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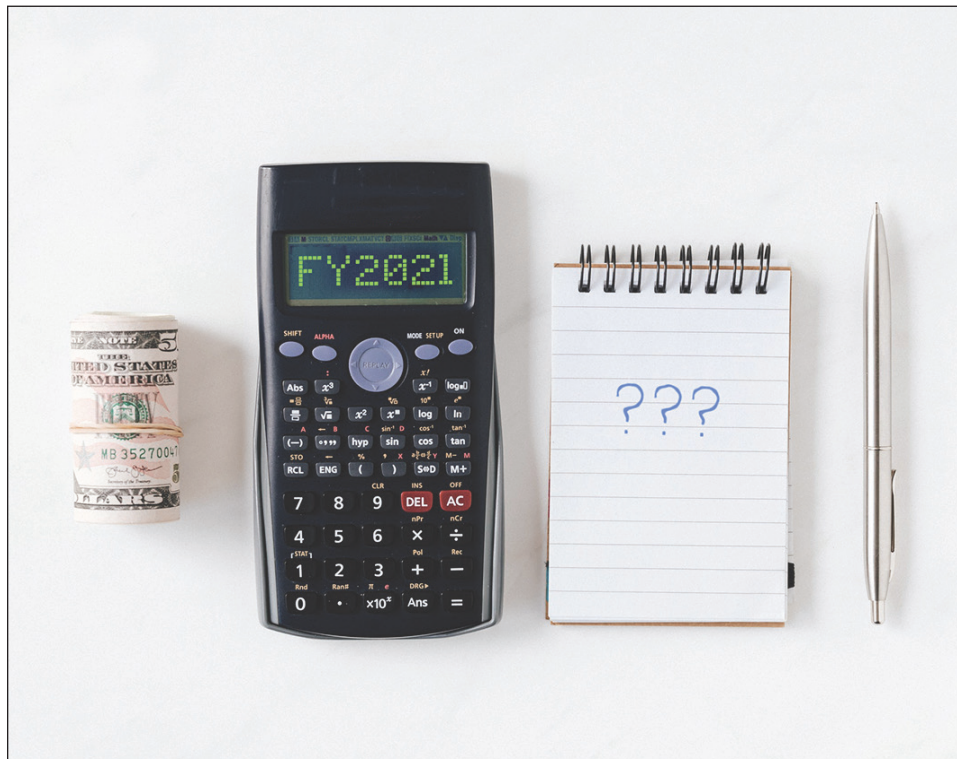
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## City still talking budget cuts



Further cuts to the Somerville Police Department's budgetary allocation for Fiscal Year 2021 were among the items discussed by the city's Legislative Matters Committee at their latest meeting last week.

By Alberto Gilman

The Somerville City Council's Finance Committee met virtually on Thursday, July 9 to continue discussions over the proposed budget for FY21.

This was a Committee of the Whole meeting with all 11 councilors present. After Finance Committee Chair and Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott called the roll he recognized Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang, who again wanted to address some of the line items from the police budget.

Niedergang began with notes about discussing the reallocation of funds into the Racial and Social Justice and other offices that are helping combat COVID-19. "I believe that another \$500,000 reinvested in the Office of Housing Stability and the Flexible Housing Stabilization Assistance Fund will do so much more good, make so much of a difference in people's lives, a lifesaving difference for some" *Continued on page 4*

## Somerville Bike Safety Committee: On a mission to help protect cyclists

By Elizabeth Long

"All ages, all abilities, and all neighborhoods" is the motto of Somerville Bike Safety or SBS. With so many people active in many new ways as a result of Covid-19, being safe is the number one concern.

July 8 marked the one-year anniversary of the founding of Somerville Bike Safety. Arah Schuur and George Schneeloch hosted a Zoom call where they spoke to their community about the increasing need for bike safety, especially in Somerville since there is not yet a bike network.

SBS has a mission to advocate for a connected network of protected bike lanes.

Schuur explained that "we think it is important to ground our work in a better future," and a safer and less polluted future with an increasing interest in biking over driving considering the growing environmental concerns.

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Somerville Bike Safety is working with the city, members of the community and other cycling advocacy groups to help improve cycling safety in and throughout Somerville.

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The city is continuing its reopening plan with Phase 3 kicking in next Monday – if all goes well. Remember to get out there and support our local businesses as they open their doors for the first time in months. Let them know you care about keeping them going and how much you appreciate what they contribute to our community. Of course, stay safe by wearing your masks whenever appropriate and keep practicing that social distancing. We can make this work if we all work together!

ArtBeat 2020 continues citywide until July 18. This year the festival theme is “Chance,” which explores all things fluky, unexpected and unplanned. For a full schedule of the remaining events visit <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2020>.








Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to a 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 fame. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to well-known local Eileen Costa. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Joanne Parziale, Corinne Brune Dellanno, Muzi Dunn, Christine Desrochers-Broderick, Richard Spinoso, Heide Lee, Joey Sainato, Joanne Ruggiero Contaldi, Andre Green, Joe Cottier and Millie Allwood 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.

As part of the Green Line Transformation (GLT) program, work is continuing on the Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation project, in which the MBTA is rehabilitating and replacing track on the historic, concrete arched structure. Marine mobilization has begun and starting Wednesday, July 15, construction access will require utilization of property adjacent to Education First. For more information, contact GLT@MBTA.com.

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## Somerville Weather Forecast

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

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 <b>Wednesday</b> July 15	Partly Cloudy	70°/60°	19%	21%	ENE 12 mph
 <b>Thursday</b> July 16	Partly Cloudy	70°/62°	10%	9%	E 12 mph
 <b>Friday</b> July 17	Cloudy	79°/70°	21%	17%	S 13 mph
 <b>Saturday</b> July 18	Partly Cloudy	88°/70°	9%	11%	SSW 9 mph
 <b>Sunday</b> July 19	Sunny	91°/74°	19%	12%	SSW 11 mph
 <b>Monday</b> July 20	Sunny	91°/75°	20%	18%	SW 14 mph
 <b>Tuesday</b> July 21	Thunderstorms	88°/72°	39%	44%	SSW 12 mph

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

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Bridging the chasm between law enforcement and justice

Max says:

“the point of this column is not to described police departments’ good intentions, or the progress they have made in pursuing them” – crux of the article. Good thing you did not expand beyond the anglo-american realm in your examination. All of them are curiously similar despite varying levels of “oppression” those societies exhibit. “Only transforming economic and political institutions that have long outlived their usefulness can do that” – as an eastern European I think I know exactly what your next suggestions are going to look like. Countries in the region have reformed and re-purposed institutions into the ground after WW2.

### Response to: Somerville’s other Finast

Ron Reilly says:

My grandmother worked for first nat. for many years. She did peanut butter and the olives on those little plastic trees. We used Swan soap until we ran out, about 10 years ago. Should of kept one.

Philip ODonnell says:

The one in Ball Square is now CVS.

Nicky Stiles says:

I was around 12 or 13 sold newspapers at assembly warehouse at end of day work shift. At age 14 got job with Finast store at McGrath hwy. other side of Wellington bridge. Finast store at Fenwick and broadway. My older brother Kevin pulled a little red wagon, which the older boys did, they lined up out front and when the women came out they would stack the paper bag bundles onto wagon and follow the women home for a tip. Usually a quarter or so. That’s the Somerville I’ll always remember. Thanks Jimmy.

BMac says:

My mother and some of her friends worked there. Her friend Kelley was fired after writing “Help I’m Stuck!” on an apron in lipstick before putting it into the mangler. The person who pulled it out the other end freaked and hit the stop button and had a bit of a breakdown.

Courtney O’Keefe says:

BMac, Pffft...ha ha ha ha lol!

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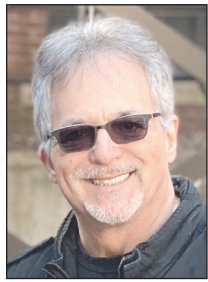
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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Apollo Cake



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Remember how we used to roll our eyes when our parents told us how they could see five mov-

ies, buy candy, soda and popcorn, ride the trolleys all day and still come home with change of a quarter? Well, let's congratulate ourselves because we have officially become our parents.

An online search tells us that The Apollo Cake Company opened in 1929 at 16 Garfield St. in Somerville. It used to cost a nickel to swim at the Foss Park pool, and a nickel for a brownie at the Apollo Cake Co. Apollo Cake closed in the late 70's – early 80's (we're not sure) but not before just about every kid in the 'Ville enjoyed their wide variety of delicious, frosted, creamy raisiny, freshly baked treats.

Many of my friends have memories and stories about Apollo Cake. "We used to run across the highway from Foss Park and get the brownie seconds, two for a quarter. Sometimes, when we were playing at Foss, that was breakfast and lunch." You could get a whole bag of hermits for a dollar.

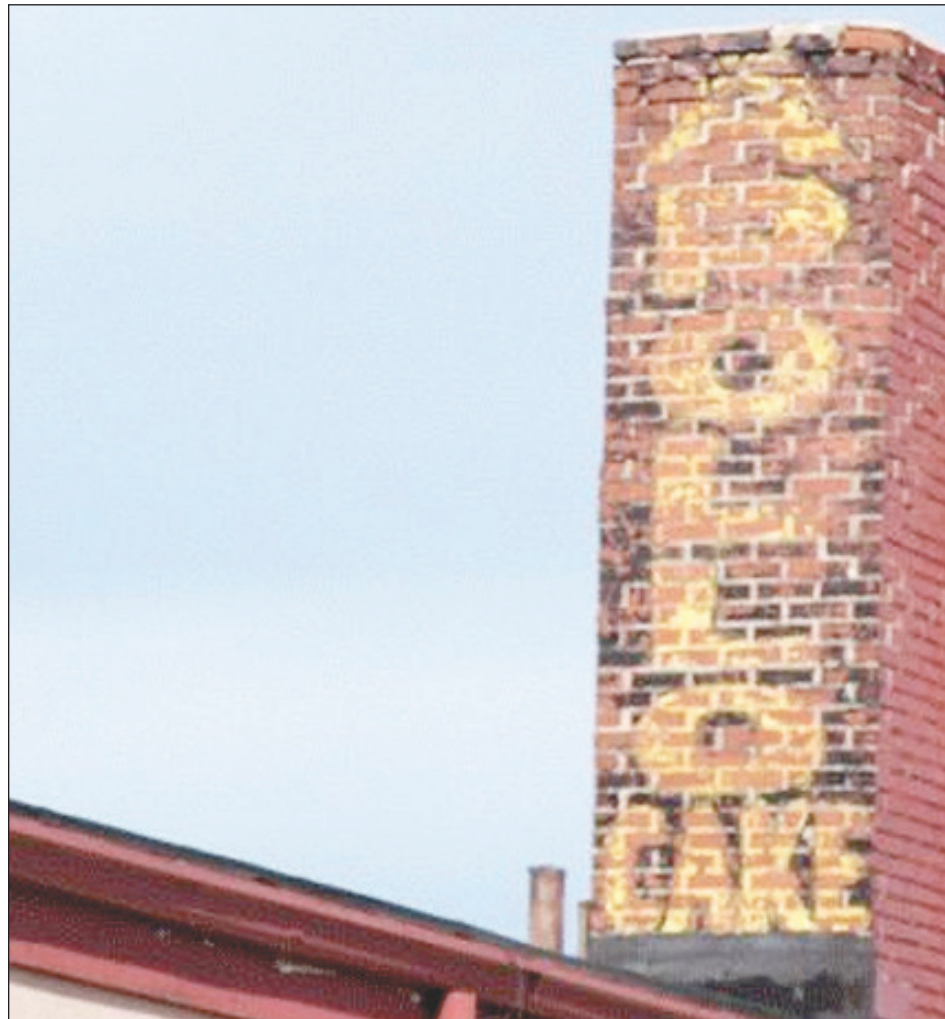
Another friend recalls, "We would get dime bags of broken brownies every Saturday morning! We would sacrifice

our cartoons for brownies – often! Miss those days! My favorites were those huge cupcakes that had the big center filled with cream...YUM!!!! We also loved the Swiss Roll! We would sometimes pool our money to get one of those and share it among my friends. It got very messy but so worth it!"

A buddy of mine tells me that his aunt worked at Apollo and would bring home lots of cupcakes and other goodies. This is my favorite Apollo Cake story: "My father would get what he called a sweet tooth and have one of us ride our bike down to get a couple of the chocolate roll cakes. They were the only sweets he ever really liked. I liked it best unrolled and eaten flat. After, I'd lick off the cream. The funny thing was that we couldn't go off the street on our bikes, but all of a sudden going to get the cakes was no longer a dangerous ride. I miss my Dad, and I miss the cake as well!"

One friend attributes his addiction to carrot cake to Apollo Cake. Their spice cakes were not too shabby either. They featured an item called "twins." It was a two pack of Whoopee Pies. Now I ask you, what's better than Whoopee Pies?

Another place we used to go to was Russell's Donuts which was across from Highland Road near the railroad tracks. We could smell the donuts baking while



we were playing at Lexington Park. I got a lot of delicious donuts from Russell's and I miss it. I swear, I can still smell those huge honey dip donuts baking at Russell's.

Somerville has a vast history of great

bakeries. Some have lasted decades and some have come and gone. The Apollo Cake Company in East Somerville provided many 'Villens with wonderful (and delicious) memories.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Bicycle thief picks the wrong marketplace

A Somerville Police officer who was assigned to investigate the theft of a bicycle conducted an interview with the victim, at which time he was told that bicycle was locked at the bike rack in the courtyard of his apartment complex.

The victim said that there are no cameras where his bike was locked, but he did see the person ride off with his bike.

The officer conducted a neighborhood canvas, but was unable to locate any cameras.

The victim later informed officers that he found his bicycle on the Facebook Marketplace and on Offerup. He set up a meeting with the seller to buy his bike back.

The victim provided police with photos of his bicycle and its serial number. He also provided police with the insurance claim settlement report.

A day later the victim told police that the seller from Facebook Marketplace had contacted him about his bike and wanted to meet in Union Square to sell him the bicycle.

Police officers set up around the Square and waited until the seller showed up. At the appointed time a male and female party arrived with the stolen bike.

The officers immediately approached both parties. The female was identified by police, but the male refused to identify himself.

The male party stated he purchased the bike from an unknown person for \$200 and was trying to make some money by selling it for \$1000.

The officers checked the serial number on the bike and it matched the victim's information.

The male party was placed in custody and brought back to the Somerville Police station where he was subsequently identified as Steven Hixon and booked on a charge of larceny over \$1200.

The bicycle was returned to its owner.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<b>Arrests:</b>	9:30 a.m., arrested at Putnam Rd. on warrant charges of as-	sault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.	<b>Steven Hixon</b> , July 7, 3:34 p.m., arrested at Union Sq.	on a charge of larceny over \$1200.
<b>Gregory Brothers</b> , July 6,				


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## City still talking budget cuts

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than if that money is spent per salaries of police officers," Niedergang said.

These cuts would come from the salary of the second deputy police chief of about \$200,000. Niedergang noted that one of the two chiefs is about to retire. The other cuts would out of the four of six vacant patrol positions at about \$300,000. These funds would support the Office of Housing Stability in hiring more case managers, who in turn would help residents who fear they may be displaced due to the pandemic.

Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo asked some questions of Police Chief David Fallon about the vacancy of officers. Chief Fallon addressed the questions saying that the hiring process can be a long one to conduct.

Strezo then followed up with a question pertaining to Ward 1's crime rate, asking Chief Fallon what these cuts could mean for police presence. Chief Fallon expressed his concerns on the cuts. "Somerville Police isn't about intensity of policing, it's about the style of policing. Right now with the current staffing that we have, we're able to do that," Fallon said. "If we go lower, we start forcing officers to work 16 hour shifts, or go below the staffing numbers we have on the street, we're not going to be able to service the calls in the manner that we do."

Over the course of the next several hours, questions and debate continued about the cuts. Concerns over response time, the amount of officers in certain wards, and the impact on officers' careers that these cuts could have is how Chief Fallon addressed the questions asked by Councilors.

Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clinigan, Councilors At-Large William A. White, Jr. and Mary Jo Rosetti, and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballanytne were not in favor of the proposed cuts by Councilor Niedergang.

Through several more deliberations, the Council eventually put the motion up to a vote. Six councilors voted against the motion and four in favor of the motion. The motion did not pass.

The meeting continued, with further deliberation on additional budgeting proposals being discussed.

## Somerville Bike Safety Committee: On a mission to help protect cyclists

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highest bike commuter mode-share of any city on the East Coast. Protected bike lanes allow people to travel at their own pace without being afraid of sharing a lane with a much more dangerous vehicle, a car. In the meeting, they discussed that the primary obstacle of adding these lanes is the limited road space due to on-street parking.

The long-term plans of Somerville in order to improve biker safety are focused around the Somerville Climate Forward Plan, Vision Zero Plan, and Somervision 2030 and 2040. Schuur said that "Achieving these requires two things: a fundamental change of thinking and reprioritizing the valuable and limited road space in Somerville."

Although there is not yet a bike network plan as a result of budget cuts, the plan will move forward in house, which will overall increase mobility options in the city. This committee plans to convince the community that there is an urgent need for safe streets and could use the support of businesses and organizations.

SBS is one of two bike groups in Somerville and they work together with the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee. These groups complement one another on issues, but only SBS is able to get involved in activism so that they can change the infrastructure. Schneeloch said that "Bike infrastructure is decided by elected officials; who is in office basically determines whether all ages and abilities will feel safe biking on the streets."

The pandemic caused a delay in preparation for the construction season, so they will be moving forward in 2021. Encouraging Somerville residents to vote is one of the top priorities of SBS. "Every vote counts, especially in a city like Somerville because a local election can be decided by less than a thousand votes," explained Schuur.

During the meeting, SBS also provided their view on using police for traffic issues. They discussed rethinking the role of police in transportation and will focus on alternatives that will shift the structure away from the police. This intent affects their implementation of the 2020 Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries in Somerville.

In order to make these changes, public support is imperative. SBS intends to build a base of supporters that can be activated on certain issues, in addition to using the media to educate and persuade new supporters. They also want to demonstrate community support for protected bike infrastructures, so they ask their supporters to email elected officials and turnout to public meetings.

SBS hopes that within the next year they can prioritize a bike network and parking plan, elect state representatives who want to implement protected bike lanes, take the police out of Vision Zero, and coalition building. Some final words from Schuur said that "I hope that our city staff thinks about how to streamline this process and make our progress more equitable." With injury and mortality rates increasing as a direct result of roadways that are not bike-friendly, this issue is of growing importance and needs to be addressed.

Somerville Bike Safety is always looking for new members or anyone interested in participating. If interested, contact SBS at [info@somervillebikesafety.org](mailto:info@somervillebikesafety.org) or go to [Somervillebikesafety.org](http://Somervillebikesafety.org) for more information.

# Phase 3 business and gatherings in Somerville to reopen July 20

Phase 3 Step 1 business establishments in Somerville will be allowed to reopen on Monday, July 20, assuming all safety protocols are met. New indoor and outdoor gathering guidelines will also go into effect on July 20 with additional restrictions beyond those imposed by the state.

The city is currently working in collaboration with area businesses to finalize enhanced safety requirements and guidelines, which will be issued next week.

Businesses in the Phase 3 Step 1 reopening include large indoor venues generally considered to be at high risk for viral spread without proper measures in place, such as movie theaters, cultural centers, and performance venues. Gyms, fitness centers such as yoga or spin studios, and outdoor performance venues, as well as indoor and outdoor gatherings are also included in this phase.

“Research shows that the risk of coronavirus transmission is significantly higher in indoor spaces and that larger events and gatherings can lead to exponentially more virus spread if an infected person is present,” said Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services. “People with COVID-19 can also pass this virus on to others even when they have no or only mild symptoms. So it is imperative that we remain vigilant and move forward thoughtfully and carefully as we enter into Phase 3. In Somerville, we are fortunate to have a business community committed to working with us to ensure Somerville sets and follows the highest safety standards.”

Phase 3 Health and Human Services categories opened in Somerville according to statewide plans on July 6.



## Construction on Foss Park has begun

Foss Park in Somerville will be undergoing major renovations over the course of the next few weeks and months. The state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) plans to invest \$1.2 million in a new, multi-sport turf field, field drainage improvements, field lighting, and pathway upgrades.



## Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Roasted Carrots and Cumin Yogurt

For this recipe I used tri-color carrots since that’s what I received in my produce share. Feel free to use whatever carrots you have, or even parsnips. This is a great side dish that goes well with any protein of your choosing. It’s even delicious served at room temperature.

I highly recommend using the pine nuts to add some texture and a nutty flavor. If you don’t like pine nuts, use a nut of your choice. Serves 3-4 people.

- 1- 1/2 lbs. carrots, sliced on the bias 1/2” thick
- 2 tablespoons garlic honey \*see note
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 teaspoons cumin, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided

- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 4 large mint leaves, minced, plus garnish
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Add the sliced carrots to a large bowl and toss with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, and the garlic honey. \*If you don’t have garlic infused honey, just add 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder, 1-1/2 teaspoons of cumin, ground coriander, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and pepper. Toss well and add to a parchment covered sheet pan, making sure the carrots are single layered.

Place in the oven for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, place 1/2 cup of Greek yogurt in a small bowl, add 1/2 teaspoon cumin, 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika, and the mint. Mix well. Add the carrots to a serving bowl or small platter, dollop the yogurt in the center



of the plate or on the side.

Drizzle the final tablespoon of olive oil around the carrots, spread the nuts around, and add the mint

garnish on the yogurt.

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

# Q&A with ONCE Somerville owner JJ Gonson

By Rachel Berets

Last Friday night, music venue ONCE Somerville hosted a dance party. There were spinning records, good tunes, and flashing lights, but no crowded dance floor because ONCE has taken things virtual.

Since mid-March, the unique performance space and its counterpart catering company, Cuisine en Locale, have been closed due to COVID-19. As of now, ONCE has almost no revenue, subsisting off of money from GoFundMe and a federal loan. Virtual events like last Friday's dance party are part of owner JJ Gonson's attempts to keep people employed and engage the community during this period of social distancing.

This interview has been condensed and lightly edited.

**With ONCE closed, how have you been able to make money?**

When we were first closed, we made a GoFundMe and that was great for getting everybody through closing and paying some bills. We were granted a Payroll Protection Program loan (PPP) which has kept a few people employed and that has enabled us to do the virtual stuff that we've been doing.

Cuisine en Local has been doing this macaroni and cheese

club called Club Mac, you can order online and we do amazing, weird, great flavors like lobster mac and cheese. That is really super fun and I think that all of these things are really important for community and local food and music, but there's no money in it.

**What are some of the virtual events you've been holding?**

Most of what we have on the virtual venue is artists who have made recordings. Sometimes there are recordings of them performing from their bedrooms but most of the time they are pretty elaborate. Artists have proven themselves to be very good video editors. Everything lives on the ONCE YouTube channel. There's a lot of performances, there's some commentary, there's a little bit of demo.

From a community perspective I think it has been really helpful to a lot of people to have this virtual space where we come together, make art, watch art, and talk to each other. I think community is very valuable.

**ONCE is a member of the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA). Can you talk more about that?**

NIVA is lobbying to get bail out for independent venues so that in two years when there is music again, there will be ven-



JJ Gonson spoke before the ONCE Virtual Venue "ArtBeat Takeover: Kick-Off Dance Party."

ues. If they can't get funding, they predict that 90 percent of independent venues will close in the next three months. And I think they're right because there's no revenue. And it doesn't mean that there's not opportunities for revenue. We are doing virtual recordings that ultimately will be soundstage recordings and ... we can get people to hire us to produce these videos.

I have this sort of fantasy of when we can host a small number of people in Phase 3 ... We could have a twenty-person wedding and we could film it

in this beautiful place. I have all these ideas but we can't do them yet. Twenty people without a bar is not going to keep us open.

**What sort of work have you been doing with ArtBeat, the Somerville Arts Council's annual festival?**

So what we've been doing with ArtBeat is something that we are just starting to do promotionally which is recording performances on the soundstage. It's one person, it's a closed situation ... We only allow a few people in the room, we have a plexiglass divider on the stage to keep the singer isolated ... This has been super

exciting to work on this project with them and the recordings are gorgeous.

**How has the Somerville community supported you?**

The community is f----- brilliant. We are so lucky, we have so many friends that have been so amazingly good to us. I could start to read your names. There are people who have volunteered hours of their time - lawyers, tech people to help us get the venue set up. Seriously, it has been incredible. People reach out and say can I help, how can I help, what can I do? We are so blessed.

## Keep an eye on your mailbox: Vote by mail ballot applications are coming

All Massachusetts voters will be able to vote by mail in both the September 1 State primary and the November 3 general election this year. By July 15, the Secretary of State will mail all eligible voters (who have not already requested an absentee ballot) a vote by mail ballot application. Voters can use that application to apply for a ballot for the primary election, general election, or both. Please note that in-person voting is also an option for both elections.

Applications for a September 1 primary election ballot must be returned to the City of Somerville Elections Department by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26. However, you are encouraged to return your ballot application to the Somerville Elections Department as quickly as you can after you receive it.

Ballot applications can be returned by mail (they will come pre-addressed and voters do not have to pay postage), by fax at 617-625-5643, or by scanning and emailing the application to [vote@somervillema.gov](mailto:vote@somervillema.gov). Please note: Electronic signatures are acceptable, but your signature has to be similar to your hand-written signature. You can sign your name on a computer or phone using a mouse, finger, or stylus. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

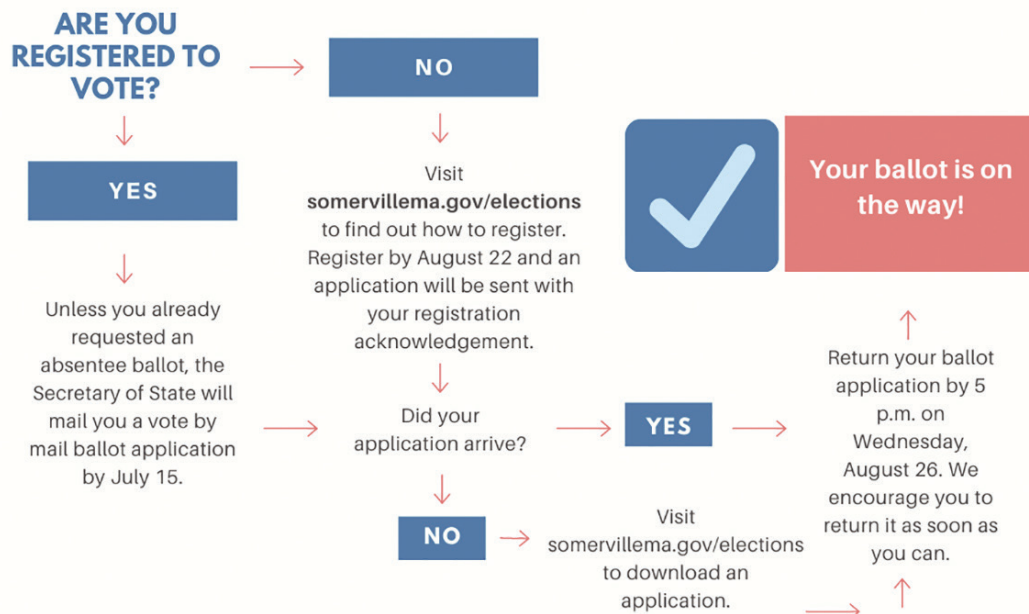
If you are not registered to vote, or need to update your address or party affiliation, you have until Saturday, August 22, to do so.

Visit [www.somervillema.gov/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/elections) to learn more about your options for registering. Anyone who registers to vote between July 1 and August 22 will be sent a vote by mail ballot application with their registration acknowledgment notice.

If you do not receive your vote by mail ballot application or misplace it, you can download one from the Elections Department website. You can also send a signed written request to the Somerville Elections Department indicating you would like a vote by mail ballot. Make sure to include your name, address, and where to mail your ballot. If you would like a State Primary ballot and you are not registered in a political party, make sure to include the party ballot you are requesting as well. You can also request an application by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683) or emailing [elections@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:elections@sec.state.ma.us).

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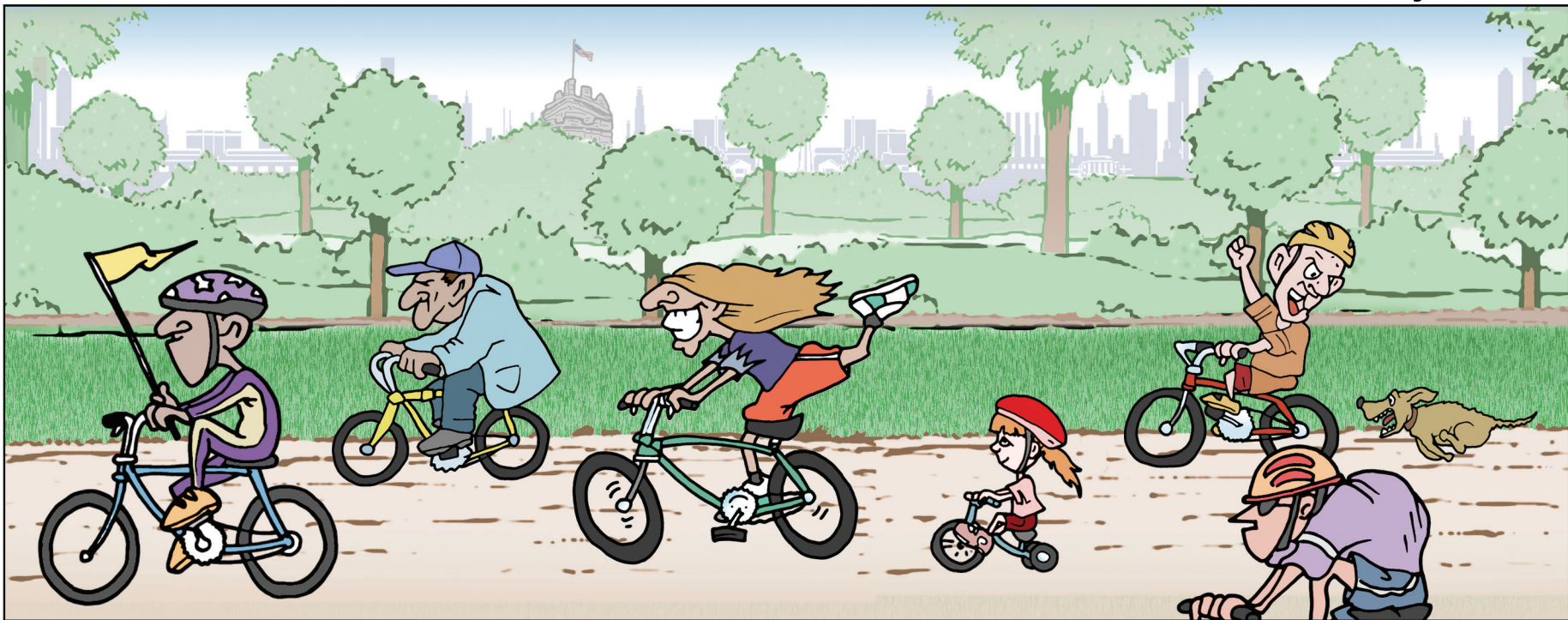
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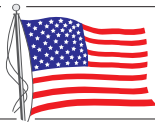
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Bike safety is something we all should care about.

Our View Of The Times



Cycling has grown in popularity and practice in recent years, and the numbers of those who commute to and from work or school, go shopping, or simply take leisurely rides on their bikes has grown considerably. It is a trend that has taken hold nationwide.

Somerville prides itself on being one of the most bikeable cities in the nation, so it stands to reason that it should

stand out among the many others in its commitment to make cycling both fun and safe for riders, motorists and pedestrians alike.

Clearly, many of our narrow streets are poorly equipped to handle both cyclists and motorists, not without considerable compromise and mutual courtesy.

City planners give a lot of thought to designing practical solutions to the needs

of everyone. Aiding in these efforts are citizen organizations such as the Somerville Bike Safety Committee and the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, who advocate for the interests of the biking public. They are especially involved in advising civic leaders and the general public in ways of improving the quality and quantity of biking routes, as well as promoting safe cycling practices.

Certain streets will be easier to modify for more cycling than others. In many cases, it will be up to the operators of each mode of transport to make way for the other as these routes are developed.

So be careful out there when you hit the streets, but certainly enjoy yourselves. Whether you are behind the wheel or behind a set of handlebars, remember to be both courteous and cautious at all times.

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**The city** is reminding residents **not to set off fireworks this summer**. Along with being illegal in Massachusetts, fireworks pose public health and safety threats. Fireworks can start fires, which can spread quickly through our densely populated neighborhoods. The noise from fireworks can also be traumatizing to those with post-traumatic stress disorder and can be very upsetting to animals. Throughout the summer, everyone is being reminded to be a good neighbor and not set off fireworks.

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**The City of Somerville's** newly formed **Memorialization Committee**, which will name public assets like buildings, streets, and parks, is accepting applications for two resident positions. The Committee will also develop policies and procedures to follow when choosing names. The committee will meet when needed to name a public asset. Appointees will serve a two-year term and must be confirmed by the **City Council**. If you are interested in applying, please send a statement of interest to [memorial@somervillema.gov](mailto:memorial@somervillema.gov) by **Friday, August 7**.

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**Yard waste, e-waste, and household hazardous waste drop-offs at DPW**

have been suspended until further notice. Curbside yard waste and textile recycling (in the pink bags) collection is happening on a regular schedule.

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**The Somerville Public Library** is now offering contactless pickup at all three branches. Patrons can request Somerville library materials online using their Minuteman account. Library staff will then notify patrons by either email or phone when their items are ready to be picked up. Pickup appointments will be scheduled by using the Library's online appointment system on [somervillepubliclibrary.org](http://somervillepubliclibrary.org), or by calling the Somerville Public Library at 617-623-5000.

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On **July 30, The Center for Arts at the Armory** we will be hosting their first major fundraising event and virtual gala as they celebrate the organization's ten-year anniversary as a home for the arts in Somerville. General admission tickets are \$25 and \$100 VIP tickets are 25% off through midnight on **July 22**. Please use promo code **VIP25OFF**. VIP ticket holders will receive a special **ROOT-ED/Arts** at the Armory canvas tote bag in advance of the event containing a Fork on a Road cocktail spice packet

and non-perishable vegetarian meal kit, accompanied by recipes. The virtual gala will begin with a culinary immersion experience with Fork on a Road Founder Suman Shah demonstrating both recipes. In order to receive your gift bag in time for the gala, orders must be received by midnight on **July 22**. The virtual gala program will also include performances by Puerto Rican cuatro player **Fabiola Mendez**, Haitian contemporary dance company **Jean Appolon Expressions**, **Esh Circus Arts**, and a short film by **Karen Aqua**. The event will honor U.S. Representative **Ayanna Pressley MA-07** and State Representative **Denise Provost**. Visit <https://www.classy.org/event/arts-at-the-armory-10-year-anniversary-gala/e291058> to learn more.

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The state has passed **vote-by-mail provisions**. It will allow everyone to vote in a safe, socially distanced manner. For more information on what you need to know in order to cast your vote by mail visit [somervillema.gov/elections](http://somervillema.gov/elections)

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Healthy, local food is important. The **Farmers Markets** are open again in **Davis Square** ([www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis](http://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis)) and **Union Square**

([www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season](http://www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season)). But this year they will be different. Both markets will encourage only one person per household to do the shopping, incorporate social distancing guidelines and allow a limited amount of shoppers in the space. Please sign up for a shopping spot in advance at the market websites. SNAP and HIP benefits are accessible for shoppers in both markets. No gathering or socializing is allowed in the markets.

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**Free COVID-19 testing** is being offered at **Somerville Hospital**. The **Somerville Board of Health** strongly urges all residents to be tested for COVID-19. The more people that get tested, the safer our reopening will be. You do not need to have symptoms or a doctor's referral. To sign up for free COVID-19 testing for Somerville residents, call 617-665-2928, **Monday to Friday** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Don't forget, if you would like to subscribe to receive a **digital edition** of our paper, go directly online to our website over to the right side and fill out your email address to receive a free, full PDF copy of the paper.

# The ArtBeat of the city

The ArtBeat festival, presented by Somerville Arts Council, is normally scheduled as a one-day event that attracts some 10,000 people, runs this year from Friday, July 10 to Saturday, July 18 and features a mix of virtual performances and real life installations around Somerville.

This year's theme is "Chance" – and if you walk around the city during this event you may chance upon many thought provoking works of art installed in various locations. Shown here are a few examples of works of art placed throughout the city.

For a full schedule of the remaining events visit <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2020>.



Photos by Bobbie Toner and Doug Holder



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**LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public meeting and hearings **will be conducted via remote participation**.

**TO USE A COMPUTER**

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901-507-243

**TO CALL IN**

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Access code: 368-443-656

**DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**HPC.ALT 2020.10 - 9 Westwood Road**  
Applicant: Kevin Outterson  
Owner: Kevin & Marya Outterson  
*Remove later front porch; remove concrete path; extend right front elevation entryway*

**DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2020.13 – 217-223 Holland Street (re-advertised)**  
Applicant: Silva Realty, LLC  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish all structures on property*

**HPC.DMO 2020.14 – 379 Somerville Avenue**  
Applicant: Elan Sassoon or nominee  
Owner: 379 Somerville Ave., LLC  
*Demolish all structures on property*

**HPC.DMO 2020.15 – 205 Beacon Street**  
Applicant: Thomas Piatt  
Owner: Gabriele Fabriello  
*Demolish principal structure & accessory structure*

**DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2020.11 - 55 Heath Street**  
Applicant: Lynne Thompson  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish carriage barn*

**HPC.DMO 2020.12 - 71-72 Union Square**  
Applicant: Laxmi N. Pradhan, Trustee of Everest Realty Trust  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish principal structure.*

*All applications summarized above are available to the public on the third floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue (Monday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). A cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website, email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) or call (617) 625-6600 x2500 to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, via e-mail to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov), or by US mail addressed to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. All written comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.*

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**RFQ 21-02**

Qualified design and engineering firms are invited to submit sealed applications for:

**Architectural & Engineering Design Services for New Public Safety Facility**

The Request for Qualifications may be obtained online from the City's Purchasing Department at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> effective **July 8, 2020**. The City seeks a design team that will begin work in the fall of 2020 and complete design services for a state-of-the-art facility for police and fire stations through construction administration and project closeout. The RFQ includes an extensive list of the categories of design work sought and references to reports and documents about the project site and neighborhood. The design fee will be negotiated with the preferred design firm pursuant to a rigorous evaluation and selection process.


An optional pre-bid site visit will be held at the future building site of 90 Washington Street on **July 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** Attendees shall maintain social distancing during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and face coverings are to be worn at all times.

Sealed applications will be received until **August 5, 2020 at 2:00pm** in the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. See RFQ for details about online application submission options. Late submissions will not be considered.

Please contact Angela M. Allen ([amallen@somervillema.gov](mailto:amallen@somervillema.gov)) for information.

**Angela M. Allen**  
**Purchasing Director**  
**617-625-6600 x. 3400**

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites Paving Contractors to submit Quotes for Crack Sealing and Sealcoating at Capen Court ( 667-1 ) Elderly Apartment Building located at One Capen Court, Somerville, Ma. 02145. **SHA Job # 2022**

The Project consists of Crack Sealing and Sealcoating the entire Parking Lot at One Capen Court.

The estimated cost for work is \$13,000

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

Quotes will be received until **Thursday, July 30th, 2020, 12:00 p.m.** Because of the Corona Pandemic, Quotes will be received by **email only** to Brian Langton at [BrianL@sha-web.org](mailto:BrianL@sha-web.org) 617-625-1152 Ext. 331

A pre-bid meeting will be held at One Capen Court, Somerville, Ma 02145, on **Thursday July 23rd at 10:00 a.m.**

Questions should be directed to Brian Langton at 617-625-1152 ext.331 or by email at [BrianL@sha-web.org](mailto:BrianL@sha-web.org).

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# Somerville exhibit highlights fight for our planet



A photography exhibit by Somerville resident, Stan Eichner, illustrates the dynamic relationship between landscape photography and climate activism. Beginning on July 27, the exhibit, entitled *Fighting For Our Planet*, promotes an appreciation for the profound beauty of the world and underscores the critical importance of protecting our planet from thoughtless destruction, especially the current climate crisis.

These images of the world's natural beauty underscores why each of us must fight harder than ever to protect our planet. At the same time, images of climate activists illustrate one of the key ways to raise people's consciousness and spark their activism.

The exhibit will be at the Inside Out Gallery, One Davis Square in Somerville, which are a series of outside display windows at the CVS there. It will run from July 27 though August 31. The Inside Out Gallery is a project of the Somerville Arts Council.

Stan Eichner is a retired civil rights attorney committed to using his photography to further support environmental activism.

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## Household Hazardous Waste day canceled

Due to COVID-19, all Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot days are canceled until further notice and the DPW Yard is not accepting any electronic, hazardous, or other waste for drop-off.

They will provide an update when the DPW Yard reopens.

# Couple lovingly restores 69 Berkeley St. to bring it back to its original SF design

By Marian Berkowitz

Spring weather has finally arrived, so once again I can begin contacting the owners who won a 2020 award from the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission for their efforts in preserving the exterior of some of Somerville’s older buildings. This year, however, is a bit different for me, as the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that I interview the owners remotely, take their photos in front at a safe distance, and not enjoy the occasional opportunity to also witness their interior renovations.

Before calling, I usually take

a quick look at the property via Google Earth, as that often shows it before the renovation is completed. In this case the photo was more recently taken in 2018, so it indicates how the house looked midway through the renovation process. The homeowner, Louise Keogh Weed noted that "My husband and I were very excited to purchase our home in 2018 and be able to take on the task of restoration in the Spring Hill neighborhood which has so many wonderful older houses." Like many others in Somerville, the house was originally built as a single-family but later converted to a 2-family. Louise

and her husband, John Keogh, worked with Amy Semmes, a local architect, to convert it back to a single-family and restore the exterior to its original style. "Our goal was to maximize the beauty of the house while making it right for our family." Removal of the old asbestos shingling revealed the original clapboard underneath. Although the clapboard was in good condition, they decided to replace all the boards anyway, to remove any concerns about lead paint. Both the first and second floors are enhanced by large bay windows on both the front and right side of the house. Louise was surprised when they first opened up the walls around these bay windows to see that the framing of each window was actually larger than the current window dimensions. "The counter-weight shafts were there, but not associated with the windows," Louise reported. This finding encouraged them to remove the older, white vinyl replacement windows and install custom-sized windows to take advantage of the extra space. Louise was excited as the enlarged windows enabled them to gain additional light streaming into the house. New trim, including flat panels below each of the bay windows, was also installed as part of the redesign to restore some of the original features.

The two front doors, believed to be original, and the turned posts on the side porch were restored and reused. The inside front stairs and entry were redesigned. In keeping with the likely turn of the century construction of the house, Louise and John chose to paint the exterior clapboards in a grayish-green, with a creamy beige for the trim. To offset these subdued colors, they then decided to make it extra cheery by choosing a bright reddish orange paint for the front door, making it a very inviting addition to the streetscape. I can easily see why their restoration efforts are being recognized with a Director's



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Award this year! Marian Berkowitz is a freelance writer in Somerville with a love of older houses and community involvement. The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission gives out up to twelve awards each year to owners of designated historic properties (Preservation Awards) and of houses over 50 years old (Director Awards) to recognize their impressive exterior work over the last few years. This is the 25th anniversary of the Awards Program with 9 winners. Interviews with the owners plus photos of each property will be highlighted here over the coming weeks of summer.

## Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation update

As part of the Green Line Transformation (GLT) program, work is continuing on the Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation project, in which the MBTA is rehabilitating and replacing track on the historic, concrete arched structure. Marine mobilization has begun and starting Wednesday, July 15, construction access will require utilization of property adjacent to Education First. The Education First tennis courts/hardscapes located at Two Education Circle, Cambridge will be out of service starting Wednesday, July 15, 2020 until July 2021. This important infrastructure project will strengthen the structure of the 110-year-old viaduct to handle heavier loads and increased train frequency while also preserving its historic facade. Work includes the complete reconstruction of track, signals, and traction power on the viaduct. The GLT team appreciates the patience and understanding of residential abutters and others affected by construction as the team continues to make strides in delivering Green Line improvements to the region on schedule. The MBTA also thanks its city partners, municipal leaders, and stakeholder groups for their continued collaboration and support of GLT.

For more information, contact GLT@MBTA.com.



— Photo by Ron Newman

Somerville strong for Sue Barry



Somerville came together in support of Sue Barry, a 15-year employee at the Department of Public Works, who is battling cancer. Last Sunday, friends and family provided moral support to Sue in her recovery efforts. All of her friends were wearing T-shirts with her picture on it.

'All We Have Left'



All We Have Left, by artist Liana Percoco, is a performance installation activating vacate storefronts in Somerville that wonders how our bodies have adapted expressively during months of social isolation. When allowed to engage publicly, how do we now perform what is no longer normal/socially appropriate/safe, but once was? Secured behind glass partitions of storefronts, three performers invite you to observe and engage intimately; distantly.

July 15, 12:00 p.m.

Link to Online Performance: <https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleArts/live/>

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Why was everyone looking up and cheering?  
They were ceiling fans.

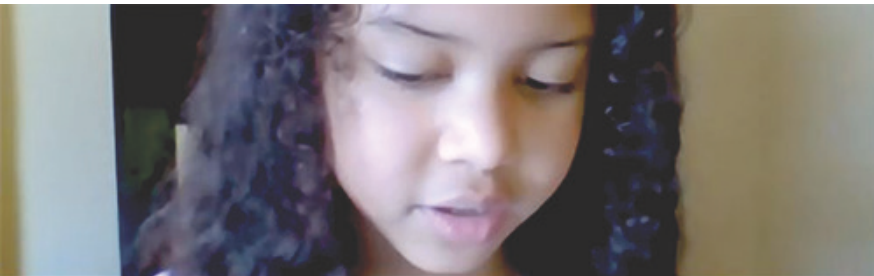
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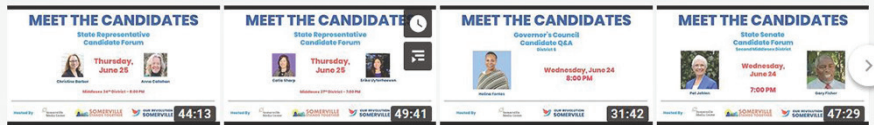
Hyperlocal Media Now More than Ever

SMC's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the community at this trying time includes providing regular hyperlocal news coverage and collaborating with organizations to best meet their media needs. In addition to regular updates with State Delegation, City Council, Local Businesses and the School Committee, we've also provided full coverage of three local Black Lives Matter rallies and co-produced candidate forums ahead of the September primary election. Watch and be inspired to reach out to us and help us to keep Somerville informed, safe and engaged. Here are some their newest videos:



Reading Frederick Douglass Together

Made in collaboration with the Somerville Museum, this video features over 50 Somerville residents who answered the call to read parts of Frederick Douglass' speech for an event on July 4 weekend.



Meet the Candidates - September 1 Primary

Made in collaboration with Somerville Stands Together, Our Revolution Somerville and Just Us Somerville, SMC produced candidate forums for State Senate (2nd Middlesex) and House races (27th Middlesex and 34th Middlesex) and a Q&A with a candidate for the Governor's Council.



News Roundup, Library Update + Virtual Concerts

Watch the latest SMC News Roundup in collaboration with the Somerville Journal to learn about polyamorous domestic partnership; The latest Library Update host by Media Intern Annie Williams who finds out about contactless pickup services and the latest Business Update featuring a local concert venue that has gone virtual.

Go to <https://somerville.vod.castus.tv/vod> to watch the videos.

On This Day in History  
July 15

- 1099 – Jerusalem falls to the Crusaders.
- 1410 – Poles and Lithuanians defeat the Teutonic knights at Tannenberg, Prussia.
- 1685 – The Duke of Monmouth is executed in Tower Hill in England.
- 1789 – The electors of Paris set up a "Commune" to live without the authority of the government.
- 1863 – Confederate raider Bill Anderson and his Bushwhackers attack Huntsville, Missouri, stealing \$45,000 from the local bank.
- 1901 – Over 74,000 Pittsburgh steel workers go on strike.
- 1958 – President Dwight Eisenhower sends 5,000 Marines to Lebanon to keep the peace.
- 1960 – John F. Kennedy accepts the Democratic nomination for president.

FUN & GAMES

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Aaron Lewis is the lead singer for what group?

2. What is an albatross?

3. What was Frank Sinatra's character addicted to in the film *The Man with the Golden Arm*?

4. Who coined the term New England?

5. What was the name of Popeye's dog?

6. What Queen member wrote *I'm In Love With My Car*?

7. In what year was John Lennon murdered?
8. Who was the first U.S. President to appear on *Saturday Night Live*?

9. How many primary teeth does a human have?

10. What wine is released for sale annually on the third Thursday of November?

11. What Duran Duran song started with a sample of laughter?

12. Tea leaves rolled into a small round pellets are called what kind of tea?

Answers on page 15

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. 40% of all people who come to a party in your home snoop in your medicine cabinet.
2. Venus and Uranus are the only planets that rotate opposite to the direction of their orbit.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

DR. SEUSS

- ACROSS
1. On a cruise, 2 words

6. Horse poker

9. Deadly slitherers

13. Way to curl hair

14. Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another \_\_\_\_.

15. Islam's Supreme Being

16. Subway coin

17. Salve for Tin Woodman

18. Grim Reaper

19. A \_\_\_\_'s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."

21. "Christmas Day will always be, Just as long as we \_\_\_\_."

23. Structure named for 31st President

24. Indoor allergy trigger

25. Ship pronoun

28. H. H. Munro's pen name

30. Something or anything

35. Madam, to a cowboy

37. Dr. Jones, to his friends

39. Best not mentioned

40. Not in favor of

41. Myths and legends, e.g.

43. Maître d's list

44. France's longest river

46. "I Can Read \_\_\_\_ My Eyes Shut!"

47. Use a beeper

48. In direct line of descent

50. Italian car maker

52. Equinox mo.

53. Coral barrier

55. Not a friend

57. "From there to here, From here to there, Funny \_\_\_\_ are everywhere."

60. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. \_\_\_\_."

63. Canine foe

64. However, poetically

66. Full

68. Up and about

69. Porridge grain

70. Say something

71. Start of a conclusion

72. Parental involvement org.

73. Popular garden flower

- DOWN
1. "Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing \_\_\_\_."

2. Turkey dance

3. Punjabi believer

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4. Correct

5. Pause in breathing, pl.

6. "If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is \_\_\_\_."

7. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words

8. Indian metropolis

9. Sheltered, nautically

10. BBQ side

11. Toupee spot

12. "Zip it!"

15. Countdown to Christmas

20. Inbox item

22. Chowd down

24. Middle of a torso

25. "A person's a person, no matter how \_\_\_\_."

26. Capital of Vietnam

27. Dine at home

29. "You're on your own. And you know what you \_\_\_\_."

31. Pipe smoker's tool

32. Letter-shaped girder
33. Polynesian kingdom

34. "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is \_\_\_\_ than you."

36. Bog down

38. Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin

42. Elevator passage

45. Breadwinner

49. Race part

51. 50-50

54. Bar by estoppel

56. Related on mother's side

57. Baloney

58. Rwanda's majority

59. a.k.a. The Islamic State

60. Itty-bitty bit

61. \_\_\_\_ von Bismarck

62. Not quite an adult

63. Latissimus dorsi, for short

65. "It's a shirt. It's a sock. It's a glove. It's a \_\_\_\_."

67. Wine quality

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

1	2	4	8	5	9	7	3	6
9	3	7	1	6	2	5	4	8
5	8	6	3	4	7	2	9	1
6	4	3	2	1	5	8	7	9
7	1	9	6	8	3	4	2	5
8	5	2	7	9	4	6	1	3
3	7	1	5	2	8	9	6	4
2	9	8	4	3	6	1	5	7
4	6	5	9	7	1	3	8	2

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Dennis Daly, among other things, is an *Off-The-Shelf* correspondent for *The Somerville Times*. He writes, "Memorious-You is one poem of a book-length series of rondels that I am presently preparing for publication. The rondel (or rondeau) originated in 14th century France. A century later, Francois Villon used a shortened variation of the form."



Memorious-You

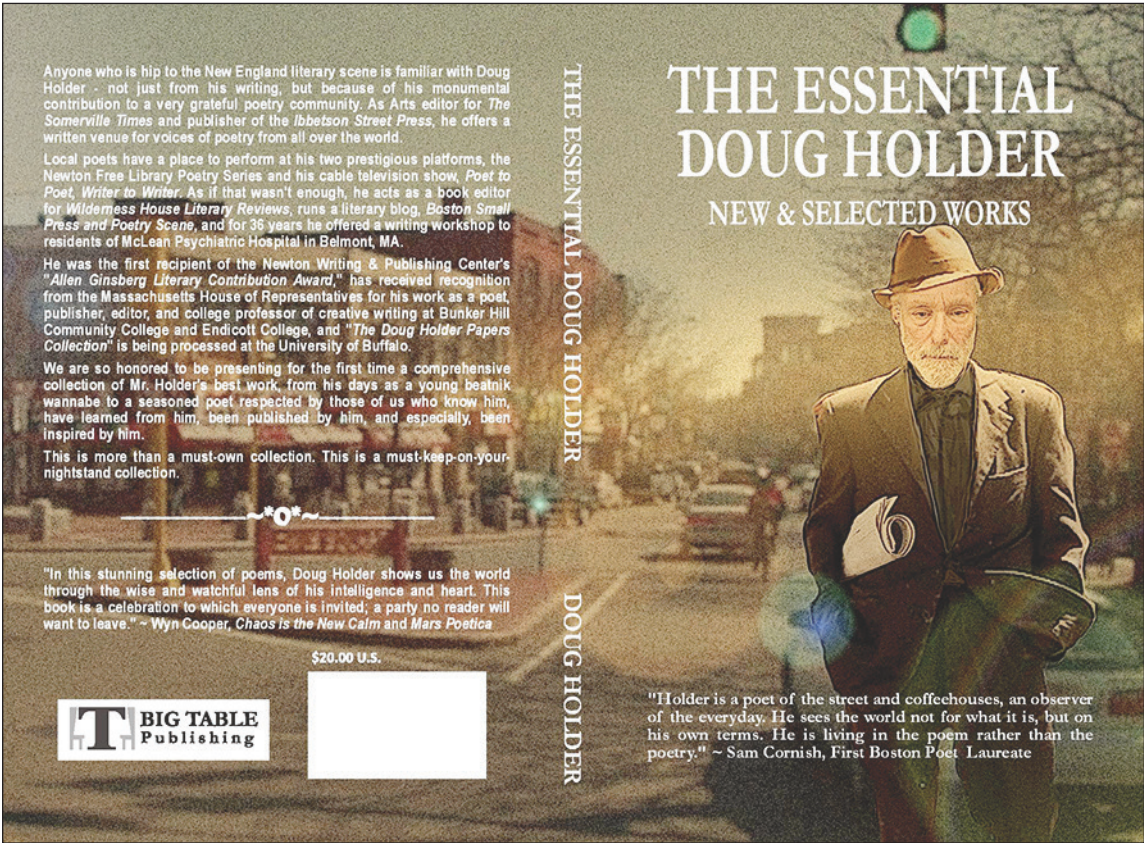
Memorious-you harrows me,  
My unruly comfort, my dear.  
I am, Oh love, your grenadier,  
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Ensorcelled by your younger glee,  
Your shape and play of yesteryear,  
Memorious-you harrows me.

But time does not bring amity,  
It is instead the auctioneer  
Of awe, your scarf of blue cashmere.  
Let's idle us, then plot a spree,  
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Pamela Annas wrote a review of Holder's *The Man in the Booth in the Midtown Tunnel*. Many of the poems from that collection are included in this new book. To order go to Amazon, <http://bigtablepublishing.com>, or directly from the author at [dougholder@post.harvard.edu](mailto:dougholder@post.harvard.edu).

Doug Holder is above all an urban poet, an observer chronicling the everyday sights and absurdities of Somerville, Boston and New York City in plain talk flavored with cool irony and sudden startling bursts of imagery. His settings include hospital rooms, bars, coffee shops, Harvard Yard, the post office, buses and subway trains, the Boston Public Library, Shea Stadium, housing projects, city streets, and the Midtown Tunnel from Queens to Manhattan which is the location of the book's title poem. His characters are bizarre and ordinary like all of us. Several of the poems are inspired by newspaper stories – about a woman who sat on a toilet for two years in her boyfriend's apartment, about an old man who murdered his equally aged wife, about a middle aged man who died on a subway train: "the Daily dropped/ From his hands ... The trains backed up/ From Cambridge to Dorchester." I'm reminded in the pages of this collection of meeting, a year or two before her death, the artist Alice Neel, who painted gorgeously surreal ironic portraits of famous and ordinary people in the 1930s and 40s – and shivering as she looked me over. Doug Holder looks at the world through a similarly sharp and amused set of eyes. Yet there is no malice but a profound sympathy here – for the helplessness of aging and of poverty, for physical and mental illnesses, for the complexity of family relations – and most of all, for the isolation and loneliness lurking underneath tenaciously crowded city life. In the title poem of the collection, the man in the booth in the Midtown Tunnel "paces the perimeter/ Of

his cage" while outside the cars whip by: "And we are/ Faceless and a blur,/ Behind thick plates/ Of light-bleached glass." However, let me assure you this is not a gloomy collection of poems. There are rich nuggets of humor and wry reflection throughout this collection and, to combat the isolation of urban life, in almost every poem a relationship is forged between the observing eye and the subject of the poem. So, for example, as the speaker of the poem observes a woman nursing in a restaurant in *Private Dining Under a Blouse*:  
  
I saw  
The infant emerge  
Sleeping  
Held in an untroubled  
Dream.  
  
I sucked on my straw  
Flattening the plastic stem  
Still awake  
And troubled.  
  
A few of the poems in this collection, like the one above, segue gracefully in subject from Holder's last book, *Of All the Meals I Had Before: Poems About Food and Eating*. Another is a poem toward the end of the book, *The Last Hotdog*: "She brought it/ to his sick bed,/ He bit through/ The red casing/ The familiar orgasm/ Of juice/ Hitting the roof/ Of his mouth". And one more food-focused poem, *At the Fruit Stand*, which is about bananas and melons and grapes and is too erotic to discuss in a family publication. However, you will enjoy it. And the whole collection.  
  
Pamela Annas was a Professor of English at University of Massachusetts/Boston and the author of *A Disturbance in Mirrors: The Poetry of Sylvia Plath*.

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Answers

1. Staind

2. A large seabird

3. Heroin

4. John Smith

5. Eugene the Jeep

6. Drummer Roger Taylor, along with the vocals

7. 1980

8. Gerald Ford

9. Twenty

10. Beaujolais nouveau

11. Hungry Like the Wolf

12. Gunpowder tea

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