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Somerville passes housing stability amendment



The city recently passed a housing stability amendment to significantly expand awareness of tenant protections and resources.

By The Times Staff

According to information released on Monday, the City of Somerville has passed an amendment to its landmark Housing Stability Notification Act (HSNA) to significantly expand awareness of tenant protections.

The amendment requires landlords to provide tenants with information about their rights and resources at the start of all new housing rentals, rather than only when pursuing an eviction, as stipulated in the original legislation. At-Large Councilor Willie Burnley, Jr., originally proposed the amendment. The City Council passed it unanimously, and Mayor Katjana Ballantyne signed it April 28. The amendment will go into effect on July 13.

A first-of-its-kind ordinance, the *Continued on page 4*

Groundwork Somerville instructs residents in invasive species control

By Luda Tang

Groundwork Somerville, a nonprofit organization dedicated to food and environmental justice, launched a workshop on June 11 at the South Street Farm teaching residents how to identify and remove invasive plants that may appear in their gardens.

Alexandra Lennon-Simon, Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville, started the workshop by asking attendees how to define "invasive" plants. This question was followed by one attendee's confusion about who gets to decide which species are invasive.

Lennon-Simon helped participants to understand the term by explaining the difference between weed and invasive plants. The former can be interpreted as something people don't want in the community, but "invasive" species are more hostile, *Continued on page 12*



Groundwork Somerville recently held a workshop at the South Street Farm on dealing with invasive plants in the garden. — Photos by Luda Tang

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FY23 Budget meetings are taking place. To view what is being discussed visit the city’s website at www.somervillema.gov to watch the videos of each meeting. Tonight’s topics will be fire and alarm, emergency management, police, animal control, and E-911. http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=3575.








The **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)** is proposing an extensive **Bus Network Redesign** and wants to hear your feedback. Join their **virtual meeting** on **Thursday, June 16**, at 6:00 p.m. for an in-depth presentation focusing on changes to bus service in Somerville and surrounding areas. The presentation will be followed by small group discussions. To learn more or to register for the meeting, visit: <https://bit.ly/3NFt2ln>. For additional accommodations and accessibility, please email BetterBusProject@MBTA.com or call (617) 651-1363.

The **Somerville Bicycle Committee** will be hosting **Streetwise Talk** (formerly Bike Talk), **June 15** at 6:00 p.m. at **Aeronaut Brewing Company**, 14 Tyler St. Join them at Aeronaut (or via Zoom) for June's Streetwise Talk. where master cartographer **Ken Dumas** will be speaking about the history of the **MBTA Spider Map**. Visit bit.ly/3ORnXHn to get Zoom details.

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of June 15 – June 21 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>June 15</i>	Partly Cloudy	74°/54°	6%	4%	ENE 11 mph
 Thursday <i>June 16</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/67°	14%	12%	SSW 16 mph
 Friday <i>June 17</i>	Rain	89°/62°	51%	43%	WSW 15 mph
 Saturday <i>June 18</i>	Partly Cloudy	74°/55°	26%	16%	NW 15 mph
 Sunday <i>June 19</i>	Partly Cloudy	68°/51°	8%	5%	NW 13 mph
 Monday <i>June 20</i>	Sunny	73°/56°	1%	0%	NW 12 mph
 Tuesday <i>June 21</i>	Partly Cloudy	75°/59°	10%	4%	SSW 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: Public Safety Building

Edward Childs says:

I like the direction you are leaning to . We need more city housing, our city is in a housing crisis as is the rest of the country . City housing , food and other basic resources and a fireHouse to protect us . The old PSB can be the same with the green line near them . Take other areas like the old capital area on Broadway on WinterHill .Somerville has lead this nation before we can do it now. Our housing crisis is getting worst .The economy has been projected to go down for the number of years ,not only hEre but though out the world . We can have tent cities all over or we can start building city housing and the infrastructure to support it . Thank you for starting this discussion and taking our valuable resources away from those who will harm us intentionally . I have live\$ in Somerville for 70 years and hope to be in Cobble Hill soon

Response to: Public informed on details of supervised consumption sites

Sean cryts says:

An absolute one way white wash. I am a resident of Somerville and I was not allowed to ask any questions or comment. My questions:

1. Is the mayor in favor of this?
 2. There is illegally purchased drugs prior to entering these sites. You think it will bring drug dealers to Somerville?
 3. I don't doubt the safety inside the sites. What's happens right after they shoot up, are high and leave into the community? Does the supervision end?
 4. When do Somerville residents get a change to comment or ask questions not screened or cherry picked by Fenway Health?
- Concerned Somerville resident.

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Stay in your lane



It's getting harder and harder to navigate a car with all the bicyclists throughout Somerville. When I pass a bicycle, I have to basically come out of my lane to avoid hitting them, which puts me in the path of oncoming traffic.

I get very nervous when driving past a bicycle because sometimes they don't stay in the bike lane. Those white plastic poles can be daunting. As usual I asked my social media friends to share their comments on the growing population of bicycles in the city. It's not a question of who's right, it's just opinions. Each new quote is a different persons' comment.

"It would be nice if they obeyed the laws of the road, and paid some taxes for riding on them, like license plates."

"They should have to pay fees like car owners do."

"It is a disaster waiting to happen. Powderhouse Blvd. is a mess!"

"It is worse since they put all the spikes there."

"Well, except for public transit, I am multimodal. I am a pedestrian, cyclist, and car driver. Like, all three."

"I think they should contribute to the cost of maintaining roads and follow all traffic laws the way cars are expected to."

"If some, not all, people that own bikes would follow all the traffic laws I wouldn't care."

"Drives me nuts when they drive on the sidewalk when there is a bike lane in the street!"

"I do think most have cars so they are paying taxes and do you really want all those people back in cars? Traffic is just going to get worse with all these buildings going up. The city needs people to get on busses and bikes. It's never going back to the way it used to be."

"I had a jogger run into the side of my car and scratch it. They just run out I to traffic. I think we need to do something about them."

"I'm a Somerville lifer who's been using



a bike for many years. I try to bike for the most part when I can because it's easier than driving and parking in this city. But I also live in the real world and have a pickup and a car for my business and my family of four. I think what the city is doing to our streets and traffic patterns is outrageous. It'd be hard to imagine it being any stupider but somehow the political power in Somerville figures out a way. I get it, 'cars bad,' 'save world' and if we can't make it difficult enough to drive let's make gas \$6 a gallon!"

"I don't care for the bikes. I hate the new configuration and see cars driving in and out of the bus/bike lanes. But, in Cambridge they're taking parking away for the bike lanes. It's even worse!"

To help lessen the trouble of driving in the city we can stop when it says stop and yield where it says yield and stay in your lane.

A lot of joggers don't stop at crosswalks or in traffic. Patience and paying strict attention may be the only way to go. Meanwhile there are more bikes and joggers and detours than ever.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Break-in suspect drops the goods

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Food Mart store on Broadway in the early hours of last Sunday on reports of a breaking and entering.

The reporting party provided a description of the suspect to police dispatch, which was then relayed to the responding officers as they were on the way.

Upon arrival, the officers were hailed by the reporting party from the window of her apartment across the street from the store, and told them that the suspect had fled down Dartmouth St. The store was closed

for business and there was no one inside managing it.

Police soon apprehended the suspect, identified as Mike Bento, of Everett, at a Dartmouth St. location. The arresting officers observed many cash bills scattered in the front yard of a Dartmouth St. residence, along with a hammer.

Officers spoke to the reporting party, who told them that she observed a man with a stick-like object in one hand banging on the entrance glass door of the store, causing it to break. She watched the male crawl into

the store through the bottom of the broken door. He eventually came out and then headed towards Dartmouth St.

The reporting party agreed to do a show-up, during which she positively identified Bento as the individual she saw at the store.

Officers on the scene observed that the glass door at the store entrance looked cracked like a spider web, mainly at its bottom. There was a bunch of lottery tickets inside by the door.

The store owner was notified of the incident and said he would respond to the store.

The officers recovered twenty-five one-dollar bills and ten five-dollar bills for a total of 75 dollars. A black shirt with a gold illustration and a Hickory Rip handle hammer were also recovered.

Once inside the store, the owner and the officers observed that both cash registers were open. The owner stated that the keys were left attached to them and that cash was left inside. There was no longer any cash inside the registers.

The owner showed surveillance video of the entrance of the store

to police. The video showed a man walking inside the store after breaking the door. It also showed the man heading to the cash registers, where they are opened and emptied.

Bento was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of breaking into depository, malicious wanton defacement of property, felony nighttime breaking and entering, larceny under \$1200, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

He was transported to the Somerville Police Station and booked on the above charges.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Elida Salazar, of Wilmington, June 9, 9:17 p.m., arrested at Linwood St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under

the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.

William Smith, of Dorchester, June 10, 8:47 a.m., arrested

on warrant charges of assault to murder and assault and battery.

Mike Bento, of Everett, June 12, 12:54 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of break-

ing into depository, malicious wanton defacement of property, felony nighttime breaking and entering, larceny under \$1200, and possession of a

burglarious instrument.

Joseph Balistreri, June 12, 9:03 a.m., arrested at Broadway on multiple charges of malicious wanton defacement of property.

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Somerville passes housing stability amendment

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City of Somerville's Housing Stability Notification Act was passed in 2019. It requires landlords to deliver specific documents summarizing tenant rights and resources when pursuing eviction. The amendment will significantly expand distribution of those documents from only tenants facing displacement to every residential tenant in the city who enters into an oral or written tenancy.

The amendment further requires that the notice of tenant rights and resources be delivered in-hand, by certified mail, as well

as by email, if applicable, in the tenant's primary language. The city will produce all required documents in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Nepali and make them available online and at City Hall.

In making this change, the city seeks to ensure that all tenants are aware of their rights and resources at the outset of a tenancy, rather than solely at the point of crisis. It embeds this information into the rental process and makes providing these facts and resources a standard, institutionalized part of renting in

Somerville, regardless of whether there is a written or verbal rental agreement.

"The HSNA amendment is a smart way to inform and empower all tenants, and I'm proud that our city is continuing to prioritize policies to keep people in their homes," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "The earlier residents know their rights and resources, the more protected they'll be. This amendment better reflects the urgency the housing crisis necessitates, and it's a tangible way

to redress the power imbalance between landlord and tenant. I'm grateful to the Council, our local community organizations, and advocates for their ongoing partnership as we work together to combat displacement."

"Throughout the city of Somerville, renters suffer in silence every day as their rights are violated by landlords more concerned with maximizing their bottom line than caring for tenants," said Councilor Burnley, Jr. "It is my hope in passing this Know Your Rights bill that our residents

feel empowered to stand up for themselves and their neighbors as we take steps to ensure that, one day, none of us will ever be forced to leave again."

Any residents, including tenants and homeowners, who are facing displacement or need housing assistance are urged to contact the Office of Housing Stability (OHS) at 617-625-6600 ext. 2581 or fill out an intake form at somervillema.gov/ohs. Landlords looking for support to assist tenants rather than evict are also encouraged to contact OHS.

Help SCES celebrate LGBTQ+ elders this Pride Month

June is Pride Month, and Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is inviting you to join with us in doing a little something extra for our LGBTQ+ friends. For most of the past 12 years, SCES has hosted a monthly dinner called Kate’s Café, which provides food and a space to socialize for LGBTQ+ elders, their friends, and caregivers. The café was on hiatus during the pandemic, but returned this spring. That’s the good news. The bad news is that costs of the event continue to rise.



We are looking at long-term answers for this trend, but right now, we’re asking everyone to pitch-in to support the Pride celebration at Kate’s Café. By donating \$23, you can buy dinner for one of our guests at Kate’s Café. In addition to providing a meal, you are helping SCES maintain this great event and ensure that disposable income doesn’t become a barrier for those would like to participate. Kate’s Café was established in 2010 and is named in honor of longtime SCES Elder Care Advisor Kate Thomas. Ways to donate:

- Online at eldercare.org/join-us/donate. Please type “Kate’s Café” on the Leave a comment section.
- Mail check to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Department 1480, PO Box 986500, Boston, MA 02298-6500.

Checks should be made payable to SCES, with “Kate’s Café” on the memo line. Kates Café is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 5 to 7 p.m. at S&S Restaurant, 1334 Cambridge St. in Inman Square. Seating is limited and RSVPs are required: call 617-628-2601 ask for the Aging Information Center or email info@eldercare.org.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Roasted Roma Tomatoes

I like adding tomatoes to my salads, but a lot of the time they tend not to have much flavor. One of the ways I get added flavor to tomatoes is to roast them. Roasting brings out the natural sugars in the fruit. These tomatoes are not only great in a salad, but on sandwiches as well.

10 Plum Tomatoes,
halved and seeded
Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Balsamic Vinegar
Salt & Pepper

Top with fresh herbs of your choice along with some grated cheese, bread

crumbs, and an extra drizzle of olive oil for a “Claremont” style tomato.

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Drizzle some olive oil on the parchment. Place all the tomato halves face up on the sheet pan, making sure all are coated on the bottom with the oil. Once all tomatoes are on the pan, drizzle with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Place in the oven and roast for 90 minutes. They will have a slight char and become thinner once the liquid bakes off.

Once cooled, add to your salad, sandwich or whatever else you want, or put in an airtight container and refrigerate up to 5 days.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 6-10.

LEGISLATURE OVERRIDES BAKER'S VETO OF BILL ALLOWING DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR UNDOCUMENTED/ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 4805)

House 119-36, Senate 32-8, gained the two-thirds vote necessary to override Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of legislation that would allow, starting July 1, 2023, undocumented/illegal immigrants to apply for a Massachusetts standard driver's license.

The legislation requires an applicant "without legal presence" in the United States to provide the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) with a foreign passport and at least one of five other documents: a driver's license from another state, a foreign driver's license, a birth certificate, a foreign national identification card or a marriage certificate or divorce decree from any U.S. state.

"I cannot sign this legislation because it requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue state credentials to people without the ability to verify their identity," Baker had said in his veto message. "The Registry does not have the expertise or ability to verify the validity of many types of documents from other countries. The bill also fails to include any measures to distinguish standard Massachusetts driver's licenses issued to persons who demonstrate lawful presence from those who don't."

"By making driver's licenses accessible to individuals regardless of immigration status, Massachusetts will take a strong step to both strengthen our economy and strengthen relations between immigrants and law enforcement," said Elizabeth Sweet, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

"This is a victory for all, making our roads safer and allowing the 185,000 immigrants without status the ability to earn a driver's license," said sponsor Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "No one should fear deportation over essential everyday tasks, such as getting to work, school, doctor's appointment and grocery stores."

"We all know the many issues our commonwealth's RMV has had," said Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), an opponent of the proposal. "Just this week it was announced that 53,000 licenses sent out were missing a key fraud protection feature and will need to be replaced. My vote has nothing to do with immigration and has everything to do with the enormous ask we are making on an already underfunded and understaffed RMV. I remain concerned that RMV employees will be now tasked with reviewing hundreds of additional foreign documents, in hundreds

of different languages and formats, without any additional funding or training."

"This commonsense legislation will improve safety for all on our roads, and ensure all drivers are licensed, registered and insured ... This bill has broad support from numerous members of law enforcement, local faith and business leaders and immigrant communities statewide," said Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville), a co-sponsor of the measure.

Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) said, "I do not support this legislation as I believe it disincentivizes the individual from pursuing citizenship through legal means ... This bill does not provide a clear distinction on the driver's licenses between an unlawfully present individual and a U.S. citizen nor does it permit the RMV to share the citizenship information with municipalities that are entrusted to register only U.S. citizens to vote. Without these protections, the chances that these individuals will be able to register to vote increases."

Co-sponsor Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) said she was disappointed that the governor is spreading misinformation about voting access when he well knows the strong safeguards that are already in place. "Gov. Baker's own RMV has been processing driver's licenses for years for those already eligible to drive but ineligible to vote such as 16- and 17-year-olds, people with green cards and student and worker visas ... Sixteen other states have implemented similar laws already and have seen improved safety on roads with no issues related to voting."

"Despite the record high overcollection of Massachusetts tax dollars being available to provide some kind of relief to families struggling with inflation and high prices, the speaker is prioritizing giving illegal immigrants driver's licenses over Gov. Baker's warnings that it will most likely lead to voter fraud," said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "Just because the speaker was able to twist arms and override the governor's veto, doesn't mean these House members will be off the hook. With the vote taken, they will now have to face their constituents and explain why they follow their speaker's orders instead of their constituents' opinions."

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

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

ELECTION LAW CHANGES (S 2924)

Senate 37-3, approved and sent to the House a conference committee version of a bill making permanent the mail-in

and early voting options used in Massachusetts in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The House and Senate had approved different versions of the bill and a conference committee hammered out this compromise version which did not include the section allowing same day voter registration that was in the Senate version but not in the House one. The measure requires the secretary of state to send out mail-in ballot applications, with return postage guaranteed, to registered voters before each presidential primary, state primary and biennial state election. It also allows registered voters to request a mail-in ballot for all elections in a single calendar year.

Other provisions include reducing the registration blackout period from 20 days prior to an election to 10 days; electronic voting options for voters with disabilities and military service members; allowing a voter with disabilities to request accommodations including an accessible electronic ballot application, ballot and voter affidavit that can be submitted electronically; ensuring that non-felons who are incarcerated who are currently eligible to vote are provided with voting information and materials to exercise their right to vote; mandating that felons who are incarcerated but prohibited from voting are notified of their right to vote upon release and given the opportunity to fill out a voter registration form; and requiring the secretary of state to conduct a comprehensive public awareness campaign to publicize the new voting and registration options.

"This landmark election reform bill will empower voters and strengthen our democracy," said Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover), Senate Chair of the Committee on Election Laws and the co-sponsor of the bill. "In 2020, mail-in and early voting options helped generate record-breaking turnout. It is now time to build on this progress and enact long-lasting voting reforms. The [bill] is a big step in the right direction and will help ensure that every voter can exercise their fundamental right to vote."

"I am so proud that at a time when access to the ballot is under attack in states nationwide, Massachusetts is passing landmark voting reforms to permanently enshrine expansions to voting access in statute and further underscore the Commonwealth's commitment to ensuring all eligible voters can exercise their right to vote," said Senate Majority Leader Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). "Although I am disappointed same-day registration was not included in the final bill, even with the Senate offering multiple compromise approaches, I will continue to push for its passage and plan to file legislation on the subject going forward."

Opponents say the bill goes too far and does not provide sufficient safeguards to protect the integrity of the voting process. They argued that universal

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COMMENTARY

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What is this?



By Jack Connolly
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Street guy Mike dead of drug overdose on May 10, 8:30 a.m., in Davis Sq. Plaza. Days later another OD, this time saved by a good Samaritan who had Narcan.

A week later, shots fired into a Paulina St. apartment, a few blocks up from Davis Sq. Last

Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m., a disagreement between two men resulted in one man being stabbed multiple times, again in the Davis Square Plaza. For the first time in months, more than one police vehicle was present in Davis Square as several Somerville police officers and vehicles were in the plaza, dealing with a violent crime scene.

Lifetime Winslow Avenue residents say they're even nervous during daytime trips in and out of the Square these days. "First time in my life I've been nervous in the daytime," remarked a Davis Sq. lifer.

Residents and merchants alike say the street people, many homeless addicts and alcoholics, act up loudly daily outside the 7-Eleven during the day, and then carry on

into the wee hours of the morning in the MBTA busway behind the College Ave. T stop. Nearby neighbors are less than thrilled with lack of a City of Somerville response, especially the lack of a regular police presence.

Talk on the street says that Somerville Police have been discouraged from dealing with Davis Sq. street people by some members of the City Council.

Swell. So, what else is the city contemplating for Davis Sq., which was once termed "The Paris of the Nineties."

According to a webinar hosted by the City of Somerville last week, a "safe consumption center," also known as a drug injection site, is being considered in Davis Sq.

Is this what Davis Sq. needs

now? Crumbling crosswalks, the soon to be eliminated parking on both sides of College Avenue from the T stop to Morrison Ave.? And this will help Davis Sq. residents and businesses how?

A final report is supposed to be issued by the end of this month, with recommendations on possible locations for such a facility.

Note to City leaders: Keeping drug users from dying is certainly noble and laudable, but why in a specific location in Davis Square or East Somerville? Surely residents and abutters will have questions and concerns galore. If this consumption center for drug addicts is necessary, why not a mobile unit that could travel around the community where the addicted users are? I wonder if the forthcoming re-

port will include cost information (city tax dollars to be used?) and location recommendations? Stay tuned: Hundreds of residents, businesses, and community folks will be on the lookout for all those details.

Here's a thought; How about locating the safe consumption center in the MA General Brigham basement parking lot in Assembly Square right next to the Orange Line T stop? After all, aren't they in the health care business attempting to keeping people alive?

Jack Connolly is a native Somerville, a Davis Sq. resident and insurance agent. He is also a former Somerville Ward Six and At Large Alderman (known now as City Councilor).

Legislature overrides Governor veto, driver's license bill now law

After a historic vote in the House of Representatives in February and state Senate in early May, the state legislature voted to override the Governor's veto of the Work and Family Mobility Act (WFMA), and it is now state law. The bill, filed by Representative Christine Barber of Somerville and Medford, with Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Senators Brendan Crighton and Adam Gomez, enables all state residents to apply for a standard Massachusetts driver's license regardless of immigration status.

Governor Baker vetoed the bill when it came across his desk on May 27, although the Work and Family Mobility Act has received broad support in the legislature, from members of law enforcement, local faith and business leaders, as well as from immigrant communities statewide.

House and Senate members voted to override his veto, 119 - 36 in the House and 32 - 8 in the Senate. The bill is now law.

Massachusetts now joins 16 other states who have expanded access to driver's licenses to immigrants without status, including Connecticut, Vermont and New York. The bill allows all qualified Massachusetts residents, regardless of immigration status, to apply for standard Massachusetts driver's licenses using valid documents. Driving is a key tool of economic mobility, and having a driver's license allows people to safely get to work, drive their kids to school, and participate in their community.

"I am incredibly proud of the tremendous work of my partners on this bill - legislators, advocates, and the Driving Families Forward Coalition in garnering

enough support to override Governor Baker's veto and get this commonsense legislation passed," said Representative Christine Barber (D-Somerville and Medford). "This has been a multi-year long fight for immigrant justice. This bill will improve road safety, and will have a direct impact on the lives and success of immigrant families in our state."

The movement to expand access to driver's licenses has long been immigrant-led— motivated by the plight of parents who were detained due to driving without a license and the fear that prospect brought to the entire local immigrant community. Bill advocacy efforts, led by the Driving Family Forward Coalition, were coordinated alongside local immigrant communities and organizations, such as the Brazilian Worker Center and the Welcome Project,

along with labor unions statewide. Advocates say passage of the WFMA will help to reduce fear among immigrant communities, build trust, and promote safety for everyone.

"The passage of the Work and Family Mobility Act will transform the lives of tens of thousands of immigrants across the Commonwealth," said Brazilian Workers Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera, the leaders of the two organizations that founded and co-chaired the Driving Families Forward Coalition. "Those of us who already have licenses may forget how crucial they are simply to get groceries for our families, take our kids to school, or go to work. Through this horrible pandemic, the contributions of many immigrants without status was finally



State Rep. Christine Barber.

recognized as essential. We are proud that so many Massachusetts legislators have recognized as much by standing behind the Work and Family Mobility Act, and we express our special gratitude to Representative Barber for her crucial contribution from the start as one of the bill's four lead sponsors."

The bill is now state law.

— Office of Rep. Christine Barber

COMMENTARY

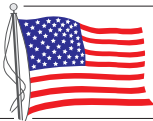
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Have a happy Father's Day, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



For those of us who are fortunate enough to have had a strong, loving father figure in our lives, we have indeed been truly blessed. They have served as our providers – along with mom, of course – our enablers, our staunch supporters, our coaches, our towers of strength. Most of us love our dads year-round unconditionally, but we are immediately re-

mindful of just how much they mean to us whenever Father's Day rolls around in the month of June. It suddenly becomes a high priority to pick out that perfect gift, to prepare a nice meal, or to just spend some meaningful quality time together. And as stoic and unconcerned as they may want to appear, you can be sure that these gestures are deeply appreciated. Ev-

eryone likes to feel appreciated, whether a giver or receiver. Some of us may be so separated from our fathers geographically that an in-person get together might not be possible this time around. We can still pick up the phone or buzz them on Zoom for a special talk that would surely lift dad's spirits. Think of all the times he was there for you, for that important sports event at

school, for the wonderful summer vacations and holiday season sledding in the park. For graduations, weddings, births, and so many of life's most memorable events. He made sure to make time for you, no matter how busy his life was. So however it is we manage to celebrate our fathers this year, let's make sure they know how important and precious they are to us. They'll surely appreciate it.

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birthday to **Linda Spinosa**, who celebrates this week. We hope she enjoys her day. Happy birthday to former Spring Hill resident **Gail Chambers**, who is celebrating this week as well. We hope she and **Bill** enjoy the day. Happy birthday to **Steve Mirabella**. Happy birthday to one of our former writers, **Jack Nicas**. As always, we wish him the best. Happy birthday, Jack, hope you have a great day. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Shawn M. Lynch**, **Former Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz**, **Gretchen Ann Graham**, **Martin Janet**, **Pindi Singh**, **Donna M. Gilberti**, **Chris Marshall** and **Kathi Mullins** a very hap-

py 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. ***** Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **James J. Bremis**, who is well known to many in Somerville through his real estate office in Teele Sq., which he owned and operated since 1955. To read more about his life visit <https://www.dohertyfuneralservice.com/obituary/james-bremis>. He will be missed by many. ***** Film Premiere: *We Are Here Too* will take place at the **Somerville Commu-**

nity Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave. on **Thursday, June 16** at 7:00 p.m. (rain date June 17). This 23-minute film will tell the story of how four women of color living in Somerville at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic used the artistic media they mastered – lithography, photography, paintbrushes, and jazz – to reflect on the global health crisis, the City of Somerville, their families, American history, and the social justice uprisings of 2020. Panel discussion with the artists **Iaritza Menjivar**, **Imagine**, **Tori Weston**, and **Raynel Shepard** will follow. The project is supported by **Somerville Arts Council BIPOC Grants**.

Free admission, open to all but registration is recommended: www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-here-too-documentary-premiere-tickets-346501022887. View the trailer at <https://www.weareheretoo.com/> or <https://vimeo.com/650700136>. ***** **This Friday**, take a free walking tour with **Antonio Escobar**, **Somerville Arts Council Board Member**. Discover the delicious diversity of **Union Square** and visit three international markets. You will end at **Bow Market** where you can enjoy tasty food at **Nibble Kitchen**. Upcoming Tours: **Friday, June 17** *Continued on page 12*

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. When was the last cigarette commercial on TV aired? | Pizza logo have? |
| 2. Which acid is present in vinegar? | 7. What was the federal minimum wage in 1990? |
| 3. In which famous London church would you find "Poet's Corner"? | 8. What infamous line did the crew of Apollo 13 use? |
| 4. <i>The Raven</i> is a narrative poem by which US writer? | 9. What video game was the first ever to be played in space? |
| 5. What group of African American students enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in 1957? | 10. In 1955, who recorded the popular <i>Blue Suede Shoes</i> ? |
| 6. How many white spots does Dominos | 11. What was the first rap song to hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100? |
| | 12. The Vietnam War began in which year? |

Answers on page 22

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The average American looks at eight houses before buying one.
2. Most pandas in the world are on loan from China.

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AT THE BEACH

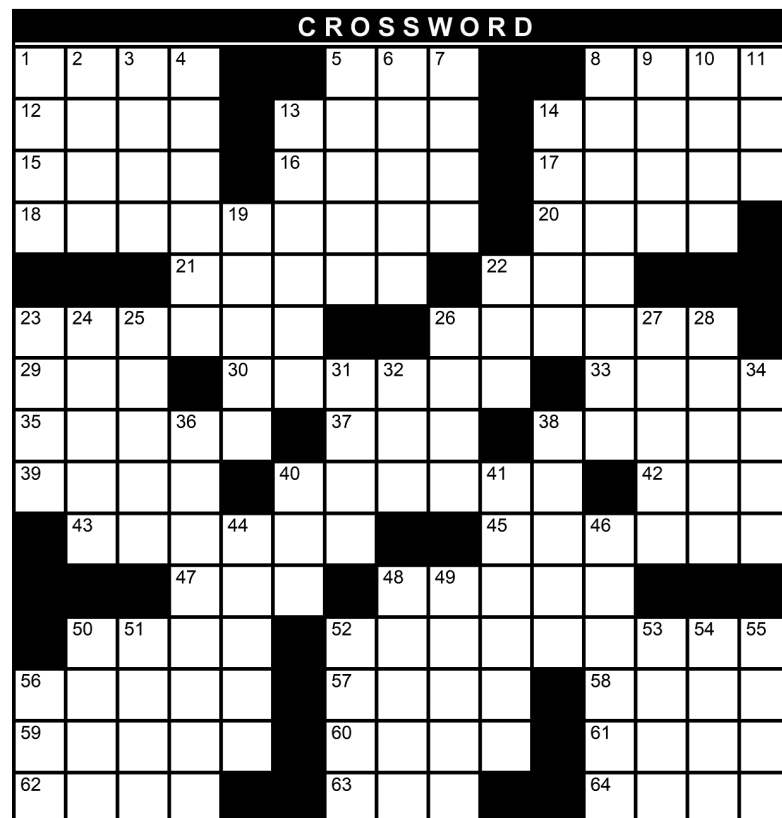
ACROSS

1. Like a certain eagle
5. Beach-goer's protective acronym
8. "To ____ and to hold"
12. Arabian bigwig
13. Indian lentil staple
14. Wild West grazer
15. TV prize
16. Between Illinois and Nebraska
17. Quick and light on one's feet
18. Wooden walkway by the beach
20. Not this
21. Unwritten examinations
22. Cherry middle
23. Relating to a rib
26. Beach suit type
29. Kanye's genre
30. Pool hall mishap
33. 52 cards
35. Sunny Dutch Caribbean vacation destination
37. Be unwell
38. Eagle's home
39. Precedes carotene?
40. Twisted or meandered
42. Chill, with 'out'
43. Sear by day, bed by night
45. Modifies

DOWN

1. British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially
2. Shells in a magazine

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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:



3. Capital of Peru
 4. Fungus damage (2 words)
 5. Same as sandbar
 6. Catch for a ratchet's notch, pl.
 7. Criticism
 8. Water at its highest (2 words)
 9. The largest continent
 10. Retired electric Chevy
 11. Compass dir.
 13. Hindu Festival of Lights
 14. Dyed fabric
 19. Type of TV show
 22. Eating contest staple
 23. Decapod on a beach
 24. Propelled like a paddle board
 25. Plural of sputum
 26. Type of bin in a grocery store
 27. Bundle of axons
 28. Slipperier
 31. Building material found at the beach
 32. Jack Ryan's and Jason Bourne's org.
 34. Barrels of beer
 36. Hasselhoff's beach TV show
 38. Improvise
 40. Exercise group
 41. Upbraiding
 44. Annoy
 46. Lao Tzu follower
 48. Hotel room option
 49. Metallica's "Don't ____ On Me"
 50. Poet Pound
 51. To perfection (3 words)
 52. A bunch
 53. End-of-day summertime soother
 54. Rub the wrong way
 55. Pops
 56. Cash dispenser
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.*

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Ensemble Chaconne recreate 18th century court and salon music from France

By Mina Rose Morales

Ensemble Chaconne recreated court and salon music from 1650-1750 France at the Somerville Central library on Thursday, June 9. The event was the group's second Somerville Salon Series performance. They have one more performance left in the series called Measure for Measure: The Music of Shakespeare's Plays on Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. Their last performance from the series will take place at the Somerville West Branch Library.

During Thursday's performance Peter H. Bloom played the baroque flute and the baroque piccolo. Olav Chris Henriksen played the baroque guitar, baroque lute, and the theorbo. The third member of the group Carol Lewis played the viola da gamba. All their instruments are copies of the originals. "We are trying to recreate the original sounds," said Peter.

Ensemble Chaconne is named after the chaconne dance, which is an indigenous dance. The Spanish Conquistadors liked the dance when they came to the



Ensemble Chaconne playing 18th century court and salon music from France.

— Photos by Mina Rose Morales



Olav Chris Henriksen playing the baroque lute.

New World and took it to Europe. The dance spread to France. The French were fascinated by the chaconne dance.

"We wanted a home," said Henriksen. "We wanted to connect to the New World"

By calling themselves Ensemble Chaconne, the group was recog-

nizing that they are from here, according to Henriksen.

The group enjoys carrying on music from the past. "Eighteenth century French music was very much centered around the court," said Bloom. He added, "The courts were the patrons of the musicians."

Bloom claims 18th century French music can be heard in popular music. For example, he says country music and New Orleans rhythm and blues has elements of 18th century French music. Ensemble Chaconne are also carrying on 18th century French music.

City employee hopefuls considered by Council

By Kyle Dante

On Wednesday, June 1, ten Somerville residents appeared before the Somerville City Council's Appointments and Personnel Matters Committees seeking roles in the City Council or higher positions within their current city departments.

The roles covered include staffing of the Somerville Housing Authority representative (Fair Housing Commission), the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change, the Council on Aging, and the appointment of a permanent police lieutenant.

At the June 9 City Council meeting, the Legislative Matters Committee and the Appointments and Personnel Commit-

tee division discussed unfinished agendas from their meetings this month. The Committee members were present and updated the Council on what had been accomplished.

Ten Somerville residents received recommendations to apply for city positions. Among the ten recommendations was Kevin Shackleford, a 22-year member of the Somerville Police Department (SPD). Serving as the acting SPD Lieutenant, Shackleford is noted for his work within the community.

In addition to Shackleford, the following nine were up for promotion:

- For the Council on Aging: Marian Bremer, Maclise Jean, Giuseppina Mingace, Daisy Mon-

salve, Edna Murray, Ronit Prawer, and Neeraj Wadhera

- For Somerville Housing Authority representative: Jantine Lotti

- For the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change: Eri Furusawa

Following the Q&A and subsequent vote, the recommended parties received a formal decision. As of this writing, two are still awaiting a decision: Shackleford and Wadhera.

There will be an upcoming hearing and subsequent decision from the Committee at their next meeting, scheduled for June 29.

As for Shackleford, he is the only one of the nine who were present currently without a formal decision. Although the SPD



highly recommended him, Shackleford is in the waiting queue of the Committee. The decision will come at a future date between the SPD and the Committee about his potential promotion.

Regarding the other applicants, the Appointments and Personnel

Committee has unanimously recommended their selection. As for Wadhera, a follow-up will likely occur at the June 29 meeting.

To learn more about Shackleford, or any other nominees, see the June 1, 2022 meeting video at somervillema.gov.

Groundwork Somerville instructs residents in invasive species control

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ones that are brought from other regions have a tendency to spread out of control in new habitats and push out other native species. When dealing with invasive plants, Lennon-Simon informed attendees that it is impossible to get rid of them once they are established in the region. “There is no one perfect solution. You have to show regular diligence,” she said. On the sheet identifying common invasive plants in Massa-

chusetts that was handed out by Lennon-Simon, she specially pointed out species like sycamore maple, tree-of-heaven, swallow-wort, garlic mustard, and a common reed that might be found in people’s backyards. Some of the invasive plants are easily identifiable with their unique shape. Sycamore maple is shaped like a hand palm, while the shape of tree-of-heaven is like a feather. When people find an

unknown species and need the help of an expert. Lennon-Simon suggested trying to involve the five senses to describe the species. In addition to the visual shape, people can also depict their touch, smell, and taste. However, since some plants might be poisonous, people should be cautious about tasting. After learning how to identify the invasive plants, Lennon-Simon introduced a few ways to

remove them. The first is an easy one that doesn't involve tools: pouring boiling water over the plants. This way can effectively kill the aggressive plants, but the disadvantage is it also kills the good stuff. It should only be applied in some urgent circumstances. Using sheet plastic to cover plants is another eco-friendly way to remove invasive plants. The method can be most effective in sunny areas since the heat gen-

erated under the plastic can kill any plants beneath it. But it’s also why it is best to have no other plants in the area. There are also some tools that can help people to remove invasive plants. Lopper, clipper, and cape coddler are three most commonly used ones. Invasive plants usually have long extended roots, and a cape coddler can help to go deep under the soil and pull the roots out.



Some invasive species that were shown at the South Street Farm.



At the end of the workshop, several participants tried to use the tools to remove some invasive plants in the farm.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 9

and 24 at 6:00 p.m. To sign up send an email to nibblesomerville@gmail.com, or fill out this form at <https://bit.ly/39qjdbX>. Tours last 1.5 hrs. and are free, but you are encouraged to buy a few things during the tour.

The **Somerville Homeless Coalition** is in need of snacks for their clients, and as the weather warms, up bottled water, sunscreen, and bug spray become essentials. All donations can be dropped off weekdays at 1 Davis Square office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch. Visit their Facebook page to see a list of their client necessities: www.facebook.com/SomervilleHomelessCoalition

Stay protected against COVID-19. The **Somerville Public Library (MA)**, 79 Highland Ave., will host two vaccine clinics on **Wednesday, June 15** and **July 13**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Pfizer vaccine and boosters will be available for all people five years and up. The clinics are free,

regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required. Appointments are required and can be made at: tinyurl.com/SomervilleVax. For more vaccination options visit somervillema.gov/vaccine. If you need assistance to pre-register or help with transportation, please contact 3-1-1 at 617-666-3311.

This summer, the city is offering **three spaces just for teens** while efforts to identify a permanent **Teen Center location** continue. Temporary spaces include: **Somerville Public Library**, Central Branch, 79 Highland Ave.; **Edgerly Education Center**, 33 Cross St.; **Powderhouse Park**, 838 Broadway. Each space will provide activities, snacks, connections to services, and access to city social workers. For opening dates and more information, visit somervillema.gov/teencenter.

The **Somerville Community Growing Center** invites you to enjoy meditation, learning about garden bugs, going on a pollinator safari, and much more

this spring. Learn more about these and other fun and creative programs at the Somerville Community Growing Center: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-SWk-G5gcmt8XLHbr7WYQr3MV1rej1VX/view>.

The city’s **Adopt-A-Tree program** has officially launched. Newly planted trees can be found around Somerville, and now they need your help. Look for the colorful “Adopt Me!” tags and scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/somervilletree to find a tree in your neighborhood and go through the steps to adopt it. Name it, water it and even receive an adoption certificate. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/adoptatree.

Don’t forget to visit **Somerville’s farmers markets**. **Every Wednesday through November 23**, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. visit the **Davis Square Farmers Market**, across from **American Flatbread** at 44 Day St. Visit: <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis>. **Every Saturday through Oct**

29, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the **Union Square Farmers Market** takes place at 66-70 Union Sq. visit: <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmseason>. **Every Sunday through November 20**, the **East Somerville Farmers Market** takes place at 115 Broadway, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market>. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

Enjoy Just for fun events and activities in Somerville and surrounding communities. The **School District’s Just for Fun Page** lists in-person, online, and free or low-cost activities and special events to do solo or as a family. For more information, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/justforfun.

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I-93 viaduct renovation to begin this summer

By Michael McHugh

Next month, work will begin on the I-93 viaduct in Somerville between exit 21 and Temple Street. In a June 9 public meeting, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) outlined their plan for the reconstruction project which will take place from summer 2022 to fall 2024.

This viaduct, carrying one of the most important roadways in the area, is in need of repair after over 50 years of deterioration and weathering. Altogether, the preservation work will consist of sub-structure concrete repairs, structural steel repairs, structural steel cleaning and painting, bridge joint replacements, and concrete deck repairs, all with the purpose of strengthening the viaduct and improving its lifespan.

During the 30-month reconstruction period, Somerville residents should expect some traffic impacts to their commute, as well as some dust and noise. Baseline noise levels were col-

lected by a licensed acoustical engineer, and a noise control plan has been submitted and approved by MassDOT.

The contractor will minimize noise based on the recommendations of the acoustical engineer, keeping in mind communities adjacent to the construction. Dust emissions are a similarly unavoidable problem, but will be managed through dust suppression methods such as light water sprays, foams, calcium fluoride, and other suppressants.

Impacts on I-93 traffic will include overnight lane closures, ramp closures, and detours.

One notable change taking effect later this summer is the moving of the MBTA Route 95 Bus Stop from Mystic Avenue opposite Kensington Avenue to Middlesex Avenue at Foley Street.

Detours will be primarily implemented at night, but all detours will be made known to the public through MassDOT's communication channels over social media, the project website,



The reconstruction of the I-93 viaduct between exit 21 and Temple Street is expected to continue through the fall of 2024. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

GovDelivery, and MassDOT's email which can be reached through their website. Information will also be passed along through local officials and community organizations. For more information, including detailed detour routes, contact info, and further project details, you can visit (mass.gov/somerville-i-93-viaduct-preservation). Questions, concerns, and feedback can be sent to the project team at MassDOTi93SomervilleViaduct@dot.state.ma.us.

Union Square Main Streets 5th Annual Good Food For All campaign

Back for a 5th year, local businesses, farmers market vendors, and community members have teamed up again for this week-long, community campaign to raise awareness and funds for the local SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the successor to Food Stamps) match available at the Union Square Farmers Market. Since 2005, Union Square Main Streets (USMS) has fundraised to match SNAP dollars, making it possible for more eligible households to participate in their farmers market. Since 2020, demand for the Union Square Farmers Market SNAP match has increased by 218% as resilient residents continue to endure devastating pandemic impacts. Although life has begun to return to normal, the lasting impacts of the pandemic mean that food insecurity is still affecting many families.

To support neighbors struggling with food security throughout Somerville, USMS invites members of the community to come to the table to help ensure that all people have access to fresh, local food as USMS serves this significantly increased number of SNAP recipients at the Union Square Farmers Market.

How does it work? Shop, dine, or play at any of the participating local businesses between June 18-25. Purchase their featured item or promotion (find details at <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/good-food-for-all>). Participating businesses then donate proceeds. Every Saturday at the Union Square Farmers Market, SNAP customers receive a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$15, for healthy, fresh, local food.

Direct donations to the USFM SNAP match at www.unionsquaremain.org are also encouraged to help meet this year's fundraising goal of \$5,000. Donations are tax-deductible and make these outcomes possible:

\$15 = one SNAP match for one family

\$60 = SNAP match for one family for one month

\$150 = one SNAP match for ten families

\$500 = all the SNAP match funds needed for a typical Saturday farmers market

\$2,000 = SNAP match funds anticipated to be needed for one month

Good Food For All is made possible by its 2022 presenting sponsor Liberty Cannabis as well as East Cambridge Savings Bank, Boynton Gateway, Union Leaf, Union 346 Apartments, Naveo Credit Union, and donors who have already contributed to help make the SNAP Match possible. The Union Square Farmers Market is made possible thanks to generous support from Boynton-Yards, a DLJ and Leggat McCall Project, its 2022 Season Sponsor.



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NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

EFSB 22-03/D.P.U. 22-2
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy


Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J, 72, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”), located at 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed two related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct, operate and maintain: (1) eight new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission lines that will be housed in a total of five new duct banks, totaling approximately 8.3 miles, in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and the Allston/Brighton area of Boston (the “New Lines”); (2) a new 115/14-kV substation, which will be located in an underground vault on a property between Broadway and Binney Streets in Cambridge (the “New Substation”); and (3) modifications to certain existing substation facilities in Cambridge, Somerville, and Allston/Brighton. This work is collectively referred to as the Greater Cambridge Energy Program, or the “Project.” The Company states that the Project is designed to address long-term reliability needs in the Cambridge area, which is experiencing rapid economic development and sustained load growth.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89391678590> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656 (not toll free) and then enter the Webinar ID: 893 9167 8590. If necessary, public comments will continue at additional hearing(s) on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 6:00 pm, and, if needed, on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The Siting Board will announce whether the additional hearing dates are needed at the hearing on June 28th, and will also post on the Siting Board’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/greater-cambridge-energy-project>.**

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by **Monday, June 27, 2022**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **Monday, June 27, 2022**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

The Siting Board will accept written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Friday, July 22, 2022**.

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment, to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to donna.sharkey@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, July 22, 2022**.

Simultaneous English-to-Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese (Mandarin), and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided on Zoom. All attendees should select their preferred language to hear the Interpreter translate into that language. Press the globe icon  and then choose the desired language.

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the [Department’s YouTube](#) ¹ channel after the public comment hearing.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings and to appeal a final decision. A limited participant would receive documents in the proceeding and may file a brief as well as file written comments and/or present oral comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer (see Filing Instructions below). A petition to intervene or be a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.00, the Siting Board’s procedural rules, which can be found on the Siting Board’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-1-rules-for-the-conduct-of-adjudicatoryproceedings/download>. To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 980 CMR 1.05 must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the petition to intervene or participate, and comments, must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; and to donna.sharkey@mass.gov no later than the close of business on Friday, July 22, 2022. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 22-03/D.P.U. 22-21); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Second, the petition or comments must be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, drosen@keeganwerlin.com.

Siting Board Jurisdiction

Under G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H, 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the Project would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Public Review of the Company’s Petitions

The petition to construct the Project includes the following information: (1) a description of the Project; (2) an analysis of the need for the Project; (3) a description of the alternatives to the Project; and (4) a description of the environmental impacts of the Project. Copies of the Company’s petitions, including all attachments, are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
- Cambridge Public Library, Main Branch, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138
- Cambridge Public Library, O’Connell Branch, 48 Sixth Street, Cambridge, MA 02141
- Cambridge City Clerk, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139Siti
- Boston Public Library, Brighton Branch, 40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton, MA 02135
- Boston City Clerk, 1 City Hall Square, Room 601, Boston, MA 02201
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In addition, the Company’s petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Energy Facilities Siting Board’s website at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB22-03>. The Siting Board has created a special information webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the course of the proceeding. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/greater-cambridge-energy-project>.

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The Company’s New Substation

The New Substation will be constructed underground on a parcel of land that is currently occupied by the Kendall Center Blue Garage at #290 Binney Street in East Cambridge. The New Substation site is bordered by Binney Street to the north; the access driveway into the existing garage facility to the east; Broadway to the south; and Galileo Galilei Way to the west.

For the site to be developed for the New Substation, the landowner (Boston Properties, Inc. or “BXP”) will demolish the existing Kendall Center Blue Garage and replace it with underground parking in roughly the same location. Following demolition of the existing parking garage facility, the New Substation will occupy roughly one-third of the parcel, or approximately 35,000 square feet (or 0.8 acres). The balance of the existing site will ultimately be re-developed by BXP as part of the [Kendall Square MXD Substation Plan](#). ²

The New Substation will be constructed to a depth of approximately 110-feet below grade. Except for vent stacks, a freight elevator headhouse and stair access headhouse, the New Substation will be completely underground. At grade level, above the underground substation, the area will be designed and created as publicly accessible open space, integrated into the larger BXP development project.

As part of the engineering design, the underground New Substation would have the following components: 115-kV gas-insulated switchgear (“GIS”); twenty two 115-kV circuit breakers; six 115 -kV series inductors; control rooms with protective relay and control equipment; communication equipment and control batteries; three 90-MVA, 115/14-kV transformers; distribution switchgear; and six 14-kV, 9.6-MVAR capacitor banks. There will also be space reserved for an additional transformer, switchgear, capacitor bank, and shunt reactor, if and when needed in the future.

The Company’s Proposed Transmission Line Routes

As noted above, the Project includes eight new 115-kV underground transmission lines within five new duct banks (8.3 miles in total, primarily in public roadways in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and the Allston-Brighton area of Boston), each of which would connect to the New Substation in Cambridge. The five Proposed Routes of the Project are summarized below.

Somerville Proposed Route S1A (Hampshire Street/D2 Site) and Route Variation S1

The Proposed Route (designated as “S1A”) is approximately 1.3-miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing Somerville Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway for about one block before turning northwest onto Hampshire Street. From Hampshire Street, the route heads north on Columbia Street. The route follows Columbia Street into Somerville to its intersection with Windsor Place. The route crosses Windsor Place and heads north across a private commercial parking lot towards the MBTA commuter rail tracks (Fitchburg Route Main Line). The railroad tracks would be crossed using a trenchless construction technique. After crossing the tracks, the route travels in a westerly direction across the D-2 Block-Union Square Project development (“D2 Site”), parallel to the MBTA railroad tracks and the MBTA’s new Green Line train station platform, turning north running parallel to Prospect Street (and around the approximate limits of a building that is presently under construction on the D2 Site), and then west across Prospect Street where it enters the Somerville Substation.

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Route Variation S1 follows the same alignment described above for the Proposed Route S1A, except that it travels in a northwesterly direction around the eastern edge of the site of the MBTA's new Union Square train station platform, across the D2 Site, generally following the approximate alignment of two future roadways associated with the development, identified as Milk Alley and Bennett Court. The route then crosses over Prospect Street and accesses the Somerville Substation from the east. This route variation does not add any appreciable length or costs relative to the Proposed Route S1A.

Kendall Proposed Route K5A (Linskey Way)

The Proposed Route (designated as “K5A”) is approximately 0.6 miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing East Cambridge Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway, then turns northeast to the abutting U.S. Department of Transportation John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (“Volpe Center Site”) property and transitions onto Third Street near its intersection with Potter Street. The route crosses the Volpe Center Site to avoid utility congestion in parts of Third Street and specifically the Third Street/Broadway intersection. The route then turns east onto Linskey Way and south onto Second Street, where it connects into the existing East Cambridge Substation.

Putnam Proposed Route P13 (Ames Street)

The Proposed Route (designated as “P13”) is approximately 0.5-mile long, located entirely within Cambridge. This route heads east from the proposed New Substation facility in East Cambridge onto Broadway and south on Ames Street. The route follows Ames Street through the Main Street intersection, and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (“MBTA”) Red Line subway tunnel beneath it, to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route ends in a “T” configuration with the line being spliced into existing Eversource transmission line(s) to the east and west on Memorial Drive.

Brighton Proposed Route B2A East (Magazine Beach HDD) and Route Variation B2AN

The Proposed Route (designated as “B2A”) is approximately 2.9-miles long, heading east from the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning south onto Ames Street. The route follows Ames Street through the Main Street intersection, and the MBTA Red Line subway tunnel beneath it, to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route turns to the west following the east bound lanes to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (“MassDCR”) Magazine Beach property. Magazine Beach and the Memorial Drive segment are located within the Charles River Reservation and are under the care and custody of MassDCR. At the Magazine Beach property, the route crosses beneath the Charles River into Boston via Horizontal Directional Drill (“HDD”), which is preliminarily anticipated to be approximately 1,750 feet in length. After crossing beneath the Charles River, the route follows the general alignment of the anticipated new street, referred to as the Lincoln Street Connector, that is proposed to be constructed as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. From there, the route goes onto Cambridge Street, following Cambridge Street to Empire Street and Lincoln Street where it terminates at the Brighton Substation.

The Company proposed a route variation to Route B2A East across the MassDOT Allston Multimodal Project Site. The Proposed Route B2A East generally follows the future alignment of the Lincoln Street Connector through the multimodal site and Route Variation B2AN East generally runs parallel with the southerly property line of the multimodal site. Route Variation B2AN East provides routing flexibility if MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project does not advance into construction as currently proposed, while also minimizing potential future development constraints by locating the transmission line and manhole infrastructure in areas of the site that will not negatively affect the present landowner’s (Harvard University) ability to develop the property in the future. This route variation does not add any appreciable length or costs relative to the Proposed Route B2A East.

Brighton Proposed Route B29F West (River Street Bridge)

The Proposed Route (designated as “B29F”) is approximately 3.0-miles long, heading west from New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning south onto Galileo Galilei Way to Vassar Street. The route follows Vassar Street before crossing northwest through a parking lot, a portion of which is owned by MIT and the MBTA. From the parking lot, the route crosses the Grand Junction Railroad using a pipe jacking or other similar trenchless crossing technique to reach a parking lot on a second parcel of land owned by MIT (referred to as #634 Memorial Drive). The route then follows Waverly Street to Brookline Street through the Reid Rotary at the Boston University Bridge, continuing west on Memorial Drive to the River Street Bridge. At this location, the route turns to the west across the River Street Bridge, over the Charles River, and onto Cambridge Street in Boston. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the transmission cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route would cross over the I-90 ramps following the approximate location of Cambridge Street if it is reconstructed at-grade as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. After passing through a short stretch of wooded, undeveloped land (~500-feet) adjacent to the roadway shoulder(s), the route transitions back onto Cambridge Street until it reaches Lincoln Street. The route follows Lincoln Street to the Brighton Substation.

The Company’s Noticed Alternative Transmission Line Routes

The five Noticed Alternative routes are as follows:

Somerville Noticed Alternative Route S11C (Grand Junction RR Multi-Use Pathway)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “S11C”) is approximately 1.6-miles long, connecting the New Substation to the existing Somerville Substation. This route heads west from the New Substation onto Broadway for about one block before turning north onto a parcel of land owned by the City of Cambridge abutting the east side of the MBTA Grand Junction Railroad corridor. The route continues north on the City of Cambridge owned properties parallel to the east side of the MBTA Grand Junction Railroad corridor. From Broadway to Medford Street in Somerville, the route collocates with the potential future alignment of Cambridge’s Grand Junction Multi-Use Path, which requires crossing from City of Cambridge-owned land on the east side of the existing railroad corridor to City of Cambridge-owned land on the west side of the railroad corridor. These crossovers would occur at the following at-grade street crossings: Binney Street, Cambridge Street and Medford Street. The Cambridge/Somerville municipal boundary is located just south of Medford Street. After crossing Medford Street, Route S11C continues north along the western edge of the MBTA ROW up to the intersection of the Grand Junction railroad tracks and the MBTA commuter rail tracks (Fitchburg Route Main Line). The route would then cross beneath the MBTA commuter rail tracks and McGrath Highway (Route 28) using a trenchless construction technique, to reach an Eversource-owned parcel of land on Linwood Street. The transmission line would then transition back to conventional open-trench construction as it turns northwest onto Linwood Street, Washington Street and Prospect Street where it connects with the Somerville Substation.

Kendall Noticed Alternative Route K11 (Fifth Street)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “K11”) is approximately 0.6-miles long connecting the New

Substation to the existing East Cambridge Substation. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway before turning north across the abutting Volpe Center Site to Potter Street. From Potter Street, the route heads north onto 5th Street and west onto Munroe Street before crossing over Third Street onto Linskey Way. Potter Street, 5th Street, and Munroe Street are private roads. The route follows Linskey Way in an easterly direction before turning south onto Second Street to its interconnection point within the East Cambridge Substation.

Putnam Noticed Alternative Route P11 (Massachusetts Avenue)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “P11”) is approximately 0.9-miles long, located entirely within Cambridge. This route heads east from the New Substation onto Broadway and then south onto Ames Street to the intersection with Main Street. The route heads west on Main Street parallel to the MBTA Red Line subway tunnel before crossing over the tunnel onto Vassar Street. The route heads south on Vassar Street to Massachusetts Avenue, where it then turns towards the southeast on Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route ends in a “T” configuration with the line being spliced into existing Eversource transmission line(s) to the east and west on Memorial Drive.

Brighton Noticed Alternative Route B31 East (River Street Bridge)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated a “B31”) is approximately 3.3-miles long, heading east to connect the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. The route follows Ames Street to the intersection with Memorial Drive. At Memorial Drive, the route turns to the west (following the east bound lanes of Memorial Drive) to the Reid Rotary at the Boston University Bridge, continuing west on Memorial Drive to the River Street Bridge. At this location, the route turns to the west across the River Street Bridge, over the Charles River, and onto Cambridge Street in Boston. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route would cross over the I-90 ramps following the approximate location of Cambridge Street if it is reconstructed at-grade as part of MassDOT’s Allston Multimodal Project. After passing through a short stretch of wooded, undeveloped land (~500-feet) adjacent to the roadway shoulder(s), the route transitions back onto Cambridge Street until it reaches Lincoln Street. The route follows Lincoln Street to the Brighton Substation.

Brighton Noticed Alternative Route B30 West (Anderson Street Bridge)

The Noticed Alternative Route (designated as “B30”) is approximately 3.4-miles long, heading west from the New Substation to the existing Brighton Substation. The route follows Green Street to Putnam Avenue where it turns north and then west onto Mt. Auburn Street. The route follows Mt. Auburn Street to John F. Kennedy Street. The route then heads south along John F. Kennedy Street to the Anderson Memorial Bridge over the Charles River. The bridge crossing would be accomplished by installing the cable in the bridge deck/roadway pavement. On the Boston side of the Charles River, the route follows North Harvard Street to Franklin Street and Lincoln Street before terminating at the Brighton Substation.

Ancillary Project Work

The Project includes work at five existing substations to accommodate new transmission lines: Somerville Substation #402, Putnam Bulk Substation #831, East Cambridge Substation #875, Brighton Substation #329, and North Cambridge Substation #509. All work to be done at these existing stations will be performed within the existing station fence lines.

Somerville Substation #402 Improvements

Project-related work at Station #402 will consist of installing new below-grade duct banks, abovegrade cable terminations (in the location of the existing terminators), cable pulling/termination, and control and protection changes.

East Cambridge Substation #875 Improvements

The 115-kV bus at the East Cambridge Substation #875 is the terminal for the output cable of the adjacent Vicinity Energy Generating Unit and two supply cables that connect to the existing transmission system. To integrate the New Substation into the transmission system, the output cable of the Vicinity Energy Generating Unit will be disconnected from the 115-kV bus and connected to a proposed new line connecting directly to the New Substation. A new 115-kV line proposed from the New Substation will be connected to the switching position formerly utilized by the Vicinity Energy Generating Unit. Work will consist of reconfiguring duct banks in the station yard, cable pulling/termination and control and protection changes.

Putnam Bulk Substation #831 Improvements

The 115-kV lines supplying the Putnam Bulk Substation #831 are proposed to be reconfigured at a location outside of the station footprint on Memorial Drive. Work at this substation facility will consist of protection and control changes. All work will be confined to the interior of the 115-kV relay room.

Brighton Substation #329 Improvements

Project-related work at the Brighton Substation #329 will consist of installing new below-grade duct banks, above-grade cable terminations (in the location of the existing terminators), cable pulling/termination, and control and protection changes.

North Cambridge #509 Substation Improvements

The 115-kV bus at North Cambridge Substation #509 is the source of the two 115-kV supply lines to Putnam Bulk Substation #831. To balance flows on the transmission system, air-core current limiting reactors (“CLRs”) will be installed at Station #509 near the location of the existing line terminations towards the center of the site. In addition to the installation of the CLRs and their associated foundations, a small section of air-insulated bus will be replaced with gas-insulated bus to achieve required electrical clearances. There will also be work associated with required modifications to protection and control equipment. The substation is bordered on all sides by developed areas including the MBTA railroad tracks to the north; Alewife Brook Parkway to the east; a shopping center and medical offices to the south; and residential apartments to the west.

Miscellaneous Distribution System Upgrades

The Company will also be installing a set of 36 distribution feeders and associated duct banks and other equipment that connects the New Substation to the existing distribution network in public ways immediately adjacent to the New Substation. While distribution lines are not jurisdictional to the Siting Board’s review under G.L. c. 164, §69J or §72, as part of the Project, the Company has nevertheless provided information about its build-out of the electric distribution system to identify the full scope of facilities that will be constructed in concert with the Project.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA>

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The Project consists of: Removal and replacement of the existing control valve actuators for all control valves serving existing fan coil units and other specified areas of the building and replacement of an existing ductless split heat pump with new.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 PM**, (local legal time) Wednesday, **June 23, 2022** and publicly opened on-line, forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount in the form of a bid bond, certified check, treasurer's check or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. The Bid Deposit shall be satisfactory to the Awarding Authority and conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the Bid.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Construction costs are estimated to be **\$225,170.00**.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A pre-bid walkthrough shall be held at the site located at Capen Court, Somerville, MA 02144 on Wednesday, **June 15, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**. Contractors shall meet at the site. Contractors shall meet all COVID-19 safety requirements.

BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSIT

All Bids shall be submitted electronically online at www.BidDocsOnline.com no later than the date & time specified above. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.BidDocsOnline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.BidDocsOnline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at **Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167)**

There is a plan deposit of **\$50** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to **BidDocs Online, Inc.**

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Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or **\$65.00** per set for UPS Overnight), payable to **BidDocs Online, Inc.** to cover mail handling costs.

Bids and the Contract are subject to: M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive, Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Equal Opportunity provisions of Executive Order 11246, Non-Discrimination provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Labor Standards of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts and Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and prevailing wage determinations as issued by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. The work performed under this contract is funded in part through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and is subject to all provisions and regulations issued pursuant to this act. This project is covered by Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.

All Bids for the project are subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 149, Sections 44A to 44L inclusive as amended.

RIGHT OF THE AWARDING AUTHORITY TO REJECT BIDS

The right is reserved by the Somerville Housing Authority to reject any or all Bids, if it be in their interest to do so.

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Scope of Work: Contractor to cut out existing cast iron and steel tubs to allow walk in access. Reglaze the tubs entirely. There are 14 tubs in occupied units to be completed.

There will be an onsite walk through at **10:00 AM on Wednesday June 22nd** at 252 Medford Street Somerville, Ma. 02145. It is highly recommended that contractors attend.

The Contractor shall apply for and obtain permits and regulatory approvals as may be required.

Estimated Cost for this project is **\$ 20,000**

Proposal information will be available on **Wednesday June 15th 2022** and can be obtained by emailing Brian Langton at BrianL@sha-web.org

Proposals must be received by **2:00PM on Thursday, June 29th 2022**. Proposals will only be received by email to BrianL@sha-web.org. Please contact Brian Langton at BrianL@sha-web.org with any questions.

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Somerville Public Schools awarded \$100,000 Cummings Foundation grant

Somerville Public Schools is one of 140 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 each through Cummings Foundation's \$25 Million Grant Program. The Somerville-based organization was chosen from a total of 580 applicants during a competitive review process. SPS will receive a \$25,000 award in the next school year, renewable annually for three additional years.

With these generous Cummings Foundation grant funds, the Somerville Public Schools, in partnership with Waypoint Adventure, will be able to provide adaptive physical activity opportunities and social emotional skill development through adventure-based programming for target student populations. Waypoint Adventure staff are trained in outdoor adventure leadership and have extensive experience working with youth. Their organization offers adaptive kayak equipment, off-road wheelchairs, and ropes courses and rock climbing that are intentionally designed and fully accessible.

The positive impact the Waypoint Adventure experiences have on our students lasts much longer than the field trip itself. As Caitlin Kelly, the SPS District Wellness Coordinator explains, "The adventure-based education programming we offer through this program is not only about strengthening students' physical abilities. It is also about allowing students to bolster their social emotional strengths and abilities outside of a classroom setting. A social

emotional curriculum is integrated into classrooms throughout our district but for many of our students, a written curriculum will never be a replacement for the social and character skills gained from experiential, adventure-based programming – which can be life changing."

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

"We are so fortunate in greater Boston to have such effective nonprofits, plus a wealth of talented, dedicated professionals and volunteers to run them," said Cummings Foundation executive director Joyce Vyriotes. "We are indebted to them for the work they do each day to provide for basic needs, break down barriers to education and health resources, and work toward a more equitable society."

With the help of about 90 volunteers, the Foundation first identified 140 organizations to receive grants of at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners were first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously



received Cummings Foundation grants. Forty of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each.

"Our volunteers bring diverse backgrounds and perspectives, which is so critical to our grant selection process," said Vyriotes. "Through this democratized approach to philanthropy, they decide more than half the grants every year."

This year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including food insecurity, immigrant and refugee services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The nonprofits are spread across 45 different cities and towns.

The complete list of 140 grant

winners, plus more than 900 previous recipients, is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$375 million to greater Boston nonprofits.

About Somerville Public Schools

Somerville Public Schools currently serves more than 4,600 students in prekindergarten through grade 12. Students come from around the world, with varied backgrounds and life and educational experiences. Approximately 54 languages are represented among its student population. Nearly half of all SPS students list a first language other than English, and 20.9% are English language learners. Nearly 20% are students with special needs,

and 64.2% of students in our district are considered "high needs." SPS is a microcosm of the world, experiencing the benefits and challenges of a global community. More information is available at www.somerville.k12.ma.us.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings and has grown to be one of the largest private foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities, in Marlborough and Woburn, and Cummings Health Sciences, LLC. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

John F. Kennedy School Fourth Graders 'Get Caught Reading' in Fun Video

As Kennedy School fourth grade students demonstrate in a wonderful video, getting "caught reading" is fun! Caroline Hanly, 4th grade teacher at the Kennedy School, put together this "Get Caught Reading" video with the support of many people, including students, educators, and parents in the Kennedy School community, along with other community partners.

Though the "Get Caught Reading" month is celebrated in May, it is a year-round national campaign sponsored by Every Child a Reader and is designed to promote the fun of reading books. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U3UJrvBpybXTvgQ5hMKbRZhxttcp1fCj/view?usp=sharing>



Outstanding students win Somerville Math Fund scholarships

By Erica Dakin Voolich

The Somerville Mathematics Fund is pleased to announce the winners of their renewable mathematics scholarships for 2022. The Math Fund was founded to celebrate and encourage math achievement and these students deserve to be celebrated for their work in math and science while in high school. Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and a few organizations, this year we were able to award a record 9 scholarships, totaling \$54,000 over four years.

Due to a COVID-19 outbreak at the high school during awards week, we were unable to personally award the scholarships at the awards night for a third year. The school handed the students a certificate which named their scholarship, then the President of the Somerville Math Fund or the donor of their scholarship called each of them to tell them about their award and that a letter was in the mail with more details.

We definitely want to celebrate our scholarship winners for their achievements while meeting the challenges of going to high school, much of it was during a pandemic.

The winners are attending a variety of schools next fall. Ezra Brody will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Sam Diener, Case Western Reserve University; Lucy Gunther and Ian Morales, Carnegie Mellon University; Rio Hunter Black and Nikhilesh Rattan, Tufts University; Kate Johnson, University of Virginia; Iskander Nazhar, University of Massachusetts Amherst; and Leensyn Rivera Asmen, Simmons University.

A bit of explanation about the scholarship names. Some scholarships are supported by many donations, some large, some small – but together there is \$6000 for each student. For those students who participated in Game Jam this year, we had sponsors who each sponsored one year

of a scholarship. We have some named annual scholarships, two memorial scholarships are for founders of the Somerville Math Fund. One of our named scholarships is given by one of our first scholarship winners back in 2001 in the name of his favorite famous mathematician. One is given in memory of a mother who distinguished herself in WW2 as a nurse and saved for her children's education.

Their annual scholarships of \$1500 are renewable for up to a total of four years as long as they maintain a B average and take mathematics or courses which use mathematics.

There were four memorial scholarships this year: Dr. Alice T. Schafer Scholarship, Lt. Catherine M. Landers, S. Ramanujan, and Michael Voolich.

One of the scholarships was given in the memory of an outstanding woman mathematician, Dr. Alice T. Schafer. Lucy Gunther was awarded the Alice T. Schafer Memorial Scholarship. She is planning on majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon.

The Lt. Catherine M. Landers Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Rio Hunter Black. Rio has an interest in medical research.

Our scholarship in the memory of S. Ramanujan, it is a gift from the Jha Family and is awarded to Iskandar Nazhar who is planning on attending UMass Amherst. Iskandar Nazhar wants a career in pure math. Iskandar's love of and talent for math led him to taking many college math classes while still in high school. He already had S. Ramanujan as one of his heroes. The Michael Voolich Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Samuel Diener who is interested majoring in Physics at Case Western Reserve. Michael Voolich (1943 - 2019) was a person who was interested in how everything worked, if Renaissance man was a job offering, Michael would have applied. He

learned by asking questions and then he loved telling everyone what he had learned and how seemingly disparate things were related. He had a career that included teaching many different subjects in local schools, none of which was math. But he married a math teacher. So, when the Somerville Math Fund was being discussed and organized in his living room, of course he joined the founding board.

He liked to do things for people and of course for the math fund. His telephone calls and trips to Table Talk Pie Company each year for city-wide Pi Night celebration were a highlight each year. He especially loved helping find things for others to donate for the Scrapheap Showdown each year and his marvelous multiple clamps will still be a necessary part of future Scrapheap challenges to come.

Michael loved to be able to give and help others in the local community along with his extended family here and abroad. This scholarship was funded by the many people who donated in his memory to the Somerville Math Fund. Sam participated in Scrapheap before it was canceled due to COVID the last couple of years. Sam's interest in helping the community and solving problems would definitely be much that Michael would have loved to have talked about with Sam.

The Somerville Math Fund Scholarship generously donated by Neva Durand went to Ian Morales. "Congratulations on your well-deserved success. You should be very proud of what you've accomplished." Ian will be attending Carnegie Mellon to major in Mechanical Engineering. He has an interest in using engineering to solve real world problems with clean energy and water and then finding a way to give back to other first-generation students in Somerville.

The Somerville Math Fund Scholarship, generously sponsored by four sponsors of Game



Jam #2 was won by Katherine Johnson. Our annual high school engineering competition, Scrapheap Showdown, was canceled again by COVID in October 2021. In lieu of the live event, usually in a gym at Tufts University, we held an online Game Jam where students created games for others to play and evaluate. The four donors who each paid for one year of Katherine's scholarship were Julie Schneider, the Bickoff Family, Winter Hill Bank, and Tufts University. Kate has been involved in projects and activities around wellness while in school. She sees mathematics (data interpretation, quantitative reasoning, and statistical analysis) as a way to improve societal health. So, Kate is planning on attending the University of Virginia to major in Public Health.

The Somerville Math Fund Scholarship partially sponsored by East Cambridge Savings Bank, and the other half by generous donors to the Somerville Math Fund was won by Ezra Brody. Ezra has an interest in the life of microorganisms and the process of novel drug development. With my desire for a career focused on the ethical medical applications of biochemistry, I want to also investigate pharmacology and the body's response to diseases and

treatments. Ezra plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and major in Biochemistry and Biophysics.

The Somerville Math Fund is able to award scholarships and teacher grants thanks to the generosity of our donors. We have some who are able to make large donations, but some who can only make small ones. All of those donations together made it possible to award two more scholarships, one to Nikhilesh Rattan and the other to Leensyn Rivera Asmen.

Nikhilesh Rattan is interested in space technology and plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Tufts University.

Leensyn Rivera Asmen is interested in climate justice and sustainability and plans on majoring in Environmental Science and Computer Science at Simmons University.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. It May 2011, it was recognized as the outstanding Dollars for Scholars Chapter in New England. Since its founding in 2000, it has awarded \$554,000 in four-year mathematics scholarships to one hundred eighteen outstanding Somerville students.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

MBTA Travel Training and You – Wednesday, June 15 at our Holland Street Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join us for a presentation by the MBTA Travel Training about the safe use of the MBTA by older adults. Hear more about how to apply for a Senior Charlie Card, asking for help, paying one's fare, accessibility of vehicles and stations, trip planning and much more. Continental breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Music & Movement Enrichment with Steve – Thursday, June 16 at our Holland Street Center from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join Steve as he plays guitar, sings and leads gentle movements. Just tapping your toe or singing along can help move your body in new ways. Being physically active is not just good for our bodies but it is also one of Mental Health America's 10 tools to building resiliency; or the ability to overcome obstacles and manage through tough times. This program is in person, pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Wang Theatre Tour – Friday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. - The Boch Center is excited to announce that it will be bringing the beauty and wonder of the historic Wang Theatre live to the Holland Street Senior Center with their "On Location Tour." This experience will take you behind-the-scenes of one of Boston's most prominent landmarks during the celebration of its 96th Anniversary. Learn about the theatre's architectural highlights and unique history – from its hotel roots and glamorous days as a movie "cathedral" to today's role as an impressive venue for performances and events. To register please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext.

2321 or email her at dhiggins@somervillema.gov
Grab & Go Lunch available after the "tour."

Coffee with Chief of Police, Charles Femino – Wednesday, June 22 at the Ralph and Jenny Center (located at 9 New Washington Street, behind the Holiday Inn) starting at 10:00 a.m. Join us for coffee and treats with Somerville Police Chief Femino and the Department of Racial and Social Justice. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov
Grab & Go Lunch will be available after the session.

Brown Bag Supplemental Food Program – Pick Up Thursday, June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) For an application contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

June Boxed Lunch Pick Up – Friday, June 24 at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) starting at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can stop by. Please reserve your lunch by calling Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

Arts & Crafts - Zentangle – Monday, June 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Interested in learning how to create Zentangle? Come join Lowell Dorr and Local Artist Kate Parisi as they guide us in making great works of art. No need to bring anything - all materials provided for you. \$5 per person for materials payable to Lowell and Kate at start of class. Please RSVP in advance with Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at MBastardi@Somervillema.go.

Meet the Mobility Team – Monday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. Do you have

questions on how the city develops mobility safety improvements? Do you want to learn more about our transportation projects? Do you want to share your feedback on transportation options and infrastructure across the City? Join Mobility team members for a discussion and listening session. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321. Grab & Go Lunch will be available after the session.

Caregiver Check-In via Zoom – Tuesday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Are you a caregiver for a loved one and want to connect with other caregivers? Would you like to discuss the joys and challenges of caregiving? The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a monthly check-in via Zoom for caregivers. RSVP to Natasha Naim by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 or email Natasha at NNaim@Somervillema.gov.

Somerville Cambridge Elder Services – Wednesday, June 29 at the Holland Street Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Learn about different services that can help support you to be able to age in place. Including but not limited to homecare services, Meals on Wheels and other offerings. Continental breakfast will be provided. To RSVP, please call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Movie Matinee & Pizza – Wednesday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ralph and Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Showing will be: Serendipity, starring John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale and Jeremy Piven. A couple search for each other years after the night they first met, fell in love, and separated, convinced that one day they'd end up together. Pizza will be served. \$2 per person Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov Grab & Go Lunch will also be available.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Why shouldn't you gossip on a farm?
Because the corn has ears.

On This Day in History

June 15

1607 – Colonists in North America complete James Fort in Jamestown.

1752 – Benjamin Franklin and his son test the relationship between electricity and lightning by flying a kite in a thunder storm.

1775 – George Washington is named Commander-in-Chief by Congress.

1846 – Great Britain and the United States agree on a joint occupation of Oregon Territory.

1877 – Henry O. Flipper becomes the first African American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

1898 – The U.S. House of representatives approves the annexation of Hawaii.

1916 – President Woodrow Wilson signs a bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America.

1920 – Three African Americans are lynched in Duluth, Minnesota, by a white mob of 5,000.

1944 – U.S. Marines begin the invasion of Saipan in the Pacific.

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Somerville's Firefighter Memorial Sunday ceremonies

On Sunday, June 12, Somerville held two memorial ceremonies in Somerville for Firefighter Memorial Sunday

Arrow Paper Fire Memorial

On June 10, 1974 at 8:20 pm, Box 21 was sounded for a fire in the Arrow Paper warehouse at Harding Street, which is approximately 400 yards in a northwesterly direction from this Memorial. Firefighters Joseph Reilly and Robert Brickley, both members of Engine Company Two, died in the line of duty when the rear (north side) wall collapsed. Engine Company Three (Union Sq.) the assigned first due company, was covering Cambridge Engine Five at the time.



Firefighter Memorial Sunday



COVID-19 vaccine clinic (Pfizer) June 15

A COVID-19 vaccine clinic for initial doses and boosters will be held Wednesday, June 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Somerville Public Library (Central Branch), 79 Highland Ave. An appointment is required. Sign up at somerillema.gov/vaccine or call 311 (617-666-3311).

The Pfizer vaccine will be available for all people 5 years and up, and boosters will be available for all people 5 years and up. The clinic is free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required.

For guidance on when you should get a booster dose and which booster you are eligible for, please consult this CDC booster guide: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>



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| 2. Acetic acid | 8. "Houston, we have a problem" |
| 3. Westminster Abbey | 9. Tetris |
| 4. Edgar Allan Poe | 10. Carl Perkins |
| 5. The Little Rock Nine | 11. <i>Ice Ice Baby</i> |
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Jeannie Motherwell: From the Cosmos to the Canvas

Somerville Artist Jeannie Motherwell met me at her studio at Miller Street Artists Studios in Somerville. She has a large space with many of her expansive paintings both on the floor and the walls. Originally Motherwell had worked in her home studio in Cambridge, but eventually she needed a new and larger space.

After a stint at the Joy Street Studios, she scored a space at Miller Street. It seems that folks moved from Miller Street due to the pandemic, and Motherwell lucked out and scored a vacant one. As for Somerville, Motherwell heartily embraces it. She told me, "I love the Somerville Arts Council, they really try to create spaces and opportunities for artists in the community."

Motherwell has worn many hats in her long career. One of which is being on the board of *Provincetown Arts Magazine*. This much lauded magazine has highlighted the works of a broad range of artists for decades. We talked a bit about the founder, the late Christopher Busa, who I knew briefly.

Motherwell reflected on Provincetown, "I have a long association with Provincetown. My father, the artist Robert Motherwell, and my stepmother, Helen Frankenthaler, summered for years there, since I was a young child. It was an alternative to the Hamptons. The Hamptons were too busy, a lot more of a business atmosphere. But in Provincetown my father was most prolific during the summer season, it was a much more informal atmosphere."

As for the magazine, Motherwell told me it is going as strong as ever since Busa passed. Motherwell said, "Liz Winston took over from Chris, and since then we have continued the tradition of great articles, new patrons, and great production values."

Having parents who were world famous artists made it hard for her to create her own artistic identity. She said that her parents were trailblazers. Back in the 1950s and 60s, artists in her parents' milieu were trying to put their art in in the world spotlight, that previously had shone on Europe.

Robert Motherwell, an abstract expressionist, was in the middle of this exciting period of American art. Jeannie Motherwell told me her dad was worried about her choice of being an artist, but was also supportive. According to her, he was like a movie star in the artworld, and like any movie star parent might feel, he was worried that a child who wanted to fol-



low the same path would have to endure a hardscrabble life. But in the end he said, "Hey, you've got the bug," realizing that this was an intrinsic part of her.

For a period of 10 years, in the 80's, Motherwell did not paint. She felt that she was too young, and wasn't confident that she could add something to the art world. She came back to it, and years later she viewed some pictures from the Hubbel Telescope, and was blown away. She became infatuated with the idea of space, stars, moons, all that infinite black space. In many ways her work includes that cosmic awareness, that focus on space in the cosmos and the canvas.

As a poet, I was interested to learn that the painter has an affinity for poetry. She told me, "Painters understand poetry, the abstract nature of the world." She remembered often having conversations with the noted poet John Yau at college and after about their process. She said, "We were so in tune we could complete each other sentences."

Motherwell said that she often spreads a canvas on the floor, with no preconceived notion of what the painting will be, and lets her brush explore. She often listens to music to accompany her painting.

Motherwell can often be found at her Miller Street studio. She has a solo show coming up at the Schoolhouse Gallery in Provincetown and the M Fine Arts Galerie in Boston and this fall at the Ethan Cohen Gallery in New York City. Jeannie Motherwell is yet another artist I have interviewed in this rich font of creativity that we call the "Paris of New England."

For more information about Motherwell go to: <https://jeanniemotherwell.com/>

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Willy Ramírez is an educator, poet, and cultural advocate residing in Massachusetts. He is the founder and organizer of La Guagua Reading Group and of the annual La Guagua Poetry Festival, hosted by Middlesex Community College, where Ramírez is Professor of English.



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... Y que callen las palabras.
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y de las contemplaciones.
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Mi cuerpo sobre la tierra:
la palabra, la poesía, y la metáfora.

No more poetry...

... And let the words be in silence.
I want to remain quiet.
No more metaphors.
I want to start with what I am.

But I will not speak of music or of sea waves.
Only of flesh and blood,
of bone and dust.
of earth and silence

The time to invent and to contemplate has ended.
Words have intoxicated the essence of things.
No more poetry.

My body in the dirt:
the word, the poem, and the metaphor.

— Willy Ramírez

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