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The release of formerly withheld case files by the FBI is shedding light on the notorious $1982 \ killing$ of

By Michael McHugh

Forty years ago, in the Spring of 1982, Somerville Police Officers arrived at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Newton Street to a chaotic scene of residents and journalists crowded around a crashed vehicle. The bloodied, bullet-ridden car contained the body of Turkish diplomat and businessman Orhan Gündüz, assassinated in broad daylight during his drive home.

And while the scene was far from an ordinary sight, it was unlikely that they knew this would be the beginning of a decades-long manhunt in which no culprit was ever found and few answers would ever be brought to light. "I'm calling on behalf of the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide," an anonymous caller told the Los Continued on page 4

Rumstock Music Festival brings rock and roll to Somerville

By Raga Chilakamarri

An older woman sporting a shiny, grey bob cut and dark sunglasses grooved to the music, her right hand bumping up, clasped around a can, her red lipstick loud like the guitar riffing, and her leopard-print bag thumping against her side. She wore a dark blue jean jacket and a denim skirt to match; her fishnets ended in edgy Vans. She was rocking out.

Last Saturday, Somerville saw a vacant lot transformed into a rock concert venue, home to the one-day Rumstock Music Festival, an event within the Summer Series hosted by ONCE Somerville at Boynton Yards. Entrance signs read "No

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The Rumstock Music Festival, hosted by ONCE Somerville, lit up Boynton Yards last Saturday with rock and roll revelry. - Photo by Raga Chilakamarri





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The Red Cross's regular blood drive returns to the Armory. The blood drive will take place today, July 13 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Please consider donating. For more information visit www.redcross.org

As of 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

ArtBeat, the Somerville Arts Council's annual multicultural arts showcase, returns for its 36th year on Saturday, July 16. The festival will feature nearly 100 vendors and community groups, music, dance, theater, food, and much more. This event kicks off at 11:00 a.m. in Davis Square. For more information or to see the performance schedule, visit somervilleartscouncil.org

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to lifelong resident Judy Podymaitis, who celebrates this week. We wish her well, with many more to come. Happy birthday to Cheryl Chaille Horan, of Green Cab. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to well-known local Eileen Costa. We wish all of Continued on page 9

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 13 – July 19 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday July 13	Partly Cloudy	91°/68°	23%	18%	WSW 12 mph
	Thursday July 14	Partly Cloudy	82°/65°	14%	9%	NE 10 mph
	Friday July 15	Partly Cloudy	81°/64°	10%	ENE%	S 102 mph
	Saturday July 16	Partly Cloudy	87°/69°	9%	3%	SW 12 mph
	Sunday July 17	Cloudy	90°/69°	19%	12%	SW 11 mph
	Monday July 18	Partly Cloudy	89°/68°	23%	16%	SSW 12 mph
•	Tuesday July 18	Rain	87°/71°	34%	22%	SSW 11 mph

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



ArtBeat, the Somerville Arts Council's annual multicultural arts showcase, returns to Davis Square on Saturday, July 16 (rain date: July 17). Now in its 36th year, ArtBeat features an eclectic mix of music, dance, theater, food, performance, and activities. Come enjoy nearly 100 vendors and community groups, two stages of music, and a dance showcase at the Somerville Theater, all inspired by this year's theme: Rise. ArtBeat runs from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. throughout Davis Square, with a kickoff parade featuring the School of HONK at 10:30 a.m. Attendance is free, but a suggested donation of \$3 will get you an ArtBeat dog tag. For a full schedule of events or visit somervilleartscouncil.org.



Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

The bigger they are...



I was blessed to be on the radio for over twenty years. In that time I met some very interesting stars. I realize that the bigger they are the nicer they are, for the

most part. What made me want to do a story about these folks was the fact that my friend Larry Storch, a.k.a. Sergeant Agharn from F Troop, passed away in his sleep yesterday at 99 years old.

When I met Larry in the early 90s he



was a guest on the Matty in The Morning Show. He posed for a picture with me and then he actually called up my father and asked him "who says I'm dumb," which was one of his catchphrases on F Troop. He didn't have to take the time out of his day to do that for me, and it's been a lasting great memory for me.

I can honestly say the two of the biggest stars ever had rotten attitudes when they visited the show. Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart were prima donnas to say the least. I did a big haired English character and I think they thought I was making fun of them. Oh well.

Bruins legend Bobby Orr was on the show, so I wrote a little song and he was so touched by it he asked for a copy of it, posed for a photo with me and gave me about four limited edition autographed photographs.

One of my characters was an old bingo loving lady from Somerville named Blanche and we were doing a live show which meant that I had to show up to Copley Square fully dressed like an old lady

with make up at all. On the show that day was the infamous captain kangaroo. The funny thing about it is I don't think the captain knew that I was really a man dressed up like an old lady as a character on a comedy show. I think he felt rebuffed.

Some of the truly nice people I've met are Johnny Mathis, Hank Aaron, Michael J. Fox, Gene Simmons, and Alice Cooper. I was also lucky to be able to work with radio legend Arnie Woo Woo Ginsburg, who was a great talent and a very nice guy.

Al Lewis, who played Grandpa Munster, was on the show several times and was always pleasant to everyone as was exercise guru Richard Simmons. Singer Johnny Mathis was a great guest.

One of my fondest memories was singing a medley of Bobby Vinton's hits with him live on the radio which was a lot of fun.

After appearing at the oldies 103 concert series on the Esplanade, my sons and I met Four Seasons singer Frankie Valli. He talked to my boys and spent about three or four minutes with us just shooting the breeze. What a gentleman. Chuck Norris was also very pleasant and down to earth.

When Larry Storch called my dad, it proved that some stars have a lot of class.

If someone asked me what the best part



of my over 20 years on the radio was, I would say it was the people I met, the stars and the radio legends I was blessed to work with.



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FBI declassifies files from assassination of Turkish diplomat CONT. FROM PG 1

Angeles Bureau of United Press International not long after the attack, "We just shot the Turkish consul in Boston, Massachusetts. This is our style. We will strike again."

Despite the seemingly overwhelming evidence, including the murder weapons, several witnesses, a crystal-clear motive, and the discarded jogging suit worn by the killer as well as their car, the case has remained unsolved by the FBI for 40 years. However, just this year, MuckRock journalists Gabriella Gage and Tom Nash have made a breakthrough in their 9-year-long investigation into the killing, with over 3,8000 never before seen pages of FBI files finally published as a result of their long-standing, repeated requests for information.

"I just couldn't believe there was so little information about it," said Gage "I grew up in Union Square, and just the fact that so many people who live here now don't know that this event took place, and that it is rooted in intergenerational trauma for both [Turkish and Armenian] communities, [led to me] obviously wanting to find out as much as I could about this."

The story they found within the paper trail showed that the FBI had made investigating this attack one of their top priorities. Identifying culprits, hypnotizing witnesses for more information, utilizing a network of high-risk informants, and starting a multistate gun trace on the murder weapons were all done by the FBI in a desperate attempt to make sure that Orhan Gündüz would be the last victim of the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide.

Twenty-one Turkish diplomats had already been killed since 1975, JCAG invoked the Turkish genocide of 1.5 million Armenians and subsequent denial and lack of recognition by the Turkish government and the US, whose president would not formally recognize the violence as genocide until 2021. This lack of formal recognition would become a motivating factor for radical, often young Armenians who were frustrated with Turkish and US governments to take action.

Thanks to the newly released FBI files, it is now clear that the FBI were going to great lengths to prevent another attack. And while they would never find the

one responsible for Gündüz's murder, their subsequent investigation into JCAG would contribute to the militant organization's eventual dissolvement and would lead to the prevention of a JCAG bombing with the potential to be one of the deadliest in US history.

Sources warned that JCAG would make an attempt to detonate an explosive in the Philadelphia Turkish Consulate, given the building was made entirely of glass and was located in a densely populated area, predictions indicated that up to 3,000 people could be wounded or killed if the attack were to be successful. Thankfully, the "Fauxbom" plot was stopped when the FBI arrested five suspects, unfortunately none of whom could at the time be connected to Gündüz's killing beyond their involvement in JCAG.

Information surrounding the killing would slow after the initial explosion of press. Somerville residents who had seen the gruesome images of the slaying in their newspapers wouldn't receive any further answers to how this could have happened. Somerville being the home of the infamous Winter Hill Gang, residents un-

derstood that speaking out as a witness, especially in the case of organized crime such as this, could cost them their life.

"There was not a lot of incentive to get involved or possibly endanger yourself with trained assassins," explained Gage, "I think people recognized that these people weren't messing around, and I think there's definitely truth to the fact that people got quiet very quickly."

The Boston Herald even reported that a man claiming to be a witness to the murder was shot and hospitalized near the crime scene some months later. This story would never be corroborated beyond the article, but the effect on resident's willingness to act as witnesses was nevertheless real.

And without the surveillance technology present in our everyday lives today, investigators had limited resources to separate fact from fiction and understand what had truly happened. "This sort of thing just couldn't happen today," said Nash, "you couldn't shoot someone in the middle of Union Square and get away with it. Union Square has like seven different police cameras pointed at it right now."

To the many residents who knew Orhan Gündüz, complete closure or answers relating to the death of their friend and pillar of the community would remain out of reach. Having waited long enough, the thousands of pages of FBI files released to the public just this year may contain some of the answers that they were looking for.

"We really want to have full transparency and give anyone who wants to look into this the tools to know what we know and to understand this as much as possible," said Gage, "We're sharing all the files. So if you want to spend a week reading a 2,000 page file on this, you can dive in and maybe you'll find something new."

As much as this breakthrough is a sign of more answers to come, thousands of unreleased files relating to Gündüz and requested by Gage and Nash remain undisclosed. "A lot of this story is just figuring out what the FBI has, and why won't they just release it?" explains Nash.

The over 3,800 pages of documents relating to the investigation can be located on the non-profit news site, MuckRock: www.muckrock.com.

Rumstock Music Festival brings rock and roll to Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

and at 6:00 p.m. the evening show began, where Boston-based label Rum Bar Records presented a line-up of four rock and surf groups, culminating in a showcase of nine bands in total. A few vendors sold vintage clothes, jewelry, and antique knick-knacks, and a food truck was parked on the left-side along a line of tables offering merchandise supporting the performers. By the night's end the total attendee count tapped in at about 270 people.

The stage was an elevated platform under a white tent, with paper records strung along streamers as decorations. Vibrant lights washed the performers with a brighter array of colors as the night fell and to the right of the main crowd, attendees left a collection of doodles with chalk on the pavement. At one point during the last set, four inflated beachballs were introduced into the crowd inserting child-like bursts of play into the otherwise older audience.

There was a sentiment of appreciation, support, and nostalgia among the evening concert-goers, a demographic of mostly white, 50+ years old rockers, many of whom boasted baseball hats and t-shirts with

prints like "The Drumfather," "High Karate," or "The Bomb Pops." Aside from a couple of youths' headbanging and shaking about in the front, dancing was expressed by rigorous head nods and foot taps, the positive energy and spirit of fun nevertheless evident throughout the lively performances.

The GypsyMoths closed out the night with their six-person sound of vocals, saxophone, guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums, giving their record release performance after recently signing with Rum Bar Records. Guitarist Chris Conway said that the group first got

together in 2014 for vinyl nights which transitioned into live vinyl nights and eventually into their current form, each member originating from an indie band background in the 1980s. During the day, the GypsyMoths have diverse careers, including an audio-visual guy and a scientist, Conway said.

Regarding his process of writing songs, lead singer Muck of The Muck and the Mires, simply stated, "We make a lot of them and throw out the rotten ones," before flashing a smile. His shaggy hair, tight pants, and black shirt with a single white stripe

down the buttons only further cemented his rock star look: a confidence that got the whole crowd bopping and swaying earlier that evening.

"We can drink beer and listen to rock and roll!" someone exclaimed from the stage before the penultimate song, summing up the night with whoops and cheers.

For those who missed out on Rumstock, ONCE Somerville has more concerts in store for their Summer Series, with events advertised on Facebook and tickets sold online on their website: https://oncesomerville.com.

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Henry Hansen Park could be renovated if grant is obtained

By Mina Rose Morales

On Thursday, July 7, at approximately 6:00 p.m., there was a community webinar via Zoom regarding the Henry Hansen Park project. The online meeting was hosted by Arn Franzen, the Senior Project Manager, D.J. Chagnon, the landscape architect, and Ted D. Louis-Jacques, the director of veteran services for the city of Somerville. The webinar was open to the public and a Q&A was held at the end. Multiple community members expressed concerns and asked questions.

"If we are designing a public park, we need public feedback," said Franzen when asked about the purpose of the community webinars.

The park was built in 2005 on a small budget. Since then, the park has deteriorated. A few years ago, the designs for the park were made using the Community Preservation Act funds, an act



Namesake of the park, Somerville native Marine Corps Sgt. Henry Oliver Hansen.

voted into place by Somerville residents, according to Franzen.

The project is being completed by the city of Somerville's Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry in conjunction with the Department of Veterans' Services. Franzen will turn in the PARC application this Thursday, July 14, which is the grant application due date. Most likely they will be notified if they earned the grant by November 2022, according to Franzen.

" If we are designing a public park, we need public feedback"

"We are very excited and thrilled to complete this project," said Louis-Jacques.

The park is named after American hero Henry Oliver Hansen, who was a United States Marine Corps sergeant. He was one of the original soldiers who was part of the first flag-raising during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was killed in battle. Hansen was born in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Henry Hansen Park is located on 487 Medford St., Somerville. Hansen's mother lived on that street, according to Franzen and Louis-Jacques.

"The purpose of this project is to honor Henry Hansen, his family, his legacy, the veterans who served with him, and all the ones that came after him," said Louis-Jacques.

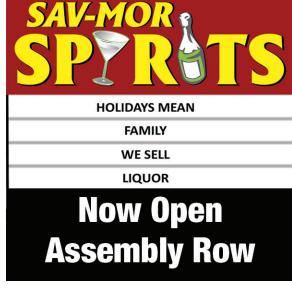


The effort to make significant renovations to Henry Hansen Park are progressing well, according to information shared at last week's community webinar.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner



Design plan of the pending renovation of Henry Hansen Park.





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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of July 4-8, 2022.

BENEFITS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (H 4978)

House 154-0, approved legislation that would support military families who relocate to the Bay State by providing career stability for the spouses of service members and education for their children. The Senate has already approved a different version of the bill and the House version now goes back to the Senate for consideration.

Provisions include making it easier for military personnel and their spouses who move to the Bay State to get a Massachusetts professional license, if their job requires one, so that they can continue their civilian careers and provide for their families without interruption; requiring the Commissioner of Education to issue a military spouse a valid certificate for teaching if he or she holds a valid teaching license from another state; allowing children of military members to register and enroll in a school district at the same time it is open to the general population by waiving the proof of residency requirement until the student actually begins school; creating a purple-star campus designation for certain schools that are military-kid friendly and show a major commitment to students and families connected to the nation's military; and requiring that a child or spouse of an active-duty service member in Massachusetts continue to pay the in-state less expensive tuition rate at state universities even if the service member is assigned to move out of the state.

"Anyone who has worn the uniform or has a family member who has worn the uniform knows that the sacrifice of military service goes far beyond the individual service member," said Sen. John Velis (D-Holyoke) Senate chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. "[This bill] is a recognition of that sacrifice and the challenges these families face. The bill will benefit so many military families coming to our state and will help bring massive federal investments to our commonwealth."

"This comprehensive legislation is the result of countless hours of listening and learning from our veterans and advocates across the commonwealth," said Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham), House chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. "It not only meets our veteran community's most immediate needs, it also addresses the many challenges our veterans and their families face."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

\$56 MILLION FOR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF HOLYOKE SOLDIERS' HOME (H 4932)

Senate 39-0, approved \$56 million in funding for the families of the victims of the COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. The Senate has already approved the measure and only final approval is needed in each branch before the measure goes to the governor for his signature.

"No amount of money will ever make up for the devastating loss and heartbreak that these families have been through," said Sen. John Velis (D-Holyoke). "What happened at the Home was unacceptable and will forever leave a scar on the commonwealth especially our Western Mass communities. No dollar figure will ever bring these families their loved ones back. That anguish and grief will always be there, but this settlement does ensure that the families no longer need to suffer the painful and long process of continued litigation."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE (S 2973)

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to expand access to high-quality, affordable early education and care.

Provisions include increasing over time from the current \$65,626 to \$164,065 the maximum income allowed to qualify for subsidy eligibility for a family of four; requiring the Department of Early Education and Care to evaluate and eliminate barriers to subsidy access for families on an annual basis; strengthening the recruitment of early educators; establishing early educator scholarship and loan forgiveness programs to provide greater access to higher education and professional development opportunities; allowing subsidized providers to offer free or discounted seats for the children of their own staff; and creating a commission to study and recommend to the Legislature ways that employers could provide more support to their workers to help meet their early education and child care needs.

"There are numerous benefits from expanding access to high-quality, affordable early education and childcare," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), Senate Chair of the Committee on Education. "It enhances the cognitive and social emotional development of young children; it enables parents to work and improves families' economic well-being; and it helps employers that are struggling with a workforce shortage. This legislation makes major strides in improving affordability and accessibility of care for families, stabilizing early education providers which

will improve program quality and expand capacity and supporting the early educator workforce, many of whom are women of color."

"This issue has been a top priority of mine for many years, and I am thrilled to pass this transformative piece of legislation alongside my Senate colleagues," said Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), a member of the Special Legislative Early Education and Care Economic Review Commission. "As a father of two children, I know that affordable and quality early education and care is indispensable for families and their economic security. This bill will increase childcare access and help thousands of families obtain care at lower costs. Just as importantly, these investments will provide support to childcare providers and ensure people working in this field can earn a living wage, acquire higher education and support their own families."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$250 OR \$500 TAX REBATE TO SOME TAXPAY-

ERS – The House and Senate leadership unveiled legislation that would use some of the state's estimated \$3.6 billion surplus to give one-time tax rebates to an estimated 2 million eligible people. The package is estimated to cost \$500 million.

A \$250 rebate would go, by September 30, to individual taxpayers and a \$500 rebate to married taxpayers. Eligibility will be determined by annual income reported in 2021, with the minimum income required to be \$38,000, and the maximum \$100,000 for individual filers and \$150,000 for joint filers.

"Whether it is the rising price of gas, groceries, or summer clothes for kids, the Massachusetts Legislature has heard loud and clear that increased costs due to inflation have cut into family budgets," said speaker of the House Ron Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz and Senate Ways and Means Chair Mike Rodrigues, in a joint statement.

The statement continued, "These rebates represent the Legislature's commitment to delivering immediate financial relief directly to residents of the commonwealth, rather than to large oil companies that continue to profit off economic uncertainty and international conflict and follow our efforts to provide \$500 in premium pay for lower income front-line workers during the pandemic. As we recognize the need for structural change as well, we continue to work on potential changes to the tax code with the goal of providing additional relief to residents."

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"The Legislature's 'Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Fund' proposal is a good start in reimbursing taxpayers for the muti-billion-dollar over-taxation revenue surpluses bonanza of the past two years," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "Anything that reduces taxpayers' burden especially in this economy is welcomed, but this will only reduce the pain for a few weeks in the fall. Gov. Baker's tax relief bill offers broader and long-overdue structural tax reforms. It also needs consideration and adoption. Clearly there is sufficient surplus revenue for both."

"This is a poorly thought-out gimmick being done right before the election simply to score points with voters, plain and simple," said Mass Fiscal Alliance spokesman Paul Craney. "Meaningful relief should be broad based and focused on lowering taxes on the people they most effect. Picking winners and losers through arbitrary brackets, as well as penalizing married couples more likely to have families depending on them, is a poor way for our out of touch Legislature to show solidarity with the privations their ill-conceived economic policies are currently forcing Massachusetts families to contend with."

Critics also took a swipe at the measure because it doesn't provide a rebate for lower-income taxpayers earning less than \$38,000. Marie-Frances Rivera, president of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, said that rebates that exclude people earning less than \$38,000 is not targeted tax relief to people who need it the most and are struggling to pay rent every month.

Mariano responded at a press conference and pointed out that the Legislature several months ago had already spent \$490 million on low-income folks who were adversely affected by the COVID loss of jobs. "So we felt we had addressed a lot of the needs there," said Mariano. "The next step was to move up and take care of the folks who are in that middle income area that so often is neglected."

Some opponents said it is also unfair to exclude people earning over \$100,000 from the rebate. They noted that if you have three children and earn \$100,000 you are not exactly rich.

\$400,000 FOR FARMS – The Baker Administration announced the granting of \$400,000 in grants to several Bay State farms to improve their operations.

"[The] administration remains committed to the Massachusetts agricultural industry to ensure our local farmers continue to succeed and have the support they need to provide invaluable products for the public to enjoy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. "These Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Improvement grants will further strengthen the commonwealth's food supply system making it more resilient now and well into the future."

"The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) is steadfast with its commitment to our commonwealth's farming families," said MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. "Through the ... program we have been able to conserve critical farmland, preserve Massachusetts agricultural history and provide support to help keep these farm businesses sustainable now and for future generations."

SOME COVID-19 POLICIES EXTENDED (H 4978 AND S 2559) – The House approved a bill that extends the authority for remote participation for all public bodies and the authority for representative town meetings to meet by remote means through March 31, 2023.

Other provisions authorize the use of electronic communication technology in real estate property closings by attorneys; require landlords, when sending tenants a notice to quit for nonpayment of rent, to include information regarding the tenant's legal rights; require all public notices be posted to a website; require that the meeting of a state public body must have at least one of its members physically present at all meetings; and permit notary publics to select a tamper-evident technology for notarial acts with electronic record.

"This legislation makes permanent the flexibility permitted under the Continued on page 20



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LOTTERY: Thursday, August 11th, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Register to view the lottery here:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3953110863251220750

<u>OPEN HOUSES</u>: 60 Cross St.: Wednesday, July 13th, 2022 from 6 PM – 8 PM

Saturday, July 23^{rd} , 2022 from 11 AM - 1 PM

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COMMENTARY

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Will building more market rate housing make rents go down? In Somerville, it's irrelevant

By Klaus Schultz

A few days ago, I read this "pro/con" piece about housing in *The Nation*¹ and it immediately reminded me of the fierce housing debates that some of us get into on Somerville social media. Like so many of these things, I doubt that anyone will read it and immediately change their mind on the issue, but I think it's useful to see the cases for building more market rate housing versus not doing so laid out side by side.

Rather than just post the link into one of our many Somerville Facebook groups and start duking it out, I thought I'd try to actually organize some coherent thoughts around the issues raised – as they pertain to Somerville specifically – and see if *The Somerville Times* will publish it. And THEN link to Somerville social media to have a community conversation about important local issues (i.e. duke it out in the Comments section).

The "Pro" authors cite research that building more market rate housing creates "migration chains" to open up existing housing for people with lower incomes, and there is at this point

a large amount of research² that building more housing does reduce overall rents. However, I do NOT think that Somerville can rely on this mechanism to create greater affordability here. I say this as someone who supports building more housing overall, enough that I joined Somerville YIMBY and the statewide pro-housing organization Abundant Housing Massachusetts.

Right now, the Boston area is not building enough housing anywhere. When rising rents displace people from Somerville, they're encountering higher prices and scarcity in Malden, Everett, and even further-away Haverhill and Methuen. Worcester rents are skyrocketing.3 I think we all at a bare minimum want people who can't afford rising rent in Somerville to be able to afford to live somewhere in the area, and therefore, not only Somerville, but every city and town in the area, needs to build more.

But I also hope we can agree that we should do everything possible to avoid displacing lower- and middle-income people from Somerville at all. When the Green Line extension is complete, Somerville will have the best public transit access in the entire state. Public transit is a great amenity for affluent folks, but an absolute lifeline for lower- and middle-income families. Car dependency is a huge financial burden on families. Further, pushing lower-income families into long car commutes makes an absolute mockery of any "progress" we might claim on our Climate Forward plan.4

"Right now, the Boston area is not building enough housing anywhere"

Where I take issue with the "Con" piece is the authors' conclusion that the only way this can happen is if we reject "cutesy" zoning changes and focus exclusively on building a large-scale social housing program. I absolutely believe that we should have social housing and tenant protections. And it seems to me that an environment where it is easier to build more housing in our city is complementary to those goals.

The public housing in Clarendon Hill is finally getting replaced, with a mix of market-rate units in the development helping to fund it. The developer of the site of the Star Market on Broadway in Winter Hill is proposing a plan for 55% market-rate and 45% subsidized affordable units, which is possible due to tax credits for low-income housing and the fact that thanks to Somerville zoning changes they won't have to build parking on site.

The question to me is, how can we make these types of projects the kind of development we get in Somerville, and how can we make them happen quickly in the face of the displacement and climate crises we face? I hope that the city expands upon its existing Affordable Housing Overlay to create a density bonus program that allows developers to build higher when the additional units are subsidized affordable. I hope the city uses the funds it has from ARPA to both directly build social housing and establish the capacity to make it sustainable. And I hope that we change the zoning in the wealthier enclaves of the city so that they are also part of the solution.

We can have the "does new market-rate housing lower overall prices?" debate forever, but in Somerville, we need lots of subsidized affordable housing quickly, and I'm in favor of all mechanisms for making that happen.

- ¹ "Does Building Luxury Condos Create More Affordable Housing?" Brian Hanlon, Ned Resnikoff, John Washington and Tara Raghuveer. The Nation. 08 July 2022
- 2"Research Roundup: The Effect of Market-Rate Development on Neighborhood Rents." Shane Phillips, Michael Manville, Michael Lens. UCLA Papers. https://escholarship.org/content/qt5d00z61m/qt5d00z61m.pdf?t=qoq2wr. Accessed 11 July 2022
- ³ Average Rent in Worcester, MA and Cost Information Zumper. https://www.zumper.com/rent-research/worcester-ma. Accessed 11 July 2022
- 4 "Somerville Climate Forward Progress Report 2021." https:// www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/Somerville-Climate-Forward-Progress-Report-2021-Final-Full-Report.pdf Accessed 11 July 2022

Somerville woman hiking to support domestic violence survivors

Somerville resident, Aimee Deaton, is participating in the 27th annual Wilderness Heals, a 3-day, all women pledge hike taking place from July 15-17 in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

This unique event builds and engages a community of supporters to raise money for Stone House, an inclusive and essential home and community space for domestic violence survivors located in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Deaton is participating for the first time this year. "I decided to participate primarily because my neighbor and friend, Jessica Gallo, one of the group leaders, encouraged me to do so," said Aimee Deaton. "Wilderness Heals is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, challenge myself and support an important cause."

Pictured here, Aimee Deaton at a training hike on Jennings Peak as she prepares for the 27th annual Wilderness Heals pledge hike in the White Mountains of New Hampshire to benefit the Stone House.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark

Keep cool Somerville - the heat is on!

Our View Of The Times



It's been getting pretty darn hot lately. And it's looking like we'll be facing a good little stretch of even more hot weather in the days and – yes, even maybe – the weeks to come.

There's little to be done about it other than exercising a little common sense to minimize dangers of heat stroke. Watch your activity levels, get plenty of water, etc. Just be careful and do the right things. You'll make it.

We love it when the winter thaws and the explosion of life in the natural world around us takes place in the springtime, and many of us love to lounge and loll in the vibrant warmth of a hot summer day. But it is important to keep in mind that moderation is the key to good health and personal safety.

The city has developed its Keep Cool

Somerville program as an initiative to improve community resilience to extreme heat. They're constantly monitoring the situation and offering tips for beating the heat. Here are ways you can stay cool:

- Seek out air-conditioning at a Somerville Public Library branch on Saturday
- Head to Dilboy Pool (110 Alewife Brook Parkway) on weekends, 11:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

• Many parks and playgrounds also have water play features or sprinklers. To find a splash pad in your neighborhood, visit https://bit.ly/3QTxxum.

For additional heat safety tips, visit somervillema.gov/keepcool.

Please be careful while you're out there, and also exercise a little caution while you're indoors. The heat is everywhere, but we can beat it.

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our Facebook friends, such Linda Sauer McSorley, Janeen Mobilia-Dowling, Corinne Brune Dellann, Joanne Parziale, Michael Dunn, Christine Desrochers-Broderick, Joey Sainato and Richard Spinosa 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.

ArtBeat Dance is back in the Somerville Theatre for 2022. July 16, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Somerville Arts Council will host these artists: Continuum Dance Project, Eliza Malecki Dance, Carmen

Rizzo, Art UnEarths, Danza Organica, SINDHOOR & NATYAVEDA

- Navarasa Dance Theater, JLin and Colleagues, Ken Pierce Baroque Dance Company with Ensemble Maresienne, Duets for a Lifetime, and Deborah Mason School of Dance. Please join them in welcoming these dance groups back to this Somerville stage for an afternoon of dance. Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Sq.

Docent tour of Prospect Hill Tower takes place Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Prospect Hill Tower, 68 Munroe St. Inclement weather cancels any event. Call 311 (617-666-3311)

for updates and check the city's calendar: https://www.somervillema.gov/events Sponsored by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and the Somerville Museum, www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation and http://somervillemuseum.org.

Somerville High School Class of 1964 75th Birthday Celebration, Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. at the George Dilboy VFW Post, Davis Square. Donation: \$50 payable to Kevin Estee, 4 Charles Circle, Andover, MA 01810. Rooms available at the Holiday Inn, Washington St., Somerville. RSVP

by August 17 to **Sandra Regan**: san-jonr21@gmail.com.

Free summer meals for kids under 19 years have begun. Visit the website for breakfast and lunch times and locations. https://somerville.k12.ma.us/summermeals

The City of Somerville's annual Somer-Movie Fest returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at dusk and the schedule is as follows: Ghostbusters: Afterlife, July 14, Lincoln Park Continued on page 19

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. In what year was the last pure gold medal given out at the Olympics?
- 2. What US athlete has won the most gold medals in a summer Olympics to date?
- 3. XXX What member of the "Manson family" tried to assassinate U.S. President Gerald Ford in 1975?
- 4. How is Dutch elm disease spread in elm trees?
- 5. What band had a number one with The Night Chicago Died?
- 6. What countries were the original Mickey Mouse comic book stories first being produced?

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- 7. Who was the TV show Eight is Enough modeled after?
- 8. What kind of wood would you usually find as the handle of a hammer?
- 9. What David Bowie song did Nirvana perform on MTV Unplugged?
- 10. What song did Dee Dee Ramone write in Author Stephen King's basement?
- 11. Who discovered the break-in at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C. in 1972?
- 12. What retired baseball player was nicknamed "Mr. November"?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. We spend about 2.5 days a year looking for lost items.
- 2. "Go" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

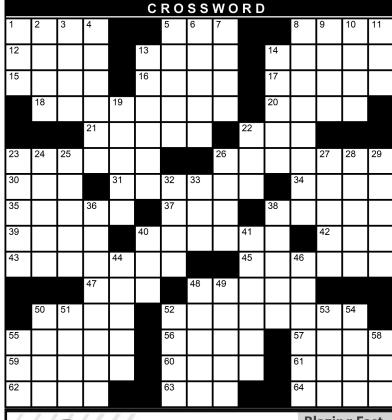
ANNUAL TRADITIONS

ACROSS

- 1. Verdant
- 5. Vietnamese neighbor
- 8. "Before" prefix
- 11. Curved molding
- 12. It rings at midnight on Christmas Eve at church
- 13. Yarn store unit
- 15. Relating to armpit
- 16. Criminal's surprise
- 17. Nephew's sister
- 18. 4th of July spectacle
- 20. 1952 Olympics host
- 21. 1,000 kilograms
- 22. Meat sauce
- 23. Vacation location
- 26. French painter of "La Danse" fame
- 30. Menu words (2 words)
- 31. Lean
- 34. Wine valley
- 35. Impertinent
- 37. Annual Assumption tradition blesses
- 38. #2 Down, pl.
- 39. Highest volcano in Europe
- 40. Puppies
- 42. Bit of binary code
- 43. Dean's official residence
- 45. Small stream
- 47. Wine quality
- 48. Bilbo Baggins' land
- 50. Windsor family's sport
- 52. *Popular New Year's libation
- 56. Stored by bees
- 57. ____-de-camp
- 58. "On the _____" by Jack Kerouac
- 59. Make laugh
- 60. Tear
- 61. Tibetan priest
- 62. Woolen cap
- 63. Banned insecticide
- 64. Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

- 1. Bakery serving
- 2. Tangelo
- 3. Scorch





- 4. Regarding this point
- 5. "Live and _
- 6. Description for twins
- 7. Auto pioneer
- 8. Banana remnant
- 9. Puerto _
- 10. Compass bearing
- 12. "Jane Eyre" author
- 13. Pig part
- 14. Action under mistletoe
- 19. Like a damaged apple, possibly
- 22. Jam container
- 23. Torn down
- 24. Fill with optimism
- 25. Sweating room
- 26. Thanksgiving's main event?

- 27. Beauty parlor
- 28. Chiropractor's concern
- 29. Painting holder

- 32. Light gray
- 33, "Wow!"
- 36. Birthday cake decorations
- 38. Seize the throne
- 40. Kind of humor
- 41. Ready
- 44. Deteriorate
- 46. Just about
- 48. Jumped aside
- 49. Lacked
- 50. Type of cotton
- 51. Female gamete
- 52. Valentine's Day tradition
- 53. New Year's resolution weight or sav-
- 54. One in a roster
- 55. Red-encased cheese
- 56. Graduation flyer
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Sarah Borges releases 'Together Alone' in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

"Been a while now since I've seen my friends. Don't know when I'm gonna see them again," sings Sarah Borges on the opening track of her new album, *Together Alone*.

This is, of course, not the first time that a someone has taken to song to express a combination of longing and uncertainty.

However, the Taunton native's words are particularly fraught and relatable given the harsh realities wrought by COVID-19.

They take on added weight when sung by someone whose livelihood is dependent on as many people as possible gathering in confined public spaces.

Much of Borges's recently released album, *Together Alone*, addresses the personal and financial stress that she has undergone over the course of the past two years as both a working musician and fairly recently divorced mother of a young child.

The three-time Boston Music Awards honoree originally had a record release show scheduled at The Burren on April 2.

Alas, that had to be postponed due to a positive result for the coronavirus. Thankfully, it has been rescheduled for this Saturday at the same venue.

In the following Q&A, Borges discusses how her new 10-song collection came together under less-than-ideal circumstances.

The Somerville Times: Had you previously collaborated with any of the musicians on Together Alone?

Sarah Borges: Eric Amble, who produced the record and plays guitar and some auxiliary items, had produced a couple records with me previously. He also tours with me and has sort of become almost a mentor. He made the record possible because he knew how to take the remote recording that we had to do and make it sound like we were all in the

same room.

The guy who plays bass on most of the tracks is named Keith Voegele. He's my boyfriend, but he also was in The Bottle Rockets. We had played with them a ton before, too. And the other folks I knew, but we had never played together. And because so much of the record was made from afar, there are people who played on the record who I haven't met in person. I've only talked to them electronically or on the phone.

TST: Several songs (Wasting My Time, Rock and Roll Hour, Together Alone) reference worries about paying the rent and bills. Is She's a Trucker about how you made up income lost from not being able to perform live?

SB: Yeah. Basically, I'm a courier, so I go to a location in Chelsea and then just deliver whatever. Yesterday, I went to the Medical Examiner's office in Boston, and sometimes I deliver dialysis ma-



Sarah Borges will be at The Burren on Saturday, July 16, presenting her Borges Together Alone Release Show.

chines. It just really depends on the day. That's what I do when I'm not doing the band stuff.

TST: The song You Got Me on the Boat was inspired by an Outlaw Country Cruise that you participated in. How did you

choose the three bands that you mention in it?

SB: They were all on the boat! (*laughs*) They are also three bands that I really admire. Eric Amble – we call him "Roscoe" – was in The Yayhoos. Continued on page 19

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Paprika Shrimp and Linguine

There is a smoky, sweet, with a hint of spice that permeates throughout the dish. A perfect meal for a busy weeknight. This dish can be on the table in under 30 minutes when all ingredients are prepared ahead.

1 lb Shrimp, shelled and deveined (21-30/lb.)

1-1/2 Tablespoons Smoked Paprika 1/2 Teaspoon Salt

1/4 Teaspoon Black Pepper, freshly ground

3/4 lb Thin Linguine

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil, Plus 1 Tablespoon

3 Garlic Cloves, sliced

1/2 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes

1 Cup Onion, small dice

1 14.5 Oz can Petite Diced Tomatoes Additional Salt and Pepper as needed Parsley for garnish

In a medium bowl, add the paprika, salt and pepper and blend well. Add the shrimp and coat well. Let it rest in the refrigerator for at least 1/2 hour. In the meantime, prepare the rest of the ingredients and get a pot of water on the stove for the pasta.

In a 12" skillet, over medium heat, add the olive oil, garlic and red pepper flakes and sauté for a minute. Add the shrimp, making sure they are in a single layer. Cook for 1-1/2 minutes per side, then remove onto a large plate and set aside.

Bring the pasta water to a boil and add enough salt to season like the sea. Add the pasta and cook about one minute shy of the recommended cooking time on the box.

Add the final tablespoon of olive oil to the skillet along with the diced onion and cook down until translucent, about 6 minutes.



Add the tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes. Add the shrimp to the skillet. Once the pasta is cooked, drain and add to the skillet, reserving a 1/2 cup of the pasta water to thin the sauce.

Then add the pasta to the skillet and

coat with the sauce. Serve immediately garnishing with fresh parsley. Crusty bread adds a vessel to mop up the sauce. Serves 3 people.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

Mary Jo Rossetti wins Heroine of the Commonwealth Award

This week women from across the commonwealth were honored with the Heroine of the Commonwealth Award. Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Christine Barber recently joined former School Committee member Mary Jo Rossetti of Somerville to celebrate her recognition as Heroine of the Commonwealth by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Mary Jo served Somerville for decades, impacting the lives of children and families. A seven-term School Committee member and four-term Somerville City Councilor, Mary Jo's multi fold community volunteerism began as Secretary-Treasurer of the Powder House Community School PTA. Following her election to the Somerville School Committee in 1999, Mary Jo soon became active in the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, ultimately serving as President of the statewide association, representing school committees around the country and in Washington, D.C.

Mary Jo has been a forceful advocate for school funding and supportive services for staff, children, and their families. She actively took part in building a new high school in Somerville. Known for her deep relationships in the community, she was always able to dive into details to meet the needs of the city.

Mary Jo Rossetti has shown incredible commitment to improving her community and her hard work/public service will continue to positively impact Somerville for decades to come.



First and Last Word Poetry Series at the Armory Café

The First and Last Word Poetry Series was founded in 2010 by Harris Gardner. Harris then asked Gloria Mindock to join him as co-host. The poetry readings have taken place in the Armory Café ever since and are now part of the ROOTED Armory Café Event Series. They are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$4. This month's event will take place on July 19.

During the pandemic, the series went online via Zoom. In May, the series started up again in the Café, with Mary Buchinger, Linda Conte and Hilary Sallick. In June, Jennifer Barber, Gail Mazur and Lloyd Schwartz were hosted. July and the rest of the year will be announced soon.

The First and Last Word Poetry Series focuses on established poets in the area and the state of Massachusetts. An open mic is hosted by the organizers following the featured readers.

Both Harris Gardner and Gloria Mindock have a long history of running reading series in the area and are extremely active in the community. They believe in

giving writers a home for their poetry to be heard. To be considered for the series, poets must have at least one chapbook or book published. Anyone can read in the open mic.

Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.



Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee seeks one member

The City of Somerville seeks one new member for the Municipal Scholarship Committee, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. Applicants must be Somerville residents. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, expertise, and perspectives to share their talents and insights with their community.

The mission of the Municipal Scholarship Committee is to award scholarships to high school graduates to use toward their higher education expenses. The funding for the scholarships comes from voluntary contributions made by Somerville taxpayers. Scholarship Committee members develop a meeting schedule, review redacted scholarship applications, set criteria for scholarship awards, and make award recommendations.

The committee typically meets for a few hours a week over a four- to five-week period. Members are appointed by the Mayor. These are volunteer positions.

Applications are due Friday, August 5. Interested residents should submit a statement of interest to treasury@somervillema.gov or Treasury Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact Linda Dubuque at treasury@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 3500 with questions.

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Somerville's Mobile Farmers Market begins its 2022 season

By Luda Tang

The City of Somerville's Mobile Farmers Market began this year's season on July 8. The first market was held at 167 Holland St. from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. From now through October 15, Somerville residents can check the market every Friday and Saturday. The website lists more specific information about the market's various locations.

Later that afternoon, the second session of the market was held at the East Somerville Community School. Staff from the office of Food Access and Healthy communities arrived earlier to set up foods and the table. A standing whiteboard listed the price for each food. Most of the vegetables were placed in a green cart, while some others were placed in a bamboo basket on the table.

Various vegetables are available and at a much lower price compared to the market price. For example, callaloo, kale, and basil costs \$1 per bunch, while the onions and green beans cost \$1 per pound. Other vegetables, like zucchini, yellow summer squash, and cucumbers, are slightly higher priced at \$1.25 per pound. Bok Choy is the priciest at \$2 per pound.

This small mobile marketplace has green as its theme color. The staff wear green aprons. The tablecloths are also green, forming

is to feed people with different

needs, according to Sean O'Brien, the Food Access Coordinator at the City of Somerville. That also explains why the market takes place in four separate locations across the city, which allows people living in different parts of the city to access.

With funding provided to the department, the Office of Food Access and Health communities can allow the market setting affordable prices. In this way, low-income residents can also obtain fresh and self-produced vegetables.

Additionally, the Mobile Farmers Market is able to build a close connection with local farmers. O'Brien says that farms who supply the food are all located within 15 miles from the City of Somerville. Groundwork Somerville is also one of the suppliers of the food.

If the food does not get sold out, the leftovers go to the food pantry at Project SOUP. People can get free food there from Tuesday to Saturday. Project SOUP is a program operated by the Somerville Homeless Coalition. It aims to address food insecurity in Somerville by providing healthy, wholesome groceries and meals. No food will be wasted within this circle.

O'Brien sees the Mobile Farmers Market is a good opportunity to connect with the residents with various cultural backitem, like the potato.





Local residents purchase vegetables at the Mobile Farmers Market.

— Photos by Luda Tang







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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS City of Somerville OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Thursday, July 28th, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock, at the Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same has been paid before that date.

Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 411 NORFOLK ST UNIT 1G

ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): JUSTIN ROSS
PARCEL ID: 096D00004411-16 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20040770
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A condominium, situated at 411 Norfolk Street, Unit 1G and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 45430. Page: 048

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to JUSTIN ROSS for the fiscal year 2020, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on <u>July 16, 2020</u>. After notice of intention to take said land was given as required by law, they remain unpaid along with interest and incidental interests and costs to the date of taking as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$178.22
Interest to Date of Taking	\$52.02
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$455.24

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 189 CEDAR ST

ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): TEDI P HUGHES & JOHN C SCHWAGERL

PARCEL ID: 033G00027000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 13421115 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5,500 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 32082, Page: 569

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to TEDI P HUGHES & JOHN C SCHWAGERL for the fiscal year 2020, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on July 16, 2020. After notice of intention to take said land was given as required by law, they remain unpaid along with interest and incidental interests and costs to the date of taking as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$248.99
Interest to Date of Taking	\$64.46
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$538.45

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 0 WIGGLESWORTH ST

ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): 141 WALNUT STREET LLC
PARCEL ID: 078H00004000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 04189155
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 155 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 71856, Page: 064

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to 141 WALNUT STREET LLC for the fiscal year 2020, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on <u>July 16, 2020</u>. After notice of intention to take said land was given as required by law, they remain unpaid along with interest and incidental interests and costs to the date of taking as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$71.48
Interest to Date of Taking	\$19.27
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$315.75

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 0 WALNUT ST

ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): 141 WALNUT STREET LLC
PARCEL ID: 078100013000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 04189169
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 586 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 71856, Page: 064

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to 141 WALNUT STREET LLC for the fiscal year 2020, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on July 16, 2020. After notice of intention to take said land was given as required by law, they remain unpaid along with interest and incidental interests and costs to the date of taking as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$220.8
Interest to Date of Taking	\$73.07
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$518.88

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ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS SHA Job No. P-STOVE072022

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No. **P-STOVE072022**

Description of Work:

Supply and deliver NEW Stoves as needed. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Term of contract is 3 years or 1 year if alternate is chosen.

Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., on July 26, 2022, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bid and Contract Documents will be available for download on Somerville Housing Authority's web site www.sha-web.org, under our bid opportunities tab on July 11th, 11:00 a.m.. Updates and addendums will be posted on website. Bidders are responsible for downloading and including updates, and addendum\s with their bid. There will be no charge for these documents.

Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Stove Bid, Attn. Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified. A mail slot is provided if you would like to drop off.

If you are submitting a bid, you must register with Anthony Crespo by email at Tonyc@sha-web.org and provide contact information including, telephone number, and email. You will receive a reply that your email has been received. Bidders\Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their email and bids are received.

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CCITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP# 23-01

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services

Department invites proposals for:

Nonprofit Support Program

The RFP package may be obtained online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress on or after: Wednesday, July 13th, 2022. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: 2:00 pm, Thursday, July 28th, 2022.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email $\underline{\text{iremy@somervillema.gov}} \ \text{for more information}.$

Jordan Remy Procurement Analyst 617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #22-67

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

Somerville City-wide Landscaping Services

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 07/11/2022. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: 07/28/2022. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: 07/28/2022. 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.

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Andrea Caruth
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Massachusetts approved to provide P-EBT for families through summer 2022

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced that Massachusetts has received federal approval to continue providing Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits to households through summer 2022. P-EBT is a child nutrition program created during the public health emergency to promote increased food security for students and children who missed school or could not attend childcare due to COVID-19.

Summer P-EBT benefits are estimated to provide continued food assistance for the families of approximately 400,000 school-age children, as well as 109,000 children under age six in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This additional support will bring \$200 million of federal funds into the Commonwealth.

"Households with children have historically experienced higher food insecurity in the summer when kids are home from school." said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "Expanding P-EBT through August and continuing SNAP Emergency Allotments and increased WIC fruit and vegetable vouchers, in addition to our expansive Summer Eats meals sites, represents the Administration's ongoing commitment to combating childhood hunger across the Commonwealth."

"Over the past two plus years, P-EBT has been a critical tool in providing children and families with the financial power to buy food that meets their households' cultural and nutritional needs. It also continues to play an important role as an economic stabilizer, providing an influx of federal dollars into the state's economy, supporting our grocery stores, corner stores, local farms, and other food retailers." said Department of Transitional Assistance Acting Commissioner Mary Sheehan. "DTA is pleased to provide these critical benefits again this summer in collaboration with DESE and local school districts."

"We want students to continue to have access to healthy meals over the summer, so we're pleased to see this additional support for children while school is out," Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. "We hope families will also take advantage of Summer Eats, the summer meal program for young people that's available in many areas of the Commonwealth."

In Massachusetts, all eligible children will receive a total of \$391 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$195.50 this summer. K-12 students will start to receive P-EBT on July 3 and August 3. Families who receive SNAP and have a child under age six will start to receive P-EBT on July 25 and August 25.

K-12 students will be eligible for Summer P-EBT if they received P-EBT benefits in the past, meaning they are eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals. Students newly eligible for free or reduced-price school meals during any point in school year 2021-2022 or during the summer, including through a School Year 2022-2023 meal household applica-



tion, will also be eligible.

Families will continue to receive P-EBT on the same card they have in the past. Households who lost their P-EBT card can request a replacement card. More information on P-EBT can be found at MAp-EBT.org.

Summer P-EBT builds on other federal nutrition programs and resources available for families to buy food this summer, including:

Summer Eats: a program that provides free meals to all kids and teens at locations across Massachusetts during the summer months. No identification or registration required. Learn more and find a site near you at www.projectbread.org/summereats.

WIC: a nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to healthcare and other services, free of charge, to Massachusetts families who qualify. Families are encouraged to check their eligibility and apply online at Mass.gov/WIC or call (800) 942-1007.

Increased fruit and vegetable benefits at WIC retail stores: the Massachusetts WIC food package continues to include expanded fruit and vegetable benefits: \$24/month for children, \$43/month for pregnant/postpartum participants and \$47/month for breastfeeding participants.

Farmers' Market Coupons: Similar to last summer, WIC farmers' market coupons will remain at \$30 per participant during the summer 2022 season for purchasing fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets and farm stands. Participants can contact their local programs to learn when the coupons will be distributed.

SNAP Benefits: SNAP provides funds to buy food on an

EBT card, similar to a debit card. Residents can check their SNAP eligibility and apply online at DTAConnect.com or on the DTA Assistance Line at (877) 382-2363.

Emergency Allotments: Massachusetts continues to provide SNAP emergency allotment payments that bring SNAP households' benefits up to at least the maximum amount for their household size. They provide a minimum of \$95, including for those who already receive the maximum benefit amount. These special payments bring \$90 million of federal funds into the state each month.

HIP: The Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) puts money back on someone's EBT card when they use SNAP to buy healthy, local fruits and vegetables from HIP farm vendors. Learn more at Mass.gov/HIP. Find a vendor at DTAFinder.com.

Somerville's newest firefighters celebrate completion of probationary period

Congratulations to FF Jay Kenney, FF Brittany Taylor and FF Dan Higgins on completing their one year probationary period.

With that they get to wear their new firefighter helmet shields.

We were fortunate to hire all three members from other fire departments.

— Somerville Firefighters Local 76



Joe the Salamander book release party

Hosted by Doug Holder with readings by Charles Coe and DeWitt Henry, the long awaited release of Timothy Gager's novel, Joe the Salamander will take place on Saturday, July 23, 10:00 p.m., at the Arts at the Armory.

Synopsis:

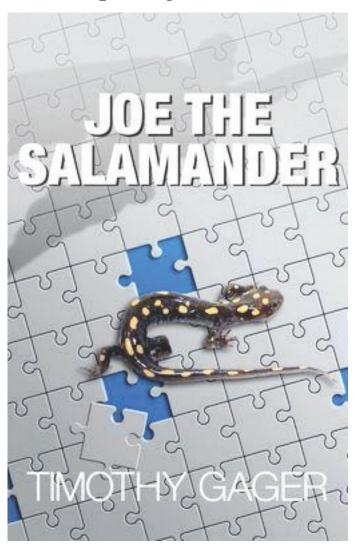
Joe the Salamander, tells the story of Joe Gamut, a brilliant boy whose infatuation with Superman helps him through his struggles in the neurotypical world. Timothy Gager creates charmingly wise and foolish support characters, captures quirky 1990s nostalgia, and tells a poignant story about life with or on the spectrum.

The book is divided into seven parts, each detailing a section of the Gamuts' life. In a prologue, Joe's father, Adrian, describes his own uncomfortable youth in foster care, and his finding solace and stability in young Millie Englander, now Millie Gamut. In part one Millie gives birth to Joe while Adrian, overwhelmed, hands out candy cigarettes to pedestrians on the street. Like his father, Joe rides a different rainbow. As a newborn, he tries to please those around him by refusing to cry; when he realizes they want him to cry, he complies, nonstop, for days. He's preternaturally sensitive, but balance is hard. As toddler and pre-schooler, he finds comfort in all things Superman—tv, cape and t-shirt – and in his cure-all word: "Yes."

When Joe begins school, he excels in writing but speaks only his "Yes." As teachers try to implement flawed Individual Learning plans, Millie practices patience and incremental repetition, balancing Adrian's hyper-focus and fears. An engaging young nurse, Laura Wellin, befriends the family, giving readers yet another lens through which to appreciate Joe's world—and her own. Shades Creek, a pet store owner whose energy creates a city-wide Salamander Festival—he understands Joe instinctively. It's the "normalcy" of grandparents and psychiatrists who wish to control one another that gets ironic treatment from our author.

By part six, after a popular kid has saved him from high school bullying, Joe finds himself accepted by his peers. Then, just as things are looking up, his life is upended, leaving him more unsupported than he's ever been. After a long gap of time, Joe's struggles in the neurotypical world end surprisingly, and, we think, well.

Timothy Gager's *Joe the Salamander* draws good-humored yet serious attention to the importance of accepting diversity, reminding readers that no matter our differences, our abilities, our disabilities, or our circumstances, we are never fully alone.



Author Biography:

Timothy Gager has published 16 books of fiction and poetry. He hosted the Dire Literary Series of author interviews in Cambridge, MA from 2001 to 2018, and spun off a virtual series starting in 2020. Gager co-founded The Somerville News Writers Festival and has had over 1,000 pieces of fiction, micro-fiction, and poetry published – including 17 nominated for Pushcart Prizes. His work has also been nominated for a Massachusetts Book Award, The Best of the Web, The Best Small Fictions Anthology, and has been read on NPR. *Joe the Salamander* is his third novel. He lives in Dedham, Massachusetts with some fish and a rabbit, and is employed as a social worker.

Opening Reception for sculpture: 'We Are Still Listening'

Join in Thursday, July 14, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (rain date July 2t) for the grand opening reception of the sculpture, "We Are Still Listening" located at Symphony Park in East Somerville. Come by and meet sculptor Fermin Castro.

"If you venture to Symphony Park, located in East Somerville, you will notice a plaque which speaks to its historical significance. My sculpture, 'We Are Still Listening,' was created from a magnificent regal tree which once stood in front of the Hadley-Conant home, a family of musicians of the 1880s. I wish to dedicate this sculpture to the honor of the Hadley-Conant family, the residents of East Somerville, and those musicians who will continue this tradition through musical performances and events in Symphony Park.

This project was made possible in collaboration with the Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry.

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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 11am via Zoom.

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 Holland 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.

Summer Super Bingo – Thursday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bingo will be played at 10:30 a.m., lunch will follow - \$2 for lunch, \$8 dollars for 3 Bingo Cards. Come and have a fun filled day with special guest bingo caller, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. Limited seating and transportation. Please reserve your seat by calling Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

Yoga In Person – Tuesday, July 19 and July 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Easy-to-follow program lets you stretch and relax. Yoga provides modified, low-impact moves and easy-to-follow pacing for a healthy, active lifestyle. Please RSVP to Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email Chris at CKowaleski@ Somervillema.gov

LGBTQIA+ and Allies Social Group – Thursday, July 14 from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. LGBTQ+ and allies are welcome. Come and join us for this social gathering. Meet and mingle with new people. Have a slice of pizza or two. RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

Book Club – Friday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. - Do you love books and want to discuss your love of reading with others? Consider joining book club. Group meets in person at 167 Holland St. and concurrently via Zoom. Please RSVP by calling Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600 or email Natasha at nnaim@somervillema.gov as space is limited.

Movie Matinee & Pizza – Wednesday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ralph and Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) Showing will be: 9 to 5, starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton. Three female employees of a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot find a way to turn the tables. Pizza will be served. \$2 per person Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov Grab & Go Lunch will also be available.

Left, Right, Center – Friday, July 29 at our Holland Street Center. LRC (Left, Right, Center) is a fun, fast-paced dice game that you won't be able to put down! Players roll the dice to determine where they pass their chips. The last player with chips is the winner and wins the center pot. To register please call Debby Higgins a 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email her at DHiggins@Somervillema. gov Grab and Go Lunch will be available after the program.

Music & Movement Enrichment with Steve

– Thursday, July 21 at our Holland Street Center from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join Steve as he plays guitar, sings and leads gentle movements. Just tapping your toe or singing along can help move your body in new ways. Being physically active is not just good for our bodies but it is also one of Mental Health America's 10 tools to building resiliency; or the ability to overcome obstacles and manage through tough times. This program is in person, pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@ Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Music and Munch Program – Wednesday, July 13 via Zoom starting at 12:00 p.m. This 45- minute session 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. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via Zoom.

July Boxed Lunch Pick Up – Friday, July 22 at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) starting at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can stop by. Please reserve your lunch by calling Connie Lorenti at

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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.

Sarah Borges releases 'Together Alone' in Somerville

And I'm such a huge NRBQ fan. John Perrin, who's their drummer now, played on Together Alone. And The Mavericks are just a band that I love.

TST: Would it be correct to say that your previous album, 2018's Love's Middle Name, had more of a rock and roll component to it while Together Alone is more country-flavored?

SB: I think that's right on. Some of the songs on Love's Middle Name, I wrote on an electric guitar with the band. I had the basic idea, then brought it to them and they finished fleshing it out. For this record, it was just me home with an acoustic guitar. And the initial track for every single song was an acoustic guitar track. So when you're starting there as opposed to an electric track, I think it lends itself to something different.

TST: The first song on Love's

Middle Name, House on the Hill, includes the lyric, "I've given it some thought/About what we are and what we're really not/ Together alone/Cut to the quick down to the bone." Does that phrase resonate with you in some particular way?

SB: Yes. You are the first person to catch it! So I said it once, and I liked the phrase. Then pandemic time came, and what could be more descriptive of this time we're in of how we made the record? Plus, I already said it once, so it's a nice little foreshadowing.

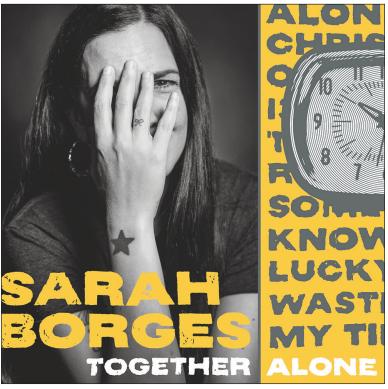
TST: You wrote or co-wrote all of the songs on Together Alone. On your previous albums, you covered artists as disparate as Mahalia Jackson and The Magnetic Fields. What prompts the decision to record others' material?

SB: When I like a song, I always want to know how it's put togeth-

er. It's almost like if you like toasters, you're going to take apart the toaster and figure it out. I think that they were all songs that I just liked and really wanted to understand better. It's really just a matter of, "I can't hear this song enough, so I better learn how to play it myself so I don't have to keep hitting rewind."

TST: You have won and been nominated for numerous Boston Music Awards. How important is that to you?

SB: All I know is that when I was a kid in Taunton, MA, and the Boston Music Awards would happen, they would run the winners in the paper the next day. And they've run the winners in the paper the times that I've won, and the feeling of having your grandma be proud of you because your name's in the paper because you won a gosh-darn Boston Music Award is priceless! Of course,



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Sarah Borges' latest release, Together Alone.

it's an honor to be nominated, but when you win it, you feel great.

Sarah Borges Together Alone Re-

lease Show: Saturday, July 16 at The Burren, 247 Elm Street, Davis Square. Doors at 6, show at 7. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

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(Argenziano School); Sing 2, July 21, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); Encanto, July 28, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); Jumanji: The Next Level, August 4, Seven Hills Park; West Side Story, August 11, Seven Hills Park; Star Wars: The Force Awakens, August 18, Seven Hills Park.

Somerville Pub Sing, outdoors in-person, Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. An outdoor, in person sing at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave. (https://www.facebook.com/ somervillecommunitygrowingcenter). It's a beautiful space. They will have a propane fire pit and marshmallows to toast; other snacks are welcome!

The Joe the Salamander book release party will take place Saturday, July 23, 4:00 p.m., Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Hosted by Doug Holder, with readings by Charles Coe and DeWitt Henry. It's the long-awaited release of Timothy Gager's novel, Joe the Salamander.

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 the 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.

Swap Meet at Somerville Bike Kitchen on Saturday July 16, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come sell your bike stuff and buy other people's bike stuff. No fees for selling and they will have a few tables available. Contact them at staff@somervillebikekitchen.org to reserve space at a table. 339R Summer St., Somerville.

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 location continue. Temporary spaces include: Somerville Public Library, Central Branch, 79 Highland Ave.; Edgerly Education Center, 33 Cross St.; Powderhouse Park, 838 Broadway. Each space will provide activities, snacks, connections to services, and access to city social workers. For opening dates and more information, visit somervillema.gov/teencenter.

The 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. 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. 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.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmsea-

son. 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.

The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market is open for the season, selling fresh, local produce through October 15. The market schedule is as follows: Fridays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Council on Aging/SCALE (167 Holland St.); 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.) Saturdays: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: North Street Housing (24 North St.); 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Mystic Housing (Playground between 15B and 25B Memorial Rd.). The market accepts cash, debit, credit, SNAP, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons, and it offers an unlimited 50% discount for anyone who needs it. All are welcome. To learn more, visit: somervillema.gov/farmersmarket.

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Open Meeting Law during the COVID-19 State of Emergency while keeping with the Open Meeting Law's objectives of transparency, convenience and access by the public," said Rep. Tony Cabral (D-New Bedford), the chair of the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. "The ability to participate remotely has significantly increased and promoted access and participation in our democratic process throughout the commonwealth. There is no reason to move backwards from this new era of public access. Now that we have experienced the benefits of remote access to public meetings, we cannot go back."

Advocates for the bill include the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Boston Center for Independent Living, Common Cause Massachusetts, Disability Law Center, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, MASS-PIRG, New England First Amendment Coalition, and New England Newspaper & Press Association.

Those groups released a joint statement. "We applaud the Legislature for consistently appreciating the importance of remote access to public meetings," read the statement. "Across the commonwealth, remote access to public meetings has significantly increased public participation in state and local government, and has lowered longstanding barriers for people with disabilities, people with limited access to transportation and people with work and family obligations."

The Senate has already approved its own version of the measure and a House-Senate conference committee will likely craft a compromise version.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"These toxic chemicals don't belong anywhere, let alone in food packaging. Kudos to Rhode Island for taking this important step to protect the public from PFAS. I hope Massachusetts will soon become the next state to act." — Ben Hellerstein, state director for Environment Massachusetts, on Rhode Island's passage of a new law banning PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) in food packaging. Supporters say that PFAs are dangerous chemicals which have been linked to a wide variety of health problems including immunosuppression, low birthweight, liver disease and testicular and kidney cancer.

"The Legislature's move, driven by Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka, to give driver's licenses to people in this country illegally resonated like no other issue before with the people of Massachusetts. Mass-Fiscal set a record with the number of people who used our website to contact their legislators opposing this vote.

— Paul Craney, spokesman for the Mass Fiscal Alliance.

"I look forward to working with you and your team and our team as we hopefully quickly and successfully settle the differences between both of our bills. It's the first time we've attempted to update and modernize the cannabis laws since they were enacted by the voters in 2016 and modified by us in the Legislature in 2017." — Senate Ways and Means chair Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport) on the conference committee working on drafting a compromise version of a bill that would make changes in the cannabis laws.

"We're seeing more daylight shootings on busy streets and more guns in the hands of teenagers. The common thread, beyond shooters willing to send bullets flying regardless of where they are, is that the guns were likely trafficked in from another state." — Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden urging governors and legislators in states with "easy-access gun purchase laws" to consider the impacts their

laws are having on cities like Boston.

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 latenight 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 July 4-8, the House met for a total of seven hours and 44 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 55 minutes.

Mon. July 4	No House session No Senate session.		
Tues. July 5	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:18 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.		
Wed. July 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:51 a.m No Senate session.		
Thurs. July 7	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:48 p.m.		

Fri. July 8 No House session No Senate session

Senate 11:19 a.m. to 6:23 p.m.

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1099 - The Crusaders launch their final assault on Jerusalem.

1534 - Ottoman armies capture Tabriz in northwestern Persia.

1585 – A group of 108 English colonists, led by Sir Richard Grenville, reaches Roanoke Island, North Carolina.

1754 – George Washington surrenders Fort Necessity to the French, leaving them in control of the Ohio Valley.

1832 – Henry Schoolcraft discovers the source of the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

1863 – Opponents of the draft begin three days of rioting in New York City.

1939 – Frank Sinatra records his first song, "From the Bottom of My Heart," with the Harry James Band.

1941 – Britain and the Soviet Union sign a mutual aid pact, providing the means for Britain to send war materiel to the Soviet Union.

1971 – The Army of Morocco executes 10 leaders accused of leading a revolt.

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6:00 AM	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III	Friday,	July 15	4:00 PM	Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy	10:00 AM	Porchfest 2022
7:00 AM	Envisioning 90 Washington St.	12:00 AM	Senior Circuit:	5:00 PM	Raising Families- Vaping	11:00 AM	Fit 4 Life
8:05 AM	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022		Older Adults & Mental Health	5:30 PM	School Committee Update: Sara Dion	11:30 AM	City Council Meeting 7-14.22
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	the Neighborhood Restaurant	12:45 AM	Assembly to E. Somerville Walking Tour	7:35 PM	SPD Ride Along	4:30 PM	Independence Day Celebration
9:00 AM	Arbor Day Celebration	2:00 AM	Entrepreneur Spotlight at	7:50 PM	Mental Health Resources	5 00 DI 4	& Fireworks 2022
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9:30 AM	Independence Day Celebration	6:00 AM	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV	8:45 PM	SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake	6:35 PM	SPD Ride Along
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11:00 AM Boys' Intramural Soccer Championship 12:00 PM Girls' Intramural Soccer Championship 1:00 PM SHS Graduation

2:30 PM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert

3:00 PM Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert

3:30 PM Brown School Spring Concert 4:30 PM Next Wave Graduation

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Thursday, July 14

12:00 AM Full Circle Graduation 1:30 AM Next Wave Graduation 8:00 AM Next Wave Graduation 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

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11:00 PM WSNS Spring Sing Concert

Friday, July 15

12:10 AM SHS Volleyball vs Randolph 2:09 AM SHS Volleyball vs Medford 10-12-21

8:00 AM SHS Class Day 9:30 AM SHS Graduation

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

2:00 PM Boys Intramural Basketball Championship

3:00 PM Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

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7:00 PM SHS Class Day

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Saturday, July 16

12:00 AM SHS Girls Soccer vs Chelsea 10-8-21

1:30 AM SHS Hockey vs Lynn

8:00 AM Boys Intramural Basketball Championship

9:00 AM Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

10:00 AM Next Wave Graduation

11:00 AM SCALE Graduation

12:00 PM Full Circle Graduation

1:30 PM WSNS Spring Sing Concert 3:00 PM Argenziano 5-8 Spring Concert 3:30 PM Argenziano pre K-4th Grade Concert

4:05 PM SHS Graduation

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8:00 PM Next Wave Graduation

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11:30 PM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising

Sunday, July 17

12:00 AM SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 9-14-21 1:30 AM SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn C

3:00 AM SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett

8:00 AM SHS Class Day

9:30 AM Healey School Moving On

10:30 AM ESCS Moving On Ceremony

12:00 PM Boys Intramural Basketball Championship

1:00 PM Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

2:00 PM SHS Graduation

3:30 PM WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising 4:00 PM SCALE Graduation

5:00 PM Healey School Moving On

6:00 PM SHS Class Day

7:30 PM Healey School Moving On

8:30 PM ESCS Moving On Ceremony

10:00 PM Boys Intramural Basketball Championship

11:00 PM Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

Monday, July 18

12:00 AM GBL Track Championship 2021 2:00 AM SHS Hockey @ Everett 2-21-22 8:00 AM SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 9-14-21 9:30 AM SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere 10-5-21 11:00 AM Boys' Intramural Soccer Championship 12:00 PM Girls' Intramural Soccer Championship 1:00 PM SHS Graduation

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8:00 PM SHS Graduation

9:30 PM Healey School K-2 Spring Concert

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Tuesday, July 19

12:00 AM SHS Hockey vs Winthrop 1:30 AM SHS Girls LAX vs Matignon 3:00 AM Brown School Spring Concert 4:00 AM SPL Gardening - Garlic-Scapes

4:30 AM Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"

7:00 AM SHS Graduation 2022

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10:30 PM Argenziano pre K-4th Grade Concert

11:05 PM Healey School Moving On

12:00 AM SHS Girls LAX vs Matignon

1:05 AM Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

2:00 AM Boys Intramural Basketball Champions

A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

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collection, Longfellow, Tell Me, is forthcoming from the same publisher. A resident of Arlington, MA, Thomas is an active member of the New England Poetry Club, of Boston's Black Seed Writers, and of Arlington's Bee Hive Poets.

Working Girls

I have never known your pain, never felt your weariness of life's treatment, of the traffic and trade of precious things survival can sometimes entail. I honour your endurance. I would soothe your anguish, give deep sleep to your tired eyes, calm your nerves, hush your fears. And I would do still more: I would raise you to the altars of a new church, where the last truly are the first, where power kneels to destitution, and where men adept at righteousness with fluent weeping wash the feet of women whom the spiteful deem to be beyond redemption's reach.

— Thomas DeFreitas

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Richard Baker:

On Closer Inspection

I met Richard Baker at the Miller Street Art Galleries in Somerville, MA. He is a tall, thin man, with large glasses; that fits his inquiring sensibility. He wants viewers to look closer at his paintings of seemingly ordinary objects, and to realize the high holy of the banal or every day.

Baker told me he came to Somerville after 25 years in New York City. During this time Baker taught at Rutgers in New Jersey, and had a studio in the DUMBO section of Brooklyn.

Baker told me one of the reasons he left the city was to pursue a love interest. But he found fertile ground in our burg, securing an ample and reasonably-priced space at the Miller Street Studios. He discovered living and working in Somerville was a less stressful environment than he found on the mean streets of NYC. He said, "I love the sense of community at Miller Street, and the ongoing conversation with other resident artists."

Baker told me that he has an interest in poetry, especially as it relates to painting. Like Jeannie Mortherwell, who I interviewed recently, he is a friend with the noted poet John Yau. It seems that he worked with Yau at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, as a coordinator of a program that worked with artists, as well as poets and writers. Baker told me he has had many conversations with Yau about the intersection of poetry and art. Baker reflected, "Poetry like painting is a snapshot of experience--it can be episodic and visceral."

Baker told me that he creates paintings of old book covers. For instance, I noticed he did an evocative painting of *Naked Lunch* by Beat Generation writer and provocateur William Burroughs. Although a book cover painting can be seen on the surface level, there is more than meets the eye. Freud once said, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar." But in this case, it seems that Baker sees the metaphorical aspects of book covers. Baker opined, "Book covers are in essence a face. A face that ages, accumulates wrinkles, dogears, a frayed spine. So much more is going on than simply a book cover."

Baker often uses the detritus of everyday life in his work. Newspapers, takeout coffee cups, books, etc.,



can take the stage. "I try to bring meaning to things we don't ordinarily think of," Baker said. And indeed, Baker is enamored with these seemingly banal objects. He told me he comes from "a very working-class background," so instead of focusing on, let's say the fine bone China in a patrician tea service, he may well be more enamored with an old Schlitz beer can. My kind of guy!

In terms of process Baker starts out with an abstract surface, and the often paints realistic objects over it. This is of interest to me because in writing a poem I start with a realistic surface and then transition to the abstract.

Baker can be found in his studio most of the time. He is a very established artist, with exhibits in prestigious galleries around the world, yet he is an affable presence, and welcomes people to visit the studio. Although many of his work are outside the price range of a casual buyer, there are some pieces that may be more affordable.

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