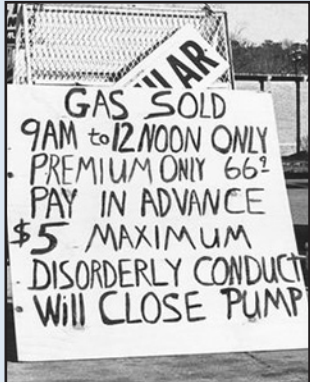




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CAC takes comments about Gilman Sq. redevelopment project



Public feedback on the future development of Gilman Square was the focus of the recent Advisory Committee's public meeting.

By Luda Tang

On June 23, the Gilman Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) conducted a public meeting concerning the redevelopment of Gilman Square, hosted by Rachel Nadkarni from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD). During the meeting, advisory members reviewed the comments received so far about the Gilman Square reconstruction plan, laying the groundwork for its ultimate execution.

Gilman Square has been in the process of redevelopment since 2014. From that point in time, the Green Line station design has been refined, and the subsurface infrastructure has been better reviewed.

The Gilman Square Neighborhood Association (GSNA), the group of residents

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Annual fireworks display planned for June 30 at Trum Field

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville will host a Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Trum Field on Thursday, June 30 (rain date: Friday, July 1).

Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. with DJ Philip Tan playing pop, soul, funk, and other classic tunes, followed by Pressure Cooker at 7:45 p.m. Recent Somerville High School graduate Britney Flores will sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*, and fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Please expect parking restrictions and road closures in the surrounding area. Due to noise and large crowds expected, attendees are advised to leave pets and unnecessary bags or backpacks at home. All bags and backpacks are subject to inspection. For more information, please call 311 (617-666-3311) or visit somervilleartscouncil.org/fireworks.



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Get ready for summer fun at the **City and Somerville Arts Council's Fourth of July celebration**. Enjoy live music, food, and of course, a big, bold fireworks display. Head to **Trum Field** on **Thursday, June 30**, at 6:30 p.m. (rain date July 1). Due to large crowds and noise associated with the fireworks, the city recommends that attendees leave pets at home and avoid bringing unnecessary bags or backpacks, all of which are subject to inspection. For more information, call 311 (617-666-3311) or <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/fireworks>.

Don't forget to check out the two exhibits at the **Somerville Museum** running **until July 9**. **Firehouse Reels: 40 Years of SCATV**: A collaboration between the Somerville Media Center and the Somerville Museum. Firehouse Reels documents a local community television channel that has been in operation since 1980. The station was called Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) and was an essential contributor to local culture. **Space Invader**: An immigrant experience through immersive art: Space Invader is curated by local audio-visual artist and spatial sound designer Rook Murao, an immigrant and naturalized citizen. Murao explores this concept of "Alien" through satire, parody, comedy, and even absurdity with art as the medium. For more information visit www.somervillemuseum.org.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: This *Continued on page 9*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of June 29 – July 5 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>June 29</i>	Sunny	84°/64°	4%	1%	SSW 11 mph
 Thursday <i>June 30</i>	Sunny	82°/61°	3%	2%	NNW 9 mph
 Friday <i>July 1</i>	Partly Cloudy	94°/71°	1%	1%	SW 15 mph
 Saturday <i>July 2</i>	Rain	80°/64°	55%	37%	SW 12 mph
 Sunday <i>July 3</i>	Sunny	85°/64°	14%	9%	W 11 mph
 Monday <i>July 4</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/63°	21%	16%	SSE 13 mph
 Tuesday <i>July 5</i>	Partly Cloudy	77°/60°	24%	17%	SE 12 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Remembering Somerville Officer Randy Isaacs

Luiz DeSouza says:

I had the great pleasure of serving with Randy. He was a great friend, Soldier, Officer, and overall human being. He always knew how to make light of any situation and always brought a smile wherever he was! He even made us laugh during boring or rigorous training. It's a very sad day! "Make sure you complete your Hazmat training bro"! Thanks for serving our country and the commonwealth! RIP my brother!

MARYLOU THOMPSON says:

So very sad to hear of Officer Randy's passing. I would like to thank him for all that he did to serve our city and keeping us just that much safer.... Also, to thank him for serving our country as well. My condolences to the family and friends of Officer Randy. Fly high and rest easy...

Toylandré says:

Thank you for honoring my friend in this great article. And the wonderful words (Luiz De Souza) It is all true and I am very glad that people knew, honored, and respected it. We had a special but peculiar relationship that I will continue to remember and cherish. May Randy rest in eternal peace.

Response to: Obituary: Officer Randy R. Isaacs

Tim K. says:

Rest well, Officer Isaacs. Thank you for your service.

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Gas pains



A simple cruise in your car might put you in the poor house. It's déjà vu, sort of.

The current rise in gas prices reminds me of the gas shortage of

the 70s. Long lines at gas stations looking for fuel for my '72 Plymouth Duster. Gas stations were selling out. It was mayhem. I pay over \$100 to fill up.

Here are some memories of those trying times when there were long lines at

the pumps.

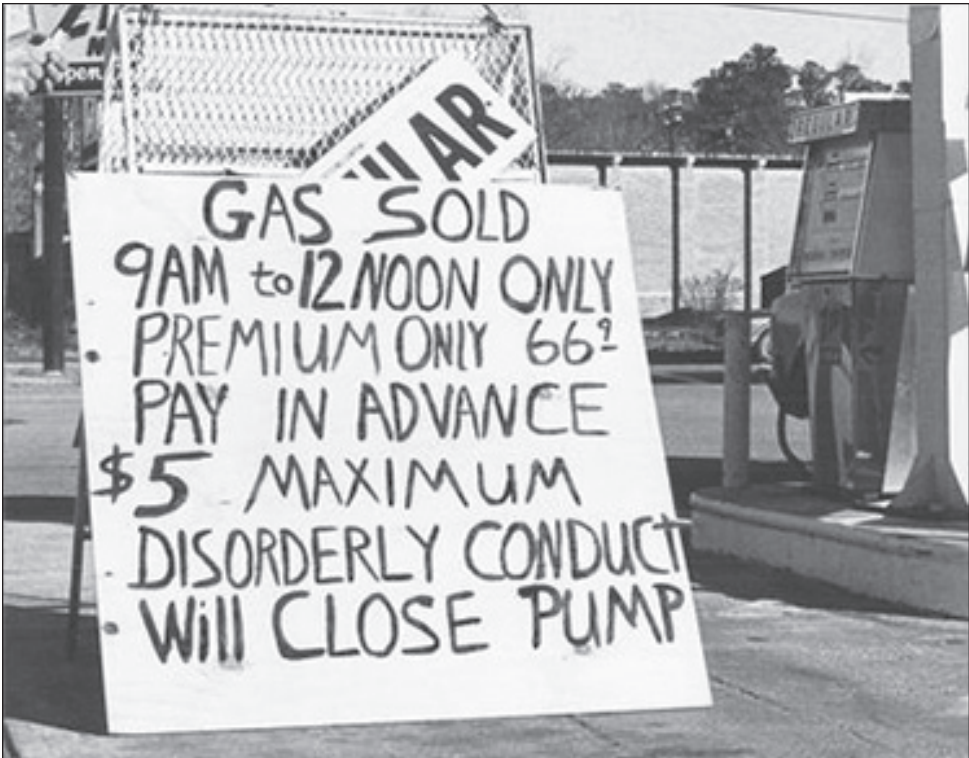
"I remember the huge cardboard sign affixed to the trunk of the final customer's car: 'Last Car.'"

"The Energy Crisis – depending on your license plate odd even days to get gas – what a sham and still happening 50 years later."

"I was lucky I went to the same gas station every sat morning so I had no problem getting gas."

"I remember there were sometimes fights at the pumps."

There was panic. A car was useless with-



out gas. We had to make sure our cars didn't run out of gas.

According to "Groovy History":

Gas stations limited the amount of gas that could be purchased on any one visit. The shortage was so dire that some gas stations couldn't even buy gas and had to close because they had no gas to sell. President Nixon asked gas station owners not to sell gas on Saturday nights or at all on Sundays. Most

complied with the conservation request but plenty did not.

There were some people so desperate that they siphoned gas out of other people's gas tanks. It's a pretty big fear, running out of gas.

Add the gas prices to the cost of renting a hotel room near a popular vacation spot and you've got an expensive getaway.

So, borrow from your 401K, cash in a bond and fill your tank. Where will it end?



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

He was just sleeping

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Highland Ave. location in the early morning of last Sunday on a report of a suspicious person.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by the reporting party who told them that a man was asleep

in her vehicle which was parked in the driveway of her residence.

The suspect, later identified as Alexander Terry, of Hopkinton, was found asleep in the rear seats of the vehicle.

When asked what he was doing in the vehicle, Terry report-

edly replied that he was sleeping. He also stated he believed he was at home, located on School St. in Somerville.

When speaking to the reporting party, she stated that she was leaving her house for work and opened the passenger side door to place

her belongings inside and heard someone snoring. She looked into the back seat area of the vehicle and saw Terry sleeping there.

The reporting party told the officers that she was afraid of the man in the back of her vehicle and slammed the door shut. She also

stated that there was no additional damage to the vehicle and that nothing of value was taken.

Terry was placed under arrest on a charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering and was transported back to the Somerville Police Department for booking.

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CAC takes comments about Gilman Sq. redevelopment project CONT. FROM PG 1

and business owners, and the city have been working together on redeveloping the city-owned properties in Gilman Square.

Two sites considered for redevelopment are 350 Medford St., also known as the Homans Site, and the Triangle Lot, located at the intersection of Pearl St. and Medford St. There might also be an urban renewal plan for Gilman Square, as of yet undecided.

Jamie Cragnoine, a utility program manager, and the consulting urban designer Diana Marsh kicked off the conversation by sharing what they learned after attending the Pearl Street Park event.

Cragnoine thought it was important to consider residents' feelings, considering they have been living with construction for quite a long time due to the MBTA activities. With the upcoming construction, residents' sentiments and their sense of belonging would be of more concern.

Besides that, Marsh mentioned the residents' expectations

around approachable food and casual spaces for relaxing. "They seemed to really really want a Dunkin' Donuts," added Cragnoine. Buildings on the Triangle Site are not preferred since people want some open spaces. Besides that, the problem of lack of parking should be noticed, which affects visitors and care workers who come to visit them.

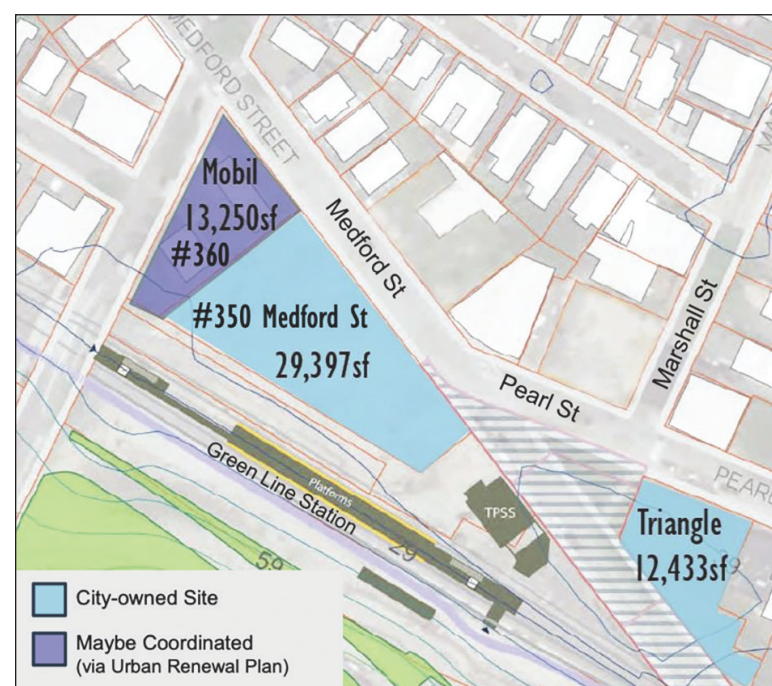
After the brief recap of the Pearl Street Park event, Civic Advisory Committee members reviewed the comments they received so far about the whole project. The conversation expanded from two major concepts: accessibility and flexibility.

In addition to the affordable food options mentioned above, accessibility also refers to available elevators and economical housings. Residents seemed to be interested in a diverse mixture of housing, with the alternative of rental or ownership, and micro housing or housing with four more bedrooms.

Along with the personal use, accessibility should also be examined in regard to community use. Local residents hope to have spaces for the YMCA, or events for music and other arts. Additionally, programs that are suitable for seniors and teens should be considered as well. Overall, the celebration of the history of Gilman Square and legacy of fabrication should not be forgotten. This can lead to more arts studios.

Yet, an important concept that goes along with accessibility is flexibility. With the spaces provided for spaces and programs, designers should come out with a more comprehensive plan related to them. For example, green space is necessary to the community, but bands also need a less green space to perform at. A bandshell can be a better choice than a grassy area. Also, there should be different times set for various events. Quiet time for the community is also needed.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ew-



en-Campen, a member from the Civic Advisory Committee, suggested a way to think about flexibility: when redesigning Gilman Square, the team should create two approaches, since some of the interests could be achieved in private redevelopment, like a coffee shop or a bakery, while there are other interests might need

more public investment, such as an art studio.

Nadkarni introduced the Committee's summer plan for the Gilman Square project at the end of the meeting. From summer into fall, CAC is going to digest the comments and suggestions gathered to inform the vision for this site going forward.

City of Somerville FY 2023 budget finalized

By Kyle Dante

The final revisions of the Somerville FY 2023 were decided on June 22 and followed up the next day. Upon reviewing all of the departments, the City Council cut \$676,219 from the proposed \$292,720,095 budget.

The following departments received budget cuts:

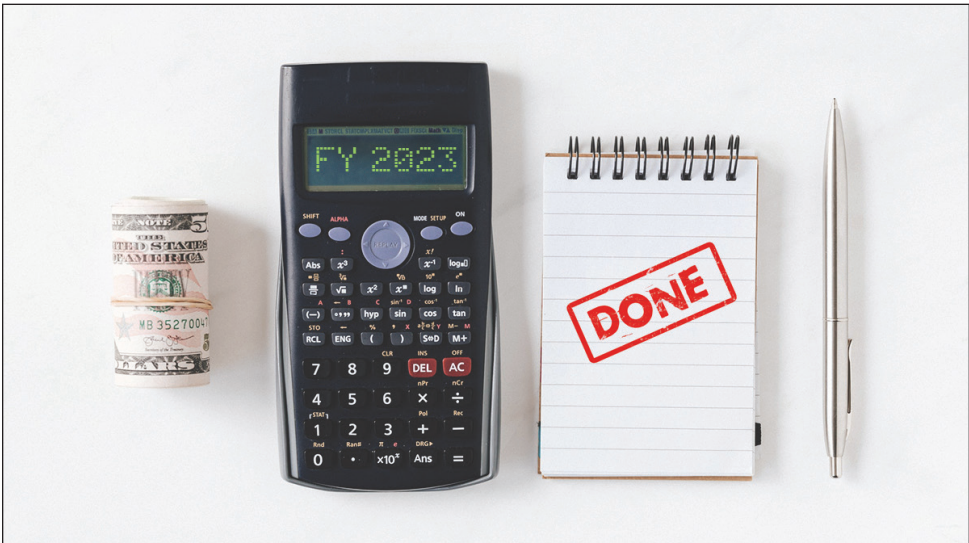
- Police Department: \$127,833 in AV supplies for body cameras (Ordinary Maintenance), \$277,000 reduced from salary (Personal Services), \$27,330 reduced in a monthly vacancy of six positions (Personal Services)
- Office of Accountability, Transparency, & Access- \$89,821 reduced for contact lines (Personal Services), \$114,312 reduced from Executive Branch (Personal Services), \$20,000 reduced (Ordinary Maintenance lines)
- SPD- \$134,235 reduced (Personal Services)

Additionally, the listed amounts got added to the respective department:

- Health and Human Services- \$200,000 for an unarmed alternative emergency response
- Park Department Professor and Technical Services- \$25,000 allocated for translation
- Communications & Community Engagement Department- \$4,500 for a Braille printer; also increased funding in Ordinary Maintenance for hybrid meetings

The final budget is polarizing for departments and residents, with Councilor William Burnley not voting; he advocated for \$200,000 for an alternative non-emergency response, which the budget lacks. Councilor Charlotte Kelly expressed disappointment in failing to meet multiple Committee requests; with over 350 questions asked by Committee heads, it is not a surprise.

When evaluating the 2023 budgets, the Police Department and SPD suffered the



most, facing several vaccines and service reductions. The SPD faces six Police Department vacancies; that, along with a decreasing salary budget, creates a problem for them.

Somerville residents are struggling, too. The complaints go back to the previous two budgets in 2021 and 2022. Kelly also notes that many have left Somerville, cit-

ing high costs. Some of the decisions within the budget also do not favor residents either. For example, repairs for non-Elm Street streets. Even with some provisions listed above, it is frustrating to many.

Despite accommodating as best as possible, the 2023 budget from City Council remains a contentious matter in light of announced cuts.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records representatives' votes on a roll call from the week of June 20-24. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$10.9 BILLION TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE (H 4897)

House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a nearly \$11 billion transportation and infrastructure package that includes \$400 million for the MBTA to address safety problems identified by the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management Inspection and \$250 million for initial steps toward a western Massachusetts rail extension.

Other provisions include \$2.8 billion for projects on the interstate and non-interstate federal highway system; \$82 million for rail improvements; \$1 billion for transit system modernization and rail improvements; \$114 million for the Airport Improvement Program; and \$200 million to create an extensive electric vehicle charging infrastructure, fund programs that promote e-bikes, public transportation and carsharing; replace high-emissions vehicles; and acquire electric school buses.

House members filed more than 300 amendments, many dealing with local projects in legislators' home districts, but there was little debate and not a single roll call vote on any individual amendment. Instead, members made their cases behind closed doors to the leadership and all the amendments that were given the green light by the leadership ended up in one gigantic consolidated mega amendment with a price tag estimated at \$500 million.

"Ensuring that the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure is adequately funded is a top priority for the House, which is why I'm proud of the legislation passed today," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). "In addition to significant funding for roadway and bridge projects, this bill also recognizes the importance of providing further support for the MBTA in their ongoing effort to address safety concerns and for the ever-important East-West Rail project."

"This legislation sets the table for the next administration to take full advantage of the additional billions of dollars, both state and federal, for critical transportation projects throughout the state," said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House chair of the Committee on Transportation. "The House has wisely used the bill as an opportunity to again demonstrate its commitment to roads, bridges and public transit."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes

REACTION ON BEACON HILL TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING STRIKING DOWN ROE V WADE

- There was swift reaction across the state to the Supreme Court's ruling that the constitution does not confer the right to an abortion and that decisions about regulating abortion are now up to each of the 50 states.

Gov. Charlie Baker said he was "deeply disappointed" with the decision and he quickly signed an executive order to protect access to reproductive health care services in the commonwealth. "This executive order will further preserve that right and protect reproductive health care providers who serve out of state residents," said Baker. "In light of the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v Wade, it is especially important to ensure that Massachusetts providers can continue to provide reproductive health care services without concern that the laws of other states may be used to interfere with those services or sanction them for providing services that are lawful in the commonwealth."

"We are grateful for all those who never stopped fighting for the lives of the unborn," said Andrew Beckwith, the President of the Massachusetts Family Institute. "For decades, we were told this was a 'settled issue' in American law and culture, but that was a lie and the tide has turned. The legalization of abortion by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 was one of the most egregious cases of judicial activism this country has ever seen. It resulted in over sixty million dead American children and an unending contentious public debate."

"This dangerous and chilling decision will have devastating consequences across the country, forcing people to travel hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles for care or remain pregnant," said Dr. Jennifer Childs-Rosha, President of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts (PPLM). "Abortion is health care, and access to care should not be based on one's zip code, income level or identity. This is a dark day for our country, but we've been preparing for this. In Massachusetts, abortion will remain legal and protected under state law – the Court's decision does not change this, and PPLM is here for our patients today, and always."

Myrna Maloney Flynn, Massachusetts Citizens for Life's president, said, "This is a moment that life advocates have worked tirelessly for throughout the past half-century. A grave and unjust abuse of judicial power has been corrected. The American people now have a voice, a united voice

that, today, raises even louder on behalf of the voiceless. Our work is just beginning, as we aim to bridge the great cultural chasm that Roe v. Wade created. We will not stop working to save the lives of innocent unborn human beings."

"The court's ruling will have an immediate and devastating impact on people seeking abortion care in nearly half of the country, taking from them a right that has been central to their ability to plan their lives, families and careers," said Carol Rose, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Massachusetts. "These burdens will disproportionately fall on people of color, those struggling to make ends meet, young people, rural residents, immigrants and LGBTQ+ communities. And make no mistake: anti-abortion politicians won't stop here. Extremists have made it clear that they will use this ruling to press for a nationwide ban on abortion, as well as bans on birth control, gender-affirming care, and equal marriage, among other basic civil rights and liberties. The ACLU won't back down until every person has the freedom and ability to make these most personal and life-changing decisions for themselves and their families."

BAKER SIGNS ELECTION LAW BILL (S 2924) – Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law the bill making permanent the mail-in and early voting options used in Massachusetts in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. This version of the bill did not include the controversial section allowing same-day voter registration.

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; and requiring the secretary of state to conduct a comprehensive public awareness campaign to publicize the new voting and registration options.

"My office has anticipated this new law and preparations are already well underway for the September 6th state primaries," said Secretary of State Bill Galvin. "Every voter in Massachusetts can expect to receive a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid Vote by Mail application in just a few weeks. Voters who prefer to vote in

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person will be able to take advantage of expanded in-person early voting or vote at their polling place on Election Day.”

“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 co-sponsor of the measure. “In 2020, mail-in and early voting options helped generate record-breaking turnout. “[The bill] builds upon this progress and will help ensure that every voter can exercise their fundamental right to vote.”

“The [bill] will expand voter participation in Massachusetts at a time when other states are seeking to make it more difficult to participate in our democracy,” said Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem (D-Newton). “As the lead Senate sponsor of the [bill], I am very happy that the bill has now been signed into law.”

“The most secure way to vote is in person and on Election Day,” said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Mass Fiscal Alliance. “Handing over your ballot to the United States Postal Service does not guarantee your vote will count. It’s rather disappointing the governor and Democratic lawmakers are pursuing this new law which is less secure.”

In the meantime, Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons filed a lawsuit aimed at overturning the

Legislature’s passage of the part of the new law that codifies universal no-fault mail-in voting. He said that the Massachusetts Constitution lists only three instances whereby citizens can vote absentee during elections: If they’re out-of-town, physically disabled or have a religious-based conflict with Election Day.

“There’s a reason why we have three branches of government, and we’re confident that the Supreme Judicial Court will strike down and expose the Democrats’ unconstitutional permanent expansion of mail-in voting,” Lyons said.

HIT AND RUN LAWS (H 4504) – The House gave initial approval to legislation that would change a current law that imposes a fine of between \$500 and \$1,000 on any all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or other recreational vehicle driver who leaves the scene, without giving information to the driver of the other vehicle, of a hit and run accident that does not result in death. The bill would impose the same fine but would also add the possibility of a one-year prison sentence. The bill also creates a new crime of leaving the scene of an accident that results in a death and imposes up to a \$5,000 fine and/or 2.5 years in prison for that new crime.

The bill, dubbed the James Ward Act, was filed in response to the tragic death of a young man in the district of sponsor Rep. Kathy LaNatra (R-Kingston). According to LaNatra’s office, James Ward was riding ATVs with his

father and his brother. He collided with another driver, who told James’ father that he would go and get help but he never returned to the scene and went back to the party which he was attending. Sadly, the young man later succumbed to his injuries.

“I filed this legislation to prevent ATV riders from fleeing the scene of an accident and ensure that they are held accountable for their actions,” said sponsor Rep. Kathy LaNatra (R-Kingston). “I want to ensure that what the Ward family went through on that tragic day, doesn’t happen again.”

EXTEND TAX BREAKS TO MORE FARMERS (H 3059) – The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would expand current law and make more farmers eligible for a favorable valuation of property process that results in a tax break. Under current law, to be eligible for the favorable valuation and the resulting tax break, a farmer must own and be farming a minimum of five contiguous acres of land. The bill would reduce the required number to two and not require the acres to be contiguous. The bill also reduces the required acres to two in cities or towns with a population of more than 50,000.

Supporters said that farming practices have been modernized and farmers no longer need vast contiguous acreage to grow crops and manage their livestock. They noted that in Eastern Massachusetts, contiguous

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Congrtrulations!

Ida & Gennaro Fasano are honored to announce that Granddaughter Rosalynn Viola and Jorge Martinez officially tied the knot and became husband and wife in a beautiful ceremony surrounded by family and friends on June 25, 2022. We are so grateful for the love and support of everyone that celebrated with us. Best wishes to the Newlyweds.

With love,
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Somerville attorney indicted for attempting to bribe Medford Police Chief

A Somerville attorney was arrested last Friday on charges that he engaged in a scheme to bribe the Medford Chief of Police.

Sean O'Donovan, 54, was indicted on two counts of honest services wire fraud and one count of bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds. O'Donovan made an initial appearance in federal court in Boston on Friday.

"This case is about attempted corruption of government officials. I commend the Chief of Police in Medford for reporting this illegal behavior to the FBI immediately," said United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins. "We must ensure that greed and unethical conduct do not undermine the proper functioning of city governments across our Commonwealth. This prosecution does just that."

"Today, the FBI arrested attorney Sean O'Donovan for allegedly engaging in a pay-to-play scheme in which he tried to capitalize on his insider access, in attempting to bribe the Medford Police Chief, for his own financial benefit," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "It is vitally important that host community agreements be awarded through a fair and transparent process, not through back-door deals funded by bribes to those in positions of power. We believe what we have uncovered in this case is not only an affront to all the hard-working businesses that

play by the rules, but a betrayal of Mr. O'Donovan's client and the community's trust."

According to the indictment, in late 2018, a company involved in the cultivation and retail sale of medical and recreational marijuana (the Client) retained O'Donovan as a consultant to assist in obtaining a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the City of Medford. Under Massachusetts law, recreational marijuana retail establishments are required to sign an HCA with cities to obtain an operational license. In 2020, Medford established a local Cannabis Advisory Committee (CAC), composed of five Medford officials, including the Medford Chief of Police (Chief). The Medford CAC is tasked with reviewing, interviewing and ranking marijuana retail applicants on behalf of the Mayor of Medford, who has final authority to decide which applicants are selected.

It is alleged that in February 2021, O'Donovan approached Individual 1 and offered to pay Individual 1 \$25,000 to speak with the Chief about the Client's anticipated application for an HCA with Medford. Individual 1 is a close relative of the Chief and subsequently informed the Chief of O'Donovan's offer. The Chief immediately alerted federal authorities of the alleged bribe.

Over the course of the investigation, O'Donovan, believing he had an agreement with Individual 1 and the Chief, offered to



pay Individual 1 approximately \$25,000 in exchange for the Chief's favorable action on the Client's application. Specifically, O'Donovan sought to have the Chief favorably rank the Client HCA application in his role on the Medford CAC and have the Chief advising and pressuring the Mayor to enter into an HCA with the Client.

According to the indictment, O'Donovan took steps to conceal the true purpose of the planned bribe payment. For example, O'Donovan allegedly proposed falsely characterizing a payment as a loan to Individual 1 and offered to pay the bribe money in cash, stating, "If I give you cash, there will be no trace." It is further alleged that O'Donovan rejected the idea of a contract with Individual 1, explaining that he did not "think that's a good paper trail." On or about October 11, 2021, O'Donovan met with Individual 1 and allegedly provided Individual 1 with \$2,000 in cash as a down payment on the bribe.

It is further alleged that O'Donovan was slated to receive a stream of income of at least \$100,000 annually from the Client's marijuana business if its Medford application were successful.

According to the indictment, O'Donovan never informed the Client of his bribery scheme with Individual 1. In October 2021, when O'Donovan proposed that the Client hire Individual 1 as a consultant, the Client rejected the proposal and told O'Donovan that the Client was an "above board company."

The charge of honest services wire fraud provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of federal programs bribery provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determi-

nation of a sentence in a criminal case.

U.S. Attorney Rollins; Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite, Jr. of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; and FBI SAC Bonavolonta made the announcement today. The Department of Justice commends the Medford Chief of Police for immediately bringing this matter to the attention of federal law enforcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristina E. Barclay of Rollins' Public Corruption & Special Prosecutions Unit and Trial Attorney Jonathan E. Jacobson of the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section are prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

— Office of Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney's Office
District of Massachusetts

Wires down on Essex Street in Somerville

At approximately 9:00 a.m. this morning a street sweeper was caught in very low hanging wires on Essex St. The pole and live wires fell on the sweeper trapping the driver inside. A technical response by the Somerville Fire Department was dispatched. For safety reasons, Eversource was notified to shut down power in that area. The Fire Dept. was able to rescue the driver out of the truck without injury. The incident did cause damage to a parked car and several homes were left without power during that time.



COMMENTARY

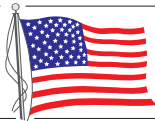
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville celebrates the 4th of July!

Our View Of The Times



The Fourth of July holds a special significance in the hearts of truly patriotic Americans. Not only is it a time to celebrate the birth of our nation, but it also happens to fall at the best time of year to make good times happen, summer.

Who among us doesn't enjoy the occasion? Who can resist the warm glow of good fellowship between friends, neighbors and families as the "birthday" of our

nation comes around?

Great memories for the future are made each year as we attend a patriotic gathering, watch some fireworks, or just take a quiet look around and realize that America is still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. There's nothing corny about these ideas. They are concepts that live and breathe as vitally today as they ever have.

For whatever exists momentarily that may divide us, there are important times like these when we can unite together in the spirit of true patriotism and national pride to celebrate the great gift of being Americans, and commemorate the sacrifices of our forebears in bringing this nation to life. We owe it to their memories to take the time to pause and reflect on what their efforts mean to us today.

Enjoy the day and remember what it stands for. That's the most important thing of all.

So take the family out this Thursday, June 30, for the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field. The entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. and the spectacular fireworks display follows. Make some patriotic memories with your loved ones this year.

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week a lot of local celebrities are celebrating their birthdays. Happy birthday to our great friend and poet **Doug Holder**, a great guy. We hope he has a great birthday for himself. Another great guy, **Len Ferrari**, of **Century 21 North East**, is celebrating this week, we wish him the best. Happy birthday, Lenny. Also this week, happy birthday to **Andy Puglia**. We wish Andy a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **James "Brian" Roche**, from a great family here in Somerville. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Peter Tsairidie**, **Leslie Phelan**, **Kristina Ann**, **Devon Moos**, **Suzan Baltozer**, **John Correia**, **Carlton Soohoo**, **Rose**

Nash, **Tamara McAllister** and **Michael Sullivan** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The city is continuing the discussion as they reimagine the landscape of Somerville's **Junction Park**. Join in for the second virtual meeting on **Wednesday, June 29**, at 6:00 p.m. to hear proposed plans, discuss future park programming, and to offer your ideas for the space. To attend the event, visit somervillema.gov/junctionpark. For additional accommodations, call 311 (617-666-3311).

Services for Somerville Police officer **Randy Isaacs** will be held on **Friday July 1**, in the **George L. Doherty Funeral Home**, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), Somerville, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. In honoring Officer Isaacs, there will be a police walk through, prior to visiting hours at 3:30 p.m. The full obituary can be found here www.dohertyfuneralservice.com

Join **All She Wrote Books** at the **East Somerville Farmer's Market**, 115 Broadway, this **Sunday, July 3**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for their sec-

ond **Drag Queen Story Hour** with local queen **Miss Bella Luna**, who will read picture books and engage in a craft activity. For the craft, they will supply families with bookmarks to color in along with color pencils/crayons/markers. Their craft activity is sponsored by the **Somerville Public Library East Branch** and **JP Licks**. Drag Queen Story Hour is a program for children ages 3 – 8 that raises awareness of gender diversity, promotes self-acceptance, and builds empathy through an enjoyable literary experience.

Due to the weather, the city's **Arbor Day event** was postponed

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. When does the summer solstice take place in the Northern Hemisphere?

2. In which year was Don Henley's song *The Boys Of Summer* released?

3. The summer's Dog Days are named after what?

4. What was the date the resolution of independence was approved?

5. What is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration held in the United States?

6. Bonfires were a tradition the night before the 4th of July, where

was the tallest bonfire ever recorded?

7. When did Comic Con start?

8. What is another name for a domestic cavy?

9. What are the small spots called occasionally seen in your field of vision?

10. What do you call a drink made up of orange juice and vodka?

11. How many languages are written from right to left?

12. Who had a line of aerobics videos called *Sweatin' to the Oldies*?

Answers on page 14

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. People used to answer the phone with "ahoy" instead of "hello."

2. The number of dimples on a regulation golf ball is 336.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
CLASSIC CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- ACROSS
- 1. Kitchen boss
 - 5. Churchill's "so few"
 - 8. Epochs
 - 12. "Watch out!" on a golf course
 - 13. East of Java
 - 14. Pinocchio's state of being
 - 15. Hard currency
 - 16. Emanation
 - 17. TV and radio
 - 18. Mr. Popper's birds
 - 20. Newspaper piece
 - 21. Like "Goosebumps Classic"
 - 22. "What?"
 - 23. Richard Scarry's Things That Go
 - 26. Oxygenate, as in lawn
 - 29. Skin cyst
 - 30. Middle Eastern meat dish, pl.
 - 33. Antonym of "yup"
 - 35. Dispatch boat
 - 37. Female sheep
 - 38. Throat infection
 - 39. Searching for E.T. org.
 - 40. "I think I can, I think I can...", e.g.
 - 42. "____ Spot run!"
 - 43. Accounting journal
 - 45. The Plaza Hotel resident of kids' book fame
 - 47. Long, long time
 - 48. Caffeine-containing nut trees
 - 50. Off-color
 - 52. Ludwig Bemelmans' Parisian boarding school resident
 - 55. Middle Eastern porter
 - 56. Movie "____ Brockovich"
 - 57. Karl of politics
 - 59. In a cold manner
 - 60. Obscenity
 - 61. Middle of March
 - 62. Fringe benefit
 - 63. Side for Green Eggs
 - 64. Put in the outbox

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- 4. Tiny fox with large ears
- 5. Two halves of a diameter
- 6. Like one in isolation cell
- 7. Evergreen trees
- 8. Babar, e.g.
- 9. Thumb-up catch
- 10. Full of enthusiasm
- 11. "The Little Mermaid" domain
- 13. Stock exchange, in Paris
- 14. Affair, to Emmanuel Macron
- 19. Michael Douglas' 1987 greedy role
- 22. "For ____ a jolly ..."
- 23. Clement Clark Moore's famous beginning
- 24. Live it up
- 25. Join forces
- 26. Aid in crime
- 27. Bodies
- 28. Athos', Porthos' and Aramis' swords
- 31. Corduroy or Paddington
- 32. Stiff grass bristle
- 34. D'Artagnan's sword
- 36. It ends, according to Shel Silverstein
- 38. North American purple berry
- 40. ____ at Work, band
- 41. Give in
- 44. Worshipful
- 46. Isis' brother and husband
- 48. Cause and effect cycle?
- 49. Abhorrence
- 50. RBG's collar, e.g.
- 51. Arabic for commander
- 52. Screen
- 53. Lymphatic swelling
- 54. Like certain Steven
- 55. Senior's fragile body part
- 58. New York time

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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OBITUARY

Randy R. Isaacs



ISAACS, Randy R. - a US Army Veteran, Active Army reserve man, Somerville Police Officer, Somerville Native Passed away unexpectedly on June 19, 2022 at the age of 41 While on the job protecting the city he loved.

Randy is survived by his Mother Sharon Nagarsingh, Father Adrian Calixte, Grand Mother Iris Sanford brother to Nicole Neale, Weldon Tucker, and Kirby Calixte, and uncle to Nariyha Angline, Natalia Villefranche, Ta Lia Tucker, and Jayden Calixte. and Several other friends and family.

Randy was born in Content York Town Jamaica, on August 14, 1980. Randy is a proud graduate of Somerville High School class of 1998, joined the US Army after

Graduating High School, and is also an alumni of UMass Boston. Randy is a 15 Year Proud Somerville police officer, and great person through and through.

Randy was a devoted Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, and friend. Randy enjoyed Family, Traveling, Work and adventure, Randy is an avid soccer fan and motor cycle rider who always had a smile on his face and could put one on anyone's face. Randy was a charismatic fun loving outgoing person who was truly a blessed soul who will Truly be missed.

Visiting hours will be held for Officer Isaacs on Friday July 1, 2022, in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, from 4:00 - 7:00.

Relatives and friends invited.

In honoring Officer Isaacs, there will be a Police walk through, prior to visiting hours at 3:30.

A Funeral Service will be held, in St. John the Evangelist Church, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Saturday morning July 2, 2022 at 10:00.

Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Dana Cooper CD Release Show at the Center for Arts at the Armory, June 29

Nashville Acclaimed Singer/Songwriter Dana Cooper has had a vast career. Starting with his first self-titled Release on Elektra Records. Dana is known for insightful storytelling and songwriting, as well as his impressive guitar and harmonica playing. A rousing musician whose performances engage and inspire audiences around the world. His CD release show with opener local band The Secret Sauce takes place on Wednesday, June 29, at the Center for Arts at the Armory. 7:00 p.m. show. \$20 admission. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/341258552517>



City reveals draft of Bicycle Network Vision

By Ryan DiLello

The City of Somerville and adjacent committees held a virtual community meeting on Thursday to discuss the latest draft of Somerville Bicycle Network Vision, a comprehensive plan to expand bike-lane accessibility and safety throughout the city.

The Bicycle Network addresses goals laid out within the Somervision 2040 initiative: to reduce emissions from personal vehicles, shift 75% of work-commutes to non-car modes, and to support the city's walking, biking, and transit commuters.

Thursday's community meeting kicked off with some results from a survey the city conducted on residents' biking habits and concerns. The study found that most Somerville cyclists choose to pedal around for the sake of utility, convenience, sustainability, and physical activity. The most common biking destinations include shops, homes, grocery stores, farmers' markets, and public parks. When asked to rate how

safe residents feel biking through Somerville, on a scale of 1-10, the average response was a 5.5.

According to the survey, the main reasons preventing residents from biking are aggressive vehicles, lack of a connected bike network, lack of protection for bikes, and dangerous intersections.

Respondents expressed the need for improved bicycle networks, better bike visibility, and smoother, more bike-friendly roads. Key areas in which bikers say they feel unsafe include Union Square, Elm Street, Somerville Ave, and Highland Ave. Dangerous intersections included McGrath Highway and Davis Square, and Teel Square.

Through the Bicycle Network, the city will designate new corridors for various bikeway facilities and improve connections within the current network. The current network spans a total 22.66 miles, with 12.7 miles of bike lanes, 5.5 miles of shared-use paths, and 4.46 miles of protected bike lanes. The infrastructure supports 13% of

current bicycle usage, providing pathways for the 8% of residents who commute via bicycle.

In sharing the latest draft of the Bicycle Network, the city announced five guiding design principles. The first was accessibility, ensuring that every cyclist in Somerville can use the bikeways. The second and third were connectivity and continuity, enabling cyclists to easily reach their destinations without any dangerous passages. Next was comfort, maximizing shade and minimizing uphill travel. And lastly, accommodating multi-modal transportation, considering the need for safe walkways and public transit access points.

The full Bicycle Network plan is available for download on the city website. The city is encouraging residents to provide feedback on the plan by reaching out to transportation@somervillema.gov or by interacting with the map directly: <https://voice.somervillema.gov/somerville-bicycle-network-plan/maps/draft-network-vision>



The latest draft of the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan.

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land is getting harder to acquire.

“Farming is changing and it is growing exceedingly difficult for new farmers to find land and for existing farmers to keep the land they have,” said the measure’s sponsor Rep. Paul Schmid (D-Westport). “This bill would extend the benefits of a favorable valuation to small plots effectively preserving far land in Massachusetts.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES – BAY STATE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION EDITION

Sen. Sonia Chang Diaz (D-Boston) dropped out of the race for the Democratic nomination for governor. Her name will still remain on the September Democratic primary ballot as June 10 was the last day a candidates can withdraw their name from the ballot. Her exit leaves Attorney General Maura Healey as the only Democrat actively campaigning for the Democratic nomination. Former Sen. Geoff Diehl and Chris Doughty are vying for the Republican nod. Here are some quotes from Chang-Diaz upon her exit from the campaign:

“I know my announcement about this campaign will feel like an ending to many of you, but I don’t see it that way. I got into this race because Beacon Hill has taken too long to address our commonwealth’s biggest challenges due to a lack of courage from our political leaders. We don’t overcome that by winning one election. We overcome it

by winning a handful and then dozens and then hundreds of elections.” — *Chang-Diaz.*

“The reality is this race has always been about more than just me. It’s been about all of us coming together and building a movement for courage and urgency in this state. A good leader calls the question and focuses resources not just on themselves—but on the best way to build our power and win real change for the long-term.” — *Chang-Diaz.*

“I’m deeply grateful to Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz for her many years of service to Massachusetts and her inspired leadership during this campaign. The legacy of her campaign will live on through the young girls who finally saw themselves represented in a candidate for the highest office in the state. I look forward to continuing to partner with Sen. Chang-Díaz to bring people together and make Massachusetts work for all of our families.” — *Maura Healey*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their

districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of June 20-24, the House met for a total of eight hours and 50 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 28 minutes.

Mon. June 20	No House session No Senate session
Tues. June 21	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:27 p.m. Senate 11:22 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Wed. June 22	No House session No Senate session.
Thurs. June 23	House 11:02 a.m. to 6:26 p.m. Senate 11:26 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.
Fri. June 24	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Cauliflower Purée

I was looking for an additional side to go along with a pork tenderloin and sautéed rainbow chard. Instead of mashed potatoes, I thought the cauliflower would be a much lighter choice. Well, that and the fact I didn’t have any potatoes in the house!

The confit garlic cloves added a softer and much sweeter garlic flavor along with a deep richness from the olive oil. It was the perfect complement to the char-grilled tenderloin and the heat brought by the red pepper flakes added to the sautéed chard. The thyme added a nice floral note that brought the whole dish together. I can also say, it’s quite delicious just on its own.

- 1 large cauliflower, cut into large florets
- 6 garlic cloves, confit or roasted
- 1/4 cup water* see note on cooking liquid
- 2 tablespoons fruity olive oil

- 1 teaspoon salt, plus extra for the cooking liquid
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, plus extra for garnish

Add 2 cups of water to a stock pot and place a steamer or trivet in the bottom of the pot. Heat the water until it’s boiling. Add a teaspoon of salt to the water. Place the large florets in the pot and cover. Cook for 15-20 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender. Remove the cauliflower, and add to a blender or food processor, reserving the cooking liquid* to be used for thinning the purée. Initially, add 1/4 cup of the cooking liquid, 1 teaspoon salt, black pepper, and olive oil to the blender or processor, and blend. If it’s too thick, add a little of the cooking liquid at a time to get the texture close to mashed potatoes. Once that’s achieved, taste and ad-



just seasoning if necessary. Fold in the thyme and transfer to a serving bowl. Garnish with a thyme sprig or theme leaves.

Serves 4.
Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.

'KAIT' Review: An allegory for trans civil rights

By Mina Rose Morales

KAIT, a play produced at The Rockwell, is an example of what the present looks like in the future while exploring trans rights, oppression, power, love, and sexuality themes faced by minority women. The play brilliantly shines a light on the conversations we will still face in the future if society continues to attack trans women and other minority women.

The drama played from June 23 to June 25 at The Rockwell, 255 Elm St. It will run again from July 14 to July 16 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Playwright Rebecca Petchenik

crafted a compelling story about an animatronic sex doll that was programmed to love and have intimacy with her owner but kills him because he is abusive. The play takes place in the near future.

"It's an allegory for trans civil rights, in the immediate, as in what's happening now in Texas and all that, but it's also a parable and histography of the civil rights movement, which is why we casted the way we did," said Petchenik during a private interview after the play.

Kait is a play, "written, directed, and produced by trans women," according to Ari Sylvin, who plays Judge Kravits for some per-

formances.

Throughout the play, Kait, the sex doll played by Clara Tan, baffles everyone around her. How could a robot doll kill its owner? She was programmed to love her owner. The doll's original programmer, played by Chinedu Ibiam, and her attorney, played by Imani Powell, attempt to rescue her from everyone who wants to own and study her.

Kait tries to prove she is a real woman with feelings. When her lawyers help her prove her humanity, she faces the harsh realities that come along with being a minority woman in society.

"I am a real girl," said Kait towards the end of the play.



Playwright Rebecca Petchenik at The Rockwell on Friday, June 24.



Genevieve speaking to Kait for the first time.



Kait speaking with her lawyer, Eleanor, and Genevieve, her programmer, about her case.

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Wednesday, June 29
8:00 AM SHS Baseball vs Lynn Classical
10:00 AM SHS Baseball vs Medford
12:00 PM ESCS Moving On Ceremony 2022
1:30 PM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
2:00 PM WSNS Moving On Ceremony
3:00 PM Healey School Moving On 2022
4:00 PM el Sistema Spring Concert
5:00 PM Brown School Spring Concert
6:00 PM SHS Baseball vs Lynn Classical
8:00 PM SHS Baseball vs Medford
10:00 PM ESCS Moving On Ceremony 2022

Thursday, June 30
12:00 AM WSNS Moving On Ceremony
1:00 AM Healey School Moving On 2022
2:00 AM el Sistema Spring Concert
3:00 AM Brown School Spring Concert
8:00 AM SHS Class Day 2022
10:00 AM SHS Volleyball vs Medford
11:03 AM SHS Volleyball vs Chelsea
12:00 PM Boys Intramural B-ball Championship 2022
1:00 PM Girls Intramural B-ball Championship '22
2:00 PM SHS Graduation 2022
3:30 PM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
4:00 PM SCALE Graduation 2022
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Friday, July 1
12:00 AM SHS Graduation 2022

1:30 AM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
2:00 AM SCALE Graduation 2022
3:00 AM Healey School Moving On 2022
8:00 AM Boys Intramural B-ball Championship 2022
9:00 AM Girls Intramural B-ball Championship '22
10:00 AM Next Wave Graduation 2022
11:00 AM SCALE Graduation 2022
12:00 PM Full Circle Graduation 2022
1:30 PM WSNS Spring Sing Concert
3:00 PM Argenziano 5-8 Spring Concert
3:30 AM Argenziano pre K-4th Grade Concert
4:05 PM SHS Graduation 2022
5:30 PM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
6:00 PM Boys Intramural B-ball Championship 2022
7:00 PM Girls Intramural B-ball Championship '22
8:00 PM Next Wave Graduation 2022

Saturday, July 2
12:40 AM SHS Volleyball Playoff vs GLT
2:00 AM SHS Baseball vs Plymouth South
3:30 AM SHS Softball vs Everett
8:00 AM Next Wave Graduation 2022
9:00 AM Kennedy School Spring Concert
9:30 AM ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert
10:00 AM Spring String Fling
10:30 AM ESCS K-5 Spring Concert
11:00 AM WHCS K-3 Spring Concert
11:30 AM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
12:00 PM WSNS Spring Sing Concert
1:30 PM SHS Baseball vs LE
4:00 PM Vocational Awards Banquet 2022
5:00 PM SHS Graduation 2022

6:30 PM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
7:00 PM Next Wave Graduation 2022
8:00 PM Kennedy School Spring Concert
8:30 PM ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert
9:00 PM Spring String Fling

Sunday, July 3
12:30 AM SHS Baseball vs LE
12:00 AM Vocational Awards Banquet 2022
4:00 AM SHS Graduation 2022
8:00 AM Healey School Moving On 2022
9:00 AM Brown School Spring Concert
10:00 AM WSNS Moving On Ceremony
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Monday, July 4
12:00 AM Boys Intramural B-ball Championship 2022
1:00 AM Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
1:30 AM Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
8:00 AM SHS Class Day 2022
9:30 AM SHS Graduation 2022
11:00 AM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert

11:30 AM Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
12:00 PM Brown School Spring Concert
1:00 PM Next Wave Graduation 2022
2:00 PM Boys Intramural B-ball Championship 2022
3:00 PM Girls Intramural B-ball Championship '22
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6:30 PM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
7:00 PM SHS Class Day 2022
8:30 PM SHS Graduation 2022
10:00 PM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
10:30 PM Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
11:00 PM Brown School Spring Concert

Tuesday, July 5
12:00 AM WSNS Spring Sing Concert
1:10 AM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
1:30 AM ESCS Moving On Ceremony 2022
8:00 AM SCALE Graduation 2022
9:00 AM WSNS Moving On Ceremony
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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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Registration
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Webinar ID: 532-871-107

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ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2022.26 – 1 Westwood Road

Applicant: Somerville Historical Society dba Somerville Museum
Owner: Somerville Museum
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by enclosing windows, installing fencing and hardscape.

HPC.ALT 2022.25 – 37 Albion Street

Applicant: Newpro Home Improvement Solutions
Owner: Genevieve Daly
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing existing windows.

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

HPC.DMO 2022.26 – 71 School Street

Applicant: Ji Shi
Owner: Same as Applicant
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.27 – 14 White Street Place

Applicant: Tim Curley
Owner: Tom Cooke, Personal Representative, Estate of Francis Cooke
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

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

HPC.DMO 2022.18 – 233 Tremont Street

Applicant: John F. Reilly
Owner: John F. Reilly and Liese Reilly, Trustees of the Reilly Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.23 – 12 Woodbine Street

Applicant: North America Development LLC, Bruna Rossetti
Owner: 12 Woodbine, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.24 – 90 School Street

Applicant: Ralph Malin
Owner: 90 School St Realty Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

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

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Webinar ID: 165-220-915

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (213) 929-4212
Access code: 538-197-816

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

- 205 Beacon Street** Property owner 717-719 Washington Street, LLC, is constructing a by-right 4-story Apartment Building in the UR zoning district and seeks relief from the façade build out requirement for properties abutting an NR zoning district, which requires a Hardship Variance.
- 14 Sycamore Street** David Smith and Jeanne Riley seek relief from the required side setbacks with the addition of a front driveway access in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Variance.
- 515 Somerville Avenue** YEM Somerville Ave LLC seeks to edit Condition #37 to strike the language "cast light downward" from ZBA 2018-122 decision for a hotel in the MR4 district.

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

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

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids for Laundry Equipment Purchase, set -up, and Maintenance at various State and Federally aided elderly housing developments owned and operated by the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Purchasing Manager.

Contract term is 3 years and are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, inclusive.

General Bids will be received until **11:00 A.M., July 20, 2022**, and publicly opened forthwith, at Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for download from our web site www.sha-web.org under our Bid opportunities tab on **July 6, 2022, 11:00 a.m.** There will be no charge for these documents. If bidding, you must email/register with Anthony Crespo, at tonyc@sha-web.org and leave a contact information Identify email as Laundry Equipment P-Laundry072022 purchase. Addendum/s will be posted on web-site and will become part of the Contract Documents.

Bids can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Attn.: Anthony Crespo, Laundry Equipment # P-Laundry072022 Purchase/Maintenance 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 and must be received by the time and date specified.

A walk through is scheduled for **July 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** at SHA Administrative Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 Please contact Anthony Crespo at 617/625-1152 Extension 336 if you plan on attending.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #22-64

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

Brown School Schoolyard Improvements

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **06/30/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **07/21/2022 2:00PM EST**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact PCS Department at procurement@somervillema.gov for more information.

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| 5. Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island | 10. Screwdriver |
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Greystar launches life science development at 74 Middlesex Ave.

Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC ("Greystar"), a global leader in the investment, development, and management of commercial properties and rental housing, throughout the world and locally in Greater Boston, formalized its entry into the life sciences sector with the start of vertical construction of 74 Middlesex Avenue ("74M").

74M and future projects in planning will strengthen the emerging life sciences cluster forming in the bustling Assembly Square district, which already includes more than a million square feet of permitted projects, and are part of Greystar's long-term growth strategy.

Greystar executives, including Managing Director, Development Gary Kerr, ceremoniously gathered alongside City of Somerville officials and the Mystic View Task Force to celebrate the launch where they released renderings of 74M, which can be viewed at https://www.dropbox.com/s/9guqroyve9wnpac/One-Drive_1_6-23-2022.zip?dl=0.

Set to deliver in Spring 2024 and located at 74 Middlesex Avenue, 74M is a 465,000 square-foot, 15-story life science building intelligently designed by

Elkus Manfredi Architects.

The purpose-built lab development incorporates elements for the next generation of tenants, targeting LEED Platinum, WELL Platinum, WiredScore Platinum, and SmartScore certification.

Tenants of 74M will benefit from a vibrant, transit-oriented location and best-in-class amenities including an expansive 2,000 square-foot rooftop terrace, conference/function rooms, a health and wellness center, ground floor retail, dedicated bicycle storage/entrance, and unobstructed views of the Boston/Cambridge skyline and Mystic River.

The building is prominently positioned as a new link between the Assembly Square and East Somerville neighborhood, offering tenants immediate access to 1,500+ residential units, an award-winning hotel, and a series of restaurants, bars, and retail destinations. It also offers immediate proximity to the Assembly MBTA Orange Line station and unparalleled visibility adjacent to I-93.

"74M is an important milestone for Greystar's long-term growth strategy as our first life science venture. We look forward to delivering a high-quality de-

velopment that will serve next generation tenant needs," said Gary Kerr, Managing Director, Development at Greystar. "Greystar's global growth and success is a product of our focus on top-notch talent and a commitment to quality and the communities we operate in. We are applying this same approach to our life science vertical and are excited to put our strategic vision for this sector into action. There is strong demand for life science space, and we are focused on ensuring Assembly Square is a sought-after location for companies seeking to innovate in a cluster of like-minded peers."

In choosing Assembly Square as home to the first development in their new life science vertical, Greystar has committed to the neighborhood with a sizeable financial and strategic investment. This includes the concurrent construction of a new neighborhood park located directly south of the building at 0 Kensington Avenue.

The neighborhood park will deliver an accessible, sustainable, and multi-generational public space that will serve as a gateway into the Assembly Square neighborhood and will provide generous pedestrian and bicycle in-



The 465,000 square-foot, purpose-built lab and office building, targeting LEED Platinum, WELL Platinum, WiredScore Platinum, and SmartScore certification, will contribute to the Assembly Square district's emerging life sciences cluster.

— Rendering by Binyan

frastructure that connects Foley Street to the Kensington Underpass, and the Stop and Shop and Garfield Avenue neighborhood to the west.

"It's been so exciting over the last few years to welcome new development partners like Greystar who are excited about Somerville and are ready to live up to the high standards we've set as a community," said Tom Galligani, Director of Economic Development of the City of Somerville. "What they will do over the next 24 months will be spectacular. They're going to build a brand-new signature park that will be a critical component of our connection of existing neighborhoods in East Somerville to the vibrancy and life that's here in Assembly Square."

Greystar is a leading, fully integrated real estate company offering expertise in investment management, development, and management of rental housing properties globally.

Headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, with a local office of almost 30 employees at 1 Federal St. Boston that is led by Managing Director, Devel-

opment, Gary Kerr, Greystar is an established leader in the local development space having built a development pipeline of \$3 billion in just 3.5 years.

Throughout Greater Boston, the company owns/manages 64 residential properties in addition to building more than 2,000 units and is embarking on significant life science developments in Somerville including: 74M, a 465,000 square-foot lab building, and future planned project which support the emergence of an innovation cluster in Assembly Square.

Most recently, Greystar is investing \$730 million in Everett's Commercial Triangle through a trio of residential developments that support the city's redevelopment plans. Greystar is also active in one of Boston's most revered neighborhoods, the Back Bay's Back Village, where it is approaching the completion of 212 Stuart.

The company is active in multiple sectors, including life science and collegiate, multifamily, corporate, and senior housing. It is the largest operator of apartments in the United States.



(L to R): Ryan Souls, Director, Development at Greystar; Emil Hoogendoorn, Senior Director, Construction at Greystar; Gary Kerr, Managing Director, Development at Greystar; Tom Galligani, Director of Economic Development of the City of Somerville; Courtney Kirk, Senior Planner, City of Somerville Public Space & Urban Forestry; Mikyoung Kim, Founding Principal at Mikyoung Kim Design; Wig Zamore, Mystic View Task Force; Christina Audet, Associate, Development at Greystar; Brittney Madej, Director, Construction at Greystar.

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Somerville woman selected as New England Patriots' 2022 Myra Kraft MVP

For the past 25 years, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation have been recognizing volunteers for going above and beyond to give back to their communities through the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program. Formerly known as the Community Quarterback Awards, this volunteer recognition was renamed in 2011 in memory of Myra Kraft.

On Wednesday, June 8, Dr. Grace Chen was among 26 volunteers recognized for their contributions at an awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. In total, \$275,000 in donations were distributed to the nonprofits represented by each volunteer. Twenty-five organizations each received \$10,000, and the Grimes King Foundation for the Elderly received this year's grand prize of \$25,000.

"Of all the community initiatives we support through the Patriots Foundation, this was always Myra's favorite and I am proud that we continue to honor her legacy of volunteerism by recognizing the amazing work of dozens of volunteers each year," said Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. "She loved meeting all of the honorees and hearing their heartwarming stories of volunteerism. There are so many

people doing great things in our communities. It restores all faith in humanity. We enjoyed reviewing this year's applications and selecting the 26 dedicated individuals that are helping to make the world a better place."

Gillette, a longtime supporter of the New England Patriots and a cornerstone partner of the Patriots Foundation, served as the presenting sponsor for this year's program. On hand to congratulate the award winners were Robert Kraft, President of Kraft Family Philanthropies Josh Kraft, Patriots, College and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett and John Claughton, VP of Grooming, North America, Procter & Gamble.

"This program has always been my family's favorite charitable initiative," said Josh Kraft. "Each year, we read hundreds of heart-felt stories of volunteerism and we are honored to celebrate those who go above and beyond to help others. We were excited to partner with our good friends at Gillette for this year's program and appreciate their shared commitment to building stronger New England communities."

"As a long-time witness of the great and positive impact the



Procter & Gamble's VP of Grooming, North America, John Claughton (far left), Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett congratulate Grace Chen of Somerville, Mass. for being selected as a 2022 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. — Photos courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots

Kraft family has had on the New England community, Gillette could not be more proud to share in honoring Myra's legacy as the presenting sponsor of the Myra Kraft MVP Awards," said John Claughton. "Joined by the same drive to be a force for good for the communities we serve, Gillette looks forward to supporting all the honorees and volunteers that continue the work Myra so passionately championed."

Grace Chen of Somerville, Mass. was recognized as one of this year's honorees and present-

ed with a \$10,000 donation for Camp Casco.

For the past eight years, Camp Casco has been providing memorable experiences for children battling cancer. Grace has been with the nonprofit since their first camp session in 2015.

"It's an incredible honor to receive the Myra Kraft Community MVP Award for my work at Camp Casco," said Grace. "This award means we can continue offering amazing summer camp experiences for childhood cancer patients and survivors and creating resources for the entire family."

Grace wears many hats at Camp Casco, serving on the Board of Directors, planning fun and memorable activities for every camp session, and remaining a top fundraiser year after year. Most importantly, she is a favorite amongst the campers and brings a magical camp spirit that ensures a positive experience for all children.

"I've been involved with the Casco family for eight amazing years, and it's been the greatest and most rewarding experience of my life," said Grace. "I'm so grateful for Camp Casco for allowing me to be a part of their journey. I can honestly and easily say that

camp makes my heart happy, and to be recognized for being a part of this fantastic organization that truly cares about the children and families we serve is the greatest honor I could ever receive."

The 2022 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 15 to 85 years old and represent every New England state. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, domestic violence prevention, healthcare, homelessness, mentoring and military support.

Since its inception, the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program has recognized more than 450 volunteers and donated more than \$3 million to support nonprofit organizations across New England.

The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received more than 250 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open each spring and the awards are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region.

For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit www.patriots.com/community.



Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, President of Kraft Family Philanthropies Josh Kraft, Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett, Procter & Gamble's VP of Grooming, North America, John Claughton and Procter & Gamble's VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley take a group photo with the 2022 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners on the Gillette Stadium field.

Cambridge Health Alliance awarded \$500,000 Cummings Grant

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north communities, 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 Cambridge-based organization was chosen from a total of 580 applicants during a competitive review process and will receive \$500,000 over 10 years.

The grant will create employment opportunities and career pathways for diverse youth and young adults by developing a workforce development curriculum that includes internships and mentoring by health professionals. Under the leadership of the Community Health Youth Initiatives program, the funding will increase CHA's capacity to develop a targeted curriculum, improve hiring and onboarding processes to be more accessible for this population, and significantly impact communities where immigrants, first-generation youth, and young adults need a structured program that truly leads to increased employment opportunities.

"The need now is to build on our successful community and after-school youth programming, and expand career pipeline opportunities for young people growing up in communities such as Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Malden to address the difficulties many of these young people face in finding gainful, career-oriented employment," said Susie Posner-Jones, CHA's chief development officer.

"This training project will help close gaps in equitable access to the field of healthcare and result in helping to create an even more diverse CHA workforce

that is representative of our communities and able to offer more culturally and linguistically supportive care for our populations," said Jaime Lederer, CHA's director of community health youth initiatives.

"Our volunteers bring diverse backgrounds and perspectives, which is so critical to our grant selection process..."

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



In the Revere Career Pathways Program this year, ten Revere High School students learned about the many career opportunities in the field of health, received mentorship, and provided input into the program for future youth leaders. The Cummings grant will help CHA implement additional training opportunities through its Community Health Youth Initiatives program.

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."

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

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings and is 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 cummingsfoundation.org.

Cambridge Health Alliance is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north communities. CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care and mental health/substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations. It includes two hospital campuses, a network of primary care and specialty practices and the Cambridge Public Health Dept. CHA patients have seamless access to advanced care through the system's affiliation with Beth Israel Lahey Health. CHA is a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate and is also affiliated with Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Virtual classes are offered Mondays at 11 am via Zoom.

Chi Kung – Six week session – continuing Friday, July 1, 8 and 15 at the Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Class will begin with meditation, breathing exercises and basic warm up movements. Most Chi King exercises can be done in a seated or standing position and focus on strengthening balance. RSVP or find out more information by calling Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email Chris at CKowaleski@Somerville.gov.

Coffee & Conversation – Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – At the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.). Meet people from all over the world as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Men's Group – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Hol-

land Street Center. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert at ndeamato@hotmail.com.

Bowling – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Flatbreads Company / Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. For more information or to sign up please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at Dhiggins@Somervillema.gov. Face coverings are required.

Fireworks! – Thursday evening, June 30, Trum Field, transportation available. If you would like to join the COA reserved seating area, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

EXERCISE

Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

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RCN = 13/Comcast = 22

The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected via our Facebook page - often updated by Debby Higgins or Maureen Bastardi. Informative, entertaining, lots of photos and updates. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCOA/>

Follow the Somerville Council on Aging on

Instagram – You can find us under the Instagram

handle: somervillecouncilonaging If you have any questions or need help following us, contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email her at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

If you would like to become part of our Google Group, please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

The Council on Aging is excited to announce the return of our Senior Transportation Program. The COA will be offering free taxi rides to Somerville residents over the age of 60. Rides are available to go to the grocery store, farmer's market, pharmacy in Somerville and routine medical appointments in the surrounding communities. To best accommodate the needs of everyone in the City and to maximize the use of our funding, we will be capping the number of rides per week. To ensure the health and welfare of every resident of Somerville, exemptions will be made for chemotherapy and radiation appointments. To find out more information or to schedule your ride, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. All rides must be booked two business days in advance. This program is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



What is Uncle Sam's favorite snack?
Fire crackers.

On This Day in History

June 29

1652 – Massachusetts declares itself an independent commonwealth.

1767 – The British parliament passes the Townshend Revenue Act, levying taxes on America.

1880 – France annexes Tahiti.

1888 – Professor Frederick Treves performs the first appendectomy in England.

1905 – Russian troops intervene as riots erupt in ports all over the country, leaving many ships looted.

1917 – The Ukraine proclaims independence from Russia.

1926 – Fascists in Rome add an hour to the work day in an economic efficiency measure.

1950 – President Harry S. Truman authorizes a sea blockade of Korea.

1970 – U.S. troops pull out of Cambodia.

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Kiwanis Legion of Honor luncheon

On Thursday, June 16, the Kiwanis Club of Somerville held their annual Legion of Honor luncheon.

This year, three members were honored for a combined 115 years of membership, serving the children and senior residents of our city.

Joseph C. Benoit and Ross E. Blouin were each recognized for 40 years of service and Distinguished Past President/Recording Secretary James A. Lynch was honored for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Kiwanis Club. Ross Bloiun was unable to attend the meeting.



Pictured here, DPP James Lynch, President Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa and Joseph Benoit.

If you would like to join us and become a member, please visit our web page, www.somervillekiwanis.org.



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until **Wednesday, July 6** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Urban trees hold many essential roles in our city – from cleaning our air and making it cooler, to providing habitat for wildlife, lowering stress levels, and much more. Celebrate Somerville’s urban forest this Arbor Day at **Nathan Tufts Park**, 850 Broadway. Learn about our local urban forest, welcome newly planted trees in the park, make leaf art, and take home free native plant seedlings.

The **City of Somerville**, **City of Cambridge (Official)**, and the **Massachusetts Water Resources Authority** are partnering to address combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to protect public health and improve local water resources, including the **Mystic River**, **Alewife Brook**, and the **Charles River**. Join in at a virtual meeting on **Wednesday, June 29**, at 6:00 p.m. to learn about the water quality of nearby rivers, share how you use local water resources, and have a voice in potential improvements. Interpretation will be available into Portuguese, Spanish, Amharic, and Bengali. For more information and to register to attend, go to somervillema.gov/cso.

The **Somerville Homeless Coalition** needs 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 a **vaccine clinic** on **Wednesday 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** locations 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.

Somerville Theatre's Crystal Ballroom is holding a **Pop-Punk Pizza Party** on **July 2**, 55 Davis Sq. **DJ Coach** will be spinning all your favorite pop punk and emo. 18+ to enter with valid ID, 21+ to drink. No cover. Pizza and drinks avail-

able for purchase. Music and doors at 8:30 p.m.

Starting **July 13**, a new **Housing Stability Notification Act amendment** will require landlords to provide tenants with information about their rights and resources at the start of all new housing rentals, rather than only when pursuing eviction. Anyone facing displacement or needing housing assistance is urged to contact the **Office of Housing Stability** at 617-625-6600 ext. 2581. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/ohs

On **July 9 and August 3** from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., the **Growing Center**, 22 Vinal Ave, will turn itself into a **garden cafe**. A place where you can come relax, read a book, meet a friend and, of course, become a budding artist. The **Budding Artist Cafe** will provide a variety of drawing materials at each of its cafe tables so that anyone can draw or create their own artwork inspired by the garden. The Budding Artist Cafe will also have a featured art project each month, led by a local artist, and centered on natural themes such as painting with brushes made out of branches and grasses; pressing flowers and leaves; and nature journaling.

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 October 29**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the **Union Square Farmers Market** takes place at **66-70 Union Sq**. visit: <https://www.union-squaremain.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.

STEAM at the Library, **Wednesday July 6**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Join Somerville resident and science educator **Jessica Garrett** for hands-on **STEAM programs**. Intended for ages 7-12. Registration for these events are required at <https://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/calendar>.

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OFF THE SHELF

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'Joe the Salamander'

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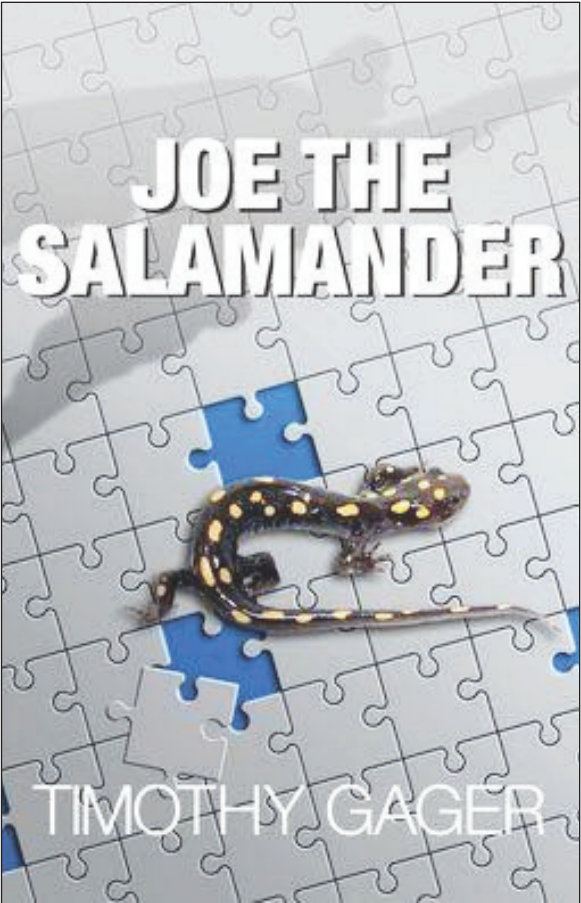
Joe the Salamander
by Timothy Gager
Golden Antelope Press
\$19.95

At first glance it may seem that a novel about an autistic boy and his struggles, might not be a ripe subject for fiction. After all, this population is characterized by repetitive behaviors, and non-verbal communication, hardly the stuff for rich dialogue, and action-filled pages. But in Tim Gager's latest novel, *Joe the Salamander*, the author brings an autistic boy named Joe alive, and follows him from a newly-slapped baby to his maturation as a man.

This is a survival story in many respects because if Joe can't adjust to a hostile environment, he would be doomed to be some ward of the state or even worse. Often the sins of our fathers are passed on, and as it happened Joe's dad Adrian is autistic as well, and doesn't have enough distance from the disorder to help his son. The women in his life – Millie his mother, and Laurie, a caring nurse – are the stalwarts in Joe's travails.

Gager, who is a social worker, and who once worked out of a state office in Davis Square, Somerville, brings his knowledge of this disorder to the forefront. We experience the agonizing and grinding progress of Joe; we are able to get a fascinating look at his skewed thought process, and his profound confusion with emotion.

Joe, when he was a young kid, often adorned a Superman costume. This is a great conceit Gager brings into play. The use of an all-powerful, flying superhero, transcending the fray – saving the day – breaking the nefarious bubble that surrounds our protagonist



is inspired.
Not to give anything up, but in the end Gager ties things up beautifully.
Gager, to my mind brings the skills of a clinician to fiction, but this is not a dry, clinical work. Having worked in the mental health field at McLean Hospital for 37 years, this book rings powerfully true for me. This book is an accomplished work of fiction, but it should be required reading for aspiring mental health professionals, as well.

Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

Arctic explorer-writer-mycologist Lawrence Millman is the author of 18 books, including such titles as *Last Places*, *A Kayak Full of Ghosts*, *Fungipedia*, *Fascinating Fungi of New England*, *At the End of the World*, *Goodbye, Ice*, and the forthcoming *The Last Speaker of Bear*. He has made 15 trips to Greenland, but has never been to Rome (Rome, New York – once). Note: *A Greenlandic Meal* is from *Goodbye, Ice*.



A GREENLANDIC MEAL

A platter of seal liver and walrus fat
with a wide dish of berries
Nerillusuarisi! says my Inuit host
which means bon appetit
in his richly guttural tongue
I mispronounce the word
half a dozen times
so I ask him to write it down
but he shakes his head
Words are living things, he says,
and we imprison them
by putting them on paper
just like we imprison a bird
by putting it in a cage

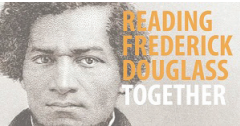
Poor words! I say to myself
even as I lock a bunch of them
in this cage

— Lawrence Millman

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:
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Reading Frederick Together at Bow Market

The Somerville Museum and Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) are pleased to announce they will host a Reading Frederick Douglass event on Thursday, June 30 at 4:30pm at Bow Market.



Alongside Somerville Museum and CAAS, Mass Humanities announced grants to 20 nonprofits to host public readings and discussions of Frederick Douglass' famous speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" this summer across Massachusetts.

To RSVP for this event and stay up to date on details and information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reading-frederick-douglass-together-at-bow-market-tickets-365997146317>

For the full list of sites happening this summer, go to: <https://masshumanities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-updated-RFDT-list.pdf>.

Organizations interested in learning about future grants should follow Mass Humanities on social media at masshumanities.org/grants/ and visit their website: <https://masshumanities.org/grants/>

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