the 50th anniversary of their high school graduation. They are

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#825

1. What is the technique called for opening a champagne bottle with a sword?

2. What is the name of the fictional hotel in *The Shining*?

3. How long is the world's longest french fry?

4. A ganache is a combination of chocolate and what?

5. Comedian Jack Black is also a singer for which group?

6. What is the real name of Baby in *Dirty Dancing*?

7. What was the first song Prince performed in the movie *Purple Rain*?

8. Which author wrote *Partners in Crime*?

9. How many zeros are there in a million?

10. What is the brightest star in the sky?

11. In which country was the largest known T-Rex skeleton found?

12. What has a head and a tail but does not have a body?

Answers on page 13

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. It's impossible for you to lick your own elbow.

2. Cap'n Crunch's full name is Captain Horatio Magellan Crunch.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THE 1950s

ACROSS

1. a.k.a. vampire

6. Asian cuisine pan

9. Type of tide

13. Make more attractive

14. Lawyers' grp.

15. China grass

16. "West Side Story's" Tony and \_\_\_\_

17. Mourner's acronym

18. Utilizing

19. a.k.a. "The King"

21. Kitschy art movement begun in '50s (2 words)

23. Mortar carrier

24. Back of the neck

25. \*Kelly or Chanel 2.55, e.g.

28. Hurtful remark

30. "\_\_\_\_ Margery Daw," nursery rhyme

35. Paper unit

37. Duds

39. Eurasian antelope

40. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)

41. Unaccompanied

43. Disgust with sweetness excess

44. Brandish

46. Track competition, e.g.

47. Frustrated driver's recourse

48. Legendary King of Pylos

50. Tsar, tzar or \_\_\_\_

52. Greek letters on campus

53. Deprivation

55. Greek R

57. "A Streetcar Named Desire" star

60. Popular type of 1950s restaurant

64. Pro athletes' move

65. Sea in Spain

67. Narcotics agent

68. Stringed instrument of India

69. Brewpub offering

70. Shakespearean "ergo"

71. Gwendolyn Brooks' "Annie Allen" entry, e.g.

72. \*Doris of "Que Sera, Sera" fame

73. Disinfectant brand

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1. Statue of Liberty: "I lift my \_\_\_\_ beside the golden door"

2. Sixth month of civil year

3. Encore!

4. Like Maureen O'Hara and Samuel Beckett

5. Not digital

6. On one's guard

7. \_\_\_\_-Wan of "Star Wars"

8. Fraternity K

9. Space program established in 1958

10. Arabian chieftain

11. Are not

12. Margaret, for short

15. Raja's money, pl.

20. Changes to a manuscript

22. Military moves

24. Fail to care

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26. Eagle's nest

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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.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Somerville Open Studios 2022 a success

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Dovidio said, noting that other larger events do not restrict registration to local artists.

This year’s event had its challenges, a global pandemic being just one. When Omicron threatened to interfere with plans, organizers were forced to push registration back to late January. “We weren’t sure the event was even going to happen or what it would look like,” Dovidio said. And neither were the artists, who were hesitant to register

or canceled at the last moment, Dovidio said. In the months after, recruiting volunteers to work the event was also difficult. “We’re so decentralized,” Dovidio explained, “Artists are all in their studios during the event so they can’t help. We had to find other people. That’s always a challenge to find art lovers who actually want to do more.”

SOS also expected some challenges with masking, but Dovidio said she was happy to

hear there was overwhelming compliance. The Board provided artists with mask-mandate signs and posted signs on trolleys, indicating that masks were optional, but preferred. Overall, venues had the right to choose their mask policy, but people were happy to mask regardless. “Even on the trolley, where we opened all the windows, people still masked.” Dovidio said.

Another looming issue was growing gentrification throughout the city. With artists moving between buildings, or out of the city altogether, the organization needed to address the changing environment. Thus, for the first time ever, SOS opened registrations to recently displaced artists. “People are losing their spaces,” Davidio said. “The only thing we can do is call attention to a space, show how lovely it is.” Dovidio added. “A lot of people don’t realize what the spaces are.”

The annual event, which typically draws over 400 artists, renews the public’s awareness of local art spaces, Dovidio explained.

Last year, SOS held the event in two outdoor spaces, but some elements of the experience were lost. “We’re about people coming into the spaces, seeing the art supplies. You know, there is that mystery and magic thing [to the artistic process] that people wonder about. You just can’t find that sort of thing when you’re going to buy art.” Dovidio said.

Despite all the challenges,



Alyson Schultz transformation of the urban environment into an emotive landscape.



Sharon Armour creates bags from recycled 25mm movie film. Pictured are bags from Titanic and Harry Potter.

Dovidio was thrilled with the turnout. “I just couldn’t believe it,” Dovidio said. “We’re very lucky.” Dovidio summarized the feedback she’s received from the community so far, “everyone’s been thankful. People were so happy to get out. One of the old town trolley people was playing music and people were singing along. People were ready to share a moment post-pandemic. It was a perfect spring weekend.”

As I was leaving Vernon Street Studios, I turned to my girlfriend and remarked that so many of the artists whom I’d met were women. And Dovidio confirmed, most artists in Somerville are women. “There is a little army of them,” Dovidio said. “They just keep on painting.”

For a directory of local artists, and to see their works, visit the Somerville Open Studios website: <https://www.somerville-openstudios.org/web/artists/>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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**Vote YES on the Millionaire’s Tax**

The time to do something about the wealth gap has arrived. November 8th, 2022, the Millionaires Tax will appear on the ballot, giving residents the opportunity to tax the few and gain a lot...\$1.3 billion. If passed, it would impose a 4% additional tax on annual personal income over \$1 million effective January 1st, 2023.

This would raise taxes on less than 0.6% of all households in the state, but the revenue gained would benefit all residents. The bill requires that all of the additional tax funds raised would be funneled into critical education, roads, bridges, and public transit projects.

As a Somerville resident and social worker, I see how these additional funds

could go a long way towards supporting our community. One seventh of the older adults in Somerville are living in poverty, relying on social support for housing, health and other basic needs. By diverting funds towards education, public transit, and other infrastructure projects, we can better support our residents and elevate those from poverty.

According to the Boston Globe, in 2018 there were only 57 residents in all of Somerville who this tax would affect. In a town of over 80,000, we must look towards the greater good for all and assess how best to support the mass majority of our residents. If we raise taxes on the few to support the many, we would send the message that Somerville cares deeply about the health and wellbeing of our

most vulnerable.

While some claim that raising the tax would encourage high earners to leave Massachusetts to engage in tax avoidance, a report by the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University suggests this argument is overstated. The projected loss would total less than 8 percent of the \$1.3 billion expected to be raised through the new tax.

Most U.S. states have graduated income taxes, meaning higher rates for higher earners. Massachusetts, however, has a flat-rate income tax. With a widening wealth gap, it is time for Massachusetts to address inequalities and make sure all residents can meet their basic human needs. To do so, we must look towards tax reform.

Polling shows a current 70% approval

rating for the Millionaires Tax and yet, the wealthy are waging a well-funded campaign to defeat the bill. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already begun to roll in to fight the Millionaire’s Tax. This is going to be a David vs. Goliath fight and to prevail we will need every Massachusetts voter who cares about fairness to show up. We need to send the message that big money doesn’t vote; people do. Since this is a state ballot question, we will need all the support within our progressive cities to pass this bill. Somerville, I urge you to vote YES on the Millionaires Tax this November 8th, 2022, in the general election.


Eva King  
Somerville

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022** 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 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

Registration URL:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6060905438627311119>

Webinar ID: 696-746-755

**TO CALL IN**

Phone Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 142-889-290

**ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT**

**Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties**

**HPC.ALT 2022.22 – 63 Adams Street**  
Applicant: Dirk Walther  
Owner: Same as Applicant  
*The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing a rooftop deck in the rear of the property.*

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

**HPC.DMO 2022.16 – 147 Highland Avenue**  
Applicant: Robert DiTucci  
Owner: Martha Lee Trust, Robert A. DiTucci and Martha L. DiTucci, Trustees  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.17 – 229 Tremont Street**  
Applicant: John F. Reilly  
Owner: John F. Reilly and Liese Reilly  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.18 – 223 Tremont Street**  
Applicant: John F. Reilly  
Owner: John F. Reilly and Liese Reilly, Trustees of the Reilly Trust  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2022.20 – 245 Elm Street**  
Applicant: Scape Davis Square, LLC  
Owner: Dana Family Series, LLC  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.21 – 233 Elm Street**  
Applicant: Scape Davis Square, LLC  
Owner: Dana Family Series, LLC  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*

**HPC.DMO 2022.22 – 243 Elm Street**  
Applicant: Scape Davis Square, LLC  
Owner: Dana Family Series, LLC  
*The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.*


*While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto: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](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) with inquiries.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Dish Wireless LLC is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing building located at 27 College Ave, Somerville, Middlesex Co., MA 02144. The new facility will consist of the collocation of antennas at 63.5 feet above ground level (measured to the top of the antennas) on the 64-foot-tall building (top of highest appurtenance). Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project **6122003932**- MH EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at (785) 760-5938.

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**SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT’S FY2023 BUDGET**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.** (Originally scheduled on May 4, 2022)  
Via the Zoom Webinar Online Meeting Platform

Please use the following web address to join the Budget Hearing:  
<https://k12somerville.zoom.us/j/82048063990?pwd=VDk3L0xzZ3pXYzZlNWk0rciNFVXFDZz09>

**THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Andre Green, Chair**  
**Somerville School Committee**

**Ilana Krepchin, Chair**  
**Finance and Facilities Subcommittee**

**Mary Skipper**  
**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 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Please use the following web address to join the School Choice Public Hearing, if you need to join virtually:  
<https://k12somerville.zoom.us/j/82142009956?pwd=dUtKNFpic1R3ZDhsSlZ4VXpzSUXxSdz09>

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**City of Somerville**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5890858268965744656>  
Webinar ID: 586-818-643

**TO CALL IN**

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060  
Access code: 747-495-475

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

**595 Broadway** Fidelis Bridge Loan Venture V REO LLC seeks to extend the validity of two (2) special permits (ZBA 2018-94) for one (1) year.

**35 McGrath Hwy** 35 McGrath Highway Realty Trust seeks variances from the following requirements of the High Rise (HR) District: front setback requirements, driveway in the frontage area, and façade not parallel to the front lot line.

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

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of an All Forms 7 Wine and Malt 7 Day Alcohol License – Enhancement Area and a Sunday Hours License, for Kong Dog Somerville Inc. d/b/a Kong Dog Somerville, 236 Elm St., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.  
Jacques Thomas Jr.

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6967281252070083597>  
Webinar ID: 511-579-683

**TO CALL IN**

Phone number: 1 (631) 992-3221  
Access code: 350-019-980

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

**518-524 Somerville Ave** Nuestra, LLC, D/B/A The Boston Garden Dispensary, proposes to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use in the Mid-Rise 4 District, which requires a Special Permit.

**304 Somerville Ave** Holistic Industries Inc., D/B/A Liberty, proposes to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use in the Mid-Rise 5 District, which requires a Special Permit.

**350 Assembly Row** Street Retail, LLC seeks a Major Amendment to Assembly Square Planned Unit Development-Preliminary Master Plan, Case # PB 2006-59 (as amended) to incorporate the Block 7A Guidelines and strike Block 7 from Condition 39.2.

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](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

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For the Commission  
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
City of Somerville  
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Thursday the 19th day of May, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.  
*Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.*

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **70 PARK ST #23**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): LUO TUOPING & YUAN YUAN, TRUSTEES OF THE LUO FAMILY NOMINEE TRUST  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **054F00016000023**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20078580**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 70 Park Street, Unit 23 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 69958, Page: 007

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|---|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$1,891.85</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$558.11</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$2,674.96</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **38 ALBION ST**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): MUSELLO DAMIAN R.  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **042C00019000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02049068**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,839 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 24507, Page: 160

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|---|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$1,622.71</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$439.29</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$2,287.00</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **16 WOODBINE ST**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): ARDOLINO MARK R & JILL T  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **042G00007000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20665070**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5,005 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 30335, Page: 383

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| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$712.17</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$21.85</b>  |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b> |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$959.02</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **10 HILLSIDE CIR #1**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): GAO NAISI  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **038A00046000001**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20130460**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 10 Hillside Circle, Unit 1 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 65951, Page: 459

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|---|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$2,173.66</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$642.03</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$3,040.69</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **135 ALBION ST #1**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): TANNENBAUM GRACE  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **034C00045000001**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20080120**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 135 Albion Street, Unit 1 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 65554, Page: 174

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|---|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$1,441.24</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$391.40</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$2,057.64</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **390 BROADWAY #25**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): WANG YIHUA  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **048B00006000025**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02053060**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 390 Broadway, Unit 25 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 61167, Page: 399

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| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$1,656.23</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$487.93</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$2,369.16</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **0 PERRY ST**  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RATNER RICHARD  
CURRENT OWNER(S): 49 PERRY LLC  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **065A00074000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20667050**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,720 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 43440, Page: 020; Book: 73948, Page: 554


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| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$506.63</b> |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$145.53</b> |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b> |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$877.16</b> |

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **1 FITCHBURG ST #B352**  
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): GUSTAFSON PIER  
DEMAND: **July 16, 2020** PARCEL ID: **115C0000100B352**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **89900145**  
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 1 Fitchburg Street, Unit B352 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 19836, Page: 188

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| Fiscal Year <b>2020</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid  | <b>\$972.87</b>   |
| Interest to Date of Taking                      | <b>\$296.07</b>   |
| Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking | <b>\$225.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>       | <b>\$1,493.94</b> |


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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
8 BONAIR STREET  
SOMERVILLE, MA 02145  
BID S2023-4

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed bids for:  
**A 2022 Fourteen (14) Passenger Activity Vehicle for the Somerville School Department.**  
The IFB package may be obtained by emailing Leah Arredondo in the Finance Office, [larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us) or can be picked up at the Somerville School Department, Finance Office, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 on or after **May 3, 2022**.  
Sealed bid responses will be received no later than **10 a.m., May 24, 2022** at the Finance Office Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud.  
*The School Committee of the City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part or parts thereof, waive any minor informality in the Bid process and to award the Contract that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department.*  
**Francis Gorski**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Somerville Public Schools

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
8 BONAIR STREET  
SOMERVILLE, MA 02145  
RFP# S2023-03

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed bids for:  
**CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORECASTING FOR SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked “Price Proposal for Consultant Services for Student Enrollment Forecasting” and a “Non-Price Proposal for Consultant Services for Student Enrollment Forecasting” in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office (Room 321), Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 on or after **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
All Proposals shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145. There will be a Proposal review including possible interviews with the finalists.  
Please contact Leah Arredondo ([larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us)) or call 617-629-5218 to receive the proposal and register as a proposal vendor.  
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**Francis Gorski**  
Chief Financial Officer  
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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
30 Memorial Road  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145  
Telephone (617) 625-1152  
Fax (617) 628-7057 TDD (617) 628-8889  
**Request for Proposal  
Rental Lease Agreement**  
**Issued: Wednesday May 4, 2022**

**The Project and the Sponsor**  
The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) has received a planning grant award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), to undertake a mixed-income redevelopment of Clarendon Housing Development, a state-aided family public housing development. The redevelopment will be carried out with the Preservation of Affordable Housing, Redgate, and Somerville Community Corporation, the SHA's designated Developers. The resulting mixed-income community will require the SHA to relocate approximately 75 families into apartments not owned by the SHA.  
The SHA is a public housing agency established by MGL c. 121B to provide housing to low-income residents in the City of Somerville. The SHA is not an agency of the City of Somerville; it owns and manages 1,415 Units throughout the City including family, elderly/disabled. In addition, the SHA administers a large rental assistance program (Section 8, MRVP, & AHVP).  
**Scope of Services**  
The SHA seeks multiple owners of developments or single rental units, proximate to Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 with preference given to those apartments in Somerville, MA with available 1, 2-, & 3 - bedroom units that will be vacant Between May 2022 and October 2024, to enter into a master lease agreement (Attachment B) with the SHA for 18 months with a month-to-month extensions following the lease period. The Tenant shall have the right of first refusal to extend up to 30 months. The SHA will pay Fair Market Rent (FMR) as the applicable payment standards for the units. The SHA will be entering into an agreement with multiple owners, to sublease approximately 75 units, with an agreement signed for each unit occupied. The FMR payment standard by bedroom size is as follows.  

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| • 1-Bedroom units - | FMR \$ 1,986 |
| • 2-Bedroom units - | FMR \$ 2,399 |
| • 3-Bedroom units - | FMR \$ 2,966 |

**To receive a full RFP Package please send a request via email to Kevin Bumpus at [KevinB@sha-web.org](mailto:KevinB@sha-web.org) on or after May 4th,2022. All questions should be directed to Kevin Bumpus at 617-625-1152 Ext. 321.**  
**Completed proposals should be emailed to [KevinB@sha-web.org](mailto:KevinB@sha-web.org) no later than 1:00 PM on Monday June 6th,2022. Proposals may also be mailed to The Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Ma 02145 attention Kevin Bumpus.**

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**For the Commission**  
Christopher Allen  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.  
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**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI22D1183DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Mengying Li  
vs.  
Jiang Yu

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:  
**Pamela A Thomure, Esq.**  
**Attorney Pamela A Thomure**  
**185 Devonshire St**  
**Suite 302**  
**Boston, MA 02110-1407**

your answer, if any on or before **06/06/2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 25, 2022.

**Tara E. De Christofaro**  
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING  
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN COMMENT PERIOD  
EXTENSION/CORRECTION


Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville held a virtual public hearing on the 2022-2023 One Year Action Plan Draft on April 28th, 2022. The City of Somerville continues to invite community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program during the Public Comment Period on the aforementioned plan.

The Public Hearing was advertised via The Somerville Times on 4/13/2022, but in that advertisement, the Public Comment Period for the 2022-2023 One Year Action Plan was mistakenly advertised as concluding on May 13th, 2022. The Public Comment Period for the 2022-2023 One Year Action Plan actually concludes on **May 28th, 2022**. Written comments will be accepted until Friday May 28, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m. and should be sent via email to [ospcd@somervillema.gov](mailto:ospcd@somervillema.gov).

Katjana Ballantyne  
Mayor

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
IFB 22-62

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

**Electrical Generator Maintenance and Repairs**

The Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com), or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Thursday, May 5th, 2022**. Sealed bids will be received on [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) and at above office until: **Thursday, May 19th, 2022 at 1:30 PM**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email [yrobles@somervillema.gov](mailto:yrobles@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Yolanda Robles-Casanova**  
Construction Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x3407

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For the Commission  
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Somerville Junction Park expansion and renovation virtual meeting

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 5 City Councilor Beatriz Gómez Mouakad, and city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting to discuss the expansion and renovation of Junction Park, located off of Central Street near the Community Path extension.

This project will combine the existing 0.6-acre park with an adjacent 0.8-acre city-owned lot that had been used for parking, creating valuable new green space in the city and a resting place along the Community Path. Potential new amenities may include additional seating and plantings, water features, and adult fitness equipment. Support is provided in part by the Commonwealth's Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program and City of Somerville Community Preservation Act funds.


At this meeting, city staff and consultants will outline the project scope and present several design concepts for feedback. Community engagement and design will continue through the summer, and construction is expected to begin after the MBTA Green Line and Community Path extensions are completed later this year.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. Learn more and register to attend at [somervillema.gov/junctionpark](http://somervillema.gov/junctionpark).



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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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1776 – Rhode Island declares independence from England.

1864 – Union General Ulysses S. Grant's forces cross the Rapidan River and meet Robert E. Lee's Confederate army.

1927 – A balloon soars over 40,000 feet for the first time.

1942 – The United States begins food rationing.

1961 – 13 civil rights activists, dubbed Freedom Riders, begin a bus trip through the South.

1970 – Ohio National Guardsmen open fire on student protesters at Kent State University, killing four and wounding nine others.



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looking for **50 graduates** in total from the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 to participate. If you were an SHS 1970, 1971 or 1972 graduate and would like to participate in the 2022 Class Day festivities, please call **Barbara Favalaro** at (617) 625-6600, ext. 611018, or email her at bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us. The SHS Class of 2022 looks forward to seeing you!

Bring your bicycle to the **West Branch library** on **Monday, May 16**, to get ready for fun and safe spring rides around Somerville. Join in the backyard from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for activities like free bike safety checks and mini-tuneups, visiting with Sustainaville to learn more about green commuting, decorating your bike, hanging out with fellow cyclists, and more. Registration is not required. For more information, contact **Jane @ jphilbrick@somerville-ma.gov**.

The **City of Somerville** launched **mattress and box spring recycling**. This free service is available to all residential households that have city-managed trash collection. Residents will simply need to schedule a pickup and place

their items on the curb on the pickup day. For more information on recycling in Somerville, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling](http://www.somervillema.gov/MattressRecycling)

Become a **Youth Social Media Ambassador for the City of Somerville (Official) Office of Prevention**. Students in grades 8-12 hired to the positions will create substance misuse prevention content for social media to educate the community and peers in **June, July, and August**. Apply before **June 1**: <https://bit.ly/SOMPREVENT2022>

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Division** invites you to take home a piece of Somerville history. Designed by local artists, this historic collection of Somerville **stickers and magnets** tells a unique story of Somerville's history. Purchases help support local organizations and small business, and display the Somerville pride. Visit the Somerville Historic Preservation Division website to find out more about their historic events, education, and preservation efforts: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historicpreservation>.

The **CHA Somerville Vaccine Center** is now **accepting walk-ins**, as supply allows. The center is open to all, five days a week and some Saturdays. You can get booster shots for ages 12+ and initial vaccines for ages 5+. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration or health insurance status, and you don't need to show ID. Full hours and details are here: [challiance.org/vaccine](http://challiance.org/vaccine). You can still make an appointment at [tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine](http://tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine). If you're a CHA patient you can also make an appointment through **MyChart**: [challiance.org/mychart](http://challiance.org/mychart). If you need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can call 3-1-1 (617-666-3311).

The **Davis Square Farmers Market** is back with an expanded vendor roster that includes locally grown fruits and vegetables, farm-raised protein and cheese, mushrooms, baked goods, ready-to-eat meals, along with a host of other locally made products. Find the full vendor list here: <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis>. The market takes place on **Wednesdays** and runs **from May 18 to November 23**, 12:00 – 6:00

p.m., rain or shine, in the **municipal parking lot at the intersection of Herbert St. and Day St.** in Somerville, across from **American Flatbread** at 44 Day St. They will be offering a weekly \$15 SNAP Match for the second year in a row, and will continue to occupy their expanded footprint that they've held since 2020. Follow them on social media (@davissqfarmersmarket) Text DAVIS to 833-409-0774 to get SMS notifications about the farmers market.

The **East Somerville Farmers Market** opens on **Sunday, May 15**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at **115 Broadway**. Join them for fresh produce, bread, baked goods, mead and much more. More information is available at [www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market](http://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market).

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## East Somerville Main Streets Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

East Somerville Main Streets hosted their Spring Neighborhood Cleanup last Saturday, April 30. Neighbors, friends, and the larger community joined forces to help clean up and beautify East Somerville. 26 trash bags were filled, delicious pastries and coffee from Ola Cafe was served, and lots of great conversation and community spirit was on hand.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



## Mudflat Studio opens its doors to the public

Mudflat is a clay studio for students and artists of all ages and levels located at 81 Broadway in Somerville. The studio welcomed visitors over the weekend as part of the Somerville Open Studios event.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Off The Shelf

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The US, following in the footsteps of past empires stationed its navy and its troops strategically around the world, from Europe to the Middle East and Southeast Asia to maintain open markets for the flow of goods.

Whenever threats to the empire appeared to be developing, the US used the CIA to depose objectionable leaders. These interventions did not often work out well. We replaced elected pro-communist Mossadegh in Iran with a pro-western Shah resulting in anti-American sentiment that continues today. McCoy points out that we fomented Muslim unrest in central Russia that resulted in Russia's invasion of Afghanistan leading to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Like the British, French and Portuguese before us, we got involved in faraway wars wasting lives and treasure in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thinking we could free the world with global trade, we opened markets to Russia and China. Rather than proving mutually beneficial, both countries, China in par-

ticular exploited the weaknesses of capitalism by controlling and taking over markets while using the profits to educate its people and expand its power through the Belt and Road Initiative developing business in Africa and linking Asia to Europe and Russia. McCoy predicts that China will supplant the US by 2030 as the number one economy and power in the world.

Now Putin has disturbed the force by invading Ukraine like an imperialist from the 19th century.

The somewhat surprising result is that the US and NATO have reaffirmed their alliance and NATO has pledged to build up their military. Perhaps the US and Europe have more of a future than McCoy predicts.

If McCoy is right about China, the transition will not be easy since the Chinese have a much different world view than the United States. They prioritize their economy and centralized power, but they do not prize individual freedom or human rights. Nor do they approve of open oceans or free trade. McCoy thinks

their hegemony will be short-lived though because of the growing global problem of climate change. 57% of China's energy comes from coal. The connection between coal mining and electricity, begun by the British in the Industrial revolution remains strong in China, India and Australia. Through the twentieth century the US continued the development of industry using coal, oil and gas. Although fossil fuels led to better lives and prosperity for millions of people around the world, they have heated up our atmosphere and our oceans creating climate problems that the prime offenders, China and the US, do not appear to be willing to take on.

McCoy makes dire predictions about how bad it will get by 2050 based on studies by thousands of scientists. The glimmer of hope lies with those willing to make the changes necessary for the survival of humans, animals and vegetation. *To Govern the Globe* can be read as a clarification call to take action.




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