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# Plans for Star Market building might come to an end



The future of the former Star Market property at 299 Broadway is once again uncertain in light of revelations of the presence of asbestos on the site.

#### By Mina Rose Morales

The building plans for the former Star Market might cease after developers found asbestos where they planned to build underground parking.

On Thursday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m., the city held a virtual neighborhood meeting regarding the latest news of the development plans for the former Star Market on 299 Broadway. About 50 people attended the online webinar. Audio translation services were offered in Portuguese, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and English.

The city attained eminent domain of the former Star Market, which is in ward four. The market was owned by Jim Cohen. He wanted to replace Star Market with an Ocean State Job Lot. "The neighborhood was extremely dismayed Continued on page 4

# Fresh, affordable, and accessible – how Somerville is tackling food justice

#### By Michael McHugh

For the first session of a monthly speaker series held on Wednesday, July 20, Somerville's Office of Food Access and the Friends of the Community Growing Center invited panelists from local hunger relief organizations and businesses to have a conversation about their work increasing food access.

The session took place at The Somerville Community Growing Center, an urban green space designed by local residents and maintained by volunteers. Used for much more than growing food, the space has been active since 1994 with educational programs, skill-building workshops, concerts, theater, festivals, and more.

With an estimated SNAP gap of 53 percent (meaning that around 700 individuals

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Food and Farms Manager and Educator Emily Reckard-Mota from Groundwork Somerville was but one of the panelists at the first session concerning food access in the community.





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A neighborhood meeting for 35 McGrath Highway will take place tonight, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. Join Councilor JT Scott, The DeNunzio Group on behalf of the owners of 35 Realty Trust and the City of Somerville for a neighborhood meeting under SZO Section 15.1.3. Login: https://bit.ly/35McGrathMeeting1, Meeting ID: 812 9681 9443, Passcode: 355683. Join by phone: (646) 558-8656. For more information about the meeting, please contact Ward 2 City Councilor JT Scott at jtscott@somervillema.gov.

Join in for the opening reception of the public art piece, Light-

forms, on Saturday, July 30, noon to 3:00 p.m. at Celeste, 21 Bow Street, Somerville. Lightforms will be on display until mid-September. Lightforms is a temporary installation of sculptural pendant lights that playfully populate Celete's space with form and color. The project is an exploration of domestic design objects that thinks about weaving, tectonics and craftsmanship while using digital flatbed cutting. The pendants are composed of translucent polyester film joined together through interlocking petals that lend the form a geometric identity. This partnership is a celebration of small businesses and local arts. Artist: Nicolas Carmona Guzman, https:// somervilleartscouncil.org/bipoc/lightforms. RSVP for updates to the event: https://fb.me/e/3BNbHK888

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday our own very special and fun guy here in Somerville, Continued on page 9

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## **Somerville Weather Forecast**

for the week of July 27 – August 2 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday July 27	Partly Cloudy	88°/70°	3%	2%	SSE 8 mph
	Thursday July 28	Rain	89°/70°	48%	41%	SSW 11 mph
*	Friday July 29	Rain	87°/65°	43%	38%	SW 9 mph
	Saturday July 30	Partly Cloudy	88°/66°	7%	6%	W 8 mph
	Sunday July 31	Partly Cloudy	87°/69°	8%	5%	SSW 10 mph
	Monday August 1	Partly Cloudy	90°/71°	12%	9%	SW 10 mph
	Tuesday August 2	Partly Cloudy	90°/71°	15%	11%	SW 9 mph

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

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

## Response to: Kay and Chips

Steve Keenan says:

Jimmy,

Great article! Do you remember the original Mondo's down where Quincy Market Place is now? Three eggs, bacon, ham or sausage, toast, home fries, and coffee for a buck!

They moved to South Boston when the development of Quincy Market Place started, but it was never the same.

The customers were so diverse. I remember one early morning when a guy jumps up on a table and yells "Anybody know the name of Hopalong Cassidy's horse? The place was a hoot!

## Response to: Lyrcial Somerville – July 20

Bridget Galway says:

Humble, sweet, and full of life! Bridget

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## SomerMovieFest: 'Encanto'

The City of Somerville's annual Somer-Movie Fest returns this year with a series of six family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. On Thursday, July 28, it's Encato. At Lincoln Park (Argenziano School), Somerville, MA. Screening begins at dusk, 8:30 p.m.



## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

## A growing tradition



If you have a nice lawn or garden, this past 90° weather was memorable. You were out there watering in the muggy heat. It's a labor of love to keep the gar-

den and lawn thriving.



My grandpa had a grape vine and vegetable garden. I asked our Somerville neighbors to share their memories of the old backyard gardens and what people are growing in their gardens today.

"My next-door neighbor was a lovely 90+ Italian woman. She had the grape vines across the driveway and a garden in the back. She would pick her grapes and fruit and tend to it every day. She passed a few years ago and they took it all down paved the yard. Sad."

"I was doing tomatoes, peppers, and cherry tomatoes for a few years, but my back won't allow me to do anything in a garden anymore. But it was fun but a lot of work."

"When my grandparents moved into my parents' house, I was three years old. My grandfather (Pa) quickly dug up a small patch of ground and started a vegetable garden. Even though it was a small garden, a few select neighbors would get a tomato or two."

"Yellow and purple grapes and six different types of tomatoes, beans, peppers, lettuce, zucchini, and eggplant."



"My grandfather had a huge garden in the back yard and a grape vine. We also had a huge cherry tree we would climb and eat the cherries right of the branches!"

"I have aloe everywhere from my original plant of over 40 years. Basil, rosemary, garlic, onion are it for now."

"The guy next door had Concord grapes. The smell of those grapes throughout the neighborhood was wonderful."

"Tomato, peppers, squash, thyme, mint, cilantro, eggplant, grapes, blueberries, strawberries, apples, peaches, pears, limes, lemons."

"I have beans, tomatoes, peppers,

cukes, eggplants, chives, walking onions, kale, lettuce, mustard greens in the back vegetable garden. Apple trees, grape vine, blueberries, elderberries and Josta berry (courant/gooseberry cross) on the sides and flower gardens with too many types all around." Wow!

I used to love eating the grapes and gooseberries from my grandfather's yard.

Growing a productive garden Is a great way to honor family traditions. Passing on the passion for growing things is a great way to keep family memories alive and thriving. Seems like anything can grow in Somerville.

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when Cohen tried to bring an Ocean State Job Lot," according to Jake Wilson, City Councilor At-Large.

Cohen sued the city of Somerville over a zoning decision, he lost, he appealed, and he lost again. The state of Massachusetts gave the city eminent domain of the building to implement an urban renewal plan.

"Urban renewal is a strategy for redeveloping and revitalizing substandard, decadent and blighted open areas for residential, commercial, industrial, business, governmental, recreational, educational, hospital or other uses. Under M.G.L. Chapter 121B, urban renewal agencies are authorized to take a range of actions to address disinvested and underutilized neighborhoods and sub-

standard, decadent and blighted conditions in order to create the environment needed to promote sound growth and attract and support private investment in designated urban renewal areas.," according to the Massachusetts government website.

"That neighborhood gets overlooked a lot in Somerville," said Wilson. "It's one of the poorer wards of the city."

Mark Development LLC is the developer for the former Star Market. They plan to create an inviting, open space for the community, according to Tim Love, an architect for the project. Some of the features of the new space, if completed, will include a community space, retail spaces, and residential units.

"On this plan, I like it, it's very

exciting to have almost 50% affordable housing," said Jesse Clingan, Ward 4 City Councilor.

During the latest neighborhood community meeting, Mark Development LLC revealed their plans for underground parking cannot proceed. They plan to request a waiver from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a percentage of future residents to gain on-street parking. They found asbestos where they planned to build the underground parking. Without approval of the on-street parking, the current development plan might come to an end.

"The dirty secret of all this is most developers would be fine with doing zero parking, not having even an option for their residents to get a permit. The probSTARYMARKET

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lem is the people who finance, the financiers of development, tend to be old fashioned. They're operating with an outdated mentality. They don't understand the changes that our society has undergone and people willing to live without cars and use public transit. And so, they are sort of enforcing an outdated mentality in terms of insisting on parking," said Wilson.

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who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are not enrolled), Somerville's local government and community organizations have tried to do their part in educating the community about food access, fill gaps within the food system, and make a more green and equitable future for Somerville.

Three such community members shared how they have played a role in increasing food access and equity through their organizations and businesses; Danielle Tubinis, Executive Director of Hearty Meals For All, Emily Reckard-Mota, Food and Farms Manager and Educator for Groundwork Somerville, and Matt Gray, owner of Neighborhood Produce.

While the three panelists all had a somewhat different model for increasing access to fresh, affordable, and often culturally important food, all of them spoke to the importance of providing this service to the community.

"I've lived in the Winter Hill neighborhood for about 12 years now," said Gray. "The star market there has been closed for 14 years, and there's just a lack of fresh food. But you also have a lot of small stores throughout the neighborhood; bodegas and convenience stores which serve a purpose, but they don't really have fresh food. And the fresh food that they have is usually not too great and very expensive."

Having worked for hunger-relief organizations such as the Greater Boston Food Bank, Boston Area Gleaners, and Food Link, Gray recognized the need for an affordable resource of fresh food and looked to fulfill it by founding his own business with his wife Heather in 2017, Neighborhood Produce.

The goal of the store is to provide food access to underserved neighborhoods, but it also serves as an experimental model for small produce stores being able to compete with chains that have much greater buying power. By creating their own business model and buying directly from the produce market, the store is able to simultaneously source on demand what people want and keep costs down. "We're not relying on a distributor or relying on anybody else," explains Gray. "We see every piece of produce that's

coming into the store before we actually bring it in."

Hearty Meals for All has a somewhat different model in that they provide healthy, locally-sourced meals on the second Friday of every month in order to create a communal atmosphere where the social aspect of eating is just as important as the food itself.

This model would change somewhat in the wake of the pandemic as food insecurity would be heavily exacerbated, but the communal aspect of the meal would remain integral to the organization's operation. "Most people were coming because they wanted a meal, but we didn't think of ourselves as a hunger relief organization," explains Tubinis. "And now in the pandemic, we saw a lot more families and college students coming to us and asking for more and more groceries. And so, we've been able to put together grocery packs, and we started doing deliveries and getting to know people's dietary restrictions, medication interactions, preferences, things like that. Since we operate on a pretty small scale, we are able to have really special connections with people, which I think is great."

Groundwork Somerville is a non-profit focused on educating the future generation on equitable food access and urban farming, as well as providing an open green space and source of fresh food for all Somerville residents.

Similar to Neighborhood Produce and Hearty Meals for All, Groundwork Somerville seeks to grow not only food, but a sense of community. "We're really just trying to create a community space at the farm where people can be in a free public space that is outdoors and connects people to their food system and to one another," explained Reckard-Mota.

Over the summer, Ground-work invites high-school students to work on the farm growing food, as well as attending workshops on food justice, systems of oppression, and farm education. They also manage eight different school gardens with education programs for students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We're ensuring that people have a voice in shaping their food system," said Reckard-Mota. "I think that a large part of our role is thinking about how we can create a hyperlocal food system where it's more connected to people when our current food system is often so dehumanized and disconnected."

While there's no question that these organizations benefit the community in multiple ways, almost any organization or business model that is focused on providing affordable, fresh meals will face some level of economic challenges. "In urban environments, access to growing space is so hard to find and hold on to," explained Reckard-Mota. "For us, with all the development in Somerville, we can't afford to own the farm that we're on. And so, we have had a lot of meetings and advocated to be able to stay where we are, but there's definitely a chance in the next five or ten years that we could be booted off

The rapid development of the city is just one of the litany of problems these organizations face. "Like many other nonprofits, we're always struggling to be funded and find grants. And that's something that could be addressed at the state, local, or federal level," said Tubinis.

# Urban Forestry Committee provides updates about plant care projects

#### By Luda Tang

The Urban Forestry Committee hosted a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 21, which discussed some concerns from residents and presented several updates of the on-going projects.

Committee members started the conversation by sharing the possibility of the emergence of one invasive insect in the city of Somerville, which is the spotted lanternflies. They attack trees like the tree-of-heaven variety. In the early stage, lanternflies are black and small, and become red with white as they grow. A small population of lanternflies were detected in Worcester County last year.

Residents also raised the concern about if trees get watered. Vanessa Boukili, the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner in the city of Somerville, explained that when trees are planted, they have a two-year watering program associated with them. The current contractor is obligated to fill out the gator bag twice a week for the first thirty days and once a week after that to water the tree. City staff will also inspect trees that were pointed out by residents that looked lifeless.

Several on-going projects have made some progress, including the Adopt-A-Tree program in the community. This program was initiated to help The Urban Forestry Committee to take care of the newly planted trees by watering and learning how to inspect insects. Boukili said that now 132 out of 160 new trees have been adopted. The process went quickly and the Committee will also send out emails to people who haven't adopted a tree. If people are interested in the program, they can check out the website.

Another item on the agenda was "Memo-Somerville's Most Wanted Weeds," presented by Amy Mertl, one of the Committee members. She is working to update a city website called "Somerville's Most Un-Wanted Plants." The background of this was the Committee receiving a letter from residents who are worried the website encourages property owners to remove potentially beneficial species as if they were invasive plants.

According to Mertl, citizens might be unaware of the difference between unintentional weeds and invasive plants. So, residents suggested to separate plants listed in three categories: "invasive weeds," "Non-native weeds," and "Native weeds." Mertl asked if there was any other feedback on how to revise or adjust the content of the website.

Boukili felt it could include some wording explaining that invasive plants can be dangerous colonizers of lands while others would not be.



The Urban Forestry Committee recently hosted a meeting informing the public about its latest efforts in managing the city's green spaces.

Tori Antonino, the Co-Chair of the Committee, suggested that the word "weed" can be more clearly identified since there might be native or aggressive species of weeds. Also, she suggested thinking about how much knowledge can be offered in terms of language, images, and other forms of materials.

Additionally, since there can be many species in one category, Boukili recommended prioritizing them. To avoid situations in which residents would feel overwhelmed by the list, she thought it might be helpful to limit species for each category in certain amounts. Also, ensuring the wordings are what people have a common knowledge of.

The meeting shared the updates of Somerville Youth Climate Crew information presented by Leigh Meunier, the advisor of the green space Somerville as well. This program started from tasks that conduct invasive removals and taught participants about the deeper understanding about the ecological reservation. Usually, team members will do laborious work inside or in a park.

By combining the laborious

work and sharing the related knowledge about it, participants can recognize the names of plants, where they come from, and what the concerns are about the plants in the current environment as opposed to where they came from. They also do basic street care, that is loosening the land so trees can accept more nutrients and water.

"When we actually asked the team, given out different activities we have done, like what's felt the most meaningful, they said over and over again, and pretty consistently, getting out there and removing invasives," said Meunier.





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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of July 18-22.

## \$52.7 BILLION FISCAL 2023 STATE BUDGET (H 5050)

House 152-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a \$52.7 billion fiscal 2023 state budget for the fiscal year that began July 1, including \$1.23 billion in unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns, an increase of \$63.1 million over last year.

Other provisions include \$187 million to fund the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA); \$226.2 million for a safety and workforce reserve to address ongoing safety concerns identified by the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management Inspection; \$441 million for the Special Education Circuit Breaker, reimbursing school districts for the high cost of educating students with disabilities at the mandated 75 percent reimbursement rate; \$23 million for homeless student transportation; \$1.5 million to educate middle and high school students on the history of genocide; and \$75.3 million for sexual assault and domestic violence prevention services.

Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said the budget reflects the Senate's priorities by upholding fiscal responsibility, supporting the everyday needs of our residents and ensuring the state's economic foundation remains strong. "It builds long-term economic security for the commonwealth by leveraging the state's strong revenue growth to make significant investments in areas like early education and care, K-12 schools, mental health, workforce development, housing stability and much more," said Rodrigues.

"It provides for a significant increase in local aid for our cities and towns while investing in many critical programs to support our schools, seniors and veterans," said House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "We find ourselves in the enviable position of having more revenues available than initially anticipated, but that makes it even more important to set spending priorities that are hopefully prudent in the near-term and sustainable moving forward."

"As Massachusetts residents and businesses continue to face discouraging economic uncertainty, the [budget] responds to the financial challenges facing the commonwealth by balancing a focus on immediate needs such as workforce development, with a focus on long-term investments that are designed to grow our economy in a sustainable way," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

"Massachusetts is resilient, and this budget helps us create the conditions to continue being resilient into the future," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "This budget incorporates the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to save money for a rainy day, invest in support for the most vulnerable among us, and chart a course to ensure that Massachusetts remains a competitive place to innovate for generations to come."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## SUSPEND RULES TO ALLOW IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF CLEAN ENERGY BILL (H 5060)

House 126-27, Senate 36-3, approved a motion to suspend the rules so that the House-Senate conference committee version of a clean energy bill can be considered immediately. Under the Legislature's rules, all conference committee bills must be filed by 8 p.m. the day before they are up for debate and a vote so that legislators have ample time to read the measure. This bill was not filed until 12:11 a.m. on Thursday morning so without suspending the rules, the bill could not be considered until Friday morning.

Supporters of suspending the rules said that it is very important for the environment and to help solve the problem of climate change that this vital bill be up for debate immediately so that it can be sent to Gov. Baker.

"My vote against suspending the rules was simply to ensure that my colleagues were given adequate time to review a lengthy and complex piece of legislation before voting on it, which is why the 8 p.m. rule is in place," said GOP Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading).

(A "Yes" vote is for suspension of the rules. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## CLEAN ENERGY AND REDUCED EMISSIONS (H 5060)

House 143-9, Senate 38-2, approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation that would expand the clean energy industry and reduce emissions from the transportation and building sectors across the state with the goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

"Massachusetts has an opportunity to meet the urgency

of the climate crisis through our nation-leading innovation, workforce and energy resources," said Rep. Jeff Roy (D-Franklin), House chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. "This timely and comprehensive piece of legislation is carefully calibrated to provide a portfolio of robust clean energy, including offshore wind and decarbonize our largest-emitting industries, all while attracting a world-class supply chain, intensive workforce training initiatives and the investment necessary to prepare our electric distribution system for the energy needs of the future."

"The bill dramatically increases the cost of energy in Massachusetts at a time when energy costs already hover at record highs, and the price of all other goods are increasing due to record inflation," said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "People won't be able to afford this legislation, especially the drastic changes that will be needed in older homes. Everyone laments how expensive housing is, yet the Legislature just made housing more expensive by passing this bill."

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### **CHANGES TO GUN LAWS (H 5046)**

House 120-33, approved an amendment that makes changes to the Bay State's gun laws. The amendment was attached to a separate bond bill. The changes were proposed in response to a recent Supreme Court ruling in in New York Pistol and Riffle vs Bruen, that a state licensing authority could not ask applicants applying for a license to carry firearms to demonstrate they have a special need or proper cause to carry a firearm. The court also ruled that the licensing authority could not have unfettered discretion to decide whether that proper cause existed.

The amendment reflects the court decision and eliminates the requirement that applicants demonstrate a "good reason" to apply for a license to carry and replaces existing, discretionary "may-issue" language with specific objective standards by removing language that gives local police chiefs discretion to decide who is unsuitable for a license. The amendment replaces it with more codified specific standards that require "reliable, articulable and credible information that the applicant has exhibited or engaged in behavior suggesting that, if issued a license, they may create a risk to public safety or a risk of danger to their self or others."

Other provisions reduce the amount of time a gun license is valid from six to three years; codify a Continued on page 13

## Local resident hosts art pop-up in Osgood Park

## Four dates remain for playground pop-up

## By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Rebeca Cotton Baez, a six-year Somerville resident and local nanny, has a plan to create connections and community in her area.

Starting last Sunday, Cotton Baez began hosting painted play-ground art pop-ups in Osgood Park near Prospect Hill. In these, participants will create art pieces with their families and get to know people from the community. With five different dates this summer, she hopes to create a sense of community and meet new neighbors.

"The purpose of it is mainly so that people in the community get to know each other," Cotton Baez said. "I would like for people to be able to get to know people without having to spend a lot of money."

According to her, these are not highly structured events, but an informal opportunity for people to get to know each other.

Moreover, sustainability also takes a front seat in the events, with sustainable materials being used throughout. "I have a lot of art supplies at my house, so I'm going to bring some of those. I'm trying to keep it as sustainable as possible with reusable things like recycled materials and things like that," Cotton Baez said.

Cotton Baez connects the art pop-ups, family-oriented activities and community integration to her current job as a babysitter. "A lot of families are just looking for things to do and like getting to know each other and social support especially,"

Cotton Baez said

Temperatures in Somerville and surrounding areas reached record highs this past week with some places in the city reaching 98° on Sunday. But the heat won't stop Cotton Baez. Instead, it allows for the art pop-up to adapt in different ways.

"It's in the morning so hopefully it won't be too hot yet, but there's a water feature at that particular park. So, I am going to involve a lot of water in the materials that I bring," Baez said. "I'm going to bring watercolors and chalk and things that you can use water for."

Although the first art pop-up happened last Sunday, there are four more dates scheduled for the rest of the summer:

+ Sunday, July 31 from 9:00 to

Osgood Park & Community Garden

This park is named for Orgood Date, a guarrier and stone dealer who lived at 45 Sometra's content status, several street tame is the neighborhood (Osgood, Date and Granie) as an associated with him and his business. The quarry can still be seen in the granies waits of the playground and garden.

Local artist Rebeca Cotton Baez is hosting community art pop-up events at Osgood Park this summer.

11:00 a.m.

- Friday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 17 from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information and to register for the pop-up email: re-beca.cotton.baez@gmail.com.

# Dorothy's Corner

## BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



This dish is perfect for any hot summer day and can be served either hot or cold. Not only that, it can be ready in under 30 minutes, or be made ahead and can be assembled within minutes. This salad packs great flavors and texture with a kick of heat. Certainly, a new favorite in my house. Serves 4.

1 lb. shrimp (any size)

8 oz. pasta (rotini or bow tie)

1/2 lb. asparagus, grilled or roasted Harissa (1 1/2 tbs. + 1 tsp.) divided

Zest of one lemon

3 tbs. lemon juice

2 tbs. olive oil, divided

2 tbs. sundried tomatoes in olive oil,

reserving 1 tbs. of the oil

1 tsp. salt, divided

1/2 tsp. black pepper, divided

Parsley for garnish

Clean and devein the shrimp. In a small bowl, add 1 1/2 tablespoons of the harissa and lemon zest and mix thoroughly. Toss the shrimp into the mixture making sure all the shrimp is coated, and set aside. Cook the pasta according to package instructions.

In a large bowl, add the lemon juice, sun dried tomatoes, the reserved oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper. Drizzle the remaining olive oil over the asparagus and season with the remaining salt and pepper.

Preheat the grill and add the shrimp and asparagus. Turning both after about 2 minutes, then grill for an additional 2 minutes, remove and set aside. Once the pasta is cooked, drain it, reserving about 1/4 cup of pasta water. Toss the pasta into the sundried tomato mixture and toss well.

Add a little pasta water to the bowl to help distribute the sauce evenly. Cut the asparagus into 1" pieces and add to the pasta. Taste to see if additional sea-



soning is needed. Divide the pasta into 4 bowls and add the shrimp. Garnish with parsley. Enjoy!

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

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## **Top tips for Fuel Safety Month**

Whether you're camping, boating or doing yard work, these are all summertime activities that need fuel. During the month of July, which is Fuel Safety Month, advocates are reminding everyone to stay safe while pumping and using fuel.

"Gas prices are high and you may be cutting back, but you'll still be using gas, diesel and kerosene, and accidents can still happen," said Dan Marshall, vice president of marketing and business development for Scepter, the leader in fuel containers. "It's important to follow basic fuel safety practices, at the pump, at home, and on weekend adventures."

To help people stay safe around fuel, Scepter offers some basic tips:

- Never use gas to start grills or a bonfire, kill pests, or as a cleaning agent.
- Never smoke near a fuel container or place it near an open flame, even if it's empty. Gas fumes are invisible and are still potentially dangerous. One spark can cause gasoline vapors to ignite.

- Keep children and pets away from fuel pumps, fuel containers and running equipment.
- Use the right container: red for gasoline, blue for kerosene, yellow for diesel.
- Do not remove or alter the Flame Mitigation Device (FMD) inside the opening of the fuel container in any way.
- · Inspect fuel containers for leaks and cracks before each fill-up. If there are any signs of aging, carefully dispose of the container and purchase a new one with essential safety features. For example, the rugged Scepter SmartControl fuel containers for gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuels feature controllable flow, child safety features, and are designed to substantially exceed ASTM and CPSC minimum standards. Additionally, all Scepter portable fuel containers in the United States already include FMDs certified to the ASTM F3326 standard.
- Place fuel containers on the ground during filling to avoid sparks from static electricity and spills inside the vehicle.
  - + Only fill containers to the "fill



line" to allow for expansion with changing temperatures.

- + Before pouring from a fuel can that has expanded in the summer heat, point the can away and vent by activating the release button while upright. Modern containers are designed to remain sealed to protect the environment from emissions and keep fuel fresh longer.
  - + Wipe up any spills immedi-

ately.

• When filling up equipment, do it outside to avoid breathing in fumes.

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- Never fill an engine that is running or still hot from recent use.
- Store fuel containers in a dry, well-ventilated place, outside the living space of your home and away from furnaces, water heaters, direct sunlight, and other

sources of heat.

For additional fuel safety tips and information, visit scepter. com/safety.

"We want everyone to have a safe summer, and that starts with raising awareness of best safety practices around fuel," says Marshall. "Taking the time to brush up on these precautions can help keep people, pets and property safe." (StatePoint)

## **Envisioning 90 Washington Street: Design Workshop**

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville invite you to a design workshop for 90 Washington Street, a 4-acre site near the East Somerville Green Line station envisioned as the future home of a new Public Safety Building and a range of civic, commercial, and residential uses. This is the latest engagement event for the 90 Washington Street project, coming after a series of community meetings and listening sessions held earlier this year. At this workshop, participants can use LEGOs to design their ideal redevelopment of the site. Each model will be photographed and used with other feedback collected to inform a development concept for public review.

Head to the East Somerville Community School (50 Cross Street) on Thursday, August 4, between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. to participate. The workshop will be set up on the basketball courts or in the cafeteria. Signage will be posted to direct attendees. For more information about the project, go to somervillema.gov/90washington.



Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, Nepali, Mandarin, Cantonese, or other languages may be available upon advance request by contacting the Somer-Viva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.

## Public hearing: Bus Network Redesign – systemwide

The MBTA is holding a virtual public hearing on Thursday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA. The Bus Network Redesign is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make bold improvements to the bus network for the people who depend on it most. They are proposing a better bus network and want to hear what you think. At this meeting, MBTA staff will provide a presentation on the draft network map and take comments. The draft map network is being shared for extensive public feedback throughout May, June, and July. Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into a final network that will be shared with the public in Fall 2022. Go to https://www.mbta.com/events/2022-07-28/public-hearing-bus-network-redesign-systemwide for more information.

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Let's all be careful with that outdoor grilling.

## **Our View Of The Times**



Summertime is a great time for outdoor gatherings celebrations. Part of the fun is indulging in the pleasures of grilling and sharing good food and drink with family and friends.

But certain safety measures must be followed to make sure that these grand epicurean hoedowns don't end in catastrophic property – and personal – damage caused by fire gone out of control. Especially considering how dry and combustible everything is during these recent heat waves.

It is important to remember that charcoal, wood, electric, and propane grills are not allowed on porches, balconies, fire escapes, or roofs. Also, propane tanks are not allowed to be stored in or on any residential building at any time.

Fire control professionals advise us that grills should be kept clean to prevent grease

fires. Grilling should be done on ground level, ten feet away from any combustible walls or structures, and they should not be used under any overhangs. And a grill should never be left burning unattended.

Also, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and chimineas are prohibited in the City of Somerville, which is a densely populated city, with an older housing stock predominantly constructed of wood frame dwell-

ings which are built closely together.

With this density of the houses, it is imperative that all outside burning and fires are prohibited to prevent fires from starting and spreading to multiple houses. All fires used for cooking should be on a charcoal briquette grill or a propane gas grill.

And please, watch where you drop those cigarette butts. If you must smoke, do it safely.

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the great Jimmy Del Ponte, who is celebrating. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to former Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang, who is also celebrating this week. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy Birthday to Ron Newman, who you will always find covering events in the city. We wish him a great day. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Gail Stoico, Paul Wood, Michael Delicato, Robert Carnes, Laura Pitone, Daniel M. Kimmel, Cathy Driscoll-Kinnon, Nancy O'Meara Pino, Karen D'Amato, Sharon Breen, Jason Banning, Mike Morrison and Tori Antonino 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.

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There will be a **public meeting** of the **Gilman Square Civic Advisory Committee**, **July 28**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. To use a computer: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7606454847566265103 Webinar ID: 350-838-795, Phone number: +1 (213) 929-4212, Access code: 243-429-154.

The Green Line Extension project is planning sporadic overnight construc-

tion activity within the rail right-of-way between East Somerville Station and Medford Tufts Station through the end of the month. Construction will involve heavy equipment which can produce elevated noise levels. Work is expected to move at a moderate pace—limiting the duration of noise impacts in specific areas. If you have questions or need assistance for a Green Line construction-related matter, please visit mass.gov/glx, email info@glx-info.com, or call MBTA customer support at 617-222-3200.

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There's only one more week to apply to be a vendor at this year's **What the Fluff?** 

A Tribute to Union Square Innovation Festival. Don't miss the opportunity to sell your flufftastic items to 20,000 sweet customers. Fill out the short application here: https://loom.ly/wJSwGQE. The deadline is July 31, 11:59 p.m.

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Looking for a part-time job? The city is hiring Crossing Guards to help protect student safety at intersections along school routes. Uniforms and on-the-job training provided, ability to work both morning and afternoon shifts is required, must pass a pre-employment CORI and drug screen. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3v8dLSH.

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## **FUN & GAMES**

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. When is National Love is Kind Day?

world's first confirmed billionaire in 1916?

- 2. In what sport is a niblick used?
- 8. Who wrote the realist play Look Back in Anger in 1956?
- 3. When is National Whistle Blower Day?
- 9. What was Superman's birth name?
- 4. What is the average height of the grass for putting greens?
- 10. The Hunger
- 5. What famous actress married baseball player Joe DiMaggio in 1954?
- Games series was written by which author?
- 6. What guest was the most censored in late-night broadcast in TV history?

7. Who was the

- 11. Who is the chimney sweep in Mary Poppins?
- 12. Who played Wolverine?

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#### Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

2. Punctuation wasn't always a part of our written language.

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- 1. Come clean, with "up"
- 5. \_\_\_\_-a-Soup, launched in 1972
- 8. Hefty volume
- 12. Maui party
- 13. Detective's assignment
- 14. One that insists
- 15. Seed covering
- 16. Dull pain
- 17. Waltz, in France
- 18. Francis Ford Coppola's "The \_
- 20. Part of an eye
- 21. H. pylori consequence
- 22. Labor org.
- 23. "Feathered" 1970s icon
- 26. One who delivers coal
- 30. 1978's "Night Fever" spent 8 weeks in
- this Billboard slot
- 31. Fire-breathing monster, Greek mythology
- 34. Type of list
- 35. Open-mouthed
- 37. Acorn producer
- 38. Glossy fabric
- 39. Denim innovator
- 40. Enlist or talk into (2 words)
- 42. Golf accessory
- 43. Gracefully thin
- 45. Meat and vegetable stew
- 47. Stumblebum
- 48. One way to prepare an egg
- 50. Chicken pox mark
- 52. Type of 1970s shoes
- 56. Top dog
- 57. Laughing on the inside, in a text
- 58. Bye, to Sophia Lauren
- 59. 1971's "Sooner or \_\_\_\_\_" by the Grass
- 60. "Beneath the Planet of the \_\_
- 61. Very light brown
- 62. Research facil.
- 63. Progressive rock band of "Roundabout" fame
- 64. Fishing pole spool

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Capture the \_
- 2. Continental capital
- 3. Aforementioned

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- 4. Substance with rotten egg smell
- 5. Secret stash
- 6. Theater employee
- 7. Jury member
- 8. Olivia Newton-John's 1978 co-star
- 9. Eye amorously
- 10. Table hill
- 11. Before, to a bard
- 13. Can't-get-it-off-one's-mind kind
- 14. Throat dangler
- 19. Winged
- 22. Charge carrier
- 23. Young horses
- 24. One of three 1970s TV crime-fighting women
- 25. Plunder
- 26. "I'd like to buy the world a \_\_
- 27. "Semper Fidelis" to U.S. Marines, e.g.
- 28. Bye, to Edith Piaf

- 29. Group of nine singers
- 32. "Rich Man, \_\_\_\_ Man" miniseries

**Blazing Fast** 

- 33. As opposed to mishap
- 36. Salvador Allende successor
- 38. Chow down
- 40. Game official, for short
- 41. Inflammation of iris
- 44. Capital of Senegal
- 46. Footstuffs merchant
- 48. North face, e.g.
- 49. Intensely dislikes
- 50. Architectural drawing
- 51. Prefers
- 52. Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys," e.g.
- 53. "Interview with the Vampire" author
- 54. Kate Winslet as \_\_\_\_ of Easttown
- 55. "\_\_\_\_ Train"
- 56. "Thrilla in Manila" winner
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

## Virtual Tour of the New England Patriots Hall of Fame

Kickoff the preseason with the Somerville Public Library! They will be hosting a live virtual tour of the Patriots Hall of Fame on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Somerville Public Library.

If you're a New England Patriots fan, you're not going to want to miss this. Join the Somerville Public Library as we take a live virtual tour of the Patriots Hall of Fame.

The Patriots Hall of Fame Virtual Tour is an entertaining, informative experience, great for anyone who has an interest in Patriots history. During this 90-minute experience you will get an inside look at some unique artifacts, and be sure to bring your burning Pats questions for an interactive Q&A session.

\*Please note that this virtual tour will be live, and will not be recorded.

#### About the Patriots Hall of Fame:

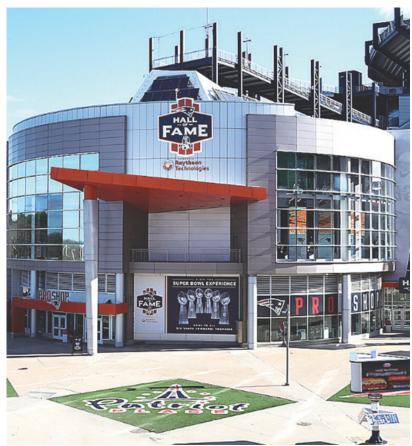
The Kraft family's investment in The Patriots Hall of Fame presented by Raytheon Technologies accomplishes its goal of giving Patriots fans a unique, technologically advanced venue to relive and celebrate great moments and great players. The Hall is a modern "museum" that takes guests through Patriots and New England football history in a cutting-edge way, utilizing amazing video and audio to tap into fans' emotions in a manner never before seen in a sports museum. It also works to freshen the experience with new exhibits and renovations.

Questions? Contact Kerry: keodonnell@somervillema.gov

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Somerville Public Library. Thanks, Friends.

CAPACITY: 97 of 100 spaces available.

NOTE: Registering more attendees than spaces available will automatically place your attendees on this event's wait list. Registration is required for this event. To register, please go to https://somervillepubliclibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/virtual-tour-of-the-new-england-patriots-hall-of-fame.



## Cassandre Charles: 'Self-Portrait' at Assembly Row

Interdisciplinary artist Cassandre Charles' Self-Portrait is a multi-media art installation with the artist as the only visual subject. Cassandre is taking on archiving the multiple figure and portrait art created by artists using varying levels, styles and mediums. Through this process Cassandre is developing her own artistic style and language as a Black'ARTchiver'.

Artist statement: Representation of the Black artists in global art history. The words diversity and inclusion' are hot key-words for institutions, but how do the decisions to include our contributions to American art history happen if we do not share ourselves? Retracing traditional and contemporary methods to display my own portraits both created by my hands and other artists' is exhausting and exhilarating. The decision to be the only subject had to be when I finally felt that I was grounded enough in my physical and mental health to process, make and exhibit works that reflect my consciousness of the scale and size of defining moments in my own life that are on the table for discussion with others seeking to uphold and nurture the black artist.

Saturday, July 30, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Cassandre Charles

'Self-Portrait'

ArtAssembled @Assembly Row

495 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA 02145

This work is supported by the Somerville Arts Council ArtAssembled Residency Fellowship, The Black Arts Sanctuary and Monkeyhouse.



Itinerary:

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Open gallery 6:00 – 6:20 p.m. – Film showing, This Black Artist, A Digital Visual Journal 6:30 – 6:50 p.m. – Artist mini-talk 6:50 – 7:00 p.m. – Gratitude in the Body, Community Embodiment

Registering/confirmation: https://art.artassembled.org/artassembled/

## Somerville Police crime log July 12 – July 18

#### **Attempted Armed Robbery**

On 7/15/22 at approximately 2:30 a.m, Somerville Police responded to Jaques St. for a check condition. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two juvenile males who stated they were approached by a male and female asking them for a lighter. When the juveniles stated they didn't have one, one of the suspects brandished a knife and demanded they give them a lighter. Both suspects then fled up Grant St. Both suspects were described as being in their fifties, the male was wearing all black and the female was wearing a blue shirt.

**Other Crimes:** 3 Car Breaks + 1 Trespassing + 3 Motor Vehicle Vandalisms + 1 Moped Theft + 2 Package Thefts + 6 Catalytic Converter Thefts + 2 Vandalisms

Read More at: https://somervillepd.com



## Stay safe in the heat

The National Weather Service recently issued a heat advisory for the Boston metro area. Residents were urged to take precautions to stay safe. Below are some heat safety tips and ways to keep cool in Somerville. Most importantly, do not leave children or pets in a vehicle even if the windows are open, drink plenty of fluids, stay out of the sun, and limit your outdoor activity.

### Stay Safe and Help Your Neighbors

Never leave children or pets alone in a closed vehicle – even with the windows cracked open, interior temperatures can rise almost 20 degrees within 10 minutes. Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, those who may need additional assistance, and those who may not have air conditioning.

Drink plenty of water, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.

Make sure pets have plenty of water and a cool place to rest.

Limit outdoor activities and exposure to the sun. Do not leave pets outside for extended periods of time.

Slow down and avoid strenuous activity.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing; light colors reflect heat and sunlight and help maintain normal body temperature.

If you do not have air conditioning, stay on your lowest floor and out of the sun. Use fans to stay cool and avoid using your stove and oven. Consider spending time in air-conditioned public spaces (wear a mask indoors).

If you must be outdoors, limit your outdoor activity to the morning and evening hours.

Use sunscreen with a high SPF and wear a wide-brimmed hat.

Eat well-balanced, light, regular meals.

If someone is showing signs of heatstroke, call 911 immediately. Signs of heatstroke include a body temperature over 103 degrees; hot, red, dry, or moist skin; a rapid and strong pulse; and possible unconsciousness. While waiting for help to arrive, move the person into a cool area, help cool them down with wet towels or a cool bath, and DO NOT give them fluids.

For more safety tips and cooling strategies, visit cdc.gov/extremeheat and somervillema.gov/keepcool.

#### Pools and Splash Pads

Many parks and playgrounds around the city have water play features or sprinklers. A map of those parks can be found at somervillema.gov/publicspace.

Dilboy Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, 110 Alewife Brook Parkway, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free for ages 0 to 3, \$1 for ages 4 to 11, and \$2 for ages 12 and up. Season passes are also available.

Latta Brothers Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool (at Foss Park), 235 Broadway, 11:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. every day of the week. Spraydeck is open 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

Kennedy Pool (5 Cherry St.): Lap swim times for various ages are available at somervillerec.com or by calling 311.



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## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

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requirement for an in-person interview with a licensing authority before someone can obtain a gun license; and prohibit giving a license to persons currently subject to a temporary or permanent harassment prevention order and persons who pose a risk of danger to themselves or others by having a firearm.

"Today's action provides our licensing authorities with the clarity they need in the wake of the Bruen decision, and tells them that we continue to believe in them and to rely upon them to ensure that, while responsible gun owners will continue to receive the license to own firearms, those who cannot be entrusted with a deadly weapon will not be legally permitted to possess one," said amendment sponsor Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham).

"The Massachusetts House voted on a judicial technology bond bill that included some drastic changes to the commonwealth's gun licensing scheme," was the response posted on the website of the Gun Owner's Action League (GOAL). "In a surprise move that surprised no one, with no warning the Democratic leadership proposed the amendment, which had nothing to do with the bill, in the morning and by the afternoon rammed it through. Although Republican leadership attempted to block the amendment, in the end it was included and the bill unfortunately passed with, disappointingly, some bipartisan support."

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

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

## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF (S 3018)

Senate 40-0, approved a \$4.57 billion economic development and tax relief package.

The bill provides \$500 million one-time tax rebates to an estimated 2 million eligible people. A \$250 rebate would go, by September 30, to individual taxpayers and a \$500 rebate to married taxpayers. Eligibility will be determined by annual income reported in 2021, with the minimum income required to be \$38,000, and the maximum \$100,000 for individual filers and \$150,000 for joint filers.

Beginning in 2023, several permanent tax reductions would take effect including increasing the Child and Dependent Care Credit from \$180 per child to \$310 per child, as well as eliminating the current cap of \$360 for two or more children; increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit; increasing the senior circuit breaker tax credit cap from \$1,170 to \$2,340; increasing the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000; and increasing the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million.

Other provisions include \$195 million for nursing facilities and rest homes; \$80 million for Community Health Centers; \$22.5 million to reduce gun violence; \$17.5 mil-

lion for reproductive and family planning services; \$150 million for the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust; \$100 million to promote and accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles; \$150 million to support the production of workforce housing; and \$150 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The package also would allow restaurants to offer "happy hour" discounts on alcoholic beverages if a town approves this policy via local option; allow state candidates for public office to use campaign funds for expenses related to child care services; allow some tenants who have been evicted to seal the records of their eviction case; ensure students can obtain academic transcripts for the courses they have completed and paid for, rather than having their entire transcript withheld for outstanding fees; and expand the ability of homeowners to add accessory dwelling units to their property.

"Massachusetts has so much to offer as an innovation hub and education leader in our country, but it's getting harder and harder to live and work here," said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), Senate Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. "Housing prices are skyrocketing, childcare costs are out of control, inflation is climbing, businesses everywhere are coping with supply-chain issues, and families know that their dollar is not going as far as it did only a few months ago. Today, we passed our economic development bonding bill and tax relief package to bring much-needed financial relief to residents here in Massachusetts. This legislation prioritizes housing, climate resiliency, childcare access, workforce development, downtown revitalization, and the worker of the future. As policymakers, we must be prepared to meet the moment ahead of us and ensure that our commonwealth continues to be a great place to work and live."

"These crucial changes to our tax code will create much needed targeted relief to families across the commonwealth grappling with how to make ends meet," said Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Pittsfield), Senate chair of the Committee on Revenue. "As prices rise, we need to continue to invest in the people who need it most, including those who make our economy run."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## MORE TAX RELIEF (S 3018)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would reduce the short-term capital gains tax from 12 percent to 5 percent; increase the no-income tax status threshold from \$8,000 to \$12,500; and increase the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$5,000, instead of just to \$4,000 which the original bill provides.

Supporters said that the state is sitting on a surplus of more than \$3 billion and should return more of that money to taxpayers. They argued the state can easily afford these additional tax cuts that would help taxpayers during

this horrible economic time of rising prices of gas, food and just about everything else. They noted that raising the no income tax threshold would align the state with the federal government and provide direct relief to more than 234,000 low-income Massachusetts filers that would no longer have to pay any state income taxes.

Opponents said the state cannot afford the loss of millions of dollars in revenue from this additional tax relief. They listed the many tax cuts that are already in the bill and said the amendment is not necessary.

(A "Yes" vote is for the additional tax relief. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

## PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON WITH A NATURAL HAIRSTYLE (H

**5028**) – The Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would prohibit any person or entity including educational institutions workplaces and public spaces from implementing any policy that would explicitly target someone who wears their natural hairstyle. The measure defines natural hairstyle as hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles including braids, locks, twists and other formations.

Supporters said this racial discrimination occurs far too often and argued it is time to put a stop to it. They are hopeful the governor will sign the bill which has been worked on for years and has finally made it to the governor's desk.

Sponsor Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham) said the measure would ensure that students and workers won't be forced to cut their hair in order to participate in activities or go to work.

GOLD STAR FAMILIES – The Senate approved an amendment filed by Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee chair Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) that would repeal a current law that restricts Gold Star spouses from receiving their annuity if they remarry. The amendment would also increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the annual annuity payment that Gold Star parents and spouses receive annually from the state.

"Not only has the annuity payment level not increased in 16 years, but our commonwealth still has laws on the books that cruelly prohibit spouses from receiving the annuity if they remarry," said Velis. "Think about how archaic and unfair that is, that we would penalize husband and wives, who have lost their loved ones and sacrificed so much themselves, from trying to continue on with their lives."

#### MORATORIUM ON PRISON CONSTRUCTION

- The fate of the amendment that imposes a five-year moratorium on any prison or jail construction in Massachusetts is in Gov. Baker's hands.

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



#### City of Somerville PLANNING BOARD

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to <a href="mailto:planning@somervillema.gov">planning@somervillema.gov</a>.

#### **TO USE A COMPUTER**

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4239765639620849676

Webinar ID: 199-224-051

#### TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221 Access code: 213-423-670

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

10 Washington Street

Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC proposes to develop a four (4)-story LEED Platinum Commercial Building in the Commercial Industry (CI) zoning district, which requires Site Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit.

50 Webster Avenue

US Union Square D3.1 Owner LLC seeks a subdivision in the HR zoning district, which requires Subdivision Plan Approval.

50 Webster Avenue

US Union Square D3.1 Owner LLC seeks to develop a nine (9) story, LEED Platinum Lab Building in the HR zoning district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

50 Webster Avenue

US Union Square D3.1 Owner LLC seeks to develop a thoroughfare in the HR zoning district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

50 Webster Avenue (62 Prospect Street)

US Union Square D3.1 Owner LLC seeks to develop a Central Plaza civic space type in the HR zoning district, which requires Site

Plan Approval.

231-249 Elm Street and 6-8 & 12 Grove Street

Scape Davis Square, LLC proposes to develop a LEED Platinum four (4) story Lab Building in the Commercial Core 4 (CC4) district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

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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## 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 3, 2022, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to <a href="mailto:planning@somervillema.gov">planning@somervillema.gov</a>.

#### **TO USE A COMPUTER**

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7812765013520455440 Webinar ID: 122-838-555

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422 Access code: 474-038-784

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

120-132 Middlesex Ave

DWCH Assembly Row, LLC seeks relief from the Master Plan Standards that requires at least twenty-five (25%) percentage of a development site to be provided as a Civic Space in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use (ASMD) district, which requires a Hardship Variance.

9-11 Aldersey Street 9-11 A

9-11 Aldersey Street, LLC seeks a Plan Revision to modify building elevations for the three buildings previously approved for this site under ZBA 2003-25.

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

 $\underline{\text{https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions}}.$ 

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

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#### **Notice of Self Storage Sale**

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 <a href="www.storagetreasures.com">www.storagetreasures.com</a> on 8/10/2022 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Hector Nunez unit #2393; Catherine Stone unit #302B. 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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## ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES (RFS)

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed proposals from registered Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services to replace the Chiller System at our Capen Court development located in Somerville, MA 02144. The replacement will include evaluation and design of a new system sized for One Capen Court, a 95 unit elderly housing development.

The Award is subject to DHCD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28th, 2022, at the Capen Court elderly facility located at One Capen Ct, Somerville, MA 02144.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than 2:00PM Thursday, August 4th,2022.

The RFS may be obtained after  $\underline{\textbf{11:00AM}}$  on  $\underline{\textbf{Wednesday}}$ ,  $\underline{\textbf{July 20}}$ , by contacting BrianL@sha-web.org or by phone at 617-625-1152 Ext.330.

Questions must be sent in writing to  ${\underline{\bf BrianL@sha-web.org}}$  no later than  ${\underline{\bf Monday}}, {\underline{\bf August\,1st}}, {\underline{\bf 2022}}.$ 

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## CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP# 23-05

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services

Department invites sealed bids for:

#### Appraisal Services on As-Needed Basis

The bid package may be obtained online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement or from the City of Somerville's electronic bidding platform at

http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress on or after: Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, and 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, August 17th, 2022.

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

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

Jordan T. Remy Procurement Analyst 617-625-6600 x3409

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## Beacon Hill Roll Call CONT. FROM PG 13

The ban is part of a \$5.2 billion bond bill to repair, modernize and upgrade state buildings.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in

public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozen s of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of July 18-22, the House met for a total of 15 hours and four minutes and the Senate met for a total of 16 hours and 49 minutes.

Mon. July 18 House 11:03 a.m.to 3:57 p.m. Senate 1:05 p.m. to 4:42 p.m.

Tues. July 19 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. No Senate session.

Wed. July 20 House 11:01 a.m. to 12:37 p.m No Senate session

Thurs. July 21 House 11:02 a.m. to 7:32 p.m. Senate 10:17 a.m. to 11:29 p.m.

Fri. July 22 No House session

No Senate session

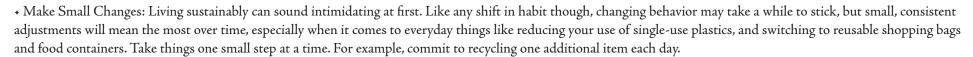
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## 5 ways to be more sustainable this summer

You don't have to be a sustainability expert to incorporate elements of eco-friendly living into your everyday routine. This summer, think about the small changes you can make that can add up to make a bigger difference.

- Store Sustainably: Single-use plastics are difficult to avoid when protecting fragile household items or delicate holiday décor. Cut down on plastic cushioning and packing foam usage by incorporating Flourish Brand Honeycomb Cushion Wrap to cover and safely store your breakable and fragile items. The interlocking structure is easy to stretch and secures to itself without any tape needed.
- Give Green: It's often difficult to find the perfect presents for housewarming gatherings, family holidays and hostess gifts. Spread some sustainable love by gifting a plant to that hard-to-buy-for-friend or neighbor, or even give something green as a surprise for someone special.
- Environmentally Friendly Connection: Sending a package to a distant loved one is a delightful way to brighten someone's day, but unfortunately many mailers feature excess plastic wrapping or aren't made of earth-friendly materials. Ship sustainably by choosing an eco-friendly option like

Flourish Honeycomb Recyclable Mailers. These mailers feature 100% recyclable material packaging and include a die-cut honeycomb layer to create space and cushioning that helps protect items during shipment, without using unnecessary plastic. Additionally, they can easily be tossed into the recycling bin after use.



• Enjoy the Outside: Being active is always easier on warm, sunny days. Take advantage of summer weather to reduce your personal carbon footprint and get some healthy exercise! Find ways to do this by walking or biking instead of taking a car to the store. If you need to travel a longer distance, opt for public transport or carpool instead. (StatePoint)



## 'Madagascar Jr.' at Arts at the Armory

Created by students ages 8-13 over three and a half weeks with Somerville Arts Council's Summer Musical Program and filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, *Madagascar Jr.* will leave audiences with no choice but to "Move It, Move It!"

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime.

Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure Jr.* follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

July 29 at 7:00 p.m. and July 30 at 10:00 a.m. Donation at the door.



## Art exhibition at the Armory Café

An exhibition by Lucille Nava will be on view until August 7 at the Armory Cafe! ROOTED.

Artist Statement by Lucille Nava:

"From the early 1970s through 2012, I made art despite full-time employment in another professional area. After that period, and up to the present, I have worked full-time in my studio. I paint to convey the contradictions I see in daily life—emotional, psychological, environmental, political—color and line work together, yet they emerge as opposites of what I know about the immediacy of place. The seductiveness of color is often in juxtaposition to the context of forms. The forms are sometimes projectiles, and at other times pieces that have broken off from their anchors. They may be grounded or float, but I always want them to defy logic, to provoke, to challenge the world of rules and conformity."

The Armory Café is open Tuesday – Friday, 12:00 - 7:30 p.m., and Saturday. 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Café is closed on Sundays and Mondays.



## Yart Sale - A citywide showcase of YOUR art!

Yart Sale is an opportunity for you to sell from the comfort of your yards, driveways and porch. Think of a yard sale but with ART. Yart Sale will take place on Saturday, August 13, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., (rain date 8/14). Time of event will vary on participant. Please make sure to specify your participating time bwtween 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. To participate you must upload your information to this google form in order to be included (Please Note: Applicants will be required to sign into their Google Drive account). https://forms.gle/jesScUcCiBMxtEzx5. Deadline to sign up: Monday, August 3rd at 11:59pm is the last day. No new sign ups will be allowed after this date. To attend: Map will be published August 10th. There will be access to a google map via this webpage. (http://somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale).

YART SALE

A CITYWIDE SHOWCASE OF YOUR ART!

Examples of things that can be displayed:

Any art medium (paintings, photography, collage, sculptures) + Handmade objects (jewelry, pottery, quilts, knitted items) + Art

Tools, supplies, Art BooksFamily Artwork (children wanting to sell their artwork) + Collectible items: coins, postcards, baseball cards, instruments, magnets + Plants +

Musician / band merch items- T-shirts, CDs

#### Conditions:

No sidewalks should be blocked; no tables or artwork can be set up on the street blocking streets or sidewalks. Everything needs to remain on your private property. No live music. No food or pastries for sale. This is a Somerville event, only Somerville Addresses will be included. Contact: iaritza menjivar@somervillema.gov.

# Massachusetts public health officials confirm 30 new monkeypox cases

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) on July 21 announced 30 additional cases of monkeypox in adult males within the past seven days, bringing the total number of monkeypox cases in the Commonwealth to 79 residents since the state's first case was announced May 18. DPH provides public updates on monkeypox on a weekly basis each Thursday.

The 30 cases announced had their diagnoses between July 14 and July 20. DPH is working with local health officials, the patients, and healthcare providers to identify individuals who may have been in contact with the patients while they were infectious. Individuals with monkeypox are advised to isolate and avoid contact with others until they are no longer infectious.

The number of health care providers and locations offering vaccination across the state has expanded to 11 as federal allocation of the vaccine has been increased. The list of health care provider sites is updated on a rolling basis on the Commonwealth's monkeypox vaccine website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/monkeypox-vaccination. As of July 20, 2,952 doses of JYNNEOS vaccine had been administered.

Due to extremely limited na-

tional availability of vaccine, the JYNNEOS vaccine in Massachusetts remains severely limited at this time. Vaccination is available to individuals who meet the CDC's eligibility criteria and who live or work in Massachusetts. Vaccine is prioritized for individuals at greatest risk of exposure to someone with monkeypox. If an individual believes they qualify for a monkeypox vaccine, they should contact their healthcare provider.

Current data from CDC indicate that there have been 2,323 cases of monkeypox virus this year in US residents as of July 20. Regularly updated case counts can be obtained on the CDC's website: https://www. cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/ response/2022/us-map.html. There have been no deaths reported in the US or globally related to this outbreak and patients generally recover fully in 2-4 weeks. Gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men continue to make up a large proportion of the cases identified to date. However, the risk is not limited to the LGBTQ+ community, and anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk.

While the virus does not spread easily between people, individuals can spread the infection once they develop symptoms. Transmission occurs through direct contact with body fluids and monkeypox sores, by touching items that have been contaminated with fluids or sores (clothing, bedding, etc.), or less commonly, through respiratory droplets following prolonged face-to-face contact. In many of the recent cases, the locations of the rash lesions suggest transmission during sexual contact. Examples where monkeypox can spread and where it does not:

Monkeypox can spread through:

- + Direct skin-to-skin contact with rash lesions. Sexual/intimate contact, including kissing while a person is infected.
- Living in a house and sharing a bed with someone. Sharing towels or unwashed clothing.
- Respiratory secretions through face-to-face interactions (the type that mainly happen when living with someone or caring for someone who has monkeypox)
- Monkeypox does not spread through:
- Casual conversations. Walking by someone with monkeypox in a grocery store, for instance. Touching items like doorknobs.

Clinicians are asked to be alert to the possibility of monkeypox virus infection in indi-

viduals who have rash illnesses consistent with monkeypox. Early symptoms of monkeypox can include fever, headache, sore throat, and swollen lymph nodes, but rash may be the first symptom. Rash lesions start flat, become raised, fill with clear fluid (vesicles), and then become pustules (filled with pus). A person with monkeypox can have many lesions or only a few. Learn more about how to recognize monkeypox: https:// www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/clinical-recognition.html.

Actions for people to consider if they want to reduce their risk from monkeypox include:

Avoiding large gatherings like raves and dance parties where you may have lots of close body contact with others

Asking any partner, especially new partners whose health status and recent travel history you are not familiar with, if they have any symptoms of monkeypox

Staying informed by reading information available on the DPH (https://www.mass.gov/monkeypox) and CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/sexualhealth/index.html) websites.

As the CDC advises, if you believe you may have monkey-pox, you should contact your



health care provider. If you need to leave your home, wear a mask and cover your rash or lesions when around others. Those who live with or care for someone who may have monkeypox should wear a mask and disposable gloves if they need to have any direct contact with lesions and when handling any clothes or bedding if the person cannot do it themselves. They should also wash their hands regularly, especially after contact with the person who is infected or with their clothes, bed sheets, towels, and other items or surfaces they may have touched.

Clinicians should consult with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-983-6800 to determine if testing is indicated. Consultation is required before submitting specimens.

For more information about this virus, visit www.mass.gov/monkeypox and www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox.

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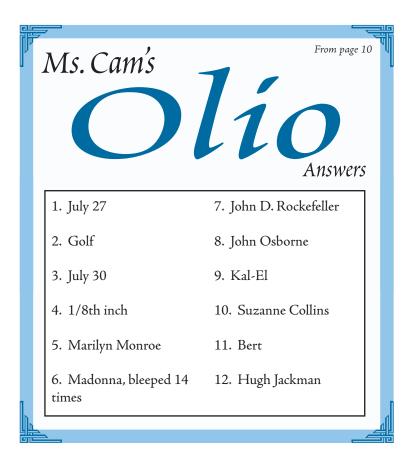
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## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

Men's Group – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert at ndeamato@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes—Mondays, July 27 at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.—In-person, indoor at the Holland Street Center. Each class will focus on strength, balance and flexibility. Pre-registration is required as classes are limited. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Chi Kung – Friday, July 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Easy to follow program performed seated or standing. Helps strengthen balance and reduce stress. Increases blood flow and energy. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Brown Bag Supplemental Food Program – PICK UP Thursday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) For an application contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

**Bingo** – Thursday, July 28 at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Keep your eyes open for occasional Wednesday Bingos. Lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@ Somervillema.gov.

Game Hour –Mondays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn). July 25. Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

Walking Group –Friday 29. The walking group meets in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for the program, contact Chris Kowaleski by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Mindful Eating "Getting Back to Basics" – A four week workshop. Classes will meet on Wednesdays July 27, August 3, August 10 and August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This workshop will help us enjoy foods and reach satiety or the sensation of feeling full, while making healthy choices. Ditch the rules, use sound nutrition as a guideline and truly listen to what our bodies need. Class size is limited. Please RSVP by contacting Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email Mary at

Headtofitness10@yahoo.com

#### **EXERCISE**

#### **Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE**

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

### **Somerville City Cable**

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Wednesday, July 27							
6:30am	Chair Yoga w Chris						
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8:15am	SPD Ride Along						
8:30am	Entrepreneur Spotlight a						
	the Neighborhood Restaurant						
9:00am	Art Beat 2022						
10:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV						
11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7						
11:30am	City Council Meeting 7-14-22						
3:00pm	Independence Day Celebration						
4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Video #4						
4:30pm	Three Paths to Italy						
6:00pm	Conway Park Ribbon Cutting						
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#### Wednesday, August 3

12:00am SHS Volleyball Playoff vs GLT SHS Baseball vs Plymouth South 1:06am 2:30am **ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert** 

## **Summer School of HONK!**

The School of HONK Summer Program starts next week and there are still spots left. This program is great for kids and teens who like music + fun. The program is open to anyone 10 years and older, with at least one year's experience playing their instrument (woodwind, brass, or percussion) It runs August 1-5, at Somerville High School from 9:00 a.m. to noon and costs \$100. Learn more at their website: https://schoolofhonk.org/summerhonk.







## **Tragedy averted at Assembly Row**

Tragedy was averted again on July 21 in our Assembly Row neighborhood. Shortly before 7:00 a.m. the Somerville Fire Alarm Office struck Box 1883 for a train fire on the bridge between Assembly Row and Wellington.

While companies were extinguishing the fire and helping occupants evacuate to safety, it was reported that there was a jumper in the water. This activated an additional response for the separate water rescue incident thus leaving the entire city only covered by two engine companies. Luckily we had two members already preparing our marine unit for a pre planned training event and they were able to launch Marine 1, make contact with the jumper, and assist her to land.

We have had a multitude of dangerous emergencies in the Assembly Row neighborhood and this one especially presented the most risk for serious injury or loss of life.

Local 76 hopes that Mayor Ballantyne and our City Council share in our concerns that a new fully staffed station and engine company are integral to the future safety of our neighbors in Assembly Row. We have built a great city within our city and we want the best public safety protection for our neighbors.

— Somerville Firefighters Local 76

## Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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1861 – President Abraham Lincoln replaces General Irwin McDowell with General George B. McClellen as head of the Army of the Potomac.

1905 – The International Workers of the World found their labor organization in Chicago.

1909 – Orville Wright sets a world record for staying aloft in an airplane—one hour, 12 minutes and 40 seconds.

**1921** – Canadians Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best isolate insulin at the University of Toronto.

1964 – President Lyndon Johnson sends an additional 5,000 advisers to South Vietnam.

**2002** – The largest air show disaster in history occurs when a Sukhoi Su-27 fighter crashes during an air show at Lviv, Ukraine, killing 85 and injuring more than 100.

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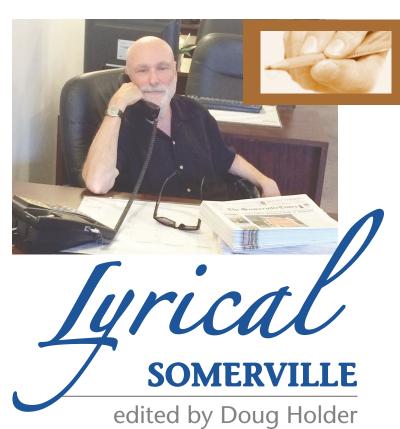
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## If I Forget You

My love, if I forget you When my mind decides to go If my kisses disappear And conversations slow

If your face is unfamiliar And I don't reach for your hand Please know that I'm still here Though not as I had planned

My love, if I forget you And meet you once again Make me fall in love with you Just like you did back then

If I can't recall our journey And my smile fades away Remember for the both of us Remind me of the days

When you and I were lovers In embraces soft and still For my mind might forget you But my heart never will

— Laura Plummer

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## **Documentarian Olivia Huang:**

Brings Graffiti right up your Alley

I have had the pleasure to interview former Somerville resident and documentary filmmaker Olivia Huang a number of times. And I have even appeared in a documentary she did about the Grolier Poetry Book Shop some years ago. Now Huang turns her discerning eye on Graffiti Alley in Cambridge, with her new documentary, City as Canvas: Above the Free Walls. I attended a screening of the film, and later chatted with Huang.

**Doug Holder:** You have lived in Somerville for a while, as an artist. How did you find the environment?

Olivia Huang: Somerville was my home when I first moved to Boston, and many of my first experiences with the artistic community were in the five years I lived there. I volunteered at the Somerville Museum hanging artwork, photographing events at the Armory.

In 2017, working on my first documentary film about the Grolier Poetry Bookshop, many of the poets and writers who appeared in the film, Gloria Mindock, Patrick Sylvain, yourself, were all from Somerville.

I always found the environment of Somerville to be vibrant, supportive, and encouraging, and I am still very close to the artists I worked with in the past.

**DH:** Why did you choose Graffiti Alley as a subject for your documentary?

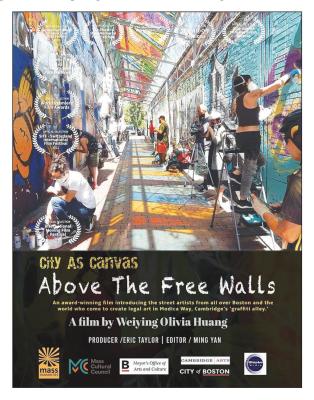
OH: I used to commute from the Central Square T station, so walking through Modica Way/Graffiti Alley became a daily event. I was always struck by how frequently the paintings changed, how talented the artists were, and eventually I got to know some well enough to bring my camera. So, the idea to make a documentary about the alley, the artists, their artwork, was simply a natural progression. And I appreciated that this was a space where anyone could come to paint and to practice.

Late one night passing through the alley, I met a painter and I asked why he'd chosen to work at that hour. He told me he was a construction worker, and that for him painting was his healing therapy, so he found whatever time that was available. It was stories like this that continued to inspire the documentary.

The other realization I had working on the film was the amount of money cities spend to remove illegal graffiti and wondered if "there were more free walls" for painting, people might prefer to paint on a legal surface.

**DH:** What challenges did you face in creating this documentary?

**OH:** The first challenge was coordinating with the artists so that I could shoot them more than once. I'd leave them my contact information so I would know when they were painting again, but most of the time



I would have to wait until I saw them in the alley again. Some days I would get a lot of great footage, and other days I'd just sit at Cafe Nero with my camera and tripod, waiting for some to show up and start painting.

The other challenge was after having collected enough footage, I moved on to the editing process, confident in my material, and the artists who were to be heavily featured in the film. At the last minute however, one of the artists changed his mind about his appearance in the film, even after having signed a release form. Eventually he agreed to allow me to use footage of him interacting with the other artists, but his refusal forced me to change the shape of my film.

**DH:** Karl Stephan, a Somerville artist, was involved in this project. What was his role?

OH: Many of the artists I interviewed lacked any formal art training, so as I edited the film, I wanted to add Karl's voice and perspective as a studio artist, as an educator with an MFA who also knew Modica Way and many of its artists personally. Karl was one of the first to photograph and document the alley and curated two shows combining the work of both street and studio art, so his knowledge and experience was of great help.

**DH:** The paintings the painters sprayed on the walls were eventually covered up by other artists' works. How did they reconcile this after they put all that hard work into it?

OH: What I learned from conversations with the artists is that they all have different reasons for painting there. Some are practicing their skills, others are creating a piece for their work portfolio, and some are just there to enjoy the creative Continued on page 23

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The City of Somerville is hiring polling place workers for the upcoming 2022 election cycle. Hundreds of poll workers will be needed this year to conduct a successful election. The Elections Office is hosting two information sessions about becoming a poll worker on Thursday, July 28, at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, in the City Council Chambers on the second floor. The afternoon session is 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and the evening session is 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/PollWorkerInfoSessions. If you are interested in learning more but not able to attend an information session, please contact the Elections Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

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

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The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is now available 24/7, 365 days a year in Massachusetts and across the country. 988 is a direct three-digit phone line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call takers. If you need suicide, substance use, or mental health crisis support, or if you are worried about someone else, you can call or text 988 or use the chatline at 988lifeline.org to access compassionate care and support.

Are you a **history buff** or just looking for a fun summer activity? Take a free docent tour of Prospect Hill Tower, the Old Powder House, or Milk Row Cemetery. Tours are held weekly through October, hosted by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission. For tour dates and times, visit somervillema.gov/events.

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Somerville High School Class of 1964, 75th Birthday Celebration, Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. at the George Dilboy VFW Post, Davis Square. Donation: \$50 payable to Kevin Estee, 4 Charles Circle, Andover, MA 01810. Rooms available at the Holiday Inn, Washington St., Somerville. RSVP by August 17 to Sandra Regan: sanjonr21@gmail.com.

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

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The City of Somerville's annual Somer-Movie Fest returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville, Screenings begin at dusk and the schedule is as follows: Encanto, July 28, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); Jumanji: The Next Level, August 4, Seven Hills Park; West Side Story, August 11, Seven Hills Park; Star Wars: The Force Awakens, August 18, Seven Hills Park.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition needs snacks for their clients, and as the weather warms up, bottled water, sunscreen, and bug spray become essentials. All donations can be dropped off weekdays at the 1 Davis Square office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch. Visit their Facebook page to see a list of their client necessiwww.facebook.com/Somervilleties: HomelessCoalition.

Attention Somerville artists! Showcase and sell artwork from the comfort of your yard at the Somerville Arts Council's Yart Sale on Saturday, August 13. Signup by Wednesday, August 3 to participate. Learn more at somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale.

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Groundwork Somerville will be hosting a concert in partnership with SomerFest and EventThem. The concert will take place on Thursday, August 4 at South Street Farm, just minutes away from the new Union Square T station and across the street from Boynton Yards. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. Come check out RnB grooves from singer Leah Parrett, tantalizing flow from rapper Sur5ILL, games, food and more. Free general admission. All ages are welcome. Donations are highly encouraged to support further programming. Visit the website for more https://groundworksomerville. org/event/aug4/

This summer, the city is offering three spaces just for teens while efforts to identify a permanent Teen Center location continue. Temporary spaces include: Somerville Public Library, Central Branch, 79 Highland Ave.; Edgerly Education Center, 33 Cross St.; Powderhouse Park, 838 Broadway. Each space will provide activities, snacks, connections to services, and access to city social workers. For opening dates and more information, visit somervillema.gov/teencenter.

The city's Adopt-A-Tree program has officially launched. Newly planted trees can be found around Somerville, and now they need your help. Look for the colorful "Adopt Me!" tags and scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/somervilletree to find a tree in your neighborhood and go through the steps to adopt it. Name it, water it and even receive an adoption certificate. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/adoptatree.

Help protect local trees against the extreme heat by filling green water bags in your neighborhood. Young trees need 15-20 gallons of water (3-4 large buckets) per week. To see a map of newly planted trees and for more information, visit: https://bit.ly/3OruA1S

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Don't forget to visit Somerville's farmers markets. Every Wednesday through **November 23**, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. visit the Davis Square Farmers Market, across from American Flatbread at 44 Day St. https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis. Every Saturday through October 29, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the Union Square Farmers Market takes place at 66-70 Union Sq. visit: https:// www.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmseason. Every Sunday through November 20, the East Somerville Farmers Market takes place at 115 Broadway, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Visit https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

Stop by the Davis Square Farmers Market, Day St., Wednesday July 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Denise Provost and Lesley Bannatyne will be there to promote "Fresh, Locally Sourced Writing."

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process, happy to have a wall available to them instead of searching for another spot.

DH: What are your goals when you made this docu-

**OH:** The goal of City As Canvas, I really want people to watch the film and learn about the legal walls in the community. The artist and the communities can appreciate each other. Encourage the creative enthusiastic to

paint legally and without fear. Currently, the film has a series screening around the greater Boston area, which included the screening in various branches at Boston Public library, Simmons University, 2 life communities and Cambridge Public library. It was supported in part by an "Expand Massachusetts Stories" grant from Mass Humanities that made the screenings/workshops available.

DH: What do you have planned for future work?

OH: My next project is actually an extension of the City As Canvas film in that it is focused more broadly on "public art." I very much hope that film will be seen both by Modica Way artists who can see themselves as part of the "public art community," and so communities can have a greater appreciation for the artists whose creativity improves the aesthetic quality of their neighborhood.

