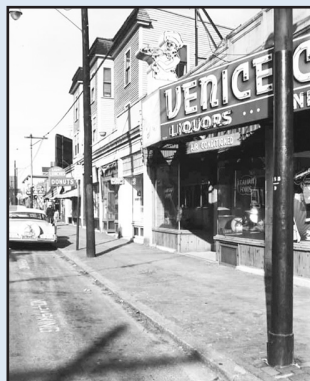




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Some members of the Brickbottom community in the courtyard of their building.

— Photos by Maile Blume

By Maile Blume

The Brickbottom Artists Building has provided the space for makers to live and work together since 1988, however, the influx of development in the Brickbottom area is raising some questions among the community about the changing landscape of the neighborhood.

As developers have come to the Brickbottom area, they have sought out community input for their building plans. "We always ask for green space, and we asked for buildings that aren't too tall," said resident Chris Mesarch. "We are very protective of the light. And we also have the fact that the area can't handle the influx of people that would be brought by bigger buildings."

In December 2022, the MBTA East Somerville Station opened, increasing transit *Continued on page 4*

Third annual 'NICE, a fest' event this week in Somerville

Davis Square rocks this week as both the Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre and The Rockwell will play dual hosts for the third annual *NICE, a fest* all ages event from July 20 to 23.

The concert event features over 70 musical acts, mostly from the Greater Boston area, spread out through the weekend at the two hosting venues.

Among the celebrated groups scheduled to perform are Swirlies, Karate, Frances Forever, and Guerrilla Toss, to name a few. Indie rock and punk roots bands are well-represented, with all of them sharing some sort of a connection with Boston.

Festival founder and talent buyer Alex Pickert is optimistic that this year's event will step up to the success level of the previous two years.

For more information, links to tickets, etc., go to: <https://www.niceafest.com>.



The *NICE, a fest* event takes place this week at the Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre and The Rockwell.
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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville invite community members to provide public comments about **rent stabilization** at an upcoming **listening session**. As part of ongoing efforts to continue to reduce displacement and increase housing affordability, the city’s **Anti-Displacement Task Force (ADTF)** is drafting a rent stabilization law, and community members are invited to share their input on what should be included. Two separate sessions will be offered. The first listening session, for property owners and their advocates, is **Thursday, July 20**, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The second session, for renters and their advocates, is **Thursday, July 27**, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both listening sessions will be hosted in a hybrid format, with the opportunity to participate in person at **the Armory** or remotely on **Zoom**. Both sessions will be recorded and posted on voice.somervillema.gov/adtf. For more info visit the city’s website www.somervillema.gov

East Somerville’s **Summer Carnival Block Party Series** kicks off **Sunday, July 23, 2023, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** These Block Parties will be at **115 Broadway (East Somerville Public Library)** and on **Illinois Ave** on Sunday evenings once a month. Enjoy live music, food, and activities for the whole family. Next block parties take place **August 20** and **September 10**.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Leeann Rollins**. We wish her the very best for her *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 19 – July 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday July 19	Thunderstorms	84°/69°	35%	29%	WSW 10 mph
 Thursday July 20	Partly Cloudy	79°/66°	21%	16%	NE 10 mph
 Friday July 21	Partly Cloudy	82°/65°	22%	14%	ESE 11 mph
 Saturday July 22	Thunderstorms	78°/67°	65%	49%	SE 8 mph
 Sunday July 23	Rain	82°/67°	50%	41%	E 11 mph
 Monday July 24	Sunny	83°/69°	10%	5%	SSW 9 mph
 Tuesday July 25	Partly Cloudy	83°/68°	12%	7%	SE 10 mph

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

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Comments of the Week

Response to: The Absurdity of the DSA: A Tale of Two Representatives

Frank says:

Embarrassing article from an embarrassing former state rep candidate. Jason, a venture capitalist, says all the right buzz words – collaboration, teamwork, respect – but has little to no substance in his political stances or in the claims he makes in this article. There’s a reason Jason lost his election to Rep. Uytterhoeven by a margin of 86% vs 14%. Where is the evidence that Uytterhoeven refuses to work with colleagues and has a bad reputation? Or did you just make that up? Jason has no real connection to Connolly and his values either, but of course he’ll take this opportunity to dunk on his former opponent and on DSA in general, which he evidently regards with disgust. Maybe he hates DSA members because they helped defeat him by such substantial margins. Or maybe this venture capitalist simply lacks any real progressive values and policy proposals, needing to make a career off of useful buzzwords and mud-slinging in the MA political climate instead. You can respect both Reps Connolly and Uytterhoeven regardless of your opinion on the democratically proposed expulsion for Connolly; however, this article lacks substance and misrepresents the charges brought by DSA members against Connolly. Do better Jason, and take a page out of the progressive and socialist books of Connolly and Uytterhoeven, who are actually involved in progressive change in the state.

Frank Gerratana says:

Hi! I’m only posting here to note that the “Frank” who posted above is NOT me. Many people know me as Mike’s campaign treasurer, and “Frank” is not that common of a name, so I didn’t want there to be any confusion. That said, I agree with the other Frank that Connolly and Uytterhoeven are great representatives for their respective districts.

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

A perfect Somerville



With countless businesses leaving Somerville one by one I thought it would be fun to try to construct a perfect city with former businesses. So of course, I asked my social media friends from Somerville to chime in as we construct the perfect Somerville. I'll start it off with The Venice Cafe!

"All our special occasion cakes came from LaContessa. The rum cake was the best!"

"Hodgkins spa, TONY's."

"Caradonna, bakery, Somerville lumber, Bradlees, Patsy's bakery."

"Patsy's, Johnny's (Thurston Spa) with Johnny behind the counter, Jr.'s (corner of Medford Street and Sycamore across from Winter Hill), Rocking Bob's

Guitar Shop."

"Paul's Variety at the corner of Central and Albion. And, of course, Cara Donna's!"

"We used to sneak out at lunch time from Northeastern get 'Johnny's special' 50 cents (bologna and cheese with mustard pickles and onions)."

"The old Assembly Mall. Kmart Jordan Marsh, Debs (got my prom dress there). I think even Building 19 was there for a while. Old Davis Square stores (Gorrins, Thom Mccan, FFC, Smoke Shop)."

"Victors for sure then paddock then La hacienda and Patsy's."

"Johnnies (Thurston Spa) with Johnny working the counter and making his awesome subs."

"There used to be a sub shop across from Powder House Park called Bella Meos, and to this day it was the best sub sandwich in Somerville."

"I'd like to see the smoke shop come back the way it was in the 80s (Davis Square) right next to Tom McCann shoes."

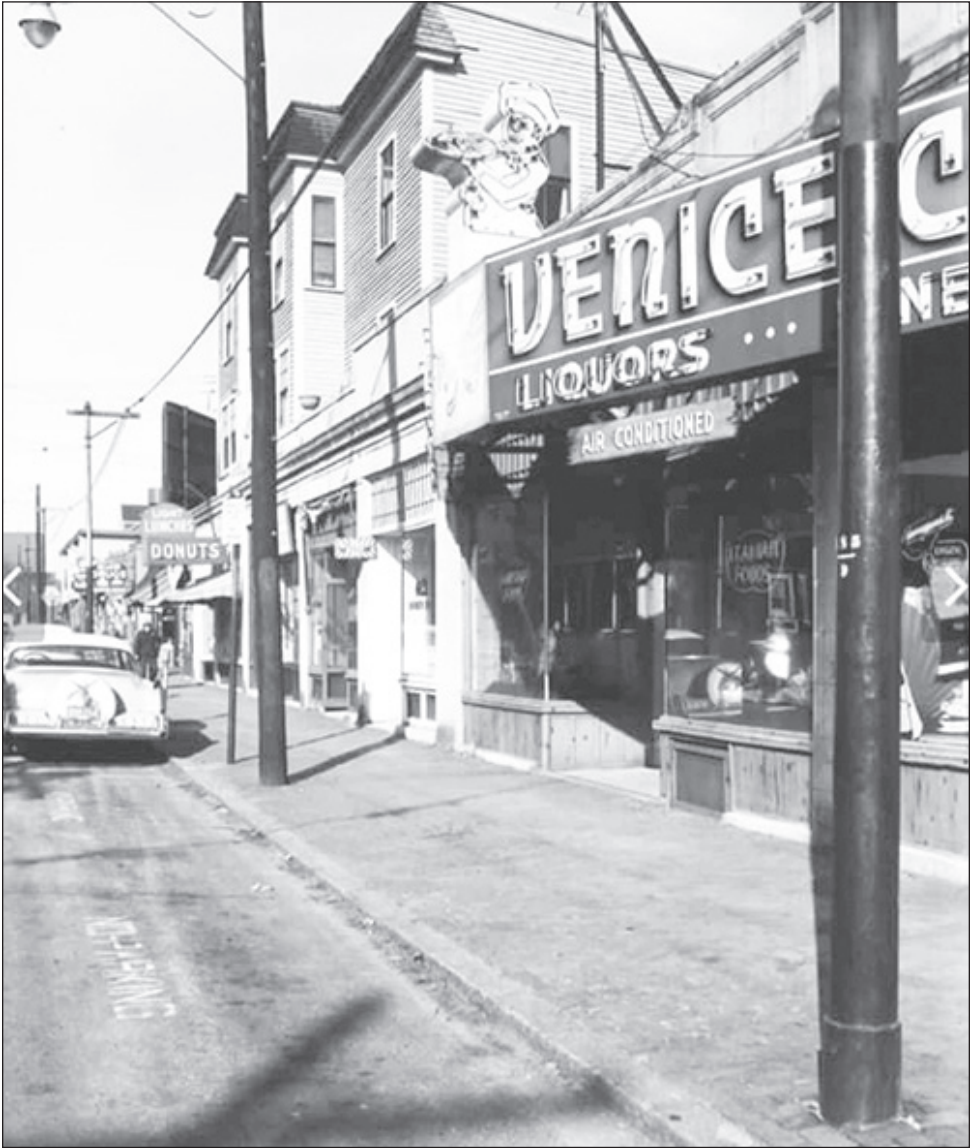
"Mickey Finns men's shop was a great



place to get a lot of clothes like loud shirts."

"The Venice and the Paddock were two of the most delicious places around. It was fun hanging around in those places."

And last but not least McKinnon's must stay.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shady suspect caught with the goods

On Saturday, July 15, at approximately 5:15 p.m., a Somerville Police officer on patrol overheard another officer transmit over the radio that he witnessed a man running out of Sun Glass Hut at Assembly Row holding several pairs of sunglasses.

The officer noticed the sunglasses had price tags and theft detection devices and based on his training and experience be-

lieved the man had committed a crime.

The officer ran after the man and apprehended him with the assistance of another officer in front of the MBTA train station on Foley St.

When the patrol officer arrived on scene, he noticed that the man, identified as Darren Sheridan, of Hyde Park, was in handcuffs and there were seven pairs of sun-

glasses placed on the hood of the arresting officer's cruiser.

The sunglasses all had price tags and theft detection devices attached. The merchandise was valued at \$2,211.

Officers went to Sun Glass Hut and spoke with employees there, informing them that they detained a man who they believed stole merchandise from their store.

The employees told the officers they were in the process of reporting the incident to the police and confirmed that a man grabbed multiple pairs of sunglasses and exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

The employees showed the officers video footage of the man, who was wearing the same clothing as Sheridan, grab the merchandise and leave the store.

The officers informed Sheridan that they would be placing him under arrest on a charge of larceny over \$1,200.

While searching Sheridan, the officers noticed a white powdery substance in the brim of his hat. Sheridan was transported to the station and booked in the usual manner.

Police returned the merchandise to Sun Glass Hut.

Brickbottom community navigates ongoing development

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between Brickbottom and the rest of the city. As the neighborhood has become increasingly desirable to developers, the city has been creating the Brickbottom Small Area Plan.

The public draft of the plan calls for areas that were labeled as "transitional" by the city such as Brickbottom "to become regional employment centers that offer a wide range of high-quality jobs." The plan also says that these areas "can also help us achieve critical housing goals by increasing our high-density housing stock near mass transit, which allows us to address our housing shortage without worsening car traffic."

"As the community's vision for development of Brickbottom begins to be put into action, the city's goal is to help find a balance between responsible development and ensuring that the neighborhood continues to be a vibrant hub of creativity and expression," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne in a statement on the plan. "While this project inevitably will bring some changes to the neighborhood, we are committed to working with all stakeholders to create strategies that address the risk of artist displacement," she added.

"It's a priority for me as Somerville's mayor to be sure we are striving to tackle displacement of residents and small busi-

nesses head-on," she said. "Our anti-displacement strategies include creating more affordable housing opportunities, changing our planning and zoning requirements to create more artist spaces, and providing grants to help small businesses. It is vital that we ensure that the people and places who make us who we are cannot only stay here, but also continue to thrive and grow and that includes the vibrant artist community in Brickbottom."

Envisioning the Future

As the development continues, the Brickbottom community is facing questions about its longterm impact. "I always think of the longer picture, the bigger picture, the development in terms of the environmental calamity the world is in," said Mesarch. She said of some of the new planned developments, "There's no green space. The landscaping is pavement with trees coming up through the holes."

Some of the residents also expressed concerns that traffic may worsen in the area. Resident Charlotte Kaplan said, "We're going to suffer the constant consequences because we don't have enough appropriate infrastructure for a really large building where people are going to be coming to work."

Different developers have had

different approaches to responding to feedback from the community. Resident Kim Schmahmann said that the development company North River Company LLC, for example, has planned a building that is "very contextual with the neighborhood." Schmahmann added that the architect and developers have been continually asking the community for feedback, and taking this into account in their design and building processes.

"We don't want buildings that are not contextual," said Schmahmann. "We are a five-story building, and some of the proposed new buildings around us are out of scale with the existing neighborhood."

The ongoing construction in the area has also brought challenges to the community. "When the green line was being built, it was horrible. It was noisy, it was dusty. But it was public transportation," said Kaplan. "So, a lot of us thought, public transportation – that's a good thing, we should be in favor of it. We can put up with this for a while." However, the construction continued with other development projects coming to the area. Resident Melinda Cross said that she often wakes up to the sound of cranes backing up, or the sound of a hammer. "Living with the constant noise has been difficult, but if it wasn't this it would be some-



North River Company LLC is a development company that has been in conversation with the Brickbottom community.

thing else," she said.

Preserving the Brickbottom Community

As market prices for condos in the Brickbottom building are increasing, some residents are concerned about the future of the Brickbottom community. "Are the people who are moving in people who can afford the apartment, and also creative, and want to contribute to the community? Or do we have people moving in who would like to change it and see it as an investment property because of all the development and all these labs and things going up?" asked Cross.

Cross said that there are a variety of creative people who currently live and work in the building. "It's nice to have a mix of people who are in general cre-

ative," she said. "There's sculpture artists, there's a startup that's renting a space, there's people who appreciate art, which is very necessary," she added.

In addition to creating a close-knit community, the Brickbottom Artists Building also offers the opportunity for community members to age in place. "As a single person and an aging person, I'm very grateful for the community," said Mesarch. "And as an artist, it's wonderful to be living with others. I can go out of my door every day and encounter people and work with the community."

"The Brickbottom Artist Building is a strong, creative community," said Schmahmann. "It would be very sad if this community did not survive the development of the neighborhood."

Department of Racial and Social Justice discusses alternative emergency response models

By Cassidy Beek

The Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) discussed alternative emergency response models as part of the Public Safety for All (PSFA) webinar series, on Wednesday, July 12, with Stephanie Guirand from The Black Response Cambridge.

This was the second session in the series of webinars, continuing the goal of educating the public on potential alternative response models to be implemented in Somerville. Guirand presented the targeted population intervention model, which would address the root causes of violence in Somerville, and outlined a possible design approach.

Guirand began by providing examples of organizations and initiatives that target populations through their interventions. As a way to support survivors of poverty, the Material Aid and Advocacy Program (MAAP) located in Cambridge, presents a holistic approach to allocating resources and building community for survivors of poverty. While also offering aid in Somerville, according to Guirand, the organization supplies food, clothing and tents as well as advocates for the specific needs of the community such as safe consumption sites and harm reduction materials including drug testing supplies.

The first step in disrupting cycles of violence includes identifying an issue among a population. Observing youth violence for example, an intervention requires a process for identifying a proposed solution such as collecting survey data, creating focus groups and facilitating outreach among the population.

According to Guirand, the intervention must increase low take up rates for youth job programs. Guirand encouraged further surveys and discussions with youth program job administrators to identify the logistics of the issue. Also, the city would need to allocate resources, specifically promotional materials including money for outreach and the actors needed to facilitate the intervention.

A clear and noninvasive monitoring evaluation system is also necessary to measure the success of an intervention. Examining the rise of take up rates from the previous year and repeating the intervention process if the rates remain low is crucial for success according to Guirand.

Some potential populations that can be

served by alternative interventions, meaning non-police interventions, include the youth, substance users, immigrant groups, the unhoused and survivors of domestic violence. Types of interventions include ending violence, addressing communication gaps between people and government programs, promoting peacekeeping and supplying first aid services.

Every intervention must include stipends for people who complete responder training. "There is a shortage of social workers and licensed clinicians in the greater Boston area, so it is unrealistic to consider an intervention that's going to be clinician-led or fully clinician-led," said Guirand. It is crucial for Somerville to determine how they will pay people to fill the roles of crisis response workers.

"There is a shortage of social workers and licensed clinicians in the greater Boston area..."

Types of training vary when it comes to designing an intervention and therefore may involve street medic training to address physical needs of individuals, harm reduction training focused on substance abuse or self-defense training to address domestic violence. Guirand recommended tools such as community dialogue spaces and the ability for a responder to utilize pod mapping, which identifies resources the individual has to address their own needs. The types of powers granted to responders is also significant in the discussion as they permit alternative response employees to facilitate the distribution of resources and develop community accountability space such as safe dialogue spaces for community members.

Denise Capers, the director of RSJ commented on the importance of the recent PSFA study. "We are ahead of the game in terms of being able to have not just community feedback on what concerns they have but also have benefitted from gathering data on different aspects on public safety in Somerville. Collecting data and analyzing it and making recommendations is key, then



the next step is to go further into communities getting more information from the stakeholders about how to design an intervention that will make a dent in the issue," said Capers.

At the end of the webinar, some constituents asked questions regarding the process of creating alternative response programs.

The first constituent asked whether those who participate as alternative response employees have to sign consent forms to mitigate liability risk. Guirand responded to the question by saying if the

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ANNOUNCEMENT
Beacon Apartments LLC, in conjunction with Jet Realty are pleased to announce an
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ votes on roll calls from the week of July 10-14. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

\$693 MILLION FISCAL 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 3982)

House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$693 million fiscal 2023 supplemental budget to help close out the books on fiscal year 2023 that ended on June 30.

Provisions include \$180 million for fiscally strained hospitals; \$226 million for 33 collective bargaining agreements that have been ratified by state public employee unions; \$100 million for the state’s pension fund; \$40 million for a settlement of a court case related to police promotion discrimination; and \$226 million for special education; and raises the current yearly cap from \$10 million to \$30 million for housing projects under the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP).

“The package that is before you today covers a number of different areas that require our immediate and timely attention,” said House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston). “As we work towards closing the books for fiscal year 2023, these items are some of the most pressing needs the commonwealth is facing today. By addressing these deficiencies now, we’ll be able to start the fiscal year 2024 cycle in the strongest fiscal position possible.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$693 million supplemental budget.)

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

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (H 3982)

House 152-3, approved an amendment related to the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP). The amendment raises the current yearly cap from \$10 million to \$30 million – and provides for a one-time increase to \$57 million to address the growing backlog of projects waiting for HDIP credits.

HDIP, according to its state website, “provides Gateway Cities with a tool to develop market rate housing while increasing residential growth, expanding diversity of housing stock, supporting economic development and promoting neighborhood stabilization in designated areas.”

“I have been working with MassINC, mayors and economic development directors from Gateway Cities, and housing advocates to support and improve the HDIP

program since 2013,” said amendment sponsor Rep. Tony Cabral (D-New Bedford), Chair of the Gateway Cities Legislative Caucus. “Expanding the benefits of HDIP has long been the top priority of our caucus. We all know that Massachusetts and our Gateway Cities are facing a housing crisis that involves rising rents and home prices, and a severe shortage in housing options across all income levels.”

“HDIP addresses this critical lack of middle-income housing by using a tax incentive to make developing market-rate housing in New Bedford more financially viable,” continued Cabral. “It is the only housing development program specifically targeted to meet the financial needs of housing production in Gateway Cities.”

“I was proud to support the consolidated amendment, which included an increase in funding for the HDIP ... [which is] is an essential tool available to Gateway Cities to produce housing supply,” said Rep. Carole Fiola (D-Fall River). “At a time when the commonwealth faces a severe housing shortage, this program is vital to getting projects in the pipeline off the ground and provide a much needed increase in housing.”

“I welcome all kinds of housing production, and I have the deepest respect for our Gateway Cities colleagues who are pushing to expand the HDIP program in their communities,” said Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge) who opposed the amendment. “However, HDIP doesn’t address the concerns of my Cambridge and Somerville constituents. The question raised by this amendment is ‘How much do we want to subsidize for-profit, private development of market-rate housing?’ Of all the ways we could spend money on housing, this is perhaps the most questionable.”

“I believe that focusing funding on local housing authorities is a far more effective means of providing for those most in need,” said Rep. David DeCoste (R-Norwell) who also opposed the amendment. “I shared the concerns of Rep. Connolly that too much of the HDIP spending ends up enriching developers. The commonwealth would be much better off spending those funds locally through improving and expanding local housing authority available units.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROHIBIT REVOCATION OF PROFESSIONAL

LICENSES (S 1997) – The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee held a hearing on a bill that would repeal a current state law which creates professional licensure consequences for anyone who defaults on their student loan. Under current law, a borrower’s state-issued professional or occupational certificate, registration or license can be suspended, revoked or canceled if the borrower is in default on an education loan.

“This procedure is nonsensical, as it strips the individual of their ability to produce an income, making it even more difficult to pay off those loans,” said sponsor Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). “Forced closures due to COVID-19 have highlighted the economic hardships faced by many professionally licensed individuals such as hairdressers, massage therapists and physical therapists. These professions require close contact and have seen many restrictions since the start of the pandemic. While the Department of Education has extended grace to borrowers through forbearance temporarily, the protection is not permanent. When forbearance is not in place, these individuals do not need the threat of losing their professional license and their income source because of significant economical challenges they face while trying to pay back their loan.”

The House and Senate both approved a similar bill in the 2021-2022 session on November 21, 2022 and sent it to then-Gov. Baker who proposed an amendment to the bill on December 1. Baker’s amendment would allow the Division of Banks to consider student loan defaults in order to ensure that the division will retain the discretion it has always applied when assessing an applicant’s fitness to provide consumer financial services to prospective borrowers.

“Precluding the Division of Banks from reviewing credit reports as part of its evaluation of an individual’s financial responsibility for a financial services license could ultimately result in harm to consumers,” said Baker in his veto message.

The House and Senate had more than a month to act on the governor’s amendment but did not do so. As a result, the entire bill died on January 3, 2023, the final day of the 2021-2022 session.

ONLINE DRIVER’S ED (S 2261) - A proposal heard by the Transportation Committee would provide an on-line driver education program as an alternative to the current in-person classroom instruction for young drivers under 18. The bill would also remove the requirement to observe another student driver for six hours.

“Obtaining a license is a milestone achievement but for many young people the inability to attend in-person classes due to family obligations, lack of *Continued on page 19*

COMMENTARY

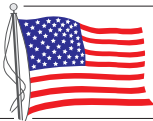
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville’s water features are making a splash during this extremely hot weather.

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.

Here are some ways you can stay cool:

- Head to Dilboy Pool (110 Alewife Brook Parkway) Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. And the Ginny Smithers Pool at the Kennedy School is open Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Many parks and playgrounds have water play features or sprinklers. To find a splash pad in your neighborhood, visit <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/office-strategic-planning-and-community-development-ospcd/psuf-public-space>.

For additional heat safety tips, visit [somervillema.gov/keepcool](https://www.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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birthday. Happy birthday to **Richard Nilsson**. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy Birthday to Somerville School Committee Member, **Andre Green**. We wish him a great birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Joey Sainato, Christine Desrochers-Broderick, Richard Spino-sa, Joseph Cottier, Joanne Ruggiero Contaldi, Nancy McCarty, Susanne Sordillo, Cheryl Chaille Horan, Alice Galvin, Tommy Mcdaid, Frank Tello Jr., Erica Jones, Joan Campo McKenna, Carol Powers and Stephanie Ann** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The **Somerville Public Library** will host their annual **Summer Jam on the Lawn**, **Tuesday, July 25, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**, 79 Highland Ave. This is event is run by teens and all ages are invited to attend. They will have a DJ, lawn games, popcorn, sno-cones, and other snacks giant Jenga and giant Connect-4, cool temporary tat-toos, and lots of raffle prizes. This event is presented in partnership with Teen Empowerment and is partially funded by the **Friends of the Somerville Public Library**. Contact **Ellen**: ejacobs@somervillema.gov.

The previously announced **42-day suspension of Green Line service between Lechmere and Union Square Stations from July 18 to August 28** will not take place. The repair work on the Squires Bridge has been postponed until **September 2023**. For all updates visit the MB-TA’s website: www.mbta.com/.

Find **free meals for anyone 18 or younger** at several locations around Somerville for breakfast and lunch, until August 11. **Breakfast:** Argenziano Playground, 290 Washington St:

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.,North Street Play-ground: 9:45 – 10:10 a.m. **Lunch:** Dil-boy Stadium, 324 Alewife Brook Pkwy: 10:15 – 10:30 a.m., Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, 32 Shore Dr: 10:45 –11:00 a.m., Mystic Housing, 30 Mystic Ave: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. North Street Playground: 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Foss Park Playground and Pool, McGrath and Broadway: 1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Somerville Council on Aging, LCR Game Day, Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. at the **Holland St. Center**. LCR-Left Cen-ter Right is a fun, fast-paced dice game that you won’t be able to

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What inorganic molecule is produced by lightning?

2. What were the fur cloaks worn in *Game of Thrones*?

3. What model car was James Dean killed in?

4. What disease gets its name from the medieval term that means "bad air"?

5. Oncology focuses on what disease?

6. What color catches the eye first?

7. How long is an
- eon?

8. What sense is most closely linked to memory?

9. What sporting event is held every Memorial Day?

10. Which athlete has won the most Olympic medals?

11. Which shoe did Cinderella leave behind at the ball?

12. What is the name of the famous magic duo who performed with tigers?
- Answers on page 13

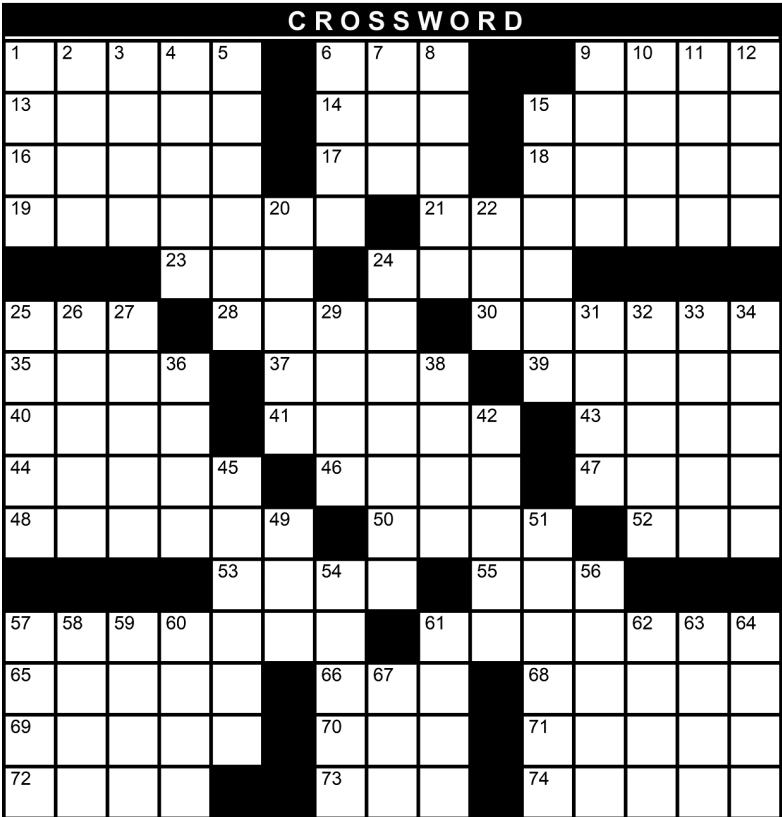
The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Punctuation wasn't always a part of our written language.
2. Alaska is the only state whose name is on one row on a keyboard.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
ON THE ROAD

- ACROSS
1. More down in the dumps
6. Will Ferrell's 2003 Xmas character
9. Century Gothic, e.g.
13. Twisted cotton thread
14. Greek "t"
15. Biblical mount
16. Dessert sandwiches
17. Barley bristle
18. Pungent edible bulb
19. Shared ride
21. Yellow Brick Road traveller
23. Member of the Benevolent Order
24. Sword handle
25. The little one "stops to tie his shoe"
28. AI "fodder"
30. Gas station option
35. Thailand money
37. Phone cam images
39. Fill with happy spirit
40. Bora ____
41. Vexed
43. Uncontrolled swerve
44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
46. Genesis twin
47. "The Odyssey," e.g.
48. Hooray!
50. Speaking platform
52. Campfire residue
53. What sailors are to captain
55. Lawyers' org.
57. Jack of "On the Road" fame
61. Refreshment break
65. Live sign for radio, 2 words
66. Shakespearean "fuss"
68. Bar order, with "the"
69. Ownership document
70. Mitt Romney's title, abbr.
71. Christmas Eve visitor
72. Keats' works, e.g.
73. Major road, abbr.
74. Certain number of cylinders

- DOWN
1. Cold War's Warsaw Pact, e.g.
2. Turkish money
3. One on drugs
4. Run off to Vegas?
5. Sold on eBay, usually



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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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6. Short for "and elsewhere"

7. Hammurabi's code, e.g.

8. Plural of fundus

9. Porto ____, Italy

10. Got this!

11. Sodium hydroxide

12. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"

15. Foray

20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin

22. Like one of the Testaments

24. Fine-toothed metal cutter

25. Famous road from Beatles crossing

26. Actress Watts

27. Minute parasite

29. Spare one

31. "If all ____ fails"

32. Sarpa ____, coral reef fish

33. Tiny purses

34. Olden day phlebotomy instrument
36. Waterproof canvas

38. Clothing line

42. UAE's most populous city

45. Close the fastener, e.g.

49. Epoch

51. Between 90 and 180 degrees

54. E-wallet's content

56. Very, in music

57. Japanese zither

58. Author Bagnold

59. Goes with interest

60. Great masters' medium, pl.

61. Hoofed "express" traveler

62. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" ac-tress Lola ____

63. Solemn promise

64. Surveyor's map

67. Morning drops
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Somerville Pollinator Action Plan Advisory Committee discusses developments

By Ana Celerier Salcedo

On July 10, The Somerville Pollinator Action Plan Advisory Committee held their bi-weekly meeting to discuss housekeeping items regarding developments on the city’s Pollinator Action Plan.

This meeting marks the second to last phase one meeting, with phase two set to begin in the fall. Phase two of the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan hopes to focus on public outreach and seeking community support.

The plan’s goals are to develop a Somerville-specific and local pollinator species inventory and propose courses of action for residents and public servants to create a pollinator habitat that aligns

with the species local to Somerville. Furthermore, the plan aims to explore pollinator habitats within the city and educate the public on the interdependence of pollinators, ecosystems, and urban life.

The City of Somerville Planner of Ecological Restoration, Alison Maurer, made a few announcements regarding two upcoming events during the meeting. Maurer announced that on July 19 at 9:00 a.m., there will be an onsite talk with Kate Kennen of Offshoots Inc. and a NOFA Conference taking place July 24 – 29, both online and in person.

More information can be found at nofamass.org/nofa-summer-conference.



Development of a Somerville-specific and local pollinator species inventory and other strategies are under consideration by the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan Advisory Committee.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Spicy Potato Salad

Every week we get a produce box delivered from Ball Square Fine Wines, they partnered up with Katsiroubas Bros. Each box contains a variety of vegetables and fruits, like romaine lettuce, broccoli, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, lemons, limes, mangos, avocados, cucumbers, watermelon, honeydew, cantaloupe, pineapple, celery, apples, grapes, mushrooms and more.

There is enough for a family of 3-4. Last week’s box included a large bag of potatoes, so I decided to change it up from potato frittata and home fries to a potato salad. As a side note, Ball Square Fine Wines will deliver wine, beer and spirits as well as a large selection of charcuterie ingredients. It’s a great way to support local business. See their website for additional information: ballsquarefinewines.com.

- 3 lbs. potatoes, peeled and 1” dice
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar

- 1/4 cup sweet relish
- 2 teaspoons Sriracha or other hot sauce
- 1 celery stalk, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- Parsley garnish, optional

Place the prepared potatoes into a pot and fill with cold water until the potatoes are covered by about an inch of water. Bring to a boil and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. In the meantime, add the mayonnaise, vinegar, relish, Sriracha, celery, pepper and salt, to a large bowl and blend well.

Drain the potatoes and add to the mayonnaise mixture. Gently coat the potatoes. Fold in the scallions. Transfer to a serving bowl and sprinkle the paprika over the top and add the parsley garnish. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving. Serves approximately 8 people.

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



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Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Green Infrastructure and Urban Forestry

Purpose: Improving the urban environment through tree planting

Location: Tree planting will occur citywide and in income eligible areas including East Somerville, Winter Hill, Union Square and the Inner Belt/Brick Bottom.

Project/Program Description: This program will continue to compliment the City's tree planting program in income eligible areas.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)], Endangered Species Act of 1973, Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988], National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990], and Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898].

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Once specific sites are conducted, Tier 2 reviews will be completed to evaluate conditions related to the regulations listed above. Sites will be reviewed to ensure they are not located in FEMA designated flood area and that there are not on-site or nearby hazardous, toxic, or radioactive materials that could harm the health and safety of occupants. Project sites will be evaluated to determine that the site and surrounding neighborhood do not suffer from adverse environmental conditions and that the proposed action will not create an adverse and disproportionate environmental impact or aggravate an existing impact. The Massachusetts Historical Society/State Historic Preservation Officer will be consulted to ensure the project does not adversely affect a historical site; when warranted, relevant Tribal Historic Preservation Officers will be consulted as well. Sites will be reviewed to ensure projects do not have an adverse effect on endangered or threatened species or critical habitats. Sites will also be evaluated to ensure minimal impact on any wetlands or endangered species that may be related to project sites. If conditions relevant to the listed regulations are identified, HUD guidance will be followed to ensure proper mitigation occurs.

Estimated Project Cost: HUD funding: \$80,000 Total estimated project cost: \$80,000

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1). Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied Monday - Wednesday 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M., Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M. or Friday 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. or can be requested through an email to svarikoti@somervillema.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by August 3rd, 2023 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Alan Inacio, the Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Director of Finance and Community Development, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Somerville to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092, (617) 994-8350 or via email: ma_webmanager@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alan Inacio, Director of Finance and Community Development, City of Somerville, Certifying Officer

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR**

THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR.
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8977628321830501728>

Webinar ID: 437-637-051

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 280-744-768

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2023.41 – 11 Thorpe Street

Applicant: Griffin Dunn

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing tracking lines for a ductless AC system.

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

HPC.DMO 2023.15 – 45 Alpine Street

Applicant: David Kogan

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

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

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Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation
Purpose: Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
Location: This program will be conducted citywide, and once specific homes/addresses have been identified, further environmental review will be conducted for those specific sites.
Project/Program Description: The goal of this program is to assist low-income households and properties that are part of the 100 Programs. CDBG funds will primarily be used to undertake rehabilitation work for income eligible residents, but funds may also be used to fund housing acquisition on a limited basis. The housing rehab program assists low- and moderate-income residents across the city in creating cleaner/safe housing, addressing code violations, and critical rehab needs.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.
Level of Environmental Review Citation: CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)
Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)], Explosive and Flammable Hazards [24 CFR Part 51], Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988], National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Noise Control Act of 1972, and Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898].
Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Once sites are selected, the following process will occur to ensure compliance with all relevant federal regulations. Sites will be reviewed to ensure they are not located in FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard area and that there are not on-site or nearby hazardous, toxic, or radioactive materials that could harm the health and safety of occupants. Project sites will be evaluated to determine that the site and surrounding neighborhood do not suffer from adverse environmental conditions and that the proposed action will not create an adverse and disproportionate environmental impact or aggravate an existing impact. The Massachusetts Historical Society/State Historic Preservation Officer will be consulted to ensure the project does not adversely affect a historical site, and when warranted, relevant tribal historical preservation officers will be consulted. Site noise and proximity to explosive/flammable hazards will also be reviewed when warranted by federal regulation. If review identifies areas that require mitigation to address any of the federal regulations reviewed during the Tier 2 review, HUD guidance will be followed to ensure best mitigation practices.

Estimated Project Cost: HUD Funding: \$770,142, Estimated Cost: \$770,142.

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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

CONWAY PARK
550 SOMERVILLE AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER (RTN) 3-34868

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On **July 6, 2023**, the City of Somerville recorded with the Southern Middlesex County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property:

- Use of the property for residential purposes.
- Growth of fruits and vegetables or other agricultural product for human consumption.
- Construction activities resulting in direct contact with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) impacted soil.
- Relocation of PCB-impacted soil.
- Activities that damage or alter the cover system installed above PCB-impacted soil.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact the City of Somerville, Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, 617-625-6600.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using RTN 3-34868 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801, 978-694-3200.

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Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 8/9/2023 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Nina Fury unit #354MZ; Michael Peterson unit #355MZ. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 24-01

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites proposals for:

District Marketing Program Needs Assessment

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: **Monday, July 17, 2023**. 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, Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023**.

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 jeremy@somervillema.gov for more information.

Jordan Remy
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Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Neighborhood Infrastructure and Improvements
Purpose: Safety, accessibility, and utility improvements to the urban environment.
Location: Income eligible areas including East Somerville, Winter Hill, and Union Square. Specific addresses and locations will be subject to environmental reviews once identified.
Project/Program Description: This project will focus on making infrastructure, streetscape, and multi-modal safety improvements including traffic calming, ADA improvements, and utility improvements in underserved and income eligible areas.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.
Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24CFR Part 58.35(a)(1)(2)
Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad re-view: 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2), Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402, Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly, sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800, and Executive Order 12898.
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Estimated Project Cost: HUD Funding: HUD Funding: \$200,000, Estimated Cost: \$200,000.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023**, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8827579069719012187>
Webinar ID: 821-354-475

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (631) 992-3221
Access code: 297-167-832
The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

27 Fountain Ave Andrea Traviglia & Andre Pelletier seek relief from the required sum of setbacks and minimum landing projection for a new stoop in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires two (2) Hardship Variances.

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

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

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Help guide the future of the Armory Building

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville invite you to a public meeting to help guide the future of the historic Armory building.

The City of Somerville acquired the Armory building in 2020 to preserve it as an arts space. In 2022, the city initiated a master planning process to guide the building's transition into a public arts center. As the next step in that process, the Somerville Arts Council and the city's consultant, Create Today, are hosting three public meetings to present potential programmatic and business models for the new arts center to the community for feedback. Each meeting will cover the same content.

Two meetings will be in person at the Armory Cafe at 191 Highland Ave. and one will be virtual on Zoom. The in-person meetings will take place Monday, July 24, from noon to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Each in-person meeting is limited to 40 attendees. The virtual meeting will take place Tuesday, August 1, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. To join online, find the Zoom link at somervillema.gov/armory. To join by phone, call +1 309-205-3325 Meeting ID: 884 5967 3920.

The Armory Master Plan is expected to be finalized later this year, at which point the city will move to implementation. To learn more, go to somervillema.gov/armory.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Date of Publication: July 19th, 2023
City of Somerville
93 Highland Ave
Somerville MA, 02143
617-625-6600

On or after **August 3rd, 2023** the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Parks and Open Space Improvements
Purpose: Enhancing urban environment through additional and improved recreational spaces
Location: Income eligible areas including but not limited to East Somerville, Winter Hill, and Union Square. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.
Project/Program Description: This project will create and revitalize quality recreational open spaces in the city's most densely populated and under-served neighborhoods.
Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1)
Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)], Endangered Species Act of 1973, Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988], National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990], and Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898].

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Estimated Project Cost: HUD Funding: HUD funding: \$400,000, Total estimated project cost: \$400,000

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LEGAL NOTICE

City of Somerville
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
(OSPCD)
WFD-24.2
The City of Somerville, Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)
invites sealed proposals for programs that focus on addressing the wage gap for women in Somerville, particularly women of color:
Workforce Development Grant Programs

Workforce Development Grant Programs. Proposals must be for programs that assist in the creation and maintenance of employment and career opportunities for low- and moderate-income women residing in the City of Somerville. Funds for training in high demand industries, digital literacy training programs, financial literacy training programs, internship programming for low-income first-generation students, CORI expungement, and innovative programs that address the wage gap for women and girls residing in Somerville. Consideration will also be given to proposals that identify other needs that will contribute to addressing the wage gap for women, particularly women of color. Grants are provided by ARPA funding, City funds, and/or other available funds generated from development impact fees.

Bid Number **WFD-24.2**

Request for Proposal packages for both programs will be posted and available for download on the City of Somerville website beginning at 10 am July 19, 2023 at www.somervillema.gov/wfd. Print copies available upon request to Staff Name at email WFD@somervillema.gov.
An electronic PDF file should be emailed to email address and proposal packages must be submitted no later than **August 9, 2023**, for responses to WFD-24.2
to the above email address.

Please contact the City of Somerville's Workforce Development staff, by email at WFD@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.
Thomas Galligani, Executive Director
617- 625-6600, x 2500

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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, the 3rd day of August, 2023**, at **10:00 o'clock A.M.**, at **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: **20 MADISON ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): TSOU JOHN HC & CHANG LI-PAI
PARCEL ID: **050-F.00013-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **12384150**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,587 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 27431, Page: 314.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to TSOU JOHN HC & CHANG LI-PAI for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,975.29
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,247.69
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$5,447.98

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **115 PORTER ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): TSOU JOHN H C & CHANG LIPAI
PARCEL ID: **035-C.00028-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13457080**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,158 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 28736, Page: 288.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to TSOU JOHN H C & CHANG LIPAI for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,279.41
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,028.29
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$4,532.70

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **40 CAMERON AVE**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PIETRUSKO ROBERT G & ROBERT G JR
PARCEL ID: **013-D.00015-0040-2** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20160660**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 66558, Page: 053.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to PIETRUSKO ROBERT G & ROBERT G JR for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,252.66
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,019.85
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$4,497.51

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **8 BEACON ST UNIT 4**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): WANG RUNYU & ZHANG TIANCHI
PARCEL ID: **076-F.00018-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20160210**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 00130, Page: 030.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to WANG RUNYU & ZHANG TIANCHI for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,233.94
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,013.95
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$4,472.89

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **187 HIGHLAND AVE**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): TSOU JOHN H C & CHANG LI PAI
PARCEL ID: **042-F.00023-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **10334183**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,773 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 28839, Page: 336.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to TSOU JOHN H C & CHANG LI PAI for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,751.93
Interest to Date of Taking	\$861.97
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,838.90

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **187 PEARL ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): TEIXEIRA PAULO
PARCEL ID: **078-E.00018-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04182170**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,078 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 68682, Page: 385.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to TEIXEIRA PAULO for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,712.40
Interest to Date of Taking	\$933.40
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,870.80

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **160 PEARL ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): 160 PEARL STREET LLC
PARCEL ID: **092-B.00001-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19631161**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,069 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 61852, Page: 545.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to 160 PEARL STREET LLC for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,549.83
Interest to Date of Taking	\$657.49
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,432.32

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **7 LOUISBURG PL**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DONATI MARY R
PARCEL ID: **090-C.00032-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04207030**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,458 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 71929, Page: 586.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to DONATI MARY R for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,021.23
Interest to Date of Taking	\$736.61
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$2,982.84

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **4 TANNERY BROOK ROW UNIT 17**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): 1.6 CORPORATION
PARCEL ID: **017-A.00250-000017** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20041320**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 67603, Page: 595.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to 1.6 CORPORATION for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$1,971.31
Interest to Date of Taking	\$607.92
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$2,804.23

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **15 FENWICK ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): HOLMES JOHN & IRENA
PARCEL ID: **058-D.00027-0015-3** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **97000080**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60006, Page: 178.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to HOLMES JOHN & IRENA for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$617.72
Interest to Date of Taking	\$189.08
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,031.80

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **39 HUNTING ST**
ASSESSED OWNER(S): CARRIERI GUY
PARCEL ID: **097-H.00005-000000** ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04171130**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,862 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 31048, Page: 448.

This land is taken because taxes, as defined in Chapter 60, Section 43, assessed on the property to CARRIERI GUY for the fiscal year 2021, which were not paid within fourteen days after a demand for payment was made on May 14, 2021. 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 2021 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$605.43
Interest to Date of Taking	\$185.21
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,015.64

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COMMENTARY

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Somerville will survey its senior citizens in the fall



By Will Mbah
Candidate for Somerville
City Councilor at Large
willmbah.com

I have been following with interest the discussions of the Council on Aging, which is preparing to launch a Survey of Somerville Seniors in the fall. The Council has engaged the University of Massachusetts Gerontology Institute to help design and administer the study. They hope to involve at least 1,500 households and gather data about the status and needs of the population over 65.

This work will be especially useful to guide the next stages of services organization and delivery, as the process of COVID-recovery comes to an end.

Pre-COVID planning

Prior to COVID, in 2018 and 2019, the Council on Aging and its partner agencies and organizations were delivering and expanding an array of programs and services that had been designed to address particular needs of seniors for health care, affordable housing, transportation and social well-being. The three Senior Centers at Holland Street, Cross Street and Broadway and at New Washington, Cobble Hill were busy every week with social, physical exercise, cultural and entertainment activities and with counseling and connection to all of the relevant support services.

Then COVID disrupted all the plans and schedules. Seniors were heavily impacted, not only directly by the disease, but by the isolation of quarantining and the loss of friends and family members. Some older works lost jobs and income; many retirees had difficulty keeping up with the costs of housing, food and medical care. Almost everyone had their routines of work, social engagements and volunteer activities interrupted with resulting isolation and disorientation.

The Council and its allied agencies quickly organized the emergency programs in 2020 and 2021. Then, as recovery got underway in 2022 and 2023, they began to re-organize new hybrid services. Federal ARPA and state

recovery grants have provided much of the funding for this current stage of program re-building, but next year the accounts will end and the city will need to decide which programs and services can be sustained and what proportions city budget, grant and other revenues will be available. The Survey of Somerville Seniors will be the primary source of data on which to base these decisions.

What data do we already have and what trends are the agencies tracking?

The total population of Somerville residents over 65 has been estimated at about 7,530 (9.3%) based on the 2020 census. About 40% of seniors live alone. The distribution of all seniors in households of different income has been reported before COVID in the city's HUD Four-year Action Plan 2018-2022, as follows:

HH income category	0-30% AMI	30-50% AMI	50-80% AMI	80-100% AMI	100%+ AMI
HH 62-75 year old	980	575	540	290	1,350
HH over 75 year old	865	720	430	225	450

These data embody two primary indicators of well-being – that is, household income and housing affordability.

First, among the “baby boom” generation of 62-75-year-olds, there is shown a balanced split between affluent seniors (1,640 households in the two higher income categories) and seniors with limited income (1,555 households in the two categories under 50% AMI). The median income (AMI) in Somerville in 2018 was over \$94,000. Second, among the older generation over 75, a heavier proportion was in the two lower-income categories -- 1,585 households (59%).

The HUD Plan used these numbers to calculate the needs of seniors for housing assistance. It found that 465 of these households were paying more than 50% of monthly income for housing and 990 households were paying more than 30%. Of course, these households with seniors were only a part of the households with all age groups that were over-burdened by housing costs – more than 8,700 in total.

The follow-up annual HUD Action Plan 2021-2022 showed that a total of 262 households in all categories (out of the 8,700) had received rent or mortgage subsidy or emergency repair payments, from the available federal funds. The city itself had assisted more low-income households with emergency stabilization and eviction-protec-

tion grants and services, with inclusionary housing and voucher program opportunities. Nevertheless, the limited numbers in all categories of assistance show that the need is still beyond the capacity.

Today, we can anticipate that the new survey will show a trend of change as baby boomers are moving into the over 75 age group. The higher death rate among the oldest folks during COVID has probably shifted the income balance somewhat in favor of higher income retirees, although in tandem the Median Income in Somerville has risen to \$108,000 by 2023.

Key questions that we will be looking for in the fall Senior Survey

This quick analysis of housing need illustrates one of the primary questions that we would expect the up-coming Survey to address: Whether the different services – such as housing assistance, food insecurity, transportation, etc. – are better provided in programs that are generally applicable to all eligible individuals and families, rather than in programs, separately designed and controlled for the elderly?

This is a question that may arise with respect to transportation. In 2022 and 2023, the city has bid and issued two separate contracts for taxi/livery services: one for persons of all ages with disabilities and travel limitations, and another for seniors. The Council on Aging has recently reported that its Senior Taxi Service is receiving 250 calls a month, making it necessary to extend the hours of the receptionist at the senior center.

Both of the taxi/livery services provide rides on call by reservation for routine medical care, groceries and trips to the farm markets. Both are somewhat redundant to the MBTA RIDE, which is available to persons with disabilities who cannot board buses and the T. Seniors without disabilities can also request MBTA free passes. It will be interesting and useful to know how many seniors prefer to use one or the other, or perhaps are strategically choosing among all of them to maximize convenience or scheduling at different days and times.

Next year, when the ARPA funding has ended, it might be more cost effective to have a single program and central call line. Data from the survey, hopefully, will give guidance.

Department of Racial and Social Justice discusses alternative emergency response models

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employee is an unpaid individual, they are protected by the good samaritan law, and cannot be sued when protecting someone in time of crisis.

When asked about the biggest challenges in creating emergency response models, Guirand emphasized the complications that come when people duplicate programs without considering the specific needs and population of the city. “People want to copy and paste programs without considering the population of Somerville or languages spoken. We want to push Somerville not to do that and there needs to be a process for identifying what needs to be done,” said Guirand.

After receiving a request for advice about creating a task force, Guirand highlighted the need to focus on improving communication between the resources that are present in Somerville. “Somerville is not an island, it is crucial to consider how we work with Cambridge to address housing crisis for example. How does Somerville create the right re-

sources to allow people to remain in Somerville because they love it, that needs to be considered by the task force,” said Guirand.

To learn more about the PSFA informational series visit somer-villema.gov/psfa and somer-ville.gov/rsj.

City of Somerville and MBTA move to improve bus service on East Broadway

The City of Somerville and the MBTA are installing a series of quick-build traffic changes on Broadway east of McGrath Highway to improve bus service and roadway safety for all users.

This summer, the city will install dedicated bus lanes on both sides of Broadway between McGrath Highway and Minnesota Avenue, extending the existing bus lanes by about two-tenths of a mile.

To complement this work, the MBTA will consolidate and relocate a number of bus stops on Broadway between McGrath Highway and Pennsylvania Avenue. The city is also lengthening bus stops and relocating obstructions to ensure the remaining stops are accessible and that buses can reach the curb.

Buses will serve the new stops on both routes 89 and 101 starting in mid-July. Bus stop changes include:

Routes 89 and 101 Eastbound (toward Sullivan Square)

- Broadway at Cross St. will be relocated further west between Autumn St. and Cross St.
- Broadway at Glen St. and Broadway at Franklin St. will be combined into a new stop between Glen St. and Cutter Ave.
- Broadway at MacArthur St. will be removed.

Routes 89 and 101 Westbound (toward Davis Square)

- Broadway at Indiana Ave. and Broadway at Michigan Ave. will be combined into a new stop at Illinois Ave.
- Broadway at Kensington Ave. will be removed.

Improving bus service is key to delivering more equitable transit and making the bus a more desirable option for all residents. After Broadway's existing bus lanes were painted between Main Street and McGrath Highway in 2019, average bus ridership increased by 30% and more people used buses on weekends than before the bus lanes were installed. By extending the bus lanes and consolidating stops, the City and MBTA intend to shorten ride times and improve reliability for more than 4,500 people taking the 101 and 89 buses daily, which have the second- and fourth-highest ridership, respectively, of all bus routes in Somerville.

"All Somerville residents need safe, reliable transit options, and these changes on East Broadway will go a long way toward improving bus service for thousands of riders," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "Better buses mean safer roads, more equitable transit, and a healthier environment for people in East Somerville and across the region. I thank the MBTA for their collaboration as we work together to ensure our public transit is truly working for the public good."

"The MBTA has great municipal partners who continue to collaborate with us on improving bus services, and we're grateful to the City of Somerville for building on the success of the 2019 Broadway project to now extend the dedicated bus lanes," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "This will add to the reliability benefits already felt by riders on Routes 89 and 101 every day, improve bus service for more of East Somerville's residents, bring riders to their destinations more quickly, and bring riders closer to the Orange Line at Sullivan Square faster. We thank Somerville for their partnership, and the Commonwealth for their investment and first-phase design support."

"East Somerville is at a transit crossroads," said Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin. "It's the entryway to Boston and train services from Sullivan Square and the new Green Line station. Thousands of people from Somerville and the surrounding area pass through by car and bus. We need to make public transit a more viable option to address congestion, safety, and the environment."

In addition to bus service improvements, the city will install new paint and signage at intersections on Broadway between McGrath Highway and Mt. Pleasant Street to mark existing parking restrictions established by local and state law. This strategy, known as "clear corners," is a quick, low-cost way to improve safety at intersections. In Somerville, local law prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk and state law prohibits parking within 20 feet of an intersection. Marking that space with white paint and signage will help keep corners clear of parked cars, which increases visibility for people driving, reduces the likelihood of crashes, and improves safety for people crossing the street. Broadway has some of the highest crash totals of any street in the city, so these changes are designed to make immediate safety improvements where they're needed the most.

To learn more about the changes on Broadway, go to somervillema.gov/eastbroadway and mbta.com/bus. For more information about the clear corners initiative and other traffic-calming strategies in Somerville, go to somervillema.gov/trafficcalming.



Urban Design Commission considers 142 Cross Street plans

By Beatriz Leite

This past Tuesday, July 11, the Urban Design Commission of Somerville gathered to further discuss the plans for 142 Cross Street, which have been in discussion and consideration since April 25.

Courtney Kirk called the meeting as the acting co-chair. Members Andrew Arbaugh, Frank Valdes, Tim Talun, Cheri Ruane, and Tim Houde.

The project for a possible residential building was presented by Verdant Landscape Architecture, designed by architect Khalsa Design Inc. The slides presented were an updated version of the original slides with modifications made throughout the process according to the suggestions of the committee.

In the slide show presented by Evan Stellman and Katia Podsiadlo, there were four possible exteriors for the building, with a similar color scheme and size.

“We are adding a street tree on Cross Street,” said Podsiadlo,

highlighting that is the biggest environmental move they can make in the small space, due to Stellman’s 12-foot setback that will also fit a bike rack for visitors.

Commissioner Valdes focused his concerns on the design. “I would eliminate option four, the historicism is trying to recreate a roof that I wouldn’t recommend,” he said. He believed option one makes more sense aesthetically and practically.

Most of the other commissioners were more interested in option two, whoever was not fully satisfied with the project gave some suggestions to Stellman and Podsiadlo. Talun motioned for the choice of the second scheme, shown on the upper right, and Valdes seconded that motion. All commissioners voted yes, and agreed on the design.

Kirk provided a summary of topics discussed to assist the commissioners’ vote.

“It sounds like there is a consensus around the project trying to simplify the design since it’s



The city’s Urban Design Commission met last week to discuss options for development of the property at 142 Cross Street. — Image courtesy of Khalsa Design Inc

such a small building and except for the corner perhaps the windows could be a different option,” Kirk said. “I also have some concerns raised by the commission-

ers about the curb cut meeting the city to weigh in a little more about that,” she continued. They motioned for the applicant to incorporate the design

suggestions into project number two and decided to discuss the project further and possibly make a final vote by the next available meeting.

At home with Ezra Furman

By Jason Gutierrez

Tufts of neon hair and patches of tattooed art piled into Somerville’s Rockwell Theater. Packed risers overflowed onto the venue floor. Voices touched every corner of the small black box theater, lulled at the drop of house lighting, then leapt all at once towards the host of the evening.

“Hi, neighbor.”

Ezra Furman emerged, Narragansett in hand, dressed in cobalt blue. With bodies happily seated on the floor and warmth emanating every corner, she sprinted into the first song as if she could not have willed herself to begin the show one second later.

Her voice crackled softly, in-

viting you to caress each syllable then instantaneously jolting to life at the sight of a curious hand. The singer-songwriter’s confidence waxed with the song’s introductory chord and waned as the applause settled.

“Don’t be nervous,” Tufts University graduate cautiously advises the audience, moreso hoping to find courage in hearing the words herself. Although the venture marked her ninth stint at the venue and a return to the neighborhood that hosted her early 20’s, the stage’s lone occupant dons a nervous demeanor.

Although the glaze of the Davis Square venue’s single stage light may never energize the singer-songwriter, she quickly finds

home in the audience. Painstakingly personal lyrics and segues are balanced by the musician’s deadpan, off-hand humor; at one point, even bursting into a kitschy tune poking at her Netflix contract and presses Lana Del Rey for a writing credit.

This unique blend of brute musicianship and an understated, potentially unknown, charisma illuminate the dim room. In her ninth outing at the venue, Furman stands firm outside her comfort zone and offers an embellished 90-minute set complete with hard hitting truths sung to her own tune.

Buy tickets to Ezra Furman’s tenth show at the Rockwell Theater on August 10 at 7:00 p.m.



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SCAT Gallery’s artists reception

Michael Talbot, Megan Senturk and Rebecca Kopycinski were the featured artists celebrated at the SCAT Gallery’s July artists reception.

Growing up in Jamaica, Michael Talbot had always had a strong desire to inspire and speak to others through art. In 2012 he left his home country to live in the United States and began pursuing his artistic dreams doing Illustration, Graph-

ic Design, and Animation, and has since been working as a Boston-based Freelance Artist on a wide range of projects, murals, exhibitions, and showcases.

Megan Senturk is a photographer based in Watertown, MA, with a passion for documentary-style photography. She is drawn to the use of natural lighting to capture a certain essence and structure in her photographs. Megan

graduated from Lesley University College of Art and Design with a BFA in Photography. Currently, she works as a professional printer for Singer Editions in Boston, MA.

Rebecca Kopycinski is a classically-trained musician/singer and a self-taught filmmaker who stumbled into theatrical storytelling. In 2018 and 2019, she mounted Reagan Esther Myer, a multi-

media musical production, to enthusiastic review. The “Is Your ThotBot Glitched?” poster campaign has led to 30,000 hits on <http://thotbot.me>.

Visit the Somerville Media Center Gallery through July to see the work by the featured artists. To have your art showcased at the Somerville Media Center, contact frontdesk@somerville-media.org.



SMC’s Gallery reception on July 11.



Megan Senturk and Michael Talbot at the July SCAT Gallery reception.



SMC featured artist, Megan Senturk.

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transportation or after-school jobs, hinders their opportunity to succeed,” said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). “I filed [the bill], so students who face barriers like these have access to online classes that allow them to meet their driver’s ed requirements.”

MARIJUANA AND DRIVING (H 3355) – Another measure heard by the Transportation Committee would require that driver education courses include information on the impairment effects of marijuana. This would expand current law which requires driver education to include the dangers of drinking and driving.

Supporters say that marijuana has been found in 30 percent of fatal car crashes in the Bay State. They noted that sadly many people have the false assumption that driving while under the influence of marijuana is relatively safe.

“Driver’s education is crucial towards promoting safe driving habits,” said sponsor Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). “Implementing a science-based module on the impairment effects of marijuana will provide the resources and information needed for future drivers to make informed decisions. This legislation will help make the streets of the commonwealth safer for everyone.”

RIGHT OF STRIKERS TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT (H 1947/S 1172) –The Labor and Workforce Development Committee heard testimony on legislation that would allow unemployment benefits to be paid to on-strike workers who are unemployed because of a labor stoppage.

“The corporation or employer in the middle of often contentious collective bargaining can weaponize certain unemployment benefits to coerce action and activity that is favorable to the employer and that adversely affects the worker,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough). “We’ve seen a patchwork of decisions over the years regarding unemployment depending on who the governor is and who the secretary of labor is on whether or not unemployment benefits would actually be paid.”

“The right to strike is an important tool available to unions but many workers are afraid of what a strike may mean to their finances,” said House sponsor Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa (D-Northampton). “Rules around unemployment are confusing and hard to understand. This legislation would clarify the right to benefits and, in doing so, would protect workers and their families.”

ASIAN BODYWORK THERAPY (H 350) – A bill heard by the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure would create a Board of Registration of Asian Bodywork Therapy to establish standards of professional and ethical conduct for these bodywork therapists; set standards for continuing education; investigate complaints; and conduct inspections.

“Asian Bodywork Therapy is the treatment of the human body/mind/spirit, including the electromagnetic or energetic field which surrounds, infuses and brings that body to life, by using pressure and/or manipulation,” according to the American Organization for Bodywork Therapies

of Asia. “Asian Bodywork is based upon Chinese medical principles for assessing and evaluating the body’s energetic system. It uses traditional Asian techniques and treatment strategies to primarily affect and balance the energetic system for the purpose of treating the human body, emotions, mind, energy field and spirit for the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health.”

“This legislation is designed to enhance career pathways and streamline local regulations for east Asian healing practices, including bodywork lineages,” said sponsor Rep. David LeBoeuf (D-Worcester). “The bill would create a defined, appropriate licensure pathway to make sure these practices are held to high standards and not misrepresented in the market. Unlike other bills that want to create an inappropriate, catch all licenses, this would be for particular traditional lineages.”

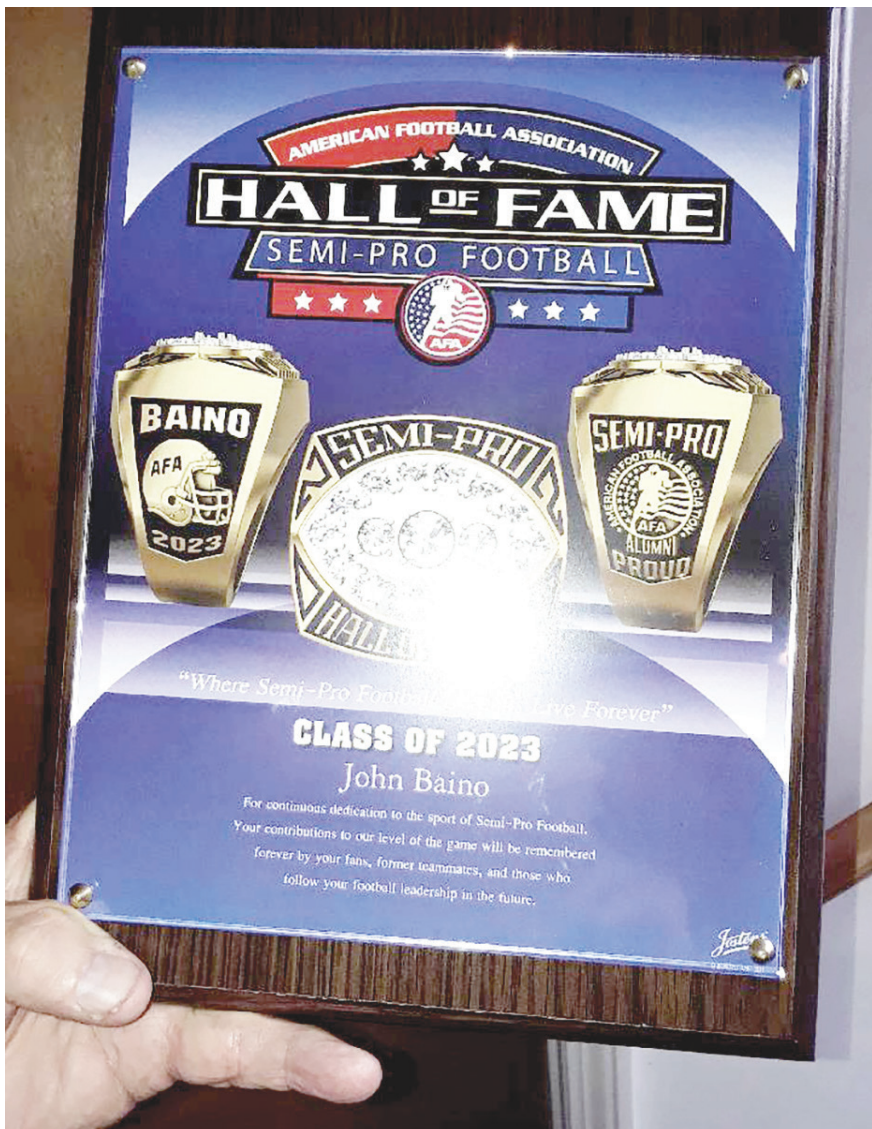
QUOTABLE QUOTES – BY THE NUMBERS EDITION

Cable TV business network CNBC released its annual ranking of the Top States for Doing Business, which includes both good news and bad news for Massachusetts. Here are the Bay State’s rankings among the 50 states in several categories:

- #1 — *Technology and innovation.*
- #3 — *Access to capital.*
- #8 — *Life, health and inclusion.*

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Somerville athlete honored



Somerville resident John Baino, nephew of former Mayor Gene Brune, recently received a plaque for after being inducted into the American Football Association Hall of Fame Semi-Pro Football in the Player category at their June 23 event. Family and friends celebrated this achievement with John at Casey's on Friday night, July 14.

Somerville through the eyes of Denise



Some people just don't want to stop watching fireworks... — Photo by Denise Provost

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Where do ghosts like to go to cool off in the summer heat? Lake Eerie.

On This Day in History

July 19

1525 – The Catholic princes of Germany form the Dessau League to fight against the Reformation.

1545 – King Henry VIII of England watches his flagship, Mary Rose, capsize as it leaves to battle the French.

1788 – Prices plunge on the Paris stock market.

1799 – The Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, is found in Egypt.

1848 – The first Women's Rights Convention convenes in Seneca Falls, N.Y., organized by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

1870 – France declares war on Prussia.

1942 – German U-boats are withdrawn from positions off the U.S. Atlantic coast due to American anti-submarine countermeasures.

1943 – More than 150 B-17 and 112 B-24 bombers attack Rome for the first time.

1975 – Apollo and Soyuz spacecrafts dock in orbit.

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ArtBeat returns to Davis Square

ArtBeat, Somerville's annual multicultural arts showcase, took place in Davis Square on Saturday, July 15. Now in its 37th year, ArtBeat featured an eclectic mix of music, dance, theater, food, performance, and activities. 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, Pulse, entertained and delighted attendees throughout the day.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



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#15 — <i>Business overall.</i>	constituent work and other matters that are important		Senate 11:24 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
#19 — <i>Business friendliness.</i>	to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does	Tues. July 11	No House session No Senate session
#47 — <i>Cost of living.</i>	not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in		
#49 — <i>Cost of doing business.</i>	public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that	Wed. July 12	No House session No Senate session
	have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief		
	length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsi-	Thurs. July 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 5:28 p.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:51 a.m.
	ble late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens		
	of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an	Fri. July 14	No House session No Senate session
	annual session.		
	During the week of July 10-14, the House met for a total	Mon. July 10	House 11:01 a.m. to 1:01 p.m. Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com
	of eight hours and 26 minutes while the Senate met for a		
	total of two hours and 58 minutes.		

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,

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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. RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov. Grab & Go lunch available.

Somerville Police are warning residents of Wards 2 and 3 that there have been multiple incidents of an unknown male breaking into homes between 12:00 and 6:00 a.m. by entering through unlocked first-floor windows. Residents are urged to lock all windows (and doors) overnight, particularly those on the first floor. Residents are also urged to call police if they see anything unusual in their neighborhood such as loitering; persons in driveways or yards who should not be there; and any other suspicious behavior.

The Mayor’s Annual Senior Picnic is back on Tuesday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trum Field (541 Broadway). There will be music, lunch and entertainment. To attend please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319 for your free ticket by August 1.

The Somerville Police Department is happy to announce the return of the Junior Police Academy for Somerville Youth Grades 5, 6, 7, 8. The program will run August 7 – 11 and feature a variety of training situations in which all cadets will be required to participate in. The program will include, but not limited to classroom training, hand on police tactics, and physical training, Travel days to special events and more. To sign up, please go to the Somerville Recreation page: https://bit.ly/3JZbZun.

Dilboy Pool, 110 Alewife Brook Parkway, is now open for the summer season. Pool hours are Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Pool admission: Children – \$1. Adults – \$2. Ginny Smithers Pool at the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St., summer hours Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Resident registration for summer swimming lessons opened on July 3. Non-resident opened on July 5 at 8:00 a.m. Limited spots are available. Visit somervillema.myrec.com.

The Enrollment Office is open at its new location in the East Somerville Community School. Please visit by entering at the school’s front entrance at 50 Cross Street. Visit their website for more information: https://somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment.

The Retro Polatin Duo, Thursday, July 20, starting at 11:00 a.m. at Somerville Council on Aging Holland Street Center. The Petro Polatin Duo is an exciting 50’s and 60’s band specializing in playing vintage rock and roll and classic pop hits, with soaring vocals and an infectious sense of fun. The duo is made up of a singer and guitarist. They will help us return to our roots, playing music such as Dream Lover, Sea Cruise, and Rock Around the Clock. Lunch will be served after the performance, \$5 per person. Please call Debby Higgins to RSVP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

The City of Somerville’s annual Somer-MovieFest returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings

begin at dusk. The next screening will be Vivo, Thursday, July 20, 8:49 p.m., Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St.

Enjoy free outdoor movies, popcorn, candy, and fun at The Block at Boynton Yards, all summer long. Friday Flicks Outdoor Movie Nights at Boynton Yards will start at 7:00 p.m. with yard games and fun, followed by candy, popcorn, and movies once the sun sets. Bring a blanket and get ready for a fun-filled evening. August 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark and September 15: The Little Mermaid (1995 version). Boynton Yards, 110 South Street.

In partnership with CAAS Community Action Agency of Somerville, the city is distributing 500 fully subsidized MBTA passes to low-income Somerville households. This program aims to fill a critical gap for low-income residents who don’t qualify for other transit benefit programs. Learn more and apply at: https://www.caasomerville.org/transit-program-form. For assistance by phone, call CAAS at 617-599-4185.

For updates and detours connected to Spring Hill Sewer Separation project, visit: https://voice.somervillema.gov/springhillsewer.

Don’t forget to visit Somerville’s farmers markets. Every Wednesday through November 22, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. visit the Davis Square Farmers Market, across from American Flatbread at 44 Day St. Visit: www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis. Every Saturday through October 28, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the Union Square Farmers Market takes place at 66-70

Union Sq. visit: www.unionsquaremain.org/2023-fmseason.

Join Somerville Prevention and Repair the World at an upcoming Narcan distribution event. Each will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. over four Saturdays in July. Available resources include Narcan, fentanyl test strips, CPR face shields for rescue breathing, and syringe disposal containers. A brief overdose prevention training will also be available. For a list of places visit https://www.somervillema.gov/. The last event is July 22: Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park (across from the corner of Assembly Row and Great River Road).

With hot summer days ahead, the Somerville Homeless Coalition is looking for essential supplies to help keep those without a home safe and cool. Whether it’s sunscreen or juice boxes, they have compiled an Amazon wish list with key summer items for clients. If you are interested in donating you can do so through the link provided or by dropping items off at their Engagement Center located at 1 Davis Square between Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch). https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2S-0DQDB857065?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR1ZHXC1YJnbbt36Zicx-PnsR7pAEJ4dP1rODG5sNovyNzGE-68py31ENo.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Former Somerville resident

Afaa M. Weaver

Winner of the New England Poetry Club's Golden Rose Award

At the Longfellow House in Cambridge, MA, poet Afaa Weaver will be the recipient of our New England Poetry Club's prestigious Golden Rose Award. Last year's winner was Patricia Smith.

Here is an interview I conducted with him in 2015 at the Somerville Media Center. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWP6o2zjhXc>

For more information about the award: <https://nepoetryclub.org/contests/golden-rose/>

August 13, 3:00 PM | Poetry Reading: 2023 Golden Rose Award with Afaa M. Weaver

Afaa M. Weaver (formerly Michael S.Weaver) is the author of sixteen collections of poetry, several plays, and some short fiction. As a journalist in Baltimore, where he was born in 1951, Afaa wrote for the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Baltimore Afro-American*, and other papers.

His awards include a Fulbright appointment, a Guggenheim fellowship, multiple Pushcarts, the PDI Award in playwriting, the Kingsley Tufts, and the 2019 St. Botolph Distinguished Artist Award.



His collaborative translation and cultural communication projects with Chinese poets in the U.S. and abroad has earned him national recognition in China, and in Taiwan. He has taught at several colleges and universities in the U.S. and in Taiwan. At Simmons University he held the Alumnae Chair in English for twenty years. Afaa's newest collection of poetry is *A Fire in the Hills* (Red Hen Press). He lives in upstate New York with his wife Kristen Skedgell Weaver.

B. Lynne Zika is an award-winning poet and photographer and a retired editor of closed-captioning. Awards include: Pacificus Foundation Literary Award in short fiction, Little Sister Award and Moon Prize in poetry, and Viewbug Curator's Selection, Staff Favorite, and Hero Awards in photography. Her father, also a writer/poet, bequeathed her this advice: Make every word count.



Natural Delights

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and fill them with Philadelphia cream cheese.
I thank them, too.
Four fat, stuffed dates now tease me
from the edge of my cutting board.

I don't allow myself even one bite.
Well, okay, one lick of cream cheese.
I leave the flesh of fruit alone.

Mortadella and Baby Swiss
tuck themselves into a brioche roll.
Two. I haven't eaten today.

In the absence of elegance,
a juice glass serves Cabernet Sauvignon.
A bit of mortadella, brioche, and cheese,
a date stuffed with natural delight,
and thou, my dear.
Always thou.

First Come

It isn't the first time I've seen men flip.
From *Darling, I missed your hot body in the night*
to whispering with a sister in the kitchen
over a lunch to which the observer is not invited.

From *I can't get enough of this lady*
to *I'm seeing a student of mine, kind of young.*
She really needs to be turned over my knee and spanked.
Was that the secret?

From *I'll dream of you in that gown tonight*
to Silence. Absence. Gone.

Women tend to examine ourselves
in the face of such discrepancy.
Did I offend him?
Say too much of myself?
Neglect his needs?
We look for answers in the inexplicable.

In the midst of keening,
we burrow deep, searching ourselves
for the unforgivable flaw.
Instead we find power.
We find a woman who beams herself into the world.
We find Diana, Venus, Mater Deum,
symbols of creativity, birth, fertility, union,
nurturing, the cycle of growth.
Surely they will make their way
into the world again.
But first come The Algea,
spirits of pain and suffering,
the goddesses of grief.

The Other Jack

He roamed the great fields splayed around us,
ears perked or nose to ground.
Sometimes he brought a dog companion home.
Hey, Ma, meet my friend Joe!
The deer leg he brought home one day
had to be confiscated.
It was not fresh meat.
I think he forgave me;
we still speak.

Then, in the city,
man, those ears go *Boing!*
before I even see the other dog-on-leash
at the end of the block.
Its owner crosses the street.

Now my husband walks Jack.
I can no longer.

Every damn mealtime
Jack watches hopefully for a treat,
right ear cocked.
We try to keep our indulgences
reasonable, not to fatten him
with our affection or grief,
but, God, Doc,
you should have seen
how once this fellow ran.

— B. Lynne Zika



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