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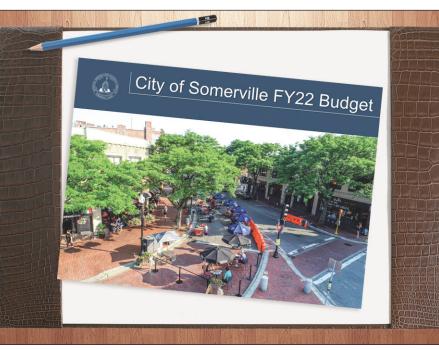
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Mayor Curtatone presents FY22 Budget to City Council in special meeting



The City of Somerville FY22 Budget was formally presented to the City Council by Mayor Curtatone at a special meeting on June 3, setting the stage for the usual discussions, debates, and compromises to come.

By Joe Creason

On June 3, the City Council held a special meeting to discuss the 2022 fiscal year budget. Mayor Joseph Curtatone began the meeting with his budget presentation requesting the appropriation of \$270,088,117 to the FY22 General Fund.

"It's been a challenging year, we lost 86 souls, lives were turned upside down, businesses were disrupted, and the emotional distress of isolation took its toll," Curtatone said.

In addition to the suffering at a human level, Somerville experienced significant losses from a financial standpoint with revenues from the state, fines and forfeits along with licenses and permits down 13%, 49%, and 7% respectively. Major losses can also be seen in parking meter receipts with a drop of 42% and excise tax with a drop of 23%. *Continued on page 4*

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'Last Look Show' keeps tradition alive

By Rachael Hines

Somerville Open Studios (SOS) "Last Look Show" debuted on Saturday, June 5, at the Somerville Museum. The show, which features the works of local artists, will run till June 27. The hours will be Thursdays 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Entrance to the exhibit is free of charge, though the Somerville Museum always accepts donations.

The show is a reimagining of the annual "First Look Show," which showcases the work of local artists in April and May. Complications arose around planning the event this year, due to both COVID-19 restrictions and the ongoing construction at the Somerville Museum. In addition to being scheduled later than usual, the show was reduced in size. Instead of the typical 150+ pieces, 65 will be displayed in just one room. "It's really just a snapshot," said SOS volunteer Mara Brod. "This year is about keeping the tradition alive."



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Somerville Open Studios' "Last Look Show" will be featuring the works of local artists at the Somerville Museum through June 27.





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We heard that an accident happened at Central St, and Highland Ave. around 12:15 a.m. early Monday morning that involved a Fire Rescue truck and another vehicle as they were responding to a call to West Somerville. There were reports of extension damage. We hope all involved are doing OK.

Celebrate Pride in Somerville this month at the city's annual flag raising and Big Gay Dance Party. First, join Mayor Curtatone and the Somerville High School Gender and Sexuality Awareness Alliance (GSA) on Wednesday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m. to raise the Pride flag in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month and LGBTQ+ Youth Pride. The ceremony will take place on the City Hall concourse at 93 Highland Avenue. Mayor Curtatone, Somerville LGBTQ+ Liaison Jack Treanor, Somerville High School teacher and GSA Advisor Julia Post, and a GSA student representative will speak at the event. Later in the week, the Big Gay Dance Party returns to Union Square Plaza with a "Coming Out ... from Quarantine" theme. This free outdoor dance party will feature music by DJ Frenchy, drag performances by Amanda Playwith and JP, an art installation by Nate Devarie, and more. Join the festivities on Friday, June 11, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. (rain date: June 18). Both events are open to all members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Somerville Pride celebrations are sponsored by Mayor Joe Curtatone, the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and the Health and Human Services Department.

Please join the City of Somerville and the Somerville Bicycle Committee for a one-hour virtual workshop called Bike Network Planning: Lessons for Somerville. This workshop will be led by Mike Lydon, an internationally recognized planner, writer, speaker, and advocate for livable cities. Lydon is a principal at the design firm Street Plans and is working with Somerville as it develops its approach for planning a citywide bike network. This presentation will introduce the Continued on page 7



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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of June 9 – June 15 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Č	Wednesday June 9	Partly Cloudy	85°/65°	25%	18%	NE 8 mph
Č	Thursday June 10	Partly Cloudy	72°/58°	11%	8%	ENE 11 mph
	Friday June 11	Partly Cloudy	68°/57°	24%	17%	ESE 11 mph
Ť	Saturday June 12	Partly Cloudy	69°/56°	23%	16%	E 13 mph
Č	Sunday June 13	Partly Cloudy	78°/59°	8%	5%	S 12 mph
Č	Monday June 14	Partly Cloudy	76°/58°	23%	15%	S 10 mph
÷	Tuesday June 15	Rain	73°/59°	29%	19%	NNE 9 mph

TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Get the papers, the papers!

joe says:

nice article jim

Greg Cantwell says:

I'm 63 and did not grow up in Somerville, but up in Andover/Lawrence area. My son recently moved into Somerville, so I've been reading The Somerville Times on occasion. These articles by Mr. Del Ponte are great. They give me a sense not only of the Somerville community, but in general a sense of the times of growing up in the area in the 60's and 70's. An added benefit is that he is a good writer.

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Workshop for Landlords and Realtors: How Section 8 can work for you

Somerville landlords and realtors are invited to join the city's Office of Housing Stability for a virtual workshop about the benefits of renting to Section 8 tenants.

Learn how Section 8 ensures stable rental income, how higher payment standards can lead to higher rent receipts, and how landlords and realto can qualify for additional incentive payments and technical support through the city's SomerVIP program.



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This event is Thursday, June 24, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/ OHS.

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local laws, masks and social distancing are still required inside the museum. Be advised that due to construction, there are currently no bathrooms available to the public.

Anyone interested in art or volunteering with SOS in the future can contact domore@somervilleopenstudios.org, or visit their website at www.somervilleopenstudios.org. "We're looking for anyone who wants to get involved, really to any degree. We have committees for planning, for publicity, for graphics." said SOS board member

and volunteer Terry Dovidio.

Dovidio also says there is currently a reception planned for the exhibit on June 20, from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. While in years past the reception was for artists and their close friends, this year the reception will be open to all.

Although the museum is not normally open on Sundays, they are making an exception for this exhibit so that everyone has a chance to enjoy it. The Somerville Museum is located at 1 Westwood Rd., in Somerville.

Life in the will by Jimmy Del Ponte All America City 1972



1972 was a good year for Somerville. The city celebrated its Centennial and they also won the All America City award. There was a lot to be hap-

py about.

In 1972, Nixon was re-elected for a second term beating the hippie's candidate George McGovern. (I was a fullfledged hippie back then, not happy about Nixon.)

In 1972, the price for a house was around \$7,375. A new car would cost you about \$2,072 and gas was 55 cents a gallon. On television, we were watching Hawaii Five -O, All in The Family, and Sanford and Son.

Most of our favorite places were still up and running, like Todi's Sub Shop in Ball Square (Todi's mother made homemade sauce) and Somerville Lumber. Steve's Ice Cream was just one year away from opening in 1973. The train still ran through Somerville before it became the bike trail. Remember stopping at the railroad crossing on College Ave. and counting the cars? I was having a great time in the summer of 1972. I was 19 years old and a freshman at Emerson College. A lot of my friends who got kept back from SHS graduated in 1972. We went to our own graduation parties in '71, and a few more in '72.

Somerville elected a new mayor in 1970. S. Lester Ralph and his administration was supposed to clear City Hall of the embarrassing corruption of previous years. From the web: "Ralph is credited with revitalizing the city through infrastructure and public parks projects and helped bring the Red Line to Somerville, boosting the Davis Square area. His work paid off in 1972 when Somerville was awarded the All America City Award."

The original Somerfest was up and running in 1972. Somerville bands per-



All America City 1972 bumper sticker.

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Kids celebrating Somerville's centennial with Mayor S. Lester Ralph, 1972.

formed on blocked off streets, sometimes on stages. My band, Shadowfax, played in front of our house, my aunt's house on Josephine Ave., and my grandma's house on Elmwood St. A huge concert at Powder House Park featured three bands, Shadowfax, Dillinger, and Zenophon. What a crowd! Somerville was Woodstock for one day. Somerfest is also where I met my pal Big Sal Q.

The vintage bumper sticker says, "we the people take pride." True that.

Somerville went on to win the All America City Award again in 2009 and 2015. I was with the 2009 team (see photo)

S. Lester Ralph got the ball rolling for important changes to Somerville from 1970 to 1978. In 1980 we elected Eugene C. Brune, and for the next ten years he really went to town. Somerville was coming into its own with changes that we still enjoy today, like The Red Line extension. Gene Brune was the best mayor in Somerville's history.

In 1972 we would enjoy a Saturday afternoon of walking to the Bal A Rou (in Meffa!), skating for a while (no skating backwards), and cross the street to Kemp's Hamburgers to pig out. Then at night we would hop in the trunk and head for the Meadow Glen Drive- In.

But first I'd pop over to Bradlees on Somerville Ave. to buy a pair of Wrangler Jeans for \$12, preferably bell bottoms. Hopefully, Roma bakery across the street would have the HOT BREAD sign on. 1972 was a good year for Somerville.



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Home invader was the upstairs neighbor

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Medford St. residence last week on reports of a breaking and entering in progress. Responding officers were told that an intruder was "kicking" a door.

Upon arrival, officers witnessed two men, one later identified as Kevin McKenzie, on the front steps of the Medford St. house.

The other male was on a bike and would later leave. The officers were not able to identify him and McKenzie only supplied a partial name and told police he thinks he is from Everett or Malden.

Arriving officers asked nearby witnesses what was going on and they directed them towards the Medford St. location. They told police there was something happening over there but they were not involved.

Officers entered the home and met with the victim, who told them that at around midnight his front door, which was unlocked at the time, opened and two men entered his unit. Both were holding one knife each.

McKenzie, who was one of the two men, was wearing a silver mask but was identified by the victim, who knows himbecause his is friends with the victim's former roommate.

The victim told the men to leave but they refused. The victim then forced the two men out of his unit and into a common hall. The victim then shut and locked his door. At this time the victim called 911 as McKenzie and the other unknown suspect began "banging" and "kicking" the victim's door.

This forced the door back open and broke the door frame. The suspects then fled. The victim identified McKenzie to the officers by his first name, Kevin.

The officers then went up to the third-floor of the building, which they knew was McKenzie's unit from a prior interaction with him.

McKenzie came out to the third floor landing and the officers asked about what happened earlier. He reportedly told them he and his friend were invited over by the victim. He said the victim has a pair of headphones which belong to him. He also said this invitation was via text message, but McKenzie did not have the phone he allegedly used.

An officer held up the silver mask that the victim claimed McKenzie was wearing during the incident and asked him if it was his and he said that he "found it."

McKenzie then told police about some personal problems he was having. The officers noticed that he smelled of mouth wash, and was actively drinking something. His speech seemed slow and his manner flat. Yet he was alert and able to understand questions.

McKenzie reportedly told the officers that he just got out of "rehab" within the past 24 to 48 hours. They asked him if he wanted an ambulance, which he refused.

During a second conversation with McKenzie, police told him that there is a camera that would have captured the whole incident. They also told him they had already viewed the footage or was about to review it.

The officers asked McKenzie about the knife that he used and he said it was in his apartment.

McKenzie was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of home invasion and malicious wanton defacement of property.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<u>Arrests</u>:

Kevin McKenzie, June 1, 4:24 a.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of home invasion and malicious wanton defacement of property. **Sherri Digaetano**, of Revere, June 2, 8:15 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor. Yao Yeung, June 5, 2:44 a.m., arrested at Pinckney St. on a charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering. Luciano Delira, June 5, 11:51 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of receiving stolen property under \$1200. Michael Shaedi, June 6, 5:14 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of trafficking a class A drug over 28 grams.

Mayor Curtatone presents FY22 Budget to City Council in special meeting CONT. FROM PG 1

"Things have started to improve over the course of the crisis with \$10.3 million in new growth for FY21. In December, and this is very important, the Council passed a budget for the first time with no structural deficit and without using free cash," Curtatone said.

He went on to highlight the performance of the Somerville Stabilization fund which onstituted 15.8% of the operating budget in FY20, saying that this is a key indicator of financial health to any outside observer. The stabilization fund has steadily grown to \$44 million over the course of Mayor Curtatone's tenure. "Our strong financial management has led Somerville to be assigned its AA+ rating by Standards and Poor, citing our dynamic economy and budget management capacity as the underlying reasons for this rating," Curtatone said. Curtatone said that low bond interest rates will allow Somerville to tackle long standing infrastructure and community development issues.

To address these various municipal needs, a portion of the proposed \$270,088,117 FY22 budget will be allocated for hiring new positions including a including a deputy director of planning and zoning, a policy analyst for the City Council, a senior zoning review planner as well as two librarians to operate the newly renovated West Branch Library.

Curtatone said that Somerville's record of being on the modernizing edge of government will continue in FY22 with the hiring of positions like a digital innovation officer and IT specialist. tion and this community, for its first change in leadership in 18 years," Curtatone said.

Preparation for a smooth transition includes, two positions for the incoming mayor funded in November and December, a robust transition project along with trains for newly elected officials and new department heads.

"One thing is clear and I think all of you will agree with what I'm about to say, this organiz tion - this city - will not succeed if racial and social inequities persist in our community," According to Curtatone, the FY21 budget made significant investments towards advancing racial and social equity. "In the FY22 budget, we are doubling down on advancing our commitment to racial and social justice," The new budget will see a \$1 million allocation to the new Racial and Social Justice Office with key initiatives including Equity Action Teams, a Racial and Social Justice cabinet and the reimagining of policing. The Office will also absorb ongoing initiatives from other departments such as the Women's Commission and Human Rights Commission along with ADA coordination.

"Our work obviously will not stop there. We are also proposing an additional \$700K in support to other departments that support equity work," Curtatone said.

The money would be invested in preserving affordable housing and preventing displacement through the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSP-CD) 2,000 Homes Program and expanding flex funds for OSPCD. New Hires will include an administrative equity manager and a senior planner for women and minority business support in OSPCD. "This budget also proposes \$1.6 million in equity investments for our public schools," Curtatone said.

Act (ARPA), will enable Somerville to fund community driven initiatives for social and economic recovery.

"The challenge is how to responsibly spend this funding in a planned for and community driven way that optimizes the use of these resources in a credible fashion," Curtatone said." We understand the historic meaning and gravity of this moment and we need to deliver"

"The creation of a budget division within the finance department will improve fiscal transparency, reporting and management," Curtatone said. A procurement manager will ensure that city departments can efficiently obtain the resources they need for the future with an ever growing and complexifying budget.

"This budget makes a significant investment to prepare this administration, this organizaFree public transit access, social and emotional wellness, and a focus on multilingual instruction are among the planned improvements.

The incoming \$60 million from the American Rescue Plan

Somerville will collaborate with municipal partners to effectively plan the management of these incoming resources and plan for how cities will sustain the critical investments in their communities after ARPA.

"Thank you to the Council for the time and consideration you will give this budget," Mayor Curtatone said, "Thank you also to the department heads and staff of this organization. You kept this city running under extremely difficult circumstances over the past year. You helped sustain me through many hard days, not to mention the impact you had on people's lives in our neighborhood, thank you."

By Bella Levavi

On Wednesday, June 2, City Councilors hosted their second community meeting to discuss the redevelopment of Gilman Square. At the meeting, they presented three three-dimensional massing options, each one representing plans for a civic space on the square and three to four large buildings.

The area in question is located between Medford St., Pearl St., and the train tracks in front of Gilman Square Station. This is still the beginning stages of the redevelopment plan. Today, this area consists of the Homans Building site, Mobil Gas Station and a green space called Gilman Triangle.

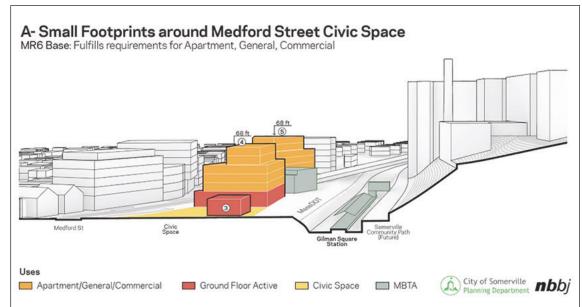
In the first meeting for the redevelopment of Gilman Square on March 10, the consultant team included six two-dimensional models of their plans, after incorporating feedback from the community through a survey, they continued their analyses with three three-dimensional models.

While each plan is relatively similar, the three models have distinct differences. Plan A,

"Small Footprint around Medford Street Civic Space," includes four large buildings, a mid-block passage, and a civic space closer to School Street. Plan B, "Large Footprint around Medford Street Civic Space," keeps a similar civic space, but combines two of the buildings into one with a passageway at street level. Plan C, "Large Footprint with Pearl Street Civic Space," allows for three buildings, and as the name suggests, places the civic space off Pearl St. next to the Medford St. Bridge.

They tested the plans at the MR6 level, meaning the test was performed with six story buildings. All three plans maintained 12 hours of summer sunlight, and six hours of winter sunlight in the civic space daily. The top floors of the buildings in many of the models are set back from the street with a podium base. "The building needs to be set back from the street in order to reduce their visual mass," Alan Moutjoy explained. "It also helps with light access into the civic space."

These plans test apartment, general and commercial use. Biotech and other usage of these



buildings have not been added to the plans, so there will be limited use if the square goes through redevelopment.

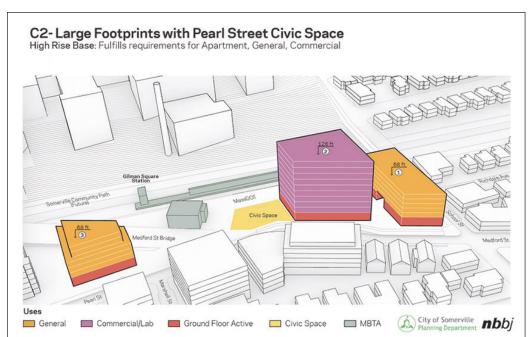
In the presentation, plans C2 and C3 were also brought forward to drastically increase the density of the area. C2 plans for a 10-story building, and C3 plans for an even larger high-rise with a podium base.

Moutjoy noted that because the adjacent buildings are on a hill, plan C2 will be the same height as the surrounding buildings in the area. "This is meant to be provocative," Sarah Lewis said. "We would like to talk through the [desired] height for the community."

The consultants also explained several problems they faced during part two of planning. They found that the site needs an underground storage water tank. This tank is a quarter acre large and 20 feet deep. "We are hoping [city engineers] will work with us to find where the hundreds of thousands of gallons tank will be located, ideally under the civic space," Lewis said.

Providing proper accessibility is another problem the consultants face. An elevator is needed for the Gilman Square Train Station. They expect this will be built inside one of the buildings.

Now that the city is done with part two of their analysis, they need to take one of two steps. Either Somerville will write a Request for Proposal (RFP) and select a developer for the site, or the city will write an Urban Renewal Plan and develop the land themselves. "There is also still work that needs to be done in the engineering of Medford Street realignment, so there is a lot of work that is still to be done," Lewis said.





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Somerville to become first city in Commonwealth to honor living veterans with street corner dedications

This summer, the Somerville Veteran's Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications will begin accepting applications to honor living Veterans by dedicating a street corner in their name.

Historically, only deceased Veterans have been honored this way. Somerville will be the first community in Massachusetts to extend this honor to living Veterans. The announcement was made during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans' Cemetery.

"While this has been a notable tradition for many years, I've consistently heard from those in the Veterans community how meaningful it would be to recognize and celebrate the military heroes in our community while they are alive," said Somerville Director of Veterans' Services Ted D. Louis-Jacques. "It is my deepest honor to take this long-standing tradition to the next level."

Families and friends of Veterans are encouraged to submit applications for street corner dedications. Applications will be available starting July 1 at www.somervillema.gov/ veterans. The Commission will review all documents submitted in order to determine eligibility. For further details or questions, contact the Department of Veterans' Services at veterans@somervillema.gov or by calling (617) 625-6600, EXT 4700.

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Somerville Commission for Women presses for its own Executive Director

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Wednesday, June 2, the Somerville Health and Human Services Department held their monthly meeting for the Somerville Commission for Women. The meeting was led by commissioner Crystal Turner and attended by three other commissioners. They discussed the prospects of the establishment of an Executive Director for the Commission.

After initial presentations from the co-chairs, the Commission began discussion of a letter received from Mayor Joseph Curtatone in response to a request from the Commission for the establishment of an Executive Director position.

According to the letter, "This individual [Commission Coordinator] will staff both the SCW as well as the Human Rights Commission."

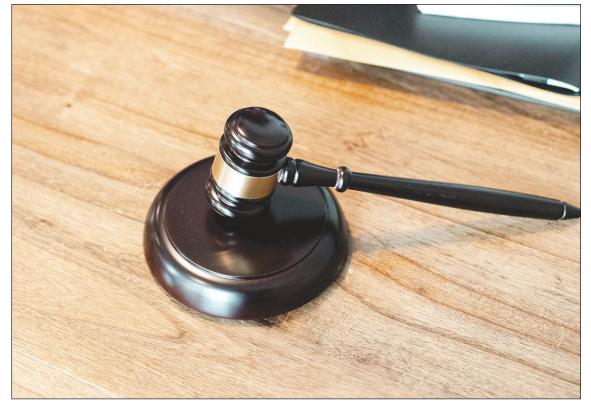
In other words, the plan out-

lined provides the Commission with an Executive Director. However, they would have to share this person with the Human Rights Commission, rather than employing a fulltime director as requested by the Commission.

This was met by fierce criticism by the commissioners, especially by Co-Chair Turner, who then spoke on the effects of this plan.

A memo from the Commission to the Finance Committee of the City Council, outlines Turner's criticism. "The Commission respectfully disagrees with this proposal as an adequate resolution of existing challenges. In addition, it does not meet the requirements of the city ordinance."

Furthermore, in an email to the City Council, the Commission also argued that the city's decision was unilateral, without any sort of feedback from the



co-chairs of the Commission for Women.

"This arrangement was made without the input of the current commissioners. Despite persistent requests and invitations from the Somerville Commission for Women, the Administration has declined to attend a public meeting about the possible ways to improve support for the commission."

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Currently, Somerville is going through the budget process for fiscal year 2021, and the Commission is trying to secure funding for the coming year.

Walk-in vaccine clinic (Pfizer) June 9, Clarendon Hill Towers

A walk-in clinic for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be held Wednesday, June 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon Hill Towers at 1372 Broadway (the Administration Building).

No appointment is necessary, but if you prefer you can pre-register at somervillema.gov/vaccine. The clinic is free, and open to all people 12 years or older, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required.

All minors must have parent or guardian permission. Anyone 12-15 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Permission forms will be available onsite, or you can download one here. If you need assistance, please call 311 (617-666-3311).



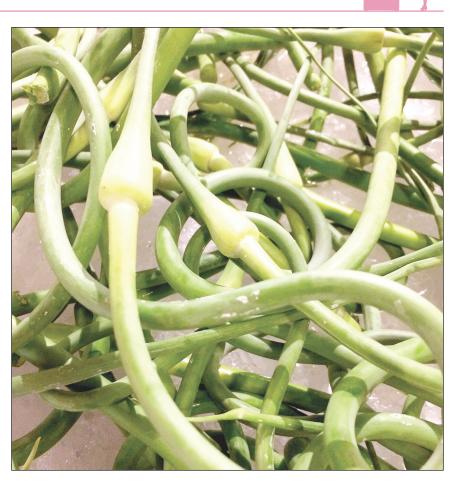


What are garlic scapes?

Just recently I was introduced to garlic scapes. I had heard of them, but wasn't quite sure what they were. I spoke with a farmer who told me they were the flower bud of the garlic plant. The scapes harvest in late June and early July. By harvesting the scapes it promotes the growth of the garlic bulbs. These versatile little gems can be used many different ways. They can be steamed, grilled, they can be added to salads, quiches, and can be eaten raw. I decided to make a pesto, so I hope you enjoy the recipe below. grated 1/3-1/2 cup olive oil, depending on desired consistency Salt and pepper to taste

Add the garlic scapes, pistachios and the grated cheese to a food processor. Process until the ingredients are well incorporated. Periodically scrape down the sides of the bowl for even processing. While the processor is on slowly stream in the olive oil. Once you reach the consistency you want, taste and add salt and pepper to taste. It's now ready to use! Add the pesto to pasta or to a pizza. If you're not going to use the pesto right away, just squeeze lemon juice over the pesto and mix thoroughly. This will keep the bright color until you're ready to use it.

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Garlic Scape Pesto

5 garlic scapes, roughly chopped into 1/2" pieces 1/2 cup shelled pistachio nuts 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly

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COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville honors the national flag's special day.

Our View Of The Times



You won't get the day off from work or school or grocery shopping or ... anything, really. There'll be no three-day weekend or big picnic to mark the occasion. But for many, the significance of the day will ring loudly in their hearts and minds.

Flag Day is not an official federal or state holiday, but June 14 is the date designated by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson back in 1916 as a day to officially

honor the stars and stripes that we solemnly revere today.

President Harry S. Truman signed a Congressional act into law in 1949 recommending a voluntary observance of Flag Week. This year, Flag Week falls on June 13–19.

Of course, as most locals know, the Colonial Army led by General George Washington was formed on January 1, 1776, and its first flag, The Grand Union Flag, was raised on Prospect Hill in what was then Charlestown, and is now part of Somerville.

Therefore, we can take pride in this special aspect of our civic heritage. As it is with so many other historic events and traditions born in this part of the country, the birth of our nation's colors can be added to the sprawling list of firsts established by our forebearers.

While some place more importance on this occasion than others, it is an indisputable fact that the flag symbolizes patriotism and love of country. Many fought and died defending the ideology and values it represents. One thing is certain, among other things, it represents unity. Something so precious and fragile, and yet so vital for our very survival.

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bike network planning process, discuss case studies from other U.S. cities, and outline initial next steps for Somerville. A structured Q&A and audience polls will follow the presentation. The event is planned for **Thursday, June 10**, at 6:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema. gov/mobility under 'Upcoming Events.'

Rand Wilson, Amanda Esteves, Nancy Lally Kelly, Donna Amenta and Donna M. Quinn 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.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Anthony Cota, Sr. He will be missed by many. Visitation will be held for Anthony in his Cota Family Funeral Home on, Thursday June 10 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Friday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St., (Rte. 62), North Reading, PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO CHURCH. Burial will follow laying Anthony to rest with his beloved wife Maria in Riverside Cemetery, North Reading. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Anthony's name to the CSF Dollars for Scholars Endowment Fund, P.O.Box 529, North Reading, MA 01864. See the full obituary at https://www.cotafuneralhomes. com/obituary/Anthony-CotaSr *****

meeting to discuss upcoming schoolyard renovations at the Arthur D. Healey School. This project will construct a new schoolyard and U-12 recreation field, as well as a new staircase and ADA-compliant ramp between school grounds and Mystic Housing. Construction is expected to begin June 21, after the current school year ends, and continue through Spring 2022. The meeting will take place Wednesday, June 9, link exactly as it appears below into your internet browser at any time before the meeting. You will then be asked to register for the meeting. After registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar when it starts. Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar. com/regi.../5845712314029629709.2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may send written comments by US mail to the City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, 02143, or by email to cityclerk@somervillema.gov. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Council. ***** Join a community meeting on Thursday, June 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (rescheduled from May 25), to learn about supervised consumption sites (SCS) data and research. At the meeting you can learn more about how SCS work, see data from a recently conducted needs assessment and evaluation that includes input from potential clients of the SCS and other community members, and ask questions and share feedback. A draft version of the needs assessment and evaluation will be available at www.somervillema.gov/SCS Continued on page 9

merly of Winter Hill, who is celebrating this week. We, of course, hope she has a great one. Happy birthday to Carolyn Pedersen, who can be seen all the time here in Somerville, where she's from. We wish Carolyn a great day. Happy birthday to Suzanne Bremer, of Prospect Hill. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Betty Casazza, we wish her the best year ever. Happy birthday to Beth Chamberlain, whose husband's family is from here. We hope Beth has a great day and enjoys the new addition to her home. Finally, to former Councilor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch, we hope she has a great day as well. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Chris Argeropoulos, Elizabeth Rodrigues Fula, Charlie McCarthy, Gavin House, Len Tower, Kevin Tortorella,

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan, and city staff invite you to a virtual community at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will cover the overall construction process, anticipated project schedule, traffic and parking impacts, school access during construction, and safety considerations. To learn more and register to attend, visit somervillema.gov/healeyschoolyard.

FUN & GAMES

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The male seahorse carries the eggs until they hatch instead of the female. 2. Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

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1. Golf club handle 5. Aviation safety agency 8. Although, for short 11. "Give me your tired, your 12. Homecoming guest 13. PhD in Great Britain 15. Legendary NFL quarterback Graham 16. Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard 17. Propelled like Argo

18. Batman's romantic interest

20. Wildebeests

- 21. Use the other end of a pencil
- 22. Cherry middle
- 23. Thor's weapon
- 26. Brays like a donkey
- 30. Another word for Tokyo
- 31. Makes a sum (2 words)
- 34. Like The Joker
- 35. Without self-control
- 37. Black gold
- 38. Buddy
- 39. Site of Leaning Tower
- 40. Canvas ceiling fan
- 42. ____man, one of original X-Men
- 43. Comes to the fore
- 45. ____ Woman, first female in the
- Justice Society of America
- 47. "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
- 48. Paralysis-causing disease, for short
- 50. Smoothie berry
- 52. a.k.a. the Caped Crusader
- 55. "Encore!"
- 56. Pupil's place
- 57. Like Arizona in summer
- 59. Ben Grimm of "It's clobberin' time!"
- fame, with The
- 60. Eyeglasses glass
- 61. Buggy terrain
- 62. Gingerbread creation 63. Superhero creator, Stan ____

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3. Letter before kappa

6. Saints' crowns

7. End of grace

12. "All !"

19. Make havoc

23. Oodles

13. Motherless calf

14. Wakanda's Black

24. ____ one, on a pass

8. Through, for short

9. Hie, third person singular

10. Not new or borrowed or blue

2. Campus military acronym

5. Basic drumming pattern, pl.

4. For the time being, Latin (2 words)

- 28. Grimace in pain
- 29. More cunning
- 32. Make pretty, two words
- 33. Break a commandment
- 36. America's title
- 38. Vienna Boys' group
- 40. Public house, for short
- 41. Devoid of reverence
- 44. Seeking damages
- 46. Wondering ones
- 48. Put through a blender
- 49. Offer two cents
- 50. Turkish honorific
- 51. Jealous biblical brother
- 52. Perfect houseplant spot
- 53. Bob _____, famous boxing promoter

Ms. Cam's Dio #782 Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge 1. What famous poet characters in Wayne's was born in Portland, World? Maine? 8. In 2015, what world 2. What is the third record did SHS stusign of the zodiac? dents officially set? 3. In what state did the 9. Which golf item is first official American defined as "a club with a baseball game take metal head"? 10. Vietnam won its very first Olympic medal in 2000 in what States? event? 11. Who is the baseball player nicknamed "Mr. November"? 12. Who was the only ace from the U.S. Navy in the Korean War? Answers on page 11 SUDOKU CRIMSON CANYONS & MESAS ⁶1.499 NATIONAL

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5. How long is an eon

in geology?

6. In which video game did Super Mario first appear?

7. Who were the main





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64. Eurasian duck

DOWN

1. Government Printing Office

25. Mighty ____ 26. Known to say: "You wouldn't like 55. Cash dispenser me when I'm angry"

22. Coach's locker room speech

27. Steer clear

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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SHS Class of 2021 Graduation

Somerville High School Class of 2021 graduation took place tonight at Dilboy Stadium.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



SomerStreets Carnaval 2021

Attendees of last weekend's Carnaval at SomerStreets 2021 event stopped by the East Branch Library to take part in some Samba and Salsa dance instructions.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

Somerville landlords and realtors are invited to join the city's Office of Housing Stability for a virtual workshop about the benefits of renting to Section 8 tenants. Learn how Section 8 ensures stable rental income, how higher payment standards can lead to higher rent receipts, and how landlords and realtors can qualify for additional incentive payments and technical support through the city's SomerVIP program. This event is Thursday, June 24, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema. gov/OHS. should have no previous experience – this class is designed to grow a new group of gardeners in the city. Workshops will be offered **Friday, June 11**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., or **Saturday, June 12**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the **City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Avenue. Additional dates will be added later this summer and fall. Registration is required. Visit somervillema.gov/GrowingGardeners or call **Steven Flythe**, Health and Human Services Case Manager, at (617) 448-5347 to reserve a spot.

Walk-in vaccinations available at multiple locations: You now can get a COVID-19 vaccination without having to pre-register or make an appointment. There are walk-in vaccination sites all around Somerville, and just outside it as well. Cambridge Health Alliance vaccine clinics have larger supplies of doses and can vaccinate kids ages 12-17. You do not need to be a CHA patient to use these clinics. They are free and open to all. Local CVS pharmacies and the **Stop & Shop** on McGrath Hwy are also offering walk-in vaccines. Local Walgreens pharmacies require a brief pre-registration, but can process people quickly if they have open slots and you walk in. Here are the CHA walk-in sites: CHA Somerville Vaccine Center at 176 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, Mon.- Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tufts University Gantcher Center at 161 College Ave. in Medford, Wed-Thurs. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Encore Boston Harbor at 1 Broadway Center in Everett, Mon.-

Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In honor of National Garden Week, the City of Somerville Health and Human Services Department is hosting a Growing Gardeners workshop for residents who are brand new to gardening. Growing Gardeners participants will learn how to plant, assemble, and maintain their own portable milk crate garden that will work well in any small outdoor space. Crates may include a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. All supplies will be provided. Participants

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne, and City of Somerville staff invite you to a virtual community meeting about proposed schoolyard renovations at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. At this meeting, the project's landscape architects will present three schematic designs that were developed with community input. The meeting will be held Monday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Learn more and register to attend at somervillema.gov/WSNS.

CHA Somerville Hospital offers free testing at Assembly Row. To make an appointment, call 617-665-2928 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). More testing information can be found at somervillema.gov/covidtesting. The state's Stop the Spread testing sites are also an option, including in the nearby communities of Chelsea and Everett. For more information, visit the state's website.

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The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Pursuant to a.) Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18; b.) the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place; c) Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, and; d) an-ticipated legislation and/or orders that will permit remote meetings beyond the end of the Governor's initial state of emergency, this public meeting and hearings is expected to be conducted via remote participation using GoToWebinar.

In the event that legislation and/or orders permitting remote participation are no longer in effect on date of this meeting, the meeting will instead be held at the Armory Building at 191 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA, 02143. Please refer to the agenda posted on the City website to confirm if this meeting will be held at this location. The agenda is posted to the website 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6715021391549034765 611-595-787 Webinar ID:

TO CALL IN

Phone number:	1 (415) 930-5321
Access code:	188-108-270

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

- 515 Somerville Ave Applicant Claudia Murrow seeks an administrative appeal of the building inspector's decision of October 23, 2019, to issue two building permits for 515 Somerville Ave (B19-001687 and B19-001788). Remand pursuant to NO. 20 MISC 000283 (RBF). 27 Loring Street Applicants Kyle and Jovie Conroy propose adding a half story to a Cottage building type
- which requires two Hardship Variances. E3 Development LLC proposes to develop a **31 Tufts Street**
- Pocket Park in the Urban Residence district. which requires Site Plan Approval.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

<u>ps://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions</u>

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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18 as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

This hearing may be relocated upon expiration the Governor's Order authorizing remote participation. Please refer to the Land Use Committee agenda posted online at tinyurl.com/publichearing061721 for the alternative meeting location, if applicable. Agendas are posted at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

REGISTER ONLINE

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8838128866533303310 The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the followina:

- 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay
- area. • 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Map to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay area.
- Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning map amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.
- Scott Zink proposing a zoning map amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residence to MR4.
- Winter Hill Realty Trust proposing a zoning map amendment to rezone their property at 8 Melvin Street from MR5 to Neighborhood Residence.
- A proposed amendment to repeal Section 10.5 Outdoor Café Seating.
- A proposed amendment to the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building type in the Urban Residence district when abutting a property in the Neighborhood Residence district.
- Proposed amendments to Section 2.1 Glossary and the provisions of multiple permitted building components.

The zoning map amendments identified above may be viewed online by searching the Somerville City Council's online meeting calendar for each amendment. Other proposed amendments identified above may be viewed online at www.somervillezoning.com/amendments

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a New Location, for Woody's Inc. d/b/a Woody's Liquor from 523 Broadway to 483 Broadway at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Christine Lindgren Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant



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Bid packages will be available after 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021. Bid packages can be obtained by emailing Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org.

General bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 and publicly opened online forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternatives) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, June 9 at 10:00AM Address: Brady Towers, Entry Lobby 252 Medford Street, Somerville, MA.

It is strongly suggested all prospective bidders attend the site visit.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org or 617-625-1152, Ext 330

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a Marijuana Retailer License, for Advesa MA Inc. for 692 Broadway, Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

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Bike Network Planning: Lessons for Somerville

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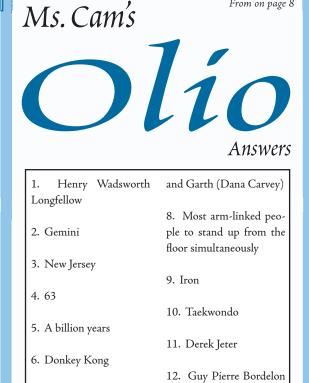
cle Committee for a one-hour virtual workshop called Bike Network Planning: Lessons for Somerville.

This workshop will be led by Mike Lydon, an internationally recognized planner, writer, speaker, and advocate for livable cities. Lydon is a Principal at the design firm Street Plans and is working with Somerville as it develops its approach for planning a citywide bike network.

This presentation will introduce the bike network planning process, discuss case studies from other U.S. cities, and outline initial next steps for Somerville. A structured Q&A and audience polls will follow the presentation.

The event is planned for Thursday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/mobility under 'Upcoming Events.'





7. Wayne (Mike Meyers) Jr.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ageless Grace Program – various dates – Ageless Grace is a fitness and wellness program consisting of 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. These exercises, based on everyday movements, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Classes are held bi-monthly in English and bi-monthly in Spanish via Zoom. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any guestions or for additional information.

NEW Outdoor Exercise Group –Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Each class will meet in front of the Holland Street Center at the flag pole and will incorporate stretching, strength training and balance exercises. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for one of the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

NEW WALKING GROUP –Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for one of the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

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

Music & Munch – Wednesday, June 9 and June 23 at noontime. Why not pair your lunch with a celebration of music? This 45-minute session via Zoom will treat you to a playlist of diverse musical offerings: a little jazz, some "oldies but goodies," a smidgen of classical, a dip into barbershop, a trip to Broadway. The music is taped but the experience is live. Your guide

is Somerville Resident, Laura Zoll, trained as a medieval musicologist and with a life-long love of all things musical. Your preferences will help shape the session. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via ZOOM.

Senior Lunch Box Pick Up – Monday, June 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Ralph & Jenny Senior Center 9 New Washington Street. While we aren't able to share lunch together we hope you can stop by for this fun treat! RSVP is a must; spaces are limited. To enjoy a box lunch please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. Masks required.

Music & Movement – Wednesday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. Join Steve as he plays guitar, sings and leads gentle movements. Just tapping your toe or singing along can help move your body in new ways. Being physically active is not just good for our bodies, but it is also one of Mental Health America's 10 tools to building resiliency; or the ability to overcome obstacles and manage through tough times. Physical activity can improve sleep, increase energy, decrease some kinds of pain, boast our immune systems and lower the risk for stroke and some cancers. It also helps to reduce our anxiety, depression, stress and tension Join Steve as he shows us that exercise can come in all different forms and movements. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via ZOOM.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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 at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

EXERCISE

FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

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

Fit-4-Life YouTube

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=QwHfyoEZaws&t=247s Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=FcI2eBSS024&t=158s Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #4: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=7EDtaldYSz0 Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #5: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=AAnwfwGybTI OUTDOOR EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR WALKING GROUP

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Somerville City Cable

RCN = 13/Comcast = 22

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

Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=vDGF_EEbqF0&t=130s

Yoga with Janine video #3: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=6Zezcj9XXBU

For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, please contact Chris at CKowaleski@ somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

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

Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

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1534 – Jacques Cartier sails into the mouth of the St. Lawrence River in Canada.

1861 – Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke begins working in Union hospitals.

1931 – Robert H. Goddard patents a rocket-fueled aircraft design.

1945 – Japanese Premier Kantaro Suzuki declares that Japan will fight to the last rather than accept unconditional surrender.

1954 – At the Army-McCarthy hearings, attorney Joseph Welch asks Senator Joseph McCarthy "Have you no sense of decency?"

1959 – The first ballistic missile-carrying submarine, the USS George Washington, is launched.

1986 – NASA publishes a report on the Challenger accident.

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Mental Health Resources

SPD Ride Along

2:00am

Mayor's Business Town Hall 5.27.21

Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four

SPL Cooking - Orange Cornmeal Cake

Highway Justice for People

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inance	5:00pm	Legislative Matters - 5.20.21	8:45am	Mental Health Resources
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marree	8:05pm	Mental Health Resources	11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
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Conway Park Groundbreaking

The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

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6:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three
7:00am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 5.27.21
8:00am	City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
8:30am	School Committee Update - Ellenor Barish
9:00am	Memorial Day Remembrance 2021
9:30am	Highway Justice for People
10:35am	Conway Park Groundbreaking
11:00am	Fit 4 Life #6
11:30am	City Council: Finance
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12:00am	Memorial Day Remembrance 2021
12:30am	City Council: Finance
6:00am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 5.27.21
7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two
8:00am	Lead Paint Safe Somerville
8:50am	Mental Health Resources
9:00am	Highway Justice for People: Mystic &
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10:05am	Mable & Jerry - Senior Story
11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:30am	City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Ageless Grace
12:30pm	Memorial Day Remembrance 2021
1:00pm	Highway Justice for People
2:05pm	Mayor's Business Town Hall 5.27.21
4:00pm	Fit 4 Life #6
7:00pm	City Council Meeting - LIVE
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12:00am	Highway Justice for People
1:05am	Climate Forward Webinar
2:30am	City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
6:30am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two

8:30am	City Council Spotlight: Ben Ewen-Campen
9:00am	Mental Health Resources
9:08am	Conway Park Groundbreaking
9:30am	SPL Cooking 15 - Simple Chocolate Cake
10:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two
11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:30am	City Council Meeting 6.10.21
4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #5
6:00pm	FY 22 Budget Meeting
Tuesday,	June 15
12:30am	Civilian Oversight Community Meeting
1:07am	Climate Forward Webinar
2:15am	Mental Health Resources
2:30am	Saiba das Novidades Sobre a Vacinação
6:00am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
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7:00am	SPL Gardening 5.14.21
7:25am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I
8:00am	SHS Football vs Chelsea 5.7.21
10:00am	Let's Talk About a Poem - May 22, 2021
12:00pm	Highlander History - Knight & Bonhomme
12:30pm	SPL Storytime with Miss Alison
1:00pm	SHS Softball vs Malden 6.4.21
3:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21
5:00pm	Full Circle Graduation 06.09.2021
6:30pm	Argenziano Music Performance Grade K-3
9:00pm	SPL Gardening 5.14.21
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7:00am	SPL Cooking - Mujadara
7:30am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II
8:30am	GBL Semi:SHS Girls' Soccer vs LC 5.10.21

SHS Hockey vs Everett 3.25.21

SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford

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Spring Forward

All-City Middle School Spring Concert

SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere 3.22.21

Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache

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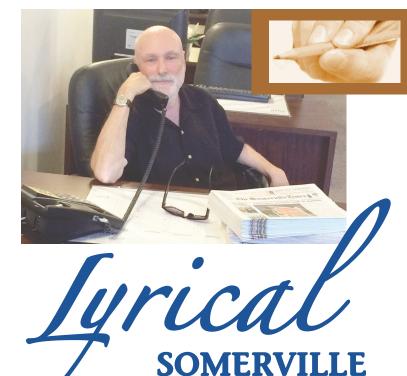
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8:30am	Highlander History - Knight & Bonhomme
9:00am	SHS Girls' Lacrosse vs Malden 6.2.21
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2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v W Springfield
5:00pm	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
6:00pm	SPL Storytime with Miss Alison
Tuesday,	June 15
12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v W Springfield
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3:30am	Highlander History - Knight & Bonhomme
4:00am	SHS Girls' Lacrosse vs Malden 6.2.21
7:00am	SPL Yoga Winter Series Practice II
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11:00am	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
12:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett 4.6.21
2:00pm	School Committee Update - Barish
2:30pm	Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime
3:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford 3.23.21
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The silence between us is eloquent and fluid,

like a river between two cities.

Each word a touchstone

an arrow, a shiver, spanning two cities.

The night is moonless,

an amber light washes over our cities.

Over the hollow, hallowed spaces

we venture into petrified cities.

Through story and bone, we cross

lost through forgotten cities.

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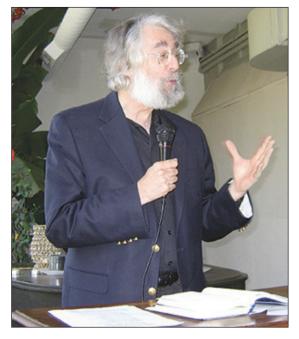
Somerville Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz wins The Academy of American Poets Fellowship

For some years I was advocating for a Somerville Poet Laureate. Finally, Harris Gardner, Greg Jenkins (Somerville Arts Council), and I came to an agreement at the Sherman Cafe in Union Square. Soon, with the approval of Mayor Curtatone, a poet laureate committee was formed.

Presently, our chairwoman is Linda Haviland Conte. Also on board is Hillary Salick. We are pleased to have selected great poet laureates, including Nicole Terez Dutton, and Gloria Mindock. Now Lloyd Schwartz has brought this honor to Somerville, which will only enrich our arts community...

New York, NY (June 3, 2021)— The Academy of American Poets is pleased to announce its 2021 Poets Laureate Fellows. These 23 individuals serve as Poets Laureate of states and cities across the U.S. and will be leading public poetry programs in their respective communities in the year ahead.

The Fellows will each receive \$50,000 (or \$25,000 each in the case of the shared Poet Laureate position in Montana) for a combined total of



\$1.1 million. In addition, the Academy will provide \$100,000+ total to 14 local 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have agreed to support the Fellows' proposed projects.

'Taste of Cambridge and Somerville 2021' reimagined as dining passport program benefitting local restaurant staff

The Cambridge and Somerville Chambers of Commerce today announced that each community's respective annual "Taste of" events will be reimagined this summer as a summertime "Dining Passport" program. The initiative, which takes place between July 1st and August 15th, will direct 100 percent of passport proceeds to local restaurant workers and non-profit organizations.



Participating restaurant goers who donate \$30 will receive a Dining Passport. Patrons will then earn \$100 in 'Dining Dollars' for future visits to participating establishments. Under terms of the program, patrons will bring their Dining Passports to participating restaurants in Cambridge and Somerville, where they will receive a stamp every time they spend at least \$25 during a visit. Upon collecting four passport stamps, participants will receive four \$25 vouchers for future use at participating restaurants.

"The passport program is a 'win-win' initiative that directly benefits restaurants, hospitality workers and local diners," said David Maher, President and CEO of the Cambridge Chamber. "We are grateful for the opportunity to directly support restaurant workers in Cambridge and Somerville."

How many stars remain,

my giver of stars, between our cities?

Through the jasmine scented night

there is a quiver inside our cities.

So many miles and mines and nights

in the path hither between our cities.

— Deborah Leipziger

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu "The Dining Passport program is exciting because it will help our local economies get back to work while providing relief for workers in the hard-hit hospitality sector," said Stephen Mackey, President and CEO of the Somerville Chamber. "We are proud to offer this program to local diners."

Dining Dollar Vouchers will be valid Between September 1st and December 31st 2021. Anybody can obtain a Dining Passport by visiting the program website, which is located at www.cambridge-chamber.org/cambridge-somerville-taste-2021.

The Dining Passport program is funded by the "COVID Resilience & Recovery Urban Partnership," a four-month pilot collaboration between the Cambridge and Somerville chambers. The Dining Passport program will leverage a portion of a \$160,000 grant award from the Baker-Polito administration, which was awarded to buoy economic empowerment and revitalization in both cities.

The program will allow patrons to submit completed Dining Passports via digitally (emailed image of the document with four stamps and a clearly visible Passport ID number) or via U.S. postal mail to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce's office in Kendall Square. All completed Dining Passports must be submitted by August 31, 2021 to receive the \$100 in Dining Dollar Vouchers.



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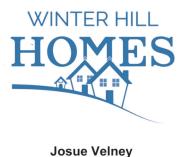
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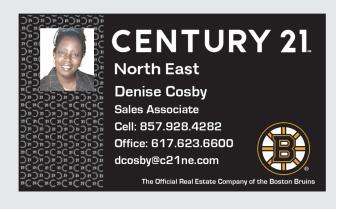


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