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The city and consulting partners recently unveiled their Citywide Parking and Curb Use Study to at a public meeting.

— Photos by Luda Tang

By Luda Tang

Somerville city staff, along with the consultant team from Nelson Nygaard, a transportation planning firm, hosted a public meeting concerning the Citywide Parking and Curb Use Study on June 29.

The meeting provided much information to the public, with project manager Jason Novsam helping to audiences to clarify the project's goals. In essence, the goal is to build a more sustainable, equitable, and accessible transportation network. By sharing curb inventory and occupancy data and results from outreach activities, Novsam made clearer the draft's recommendations and the team's next steps.

First, Novsam introduced some background information about the City of Somerville. The city now has 37 percent of residents

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'Firehouse Reels' highlights four decades of SCATV

By Raga Chilakamarri

Housed in the Somerville Museum, a quaint red brick building at the corner of Westwood Road, a one-room exhibit opened below the arch of a grand staircase. A projector pointed above the staircase landing flickered through old countdown video animations from the Somerville Community Media Center Archive, the title "SCAT" flashing on, displayed in different designs.

Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) is the oldest public access station in Massachusetts, and the Firehouse Reels exhibit, which opened on June 3, tracks through its forty years history.

The exhibit's name alludes to how SCATV operates out of a rehabilitated

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A history of SCATV, Firehouse Reels, is currently on display at the Somerville Museum through July 9.

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Due to the weather, the city's **Arbor Day event** was postponed until **Wednesday, July 6** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Urban trees hold many essential roles in our city – from cleaning our air and making it cooler, to providing habitat for wildlife, lowering stress levels, and much more. Celebrate Somerville's urban forest this Arbor Day at **Nathan Tufts Park**, 850 Broadway. Learn about our local urban forest, welcome newly planted trees in the park, make leaf art, and take home free native plant seedlings.

STEAM at the Library, **Wednesday July 6**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Join Somerville resident and science educator **Jessica Garrett** for **hands-on STEAM programs**. Intended for ages 7-12. Registration for these events are required at <https://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/calendar>.

Don't forget to check out the two exhibits at the **Somerville Museum** running until **July 9**. **Firehouse Reels: 40 Years of SCATV**: A collaboration between the **Somerville Media Center** and the Somerville Museum. *Firehouse Reels* documents a local community television channel that has been in operation since 1980. The station was called **Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV)** and was an essential contributor to local culture. **Space Invader: An immigrant experience through immersive art**: *Space Invader* is curated by local audio-visual artist and spatial sound designer **Rook Murao**, an immigrant and *Continued on page 9*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 6 – July 12 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>July 6</i>	Rain	80°/62°	33%	27%	NNE 11 mph
 Thursday <i>July 7</i>	Partly Cloudy	79°/64°	5%	3%	ESE 10 mph
 Friday <i>July 8</i>	Rain	79°/65°	38%	28%	S 12 mph
 Saturday <i>July 9</i>	Partly Cloudy	75°/60°	25%	18%	ENE 10 mph
 Sunday <i>July 10</i>	Partly Cloudy	77°/61°	9%	5%	ENE 9 mph
 Monday <i>July 11</i>	Sunny	84°/66°	10%	6%	SSW 13 mph
 Tuesday <i>July 12</i>	Partly Cloudy	85°/68°	16%	11%	SSW 13 mph

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

Apply to Serve on Somerville's ARPA Advisory Committee

Open Positions: 15 – Term: August 17 through September 14, 2022

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is building an ARPA Advisory Committee, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. The ARPA Advisory Committee will be a diverse group of 15 constituents who will work with Mayor Ballantyne to co-create broad funding guidelines for Somerville's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program. These guidelines will be used by: ARPA staff, to solicit and judge applications; the public, to have a transparent view of how this once-in-a-generation funding source will be spent in their community; and project applicants, to understand the City's priorities for project funding. The ARPA Advisory Committee will:

- 1. Review the findings of the ARPA community engagement process
- 2. Create a statement of community values for all ARPA projects to adhere to
- 3. Establish the Mayor's ARPA Funding Priorities, which will provide broad guidelines for how the City will allocate ARPA funds between different eligible uses
- 4. Provide feedback on the ARPA funding criteria / request for proposals

The ARPA Advisory Committee will not review any ARPA funding applications, and its members may not submit any ARPA funding applications during their time on the Advisory Committee.

The Mayor seeks committee members from a broad range of life experiences, including but not limited to the following demographic groups: renters, low-income residents, residents of color, immigrants, speakers of languages other than English, members of the LGBTQ+ community, youth, seniors, Somerville Public Schools parents, business owners, local workers, artists, nonprofit organization staff, and a Somerville City Council President appointee.

The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesdays, August 17 through September 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a volunteer position. Advisory Committee members will be confirmed by the Mayor. Applications are due Friday, July 29. To apply, please submit a statement of interest and complete a brief questionnaire online at somervillema.gov/arpa. To request a printed copy of the application, contact Erica Satin-Hernandez, ARPA Specialist, via email at eshernandez@somervillema.gov, by phone at 617-729-5042, or by mail at Erica Satin-Hernandez, ARPA Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville MA, 02143.

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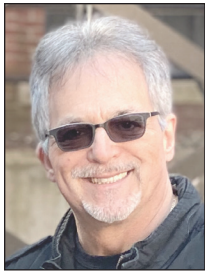
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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Vacation days



When I was a kid growing up in the 60s and 70s, we used to go to a cottage in Hollis, New Hampshire every year. We made friends there and looked forward

to going all year. In the 70s my parents bought a cottage in Wareham which was real close to the water. We enjoyed that for a few years for sure.

When my boys were young, we had a RV in New Hampshire and enjoyed some very very memorable times. I asked my Somer-

ville social media friends to share the vacations they used to take when we were all a lot younger.

"Hampton Beach, my mother and uncle would rent a cottage every year for me and my friends. What good times we had there. Wish they could have lasted forever."

"Dad and his brothers built a lakefront cottage on Fort Meadow Lake in Marlborough, had it for about 15 years."

"Sure do miss it."

"Early Years, we had a cottage in Framingham. Paragon Park, Sandy Beach, Nantasket and Revere Beach. Two weeks in Agawam/Riverside Park. Later Boston Commons, Charles Street, Aunt's Home La Jolla, CA."

"Laconia, Franconia Notch, Littleton and Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Truro and Hull. And occasionally up to Bar Harbor and Damariscotta, ME. To Lenox or Groton to see cousins."

"My grandmother's cottages at White Horse Beach, Plymouth."

"We had a cottage on Kingston Lake in NH."



"We went down the cape in Dennisport. We would go to West Dennis Beach, always Cream and Cone for an ice cream, and the Pancake Man."

We enjoyed places like Canobie Lake Park, Pleasure Island, Whalom Park and Old Orchard Beach. But the best times of all was when we all piled into dad's big old Chevy and enjoyed a day at Revere Beach on Norumbega Park. As we get older, we used to take the Blue Line train there.

Who can forget that big old metal cool-

er that kept the baloney sandwiches cool? Nothing like a sandwich with a refreshing cup of Zarex.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Freelance 'photographer' hangs paper at bank

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to Rockland Trust Bank on Highland Ave. last week on reports of an individual trying to cash a stolen check.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the bank manager, who told them that his teller notified him of a possible stolen check.

The teller stated that a female identified as Brianna Neves, of Medford, arrived at the bank and attempted to cash a check for the

sum of \$5000. The check was flagged as stolen on the Rockland Trust banking network, and he immediately notified the manager.

The bank manager told police that the check was stolen from an individual in Norwood, MA. The manager from the Norwood-based bank filed a police report the following day and notified Rockland Trust of the incident.

The check was presented to the

officers, who observed that it was made out for the sum of \$5000 and to pay of the order of "Brianna Neves" written in black ink. The back of the check that read "endorse here" was also signed.

The officers questioned Neves, who told them that an individual gave her the check on June 24 in exchange for her to take pictures at an event the following weekend.

The officers asked Neves if she

had a business card for the alleged client, to which she replied that she communicated with him via Facebook and he did not have any business information aside from forming and managing events.

When asked why she received the money before providing her services, Neves reportedly replied that the alleged client insisted on providing the check first.

The officers contacted the vic-

tim and were told that the business was robbed on June 23, and among the stolen items was a stack of pre-signed checks from Rockland Trust. The victim did not remember writing a check for \$5000 for Brianna Neves.

Based on the facts presented at the scene, the officers placed Neves under arrest on charges of forgery of check, utter false check, and receiving stolen property under \$1200.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

William Quinn, June 27, 12:21 p.m., arrested at Great

River Rd. on warrant charges of receiving stolen property under \$1200, possession of a class E

drug, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Brianna Neves, of Medford,

June 28, 12:07 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of forgery of check, utter false

check, and receiving stolen property under \$1200.

Citywide parking and curb use study unveiled

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driving alone, while 58 percent adopt the non-driving modes of transportation such as public transit, walking, biking, or simply working remotely.

However, even though non-driving modes account for the majority, the current allocation of curb space solely supports the driving mode. In other words, vehicle accessibility including short-term or long-term parking, pickup or drop-off is being prioritized.

Yet other uses of the curb, like bike lanes, bus lanes, and travel lanes, have not been fully functional. In all neighborhoods of Somerville, the percentage of long-term vehicle storage far exceeds the other options, reaching more than 70 percent. Other uses of the curb have not even gone beyond 10 percent.

But SomerVision sets a goal of accomplishing 75% of non-driving modes in the future, which illustrates the importance of the reallocation of the current curb space in regards to other

non-drivers' needs.

To achieve that goal, the strategic parking management and mobility improvements need to be developed together. While the former helps with properly sized parking supplies, the latter reduces pressure on limited parking with other convenient alternatives provided to passengers.

The city now has 25,100 on-street parking spaces available, which comes to 0.3 spaces per capita. Through the field investigation, Novsam and his team found out that resident permit parking is 67% occupied on average overnight but with significant variability across districts.

For example, places like Hillside and Teele achieve 82 percent occupied spaces, but east Somerville may only have 61 percent of occupied spaces. Similar results are obtained for the parking investigation in some commercial areas, like Union Square, Davis Square, and Highland Avenue. The team discovered that 62 percent of Somerville's public park-

ing is occupied during the commercial peak period.

Time-limited parking, like the two-hour parking on Highland Avenue, is even higher. It achieves 67 percent occupancy during midday commercial hours. This number is much higher than the occupancy rate – 57 percent – of the nearby resident parking. Such high utilization explains why the commercial parking has been greatly valued by the community.

Even though the previous data shows only 37 percent of residents are driving alone, 76 percent of households own vehicles. Among 1,700 respondents of the following survey done by the team, 60 percent to 74 percent of respondents rely on cars to do grocery shopping, go to medical appointments, or run other errands.

These results from various researches lay the foundation of the draft recommendations. With the obvious insufficient accessible parking, the team thought it should prioritize the remaining



parking space for high priority users, such as users with accessibility and mobility needs.

And yet, that is not considered to be enough. Considering the two facts that the curb spaces will be used more for non-parking users in the future, and that the existing curb spaces should also be accessed for businesses due to the growing business of delivery and ride-hail, increasing of the public parking supply is required.

Besides that, to better manage parking demand, setting meter pricing based on results and revisiting the permit price structure can be helpful.

If community members want to provide more feedback, they can complete the online survey which will be released sometime in July, or they can leave comments in the project's website comment box: <https://voice.somervillema.gov/parking-study>.

Cambridge, Somerville sewer overflows discussed at meeting

By Michael McHugh

On Wednesday, June 29, the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, as well as consultants from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authorities (MWRA), held the first of a series of meetings to create a dialogue with the public regarding the cities' managing of combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

CSOs are flooding events typically caused by extreme weather conditions that push the combined stormwater and sewage systems past their capacity. Rather than directly flooding into homes and streets, this system discharges the sewer system through outfalls into local waterways such as the Alewife Brook or Charles River.

Last year having highly irregular levels of rainfall, assumed to be largely due to climate change, an estimated 51 million gallons of discharge to the Alewife Brook alone was recorded (as outlined in the annual CSO discharge report).

These rapidly developing changes to our environment require updated CSO control plans, which Cambridge, Somerville, and the MWRA are responsible for completing by the end of 2023.

According to Cambridge's Community Relations Manager Kate Riley, with over 25 years of development and nearly a billion dollars invested, "The long-term control plan was successful in reducing the CSM volume discharge by 87% permanently, clos-

ing almost half of the CSO outfalls and providing treatment for 93% of the remaining overflows. While successful in many ways, there are still a few projects and evaluations underway to reduce CSOs further at several sites to meet the activation and frequency goals of the original long term control plan."

"We want to work collectively and collaboratively with everyone"

In the first of the public meetings that will take place over the next year and a half, Cambridge, Somerville, and the MWRA outlined how they plan to increase sewer system capacity, implement new green infrastructure, collaborate with town residents, and further improve local water resources and mitigate CSOs before the given deadline.

Time was given during the latter half of the meeting to receive questions from the public, one of which was in regards to what residents can do on an individual level to mitigate flooding and water quality issues.

As for reducing flooding, rain barrels, rain gardens, window wells, and any other means of keeping rain out of their storage and drainage systems can reduce the burden placed on the over-



Consultants from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authorities (MWRA), along with officials from Somerville and Cambridge, recently engaged with the public on the issue of combined sewer overflows. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

flows. Some small steps toward improving water quality, such as reducing fertilizer use and managing pathways, can also add up to have a large impact.

The City of Somerville's website also contains a "Flood Ready" page with strategies for individuals to mitigate, plan, and prepare for floods. Many of the attendees of the first meeting resided in towns other than Somerville and Cambridge, who are equally affected by CSOs despite their local governments not being legally responsible for managing said CSOs.

For residents of Arlington or

Belmont who are directly impacted by these CSOs, many felt that they were not "given a seat at the table" in regards to input on the developing CSO control plans.

"When the Alewife Brook floods, raw sewage goes into the yards and residences of Arlingtonians, so what is the best way for the effective people to get an equal seat at the table in the process of this?" asked Arlington resident Michael Cohen.

"We want to work collectively and collaboratively with everyone. And so that's why we're having this meeting," said Kathy

Watkins, Cambridge's Assistant Commissioner for Engineering of Public Works, "I think one of the things we would love to hear from folks is their suggestions for how best to reach out to folks and have people engaged in the conversation. That's really going to be the plan that we're all working on over the next year, is to understand what the options are, what the cost of those are, what's the best way to really improve water quality, reduce flooding, and manage all these things that we all collectively want to work together on."

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of June 27-July 1.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE (H 4930)

House 136-17, approved and sent to the Senate legislation designed to further protect reproductive health care and those who perform abortions in the Bay State. The measure specifically declares that both reproductive health care and gender-affirming care is a "right secured by the constitution or laws" of Massachusetts and would shield providers of reproductive and gender-affirming care and their patients from out-of-state legal action.

Key provisions include prohibiting Massachusetts law enforcement from providing information related to an investigation or inquiry into legally protected health care services to federal or another state's law enforcement agencies or private citizens; protecting Massachusetts residents from efforts to enforce court rulings from other states based on health care activity that is legally protected in Massachusetts; prohibiting any Massachusetts court from ordering a person in Massachusetts to give testimony or produce documents for use in connection with any proceeding in an out-of-state tribunal concerning legally protected health care activity; prohibiting medical malpractice insurers from discriminating against a provider that offers reproductive or gender-affirming health care services; and requiring insurance coverage for abortion and abortion-related care without being subject to deductibles, coinsurance, copayments or other cost-sharing requirements.

"The progress we've made to protect abortion rights in Massachusetts distinguishes us at a time when millions of people across the country are losing their access to care," said Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, President of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. "Now we must urgently expand access by making abortion care more affordable and supporting providers so they can safely provide care,"

Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton), a 73-year old House member, said she is "a woman who is old enough to remember the days before Roe v. Wade," and described "the pain that in particular my generation of women are feeling, that that hard-fought and won right has been ripped from us."

Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) was the only representative to speak against the measure during debate on the House floor. "I voted against [it] because it went way beyond making abortions available and safe for women from other states and protecting our abortion providers," said Garry. "The bill makes abortions free in Massachusetts eliminating any co-pays or cost sharing and

allowing women from other states to qualify for Mass-Health coverage for abortions. Nothing is free in this world. The health insurance ratepayers in Massachusetts will be paying for all of these abortions through their own insurance premiums. It also expanded availability for late term abortions to include not only the 'fatal fetal anomaly' provision from the Roe Act but went further to include access when the mother and her doctor decide that there is a 'severe' fetal anomaly, which is not defined in the legislation."

"The Supreme Court's decision to completely overturn Roe v. Wade represents a fundamental attack on women's rights," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). "Now, more than ever, it is the responsibility of leaders in Massachusetts to ensure that the commonwealth can serve as a sanctuary for women seeking reproductive health care, and for providers whose licenses could be at risk because of this recent Supreme Court decision."

"Inflicting pain and death on another living, developing individual is not a right protected by the Constitution, no matter how warped the Democrats' logic may be," said Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons.

(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

LIMIT STEP THERAPY (H 4929)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that limits the use of health care plan mandated prescription drug "step therapy" protocols and provides more exemptions to the mandate. Step therapy requires the patient to try less expensive options before "stepping up" to drugs that cost more.

"This is a great bill for patients," said Health Care Financing Committee chair John Lawn (D-Watertown). "This legislation balances the need to manage utilization and control costs of expensive treatments with the moral imperative to protect patients who need life-saving treatments. Thanks to this bill, patients will get the right drug at the right time without delay."

"A top priority of the House is to ensure that every resident of the commonwealth has access to quality, affordable health care, but controlling costs should never come at the expense of positive patient outcomes," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). "This legislation helps to achieve that goal by ensuring that patients in Massachusetts can circumvent step therapy protocols in instances where the process will result in delayed access to the only adequate medication.

Conditions which would exempt a patient from trying the less expensive drug first include if the treatment will harm the patient, or if the patient previously tried the required treatment, or similar treatment, and it was ineffective.

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

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

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

House 153-0, approved \$56 million in funding for the families of the victims of the COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

"No amount of money will ever make up for the devastating loss and heartbreak that these families have been through," said Sen. John Velis (D-Holyoke) the chair of the Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee. "That anguish and grief will always be there, but this settlement does ensure that the families will not have to continue to endure the painful process of litigation. I am glad that the House has passed this swiftly and am committed to getting these funds across the finish line in the Senate."

"No amount of money can make up for the loss these families have suffered," said Rep. Patricia Duffy (D-Holyoke). "But I am gratified that an agreement has been reached and fulfilled."

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

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

REPEAL ARCHAIC LAWS (S 2979)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a measure that would repeal several archaic laws, still on the books in Massachusetts, which many people no longer see as criminal and/or may be unconstitutional.

The bill would repeal archaic laws that intrude on an individual's privacy regarding sexual activity by removing the statute that criminalizes sodomy, removing language that criminalizes "unnatural" acts and removing language pertaining to "common nightwalkers." The bill would also establish a permanent law revision commission. The bill leaves in place statutes prohibiting prostitution and statutes prohibiting sex with animals.

"In my America, there is a personal space the government has no business in," said sponsor Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). "These laws intrude into

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people’s personal space and they shouldn’t be on the books. The Supreme Court, for a while, has agreed with that. But lately, we are not sure where they are going. The repeal is long overdue but especially timely given [the recent] Supreme Court decision.”

“At a time when conservative Supreme Court justices are invoking discriminatory 18th century laws, we want to make sure there are no laws in Massachusetts that invoke hateful treatment of the LGBTQ community or Puritan attitudes towards sex,” said Senate Judiciary chair Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton). “I’m also grateful that this legislation will repeal the common night walking statute, which has led to the mistreatment of many trans residents.”

“It is undeniable that when it comes to human rights, we cannot rest on our assumptions at this moment in history,” said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro). “First and foremost, the government has no business in people’s sex lives. Furthermore, in a commonwealth that prides itself on our social progressiveness, inclusivity and equality, our laws must reflect these vital ideals. By removing harmful, homophobic and transphobic language from our statutes, we are taking a well overdue step to ensure the letter of the laws promotes equity and justice for the most vulnerable members of our population.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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 dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of June 27-July 1, the House met for a total of eleven hours and 14 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 50 minutes.

Mon. June 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:07 p.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 12:11 p.m.
Tues. June 28	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:07 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. June 29	House 11:02 a.m. to 7:35 p.m. No Senate session.
Thurs. June 30	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 5:58 p.m.
Fri. July 1	No House session No Senate session

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Unit 108 (2BR @ 80% AMI)	\$193,212	\$5,796	3 people	\$100,701 - \$138,798
Unit 104 (3BR @ 80% AMI)	\$219,019	\$6,571	4 people	\$111,851 - \$154,220
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COMMENTARY

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Last week the MA House voted to protect and expand reproductive rights



By State Representative
Erika Uyterhoeven

I am ecstatic to share that last week we voted on my top priorities for reproductive justice: to both protect and expand access to reproductive healthcare in Massachusetts. I am proud that the House moved so swiftly to put in place these protections only four days after the horrific Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Below is a breakdown of House bill H.4930^[1], *An Act expanding protection for reproductive rights*, why these changes are so important to protect our reproductive rights, and what to keep an eye on from Governor Baker and other Massachusetts Republicans' efforts to water down access to abortions.

Before diving in, I want to make it abundantly clear: Abortion is still safe and legal in Massachusetts. You can still access abortion care here in Somerville and across the Commonwealth because we have codified the right to abortion in Massachusetts law through the ROE Act^[2]. The ROE Act removed all criminalization language and cleaned up the laws on the books since 1974. **Prevent law enforcement from aiding legal action against out-of-state patients**

This bill codifies a part of Governor Baker's executive order^[3] which includes shielding any patient from out-of-state extradition requests. As such Massachusetts law enforcement agents cannot assist federal or out-of-state law enforcement agents in the investigation of any of Massachusetts' legally protected reproductive health care services, including access to abortion. We want to ensure that anyone who travels to Massachusetts to receive basic healthcare that is legal in Massachusetts, can do so.

In response to Texas' SB8^[4], which deputizes citizens to sue anyone who facilitates an abortion, Massachusetts courts will prohibit Massachusetts residents from giving testimony or providing documents to other state courts in cases concerning legally-protected health care activity. It also allows individuals who are sued under the Texas law (or similar laws) to countersue within three years, and receive full damages if the court rules in their favor.

In summary, interstate extradition would be limited to only apply in situations where the crime being claimed by another state's authority is also punishable under Massachusetts law. As such, those accessing legal abortions in Massachusetts cannot be extradited.

Protect abortion providers who are providing legal care in Massachusetts

This bill protects providers who perform abortions for any individual from out-of-state, as long as it is lawful under Massachusetts law. As such, health care workers cannot be subjected to

criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary actions for providing services that are in accordance with Massachusetts law. In addition, any provider that faced criminal, civil, or professional discipline out-of-state cannot be refused their licensure in Massachusetts for engaging in health care activities that are legally protected in Massachusetts. Finally, the bill also allows providers to make their home addresses confidential and prohibits licensing boards from disciplining them.

Mandate health insurers to cover abortion and related care & eliminate co-pays

This bill mandates that insurers fully cover abortion and related care. Insurers cannot subject abortion care or services to any deductible, coinsurance, copayments, or any other cost-sharing requirement, and cannot impose undue restrictions or delays in coverage. In addition, coverage must also extend the same benefits to spouses and dependents.

Beyond abortions, this bill requires a statewide standing order for pharmacies to dispense emergency contraceptives. Based on the ACCESS Law^[5], this standing order allows anyone with MassHealth or private insurance to access free emergency contraceptives at a pharmacy. Once this bill becomes law, health insurers will be given six months to implement these changes.

Expand access to abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy

This bill expands legal access to abortions after 24 weeks in cases of severe or lethal fetal anomaly. It is worth noting, this was a fairly big sticking point when

we were debating the ROE Act over 18 months ago, and was one of the reasons Governor Baker put forth to justify vetoing the ROE Act^[6]. Ultimately, the ROE Act only allowed for abortions after 24 weeks in cases of lethal fetal anomaly.

Following the implementation of the ROE Act, we discovered that in practice, the condition for only lethal fetal anomaly was too strict, which put many pregnant people in Massachusetts in nightmarish situations which forced them to travel out-of-state for care^[7]. This includes Kate Dineen, whose fetus suffered a catastrophic stroke, and in order to receive care, she had to drive 500 miles to a clinic in Maryland, pay \$10,000 out of pocket, and then drive back to Boston where she endured 40 hours of labor to deliver a deceased fetus. The need to expand access to abortions in cases of severe anomaly is well laid out by a mother in Ireland who similarly had to travel to France to access an abortion^[8] due to the highly restrictive definition of lethal fetal anomaly.

As such, I urge all of us to remain vigilant on Governor Baker's attempts to veto or amend this aspect of the bill we voted on last week. This is a crucial wrong we must make right for parents who face such devastating health situations that are completely out of their control. We must ensure that our state laws do not impose superfluous barriers to accessing abortions.

I write to you all with immense solidarity for all of the emotions you may be feeling in response to the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade^[9]. Wheth-

er you're enraged, fearful, sad, or grieving, these are valid responses to the news that we are entering the post-Roe v. Wade era. I am proud to have voted in favor of H.4930, *An Act expanding protection for reproductive rights* as a significant step towards reproductive justice for both Massachusetts residents and out-of-state residents seeking basic healthcare.

^[1] <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4930/BillHistory>

^[2] <https://www.npr.org/2020/12/29/951259506/massachusetts-senate-overrides-veto-passes-law-expanding-abortion-access>

^[3] <https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-baker-signs-executive-order-to-protect-access-to-reproductive-health-care-services>

^[4] <https://www.texastribune.org/2021/09/10/texas-abortion-law-ban-enforcement/>

^[5] <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-access-law-common-questions-and-answers-qa/download>

^[6] <https://www.wbur.org/news/2020/12/24/baker-veto-bill-expanding-abortion-access-in-mass>

^[7] <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/05/21/business/traveling-out-state-an-abortion-nightmarish-journey-that-some-massachusetts-women-face-too/>

^[8] <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/severe-foetal-abnormality-her-short-life-was-a-burst-of-sunshine-1.2113963>

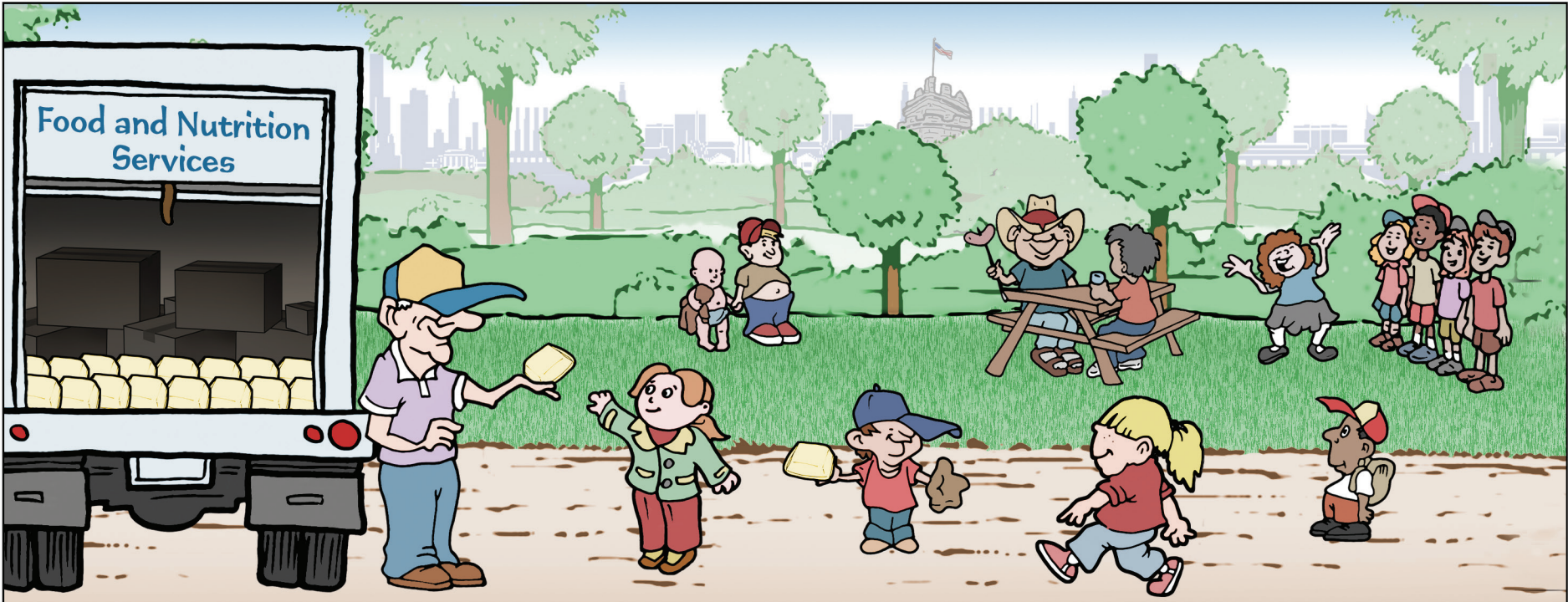
^[9] <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/24/podcasts/abortion-ro.html>

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Free meals for the kids this summer is a pretty nice thing.

Our View Of The Times



The city’s Food and Nutrition Services Department is once again engaged in its annual summer meals for Somerville youth program. Starting this week, kids under the age of 19 can get free meals at various locations throughout the city from now through August 12.

It’s a great way of making sure that the city’s youth get the nutritional support they need, regardless of financial or so-

cial standing.

The importance of getting fully nutritious meals to our kids, especially throughout the summer months while they are out of school and engaged in lively summer activities, cannot be overly emphasized.

Certain kids in the city may not have the same opportunities for getting well-balanced meals that others have, and this program helps to assure that the playing

field is fully leveled and that all are equally equipped with the nutrition they need to properly develop and thrive throughout the summer months.

We hope that this program continues through the years to come. It doesn’t cost so much to make sure that our kids are fed well and kept healthy and happy.

It goes without saying that we all wish the best for our kids and will go the extra

mile to provide their basic needs.

Both breakfast and lunch will be offered at various locations throughout the city. Check out the schedule and locations at: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/summer-meals>.

We can all feel better knowing the kids in the city are being both nourished and convinced that their well-being is important to everyone. Because it is.

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naturalized citizen. Murao explores this concept of "Alien" through satire, parody, comedy, and even absurdity with art as the medium. For more information visit www.somervillemuseum.org.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: We wish former mayor and great guy **Gene Brune** a very happy birthday this week. Gene gives so much to this community. Happy birthday Gene, we hope you have a great birthday with your many friends, family and admirers here. We wish a big happy birthday to another great person, **Rebecca McLaughlin** of **Century 21 North East**. We hope she

has a great day and we are sure her kids will make it extra special. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Holly Dow, John Hughes, Maureen Pirone, Charles Zammuto, Yvette Wilks, Michael Terrio, Barbara Passero, John Taglilatela, David Figueiredo** and **Tom Fitzgerald** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Free summer meals for kids under 19 years old **starts July 6**. Visit the website for breakfast and lunch times and lo-

cations. <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/summermeals>

The City of Somerville’s annual **Somerville Movie Fest** returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at dusk and the schedule is as follows: **Ghostbusters: Afterlife**, July 14, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); **Sing 2**, July 21, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); **Encanto**, July 28, Lincoln Park (Argenziano School); **Jumanji: The Next Level**, August 4, Seven Hills Park; **West Side Story**, August 11, Seven Hills Park; **Star Wars: The Force Awakens**, August

18, Seven Hills Park

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

The **Joe the Salamander** book release party will take place **Saturday, July 23, 4:00 p.m., Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Ave. Hosted by **Doug**

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#834

1. Who was the month of July named after?
2. When is World Emoji Day?
3. What day in 2022 is the National Day of the Cowboy?
4. When is Take Your Houseplant for a Walk Day?
5. When do the Dog Days of Summer begin in 2022?
6. Who is credited for creating gelato?
7. What toy was the big fad in 1975?
8. What TV sitcom had 7 spin-offs?
9. Which hip hop act recorded a mashup of Aerosmith's *Walk This Way*?
10. What is the name of Negan's bat on *The Walking Dead*?
11. Two Rivers in Manitowoc County, WI, claims to be the birthplace of what?
12. According to the Guinness Book of World Records where was the largest ice cream sundae created?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
2. Taco Bell was named after its owner, Glen Bell.

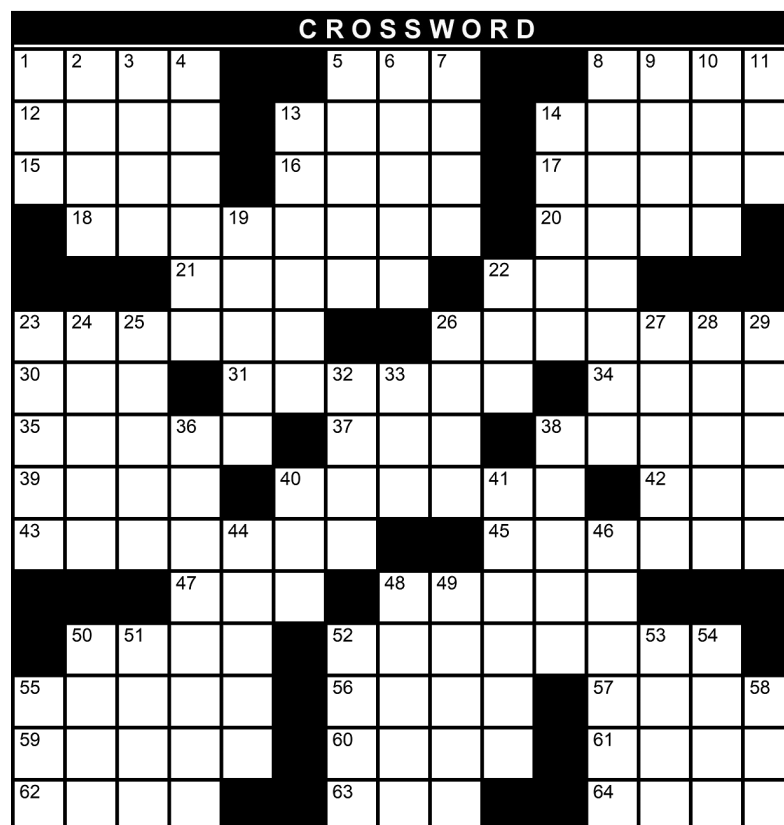
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TV SHOWS

ACROSS

1. Shari Lewis' TV puppet, ____ Chop
5. Black gunk
8. Not kosher
12. Chills and fever
13. Misbehavior on road
14. Near the wind
15. Ship's steering wheel
16. Sign of escape
17. "How to Get Away with Murder," starring ____ Davis
18. Featuring Jerry, Elaine, George, Kramer
20. Theories
21. Make awake
22. Mai follower
23. Featuring Sam, Diane, Cliff, Norm, Carla
26. Scary creature
30. Salmon on a bagel
31. Etsy member
34. Craving
35. Old and feeble
37. Quaker Man's grain
38. Romanov rulers
39. Without help
40. Stay clear of
42. "The ____ Life" on Animal Planet
43. Keep from happening
45. Sets to zero
47. Old age, in the olden days
48. "____ Previews" with Siskel and Ebert
50. Same as taboo
52. Featuring Dre, Rainbow, Zoey, Andre, Diane, Jack
55. New Testament king
56. Is not, colloquially
57. At hand
59. Pond buildup
60. Microscope part
61. "Hogan's Heroes," set in ____ Germany
62. Coin opening
63. Like some martinis
64. Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

1. ____-di-dah
2. Awfully long time
3. Stubborn beast
4. Make soiled, in the olden days
5. At the heart of Boston Tea Party



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Solution to last week's crossword puzzle:



6. Quick or nimble
7. No longer working, shortened
8. Featuring Rebecca, Jack, Kate, Randall, Kevin
9. ABC comedy-drama, "____ 222" (1969-74)
10. 90-degree pipes, e.g.
11. Public health agency, acr.
13. "The wretched ____ of your teeming shores"
14. Of a bird
19. Relating to Scandinavia
22. Lookout point
23. Necklace lock
24. Great esteem
25. Napoleon's time on Elba
26. Crystalline hydrochloride
27. Crossbeam
28. Kind of heron
29. "The defense ____"
32. Featuring Hurley, Sawyer, Kate, Say-
- id, John
33. Lake, in Provence
36. Featuring Stubing, Smith, Washington, McCoy, Bricker
38. Fine-tune
40. Finish line, e.g.
41. Builds
44. Dodge
46. Certain jeans fit
48. More than sly
49. "The ____," featuring Fran, Maxwell, C.C., Niles
50. "To ____ the Truth," game show
51. Golden Fleece ship
52. Like George Costanza, Homer Simpson or Captain Picard
53. Close an envelope
54. Mental confusion
55. Possesses
58. Canyon feature

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

The Somerville Museum helps their community celebrate the Fourth of July with Fredrick Douglas

By Mina Rose Morales

The Somerville Museum helped their community celebrate the Fourth of July with Fredrick Douglas at the Bow Market on Thursday, June 30.

"I'm so happy you decided to spend this beautiful day with us to celebrate the words of Frederick Douglas," said Kyera Singleton, the project scholar for the Somerville Museum's Reading Fredrick Douglas Together at Bow Market event, during the introduction of the event.

The Reading Fredrick Douglas event is annual. This is the fourth year the Somerville Museum has hosted it since 2019. Mass Humanities provided the grant for the event.

Alison Drasner, the assistant director of the Somerville Museum, said it would be a great opportunity to have a conversation in Somerville about Frederick Douglass' famous address, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"

"I thought this conversation wasn't something the museum had been overtly involved in, as the mirror of the city, this conversation was important to have. It's pretty simple, really," said Drasner, when asked about why she organized the event.

At the beginning of the event, Singleton discussed words people think of when they think of the Fourth of July: independence, liberty, freedom, and equality. She stressed the Fourth of July was not a moment of independence for Black people in America. She asked the audience to reflect on what justice and equality means in this country and reminded the audience to think about recent occurrences such as white supremacy, anti-Asian violence, police vi-



Audience member Cedric Arno reading from *The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the Negro Abridged*.

— Photos by Mina Rose Morales



Kyera Singleton the project scholar for the Somerville Museum's Reading Fredrick Douglas Together event reading from *The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the Negro Abridged*.

olence, and most recently reproductive justice. The diverse crowd agreed in unison.

During the reading of the "The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the Negro Abridged," participants lined up to each read a paragraph from Douglass' famous address. Some audience members lined up multiple times to read more than one paragraph. The address was numbered up to 53 paragraphs.

"What, then, remains to be argued? Is it that slavery is not divine; that God did not establish it; that our doctors of divinity are mistaken? There is blasphemy in the thought. That which is inhuman, cannot be divine! Who can reason on such a proposition? I cannot. The time for such argument is past," read Cedric Arno with aggressive ardor who attended the Reading Fredrick Douglas event at Worcester earlier that day.

After the reading, Singleton asked the audience the following questions: What does the Fourth of July mean to you? How does Douglass' speech challenge the myth, meaning, and memories of the holiday? How might you come to understand the Fourth of July differently? How does Douglass' speech suggest that black lives matter? How might you reclaim the Fourth of July?

Once the questions were discussed, the event ended, but not before being reminded by Latasha Hughes Thomasson, a comedian and an audience member, that because of recent national political events it was a sad week, and recommended audience members who did not participate to have the courage to read a paragraph for the next Reading Fredrick Douglas Together event.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #257

This article first ran in the July 8, 2015 edition of The Somerville Times.

The Invitation

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It began where the Wellington Bridge crosses over the Mystic River, and it ended where the Harvard Bridge crosses over the Charles. It was to be a "day of all days" for the people of Somerville. For weeks in advance, the residents, ranging from age five to one hundred and five, had been preparing for this special day. Red, white, and blue bunting and flags blanketed the city and adorned its public buildings in anticipation. It wasn't that they hadn't had parades before, but the 4th of July observance in 1910 became the city's most boastful. The President of the United States, William Howard Taft, had accepted an invitation from the City of Somerville to visit, to partake, and to preside over its nation's birthday celebration.



The parade eclipsed itself with military and civilian units that year. Security was tight and patriotic enthusiasm was at an all-time peak. Veterans of the Civil War, the China Expedition, and the Spanish American War were marching to honor their special guest. Earlier, the President's limousine and a motorcade with over two dozen automobiles toured the city. Their route began on historic ground on the Somerville side of the Mystic River, which is now the entrance to Assembly Square. It is also the site of the building of the Blessing of The Bay, New England's first constructed ship and the predecessor to our Navy. Coin-



identally, Governor Winthrop launched the ship on the 4th of July, 1631. This date's significance would not occur until 145 years later on July 4, 1776.

The presidential party, led by the National Lancers' cavalry in their bright red uniforms, proceeded onto Broadway. Continued on page 19

Denise Provost and Doug Holder elected as NEPC co-presidents

The board of the New England Poetry Club have announce that they have elected Denise Provost and Doug Holder to serve as their new co-presidents. They took their official positions on June 4, 2022. Their acceptance letters to NEPC members are below:

Dear NEPC Members

I am honored and thrilled to have been elected, with my friend and colleague Doug Holder, as co-president of the New England Poetry Club. I love poetry with all my heart and am grateful to NEPC for providing opportunities for poets to develop their craft and to hear each other's voices. These connections have been especially important during pandemic-time.

As we adjust personally to the many changes in our world, it's good to look at how an esteemed institution like NEPC might expand and even reimagine itself. Thanks to the current leadership of NEPC – including its deeply engaged board members – the club is on a solid footing and has increased its service to a broad range of writers. It is my humble hope to help build on this foundation in fruitful ways.

I hope to find ways for us to build our skills and get more from our literary lives, individually and as a strengthened community. I want to explore with all of you how poetry might regain its place of honor in public life and in education. Ultimately, I want to hear from all of you about your aspirations and ideas from making NEPC a valuable part of our lives together.

Warmest best wishes,

— Denise Provost

Dear NEPC Members,

Ever since I can remember I have been writing poetry. In fact, I can say poetry saved my life. It was there for me when my wife was dying, it was there for me when I was on a night train to NYC; and I held my elderly mother's wizened hand—it centered me when I was adrift; it was a companion to me when I was alone and living in a furnished room staring at the hypnotic bright coil of a hotplate. At first it was a very personal thing for me, but as the years went by, I joined the poetry community in Boston and Cambridge. I think I had a calling to promote poetry and poets—so for years I have been interviewing them, trying to see what makes them tick, what their lives are like, etc... I started a literary press; I have a long running literary column in the city paper that features a poet each week; I run the Newton Free Library Poetry Series, to name a few. But most of all I have found wonderful friends who have enriched my life so much. Being co-president of the New England Poetry Club is an honor, and I see it as an extension of the work I have been doing for many years.

— Doug Holder

About the Co-Presidents

Denise Provost

Long ago, Denise Provost attended Bennington College to write and study poetry. In an era of activism, she became a lawyer, worked in local government, eventually running for elective office. Provost served on Somerville's city council for seven years, then in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for fifteen years.

Women in public life have a hard enough time being taken seriously, so Provost kept her poetry under wraps for many years. About a dozen years ago, she started sending poems off for publication in journals, writing book reviews, would occasionally read a few poems in public places. Provost eventually discovered that her literary urges could no longer be suppressed.

Provost received the Best Love Sonnet award from the Maria C. Faust Sonnet Competition in 2012, and the New England Poetry Club's Samuel Washington Allen Prize in 2021. Her chapbook *Curious Peach* was published by Ibbetson Street Press in 2019. Her collection *City of Stories* was published by Cervena Barva Press in 2021.

Doug Holder

Doug Holder is the founder of the Ibbetson Street Press. He is the arts editor of *The Somerville Times* and the curator of the Newton Free Library Poetry Series. Holder teaches writing at Endicott College and Bunker Hill Community College. His own work has been published in such places as the *Worcester Review*, *Lilipoh*, *Rattle*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Cafe Review* and elsewhere.

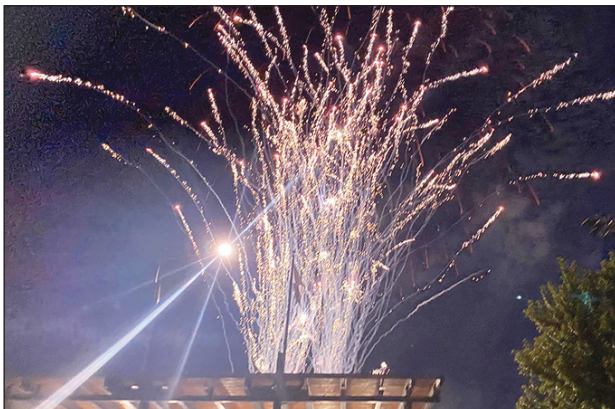
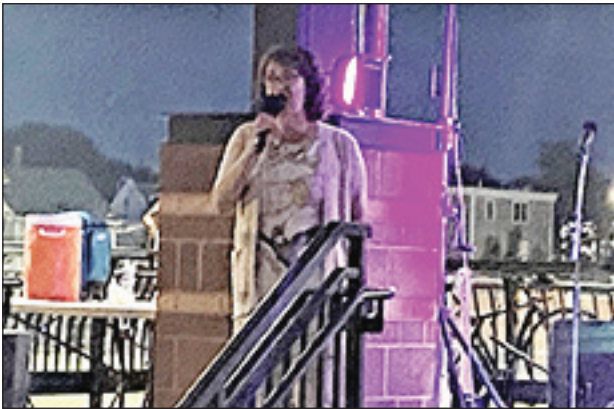
For over thirty years, Holder ran poetry groups at McLean Hospital for psychiatric patients. Holder has received a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives for his work as a poet, editor, publisher, and professor. The "Doug Holder Papers Collection" is archived at the University at Buffalo libraries. Many of his interviews of poets and writers are in collections at Harvard University and U/Mass Boston. Holder is also the co-founder of the literary group "The Bagel Bards." Holder's latest collection of poetry is *The Essential Doug Holder...* (Big Table Books).



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Somerville celebrates the Fourth of July

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Arts Council hosted a Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Trum Field, Thursday, June 30. All ages came out to enjoy a night of festivities starting with DJ Philip Tan followed by Pressure Cooker and the “The Star-Spangled Banner” was sung by Britney Flores. — Photos by Bobbie Toner



LEGAL NOTICES



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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2022.26 – 1 Westwood Road

Applicant: Somerville Historical Society dba Somerville Museum
Owner: Somerville Museum
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by enclosing windows, installing fencing and hardscape.

HPC.ALT 2022.25 – 37 Albion Street

Applicant: Newpro Home Improvement Solutions
Owner: Genevieve Daly
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing existing windows.

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

HPC.DMO 2022.26 – 71 School Street

Applicant: Ji Shi
Owner: Same as Applicant
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.27 – 14 White Street Place

Applicant: Tim Curley
Owner: Tom Cooke, Personal Representative, Estate of Francis Cooke
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2022.18 – 233 Tremont Street

Applicant: John F. Reilly
Owner: John F. Reilly and Liese Reilly, Trustees of the Reilly Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.23 – 12 Woodbine Street

Applicant: North America Development LLC, Bruna Rossetti
Owner: 12 Woodbine, LLC
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.24 – 90 School Street

Applicant: Ralph Malin
Owner: 90 School St Realty Trust
The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 18, 2022** at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant – Assembly Row, a Common Victualler, an Entertainment by Devices and Performers-Indoors and Outdoors, a Sunday Hours and a Outdoor Private Patio License, for Civility Inc., d/b/a Civility Social House, 490 Foley St., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.
Jacques Thomas Jr.

Attest: Lori Batzek
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For the Commission
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Attest: Lori Batzek
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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for **Wednesday July 20th at 6:00pm** via Zoom. The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at 304 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Zoom meeting link and dial in information below:

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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, July 13, 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 planning@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7088406752758932493>
Webinar ID: 165-220-915

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (213) 929-4212
Access code: 538-197-816

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

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| 205 Beacon Street | Property owner 717-719 Washington Street, LLC, is constructing a by-right 4-story Apartment Building in the UR zoning district and seeks relief from the façade build out requirement for properties abutting an NR zoning district, which requires a Hardship Variance. |
| 14 Sycamore Street | David Smith and Jeanne Riley seek relief from the required side setbacks with the addition of a front driveway access in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district, which requires a Hardship Variance. |
| 515 Somerville Avenue | YEM Somerville Ave LLC seeks to edit Condition #37 to strike the language "cast light downward" from ZBA 2018-122 decision for a hotel in the MR4 district. |

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

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| 2. July 17 | 9. Run-DMC |
| 3. July 23 | 10. Lucille |
| 4. July 27 | 11. Ice cream sundae |
| 5. July 3 | 12. Edmonton, |
| 6. Francesco Pro- | Alberta, Canada, |
| copio Dei Coltelli | weighing 54,917 lbs. |
| 7. Pet Rocks | on July 24, 1988 |

Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville opens its doors

Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville has opened its doors. Situated on the Somerville-Cambridge line, it converges with a unique moment in time for Somerville as it experiences a modern-day renaissance, and it adds to the exciting transformation that Somerville's historic Union Square is undergoing.

Travellers will find a design forward, accessibly priced hotel that celebrates the city's art, culture and funk. Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville offers 163 spacious guest rooms across its six stories and a dynamic lobby space that is sure to attract locals and visitors alike. The hotel is located just a half a mile from Harvard University and historic Union Square.

Boston's The Noannet Group teamed up with Cambria® Hotels, an upscale brand franchised by Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE: CHH), to bring the project to life, and the local, family-owned Saunders Hotel Group will manage all hotel operations.

Design is at the forefront of Cambria Boston Somerville with the renowned CambridgeSeven behind the project's architecture, and award-winning hospitality interior designer Bill Rooney Studio helming hotel interiors.

"The new Cambria hotel offering is rooted in context of place. Somerville is home to a population of switched-on, at ease, artistic, independent thinkers who are diverse, and with a strong sense of community involvement. The personality of the hotel is derived from a modern spirit alongside a nod to the casual refinement that exists in the region, the eclectic mix of the light industrial fabric, historic legacy, adjacency to world class academics, and the abundance of culinary experiences," says designer Bill Rooney.

"We could not ask for better neighbours, with Somerville and Cambridge being two of Greater Boston's most energetic and forward-looking communities; lovable, quirky and historic, all while being at the forefront of Boston's accelerated growth. We are excited to offer guests the opportunity to enjoy all that this destination has to offer: an unmatched culinary scene, a vibrant music and arts culture, and cutting-edge tech and life science industries. Beyond its location, we are also extremely proud of our hotel's innovative design, social gathering space within the lobby, upscale guest amenities and exceptional hospitality. We extend our appreciation to the



City of Somerville, Mayor Ballantyne and Councilor J.T. Scott for collaborating with us on this special project," says Jordan Warshaw, hotel developer and President of The Noannet Group.

"Boston has long been lauded for its thriving academic community and innovation-driven culture, which makes it the ideal location to introduce another

Cambria hotel as we look to expand our upscale offerings in popular markets across the country," said Janis Cannon, Senior Vice President, Upscale Brands, Choice Hotels. "We know modern travellers want sophisticated accommodations and enriching experiences when they visit, and the Cambria Boston Somerville offers this and more, positioning

guests at the center of the city's vibrance and diversity while delivering top-notch amenities to help them stay at their best."

Located at 515 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, the hotel is now accepting reservations with rates starting at \$250. For more information, please visit www.cambriasomerville.com; @cambriasomerville.

Mothers Out Front issues statement in response to Supreme Court ruling, E.P.A. vs. West Virginia

This is another devastating decision from the Supreme Court that impacts mothers and families – especially those living on the front lines near dirty, outdated energy plants. "The Court has sided with polluters over the health of people and the planet. We will not let this stand," said Keshia Sexton, director of organizing at Mothers Out Front. "We are mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers – all working together because of our shared concern for the health of all children. As active members in our communities, we are going to work extra hard to make sure this decision does not stand in the way of progress on clean air and climate," said Sexton, who is from Los Angeles.

Bobby Monacella, a leader in Mothers Out Front from Virginia, added, "This is a direct threat to those already most impacted by the climate crisis - Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities, those living closest to polluting infrastructure, and low-income families."

Eliza Johnston, a founding member of Mothers Out Front in Somerville added, "This decision is a huge step backwards in the fight for a safe, just future for all children. The Supreme Court has awakened the fury and fight of hundreds of thousands of climate mothers with this unjust, pro-corporate, inherently racist ruling. Polluters be warned - the mothers are coming!"

Mothers Out Front is a growing grassroots movement of mothers, with more than 37,000 members and supporters. We build power together to push for stronger action on climate and environmental justice. With active chapters in California, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia, we will continue to build a force that is capable of standing up to polluters and ensuring a future for our children – not just for our own children but for all children.

— Mothers Out Front

'Firehouse Reels' highlights four decades of SCATV

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firehouse in Union Square, which has since evolved into the Somerville Media Center, a digital makerspace and education hub for local radio enthusiasts and podcasters.

SCATV's origins began with controversy. In the 1970s, the Warner-Amex cable company agreed to supply the necessary space and equipment for local producers to develop their own programs, one of which was Dead Air Live, the longest running live public access television show in the world.

However, tense relations and a desire for more autonomy pushed Somerville producers to diverge from Warner Amex, negotiate a new television contract, and establish a non-profit funded by a percentage of the cable company's earnings in the community. Thus, SCATV was born, made to be operated for

and by Somerville's own.

In a recent episode of Dead Air Live that featured a panel of key pioneers of SCATV, Linda Horton, who was the Director of Mayor Brune's Cable and Television Advisory Board, reflected on the importance of public access in a pre-internet world. "There was no other way for people to express their views. There was no other way for people to put a mirror up to our own local life and see it for what it was rather than seeing it filtered through the mass media. So, this was like a very exciting, energizing experience at the time where there were really no other alternatives for people like us to be able to talk about what we felt was important in ways that we felt they needed to be discussed," Horton said.

Organized by decade beginning with the 1980s, each section of the exhibit features a collection

of media from that era, including video recordings, newspaper clippings, posters, equipment, and photographs. The changes in technology are evident: the 80s showcases three-quarter inch tapes while the 2010s corner displays bright, portable standing lights and a greenscreen.

On the 1990s panel, a projector plays a compilation of video clips, demonstrating a wide variety of programming. Examples include the Youth Video Prevention Project PSA (1995) speaking about peer-pressure and drug use; footage from the Somerville Boxing Club; and a crayon-like animation of a house, narrated by a young child. Below, stacks of VCR tapes decorate the floor. Old fliers advertise for initiatives engaging with pockets of communities within the city, like The Mirror Project which in-

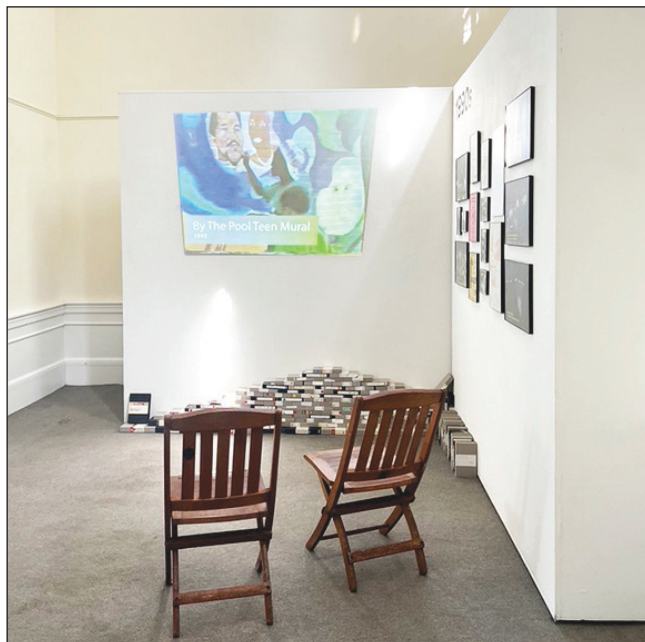
tended to educate teenagers on utilizing video production for self-discovery.

Throughout the past four decades, SCATV hasn't shied away from controversy and Firehouse Reels relates how SCATV seems to proudly embrace it, serving as a bastion of free speech. In fact, one wall is simply and boldly labeled "Controversy." The description begins with, "How do you like your controversy? Political? Gay? Nearly naked and covered in soup?" before discussing a myriad of boundary-pushing content published through SCATV. Markedly, the programming throughout the decades featured a diverse representation of people, including content produced by teenagers and immigrant communities, while also welcoming shows in different languages.

Walking through the Fire-

house Reels exhibit, sitting to take in the video archives, and perusing through old photos will likely take visitors less than an hour, but it is a worthwhile trip. SCATV played an influential role in Somerville as a platform for residents to educate, to create, and to share meaningful stories, a powerful avenue for neighbors to connect with one another. From that initial rally to establish SCATV in the 80s, to championing innovative content in the 2000s, to even adapting to a pandemic in our contemporary moment, SCATV's spirit of community, access, and television reigns on.

Firehouse Reels runs through July 9 at the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd. \$5 admission. Exhibit hours are Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.



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Somerville Police Department Crime Reports

Residential Breaking and Entering

On 6/24/22 at approximately 10:04 a.m., a male party entered the station and reported that the day prior, a male party known to him broke into his house in the area of Highland Ave. and Waldo St. Nothing was reported missing.

Assault

On 6/25/22 at approximately 5:38 p.m., Somerville Police responded to Dilboy Field for report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two juvenile victims who stated they were confronted by two juvenile males who threatened to fight them. During the confrontation, one of the juvenile suspects brandished a knife and started slashing it in the air.

Looking to Identify

The Somerville Police are interested in speaking with the individual shown below in relation to a residential breaking and entering that occurred at a residence on Fremont St. on 6/24/22. The person of interest was described as a white male in his 40s with dark hair, goatee, grey t-shirt and black shorts. Anyone with information is asked to please contact the Somerville Police at 617-625-1600.

Attempted Residential Breaking and Entering

On 6/24/22 at approximately 4:03 p.m., Somerville Police responded to a residence on Webster Ave. for report of a past attempted breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the reporting party who stated that a couple hours prior, she heard someone attempting to open her door.

Other Crimes:

+ 1 Bike Theft + 3 Vandalisms + 3 MV Vandalisms + 2 Car Breaks + 1 Catalytic Converter Theft + 1 Moped Theft + 1 MV Theft



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Holder, with readings by **Charles Coe** and **DeWitt Henry**. It's the long-awaited release of *Timothy Gager's* novel, *Joe the Salamander*.

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

ArtBeat Dance is back in the **Somerville Theater** for 2022. **July 16, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.** The **Somerville Arts Council** will host these artists: **Continuum Dance Project**, **Eliza Malecki Dance**, **Carmen Rizzo**, **Art UnEarths**, **Danza Organica**, **SINDHOOR & NATYAVEDA - Navarasa Dance Theater**, **JLin and Colleagues**, **Ken Pierce Baroque Dance Company with Ensemble Maresienne**, **Duets for a Lifetime**, and **Deborah Mason School of Dance**. Please join them in welcoming these dance groups back to this Somerville stage for an afternoon of dance.

Stay protected against COVID-19. The **Somerville Public Library (MA)**, 79 Highland Ave., will host a **vaccine clinic** on **Wednesday July 13**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Pfizer vaccine and boosters will be available for all people five years and up. The clinics are free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required. Appointments are required and can be made at: tinyurl.com/SomervilleVax. For more vaccination options visit somervillema.gov/vaccine. If you need assistance to pre-register or help with transportation, please contact 3-1-1 at 617-666-3311.

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

Starting **July 13**, a new **Housing Stability Notification Act amendment** will

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

On **July 9 and August 3** from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., the **Growing Center**, 22 Vinal Ave, will turn itself into a garden cafe. A place where you can come relax, read a book, meet a friend and, of course, become a budding artist. **The Budding Artist Cafe** will provide a variety of drawing materials at each of its cafe tables so that anyone can draw or create their own artwork inspired by the garden. The Budding Artist Cafe will also have a featured art project each month, led by a local artist, and centered on natural themes such as painting with brushes made out of branches and grasses; pressing flowers and leaves; and nature journaling.

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.

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. Visit: <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.east-somervillemainstreets.org/market>. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

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Protecting reproductive rights in Massachusetts

By State Representative
Christine Barber

The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted, 136-17, on a bill this week to strengthen protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care in state law. I was one of 25 women legislators who spoke in strong support of the bill. Below is an excerpt from my remarks on the House floor:

I rise in support of An Act expanding protections for reproductive rights.

I would like to thank the Speaker of the House for taking this bill up for a vote right after last week's Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*. With so much anger and raw emotion in my community, across the Commonwealth and the country, I am proud to be part of a legislature that is promptly taking significant action to protect access to basic rights and health care.

While last Friday's Supreme Court ruling was expected, it was still devastating. Like many of you, I am angry and scared. And I am also fueled and uplifted by the activism of so many people speaking up, gathering and protesting, and by our collective work together to make Massachusetts a safe place for repro-

ductive rights, abortion and gender-affirming care.

Amid all that, I feel immense pride for our work in the previous legislative session to pass the Roe Act after the death of Justice Ginsburg. The Roe Act, which codified reproductive rights in Massachusetts state law, provides some amount of solace to people in my community who are terrified that our rights are being taken away.

Since Friday, I have spoken with local doctors who live and practice in my district who are fearful about their ability to safely practice family medicine. I've spoken to many constituents who feel like they don't know the country they live in, and feel an urgency for any protections that we can provide for residents of Massachusetts and people in other states.

Restricting access to abortion care and reproductive services exacerbates racial, gender and economic inequality. For BIPOC and low-income individuals, the loss of reproductive care will have even harsher consequences. Black maternal and infant mortality rates are already disproportionately higher. Recent studies show^[1] that denying abortion care nationally will increase pregnancy-related deaths by 7% this



year and by 21% in subsequent years.

We are responding to many of those concerns today.

The bill before us will do so much provide these protections:

- Safeguard Massachusetts residents, as well as patients who travel here for care;
- Protect health care providers who deliver care that is restricted in other states, and ensure providers' licenses will not be threatened for reproductive and gender-affirming care that is legal in Massachusetts;
- Increase access to abortion care and reproductive health services by prohibiting co-pays and

deductibles, as well as restrictions or delays in care by health insurers and MassHealth.

We know that so many of our rights are at risk, not only reproductive care. The Supreme Court is aiming at marriage equality, contraception, and protections for transgender youth. I'm proud that this House of Representatives has been a leader in each of these areas, and today we are showing that again by including a right to gender-affirming care in our state laws and protections for patients and providers for this needed care.

At a time with so many challenges, I am grateful to be part of

the House as we continue to lead and stand up to attacks on our basic rights. This action gives me hope, and I know provides hope to our constituents. Thank you for being together in this fight.

I urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

[1] <https://read.dukeupress.edu/demography/article/58/6/2019/265968/The-Pregnancy-Related-Mortality-Impact-of-a-Total>

Representative Christine P. Barber (D-Somerville), serves the 34th Middlesex District, which includes parts of Medford and Somerville.

Historical Fact

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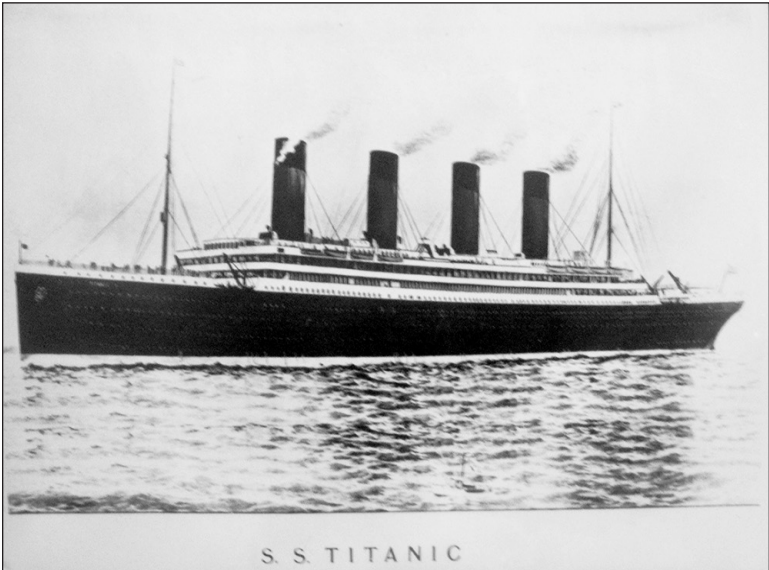
From there, the motorcade traveled to the top of Winter Hill where Paul Revere's ride took place, and then on through Magoun and Ball Squares to visit the historic Powder House. It then rolled through Davis Square and the length of Highland Avenue to City Hall. The reviewing stands at Central Hill held hundreds of invited guests and dignitaries such as Governor Draper, Congressman "Sam" McCall, Mayor John Woods and the Somerville Aldermen. Also present was the May-

or of Boston, John F. Fitzgerald, father of Rose Kennedy, and the President's bodyguard, Captain Butt, who would later die a hero on the sinking of the ship, Titanic.

One hundred five years ago this week, Somerville citizens experienced a day to remember. To describe it in today's terms, it was their Macy's or Rose Bowl Parade. Two hundred thousand people lined the motor and parade routes throughout the city that day and enjoyed the fireworks that night. That number

represents three times the population of the city today. After viewing the parade, the President was treated to another tour of Prospect Hill and Union Square.

To say that President Taft was impressed with the outpouring of the citizens in the area would be an understatement – so much so that he returned for two more visits to Somerville after his administration had ended. This remarkable man is the only person to have held the office of the presidency and the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



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.

Chi Kung – Six week session – continuing Friday, July 8 and 15 at the Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Class will begin with meditation, breathing exercises and basic warm up movements. Most Chi King exercises can be done in a seated or standing position and focus on strengthening balance. RSVP or find out more information by calling Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email Chris at CKowaleski@Somerville.gov.

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.

EXERCISE

Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

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Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Follow the Somerville Council on Aging on

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questions or need help following us, contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email her at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter, please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen Bastardi at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

If you would like to become part of our Google Group, please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

The Council on Aging is excited to announce the return of our Senior Transportation Program. The COA will be offering free taxi rides to Somerville residents over the age of 60. Rides are available to go to the grocery store, farmer's market, pharmacy in Somerville and routine medical appointments in the surrounding communities. To best accommodate the needs of everyone in the City and to maximize the use of our funding, we will be capping the number of rides per week. To ensure the health and welfare of every resident of Somerville, exemptions will be made for chemotherapy and radiation appointments. To find out more information or to schedule your ride, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. All rides must be booked two business days in advance. This program is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



I'm addicted to collecting vintage Beatles albums.
I need "Help!"

On This Day in History
July 6

1415 – Jan Hus, a Czech who spoke out against Church corruption, is burned at the stake as a heretic.

1536 – Jacques Cartier returns to France after discovering the St. Lawrence River in Canada.

1788 – 10,000 troops are called out in Paris as unrest mounts in the poorer districts over poverty and lack of food.

1854 – The Republican Party is officially organized in Jackson, Michigan.

1885 – Louis Pasteur gives the first successful anti-rabies inoculation.

1944 – Lieutenant Jackie Robinson of the U.S. Army, while riding a civilian bus from Camp Hoo, Texas, refuses to give up his seat to a white man.

1945 – Operation Overcast begins in Europe—moving Austrian and German scientists and their equipment to the United States.

1982 – President Ronald Reagan agrees to contribute U.S. troops to the peacekeeping unit in Beirut.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Far Cry

Poems by Tom Daley

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46 Pages

Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Dennis Daly

Mischief meets elegiac mournfulness in Tom Daley's new chapbook, *Far Cry*, in which the poet summons up the ghost of a close but estranged gay friend and searches through evocative imagery and shared memories for an understanding, a resolution, and, most of all, a final embrace. Unexpected religious and erotic juxtapositions deliver both edgy wit and good-natured humor. And, most impressively, throughout this poetic sequence, Daley utilizes impeccable word choices that result in very high-level, almost objectified, confessional pieces. In short, Daley's diction sparkles.

Obituary Picture, the first poem in Daley's collection, begins the festivities by invoking and connecting a conclave of words signifying church officialdom (cardinal, bishop, pope) to the processes at hand: forgiveness and healing. The deceased friend's pictured attire strikes the poet as especially vivid and implies flamboyant powers, perhaps even those of absolution. Consider these opening and pertinent lines,

Your dear and dangerous mouth is open
to the sunlight. In your red jersey

and perfectly white t-shirt,
you are a cardinal on holiday.

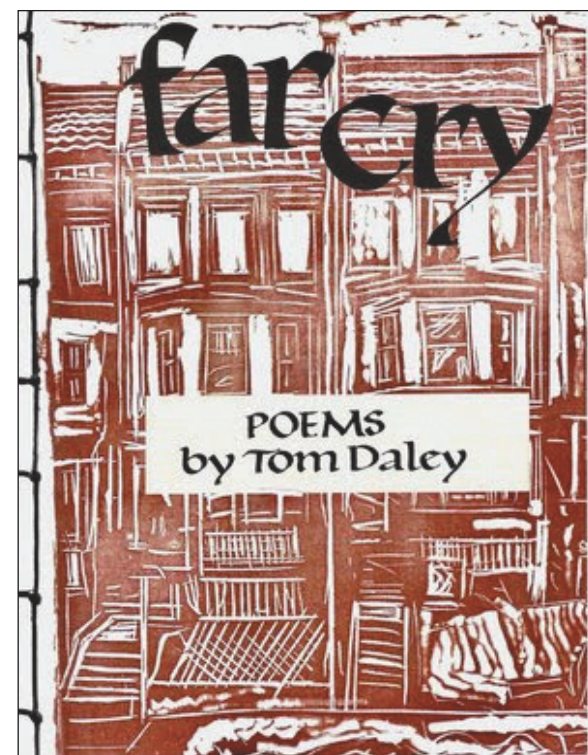
No mistake that you boasted
that the bishop who baptized you

later elected a pope. Your teeth
are touching, they might be grinding

forgiveness or trust into a fine
powder. You are the chosen

vessel...

My favorite poem in this collection is *Infant of Prague*. Very funny, very blasphemous, and not a little bizarre, the poem strikes home to those of us steeped in the minutiae of Roman Catholic tradition. Not only did many churches have altars devoted to this ornate iteration of the crowned Christ Child back in the day, but many families had their own Infant for home-based devotions. The statue was introduced into Ireland during the 1700s and became very pop-



ular. Daley uses the decorativeness and formality of the imagined statue to incite mock horror between two friends returning from a night's drunk, and with it a closeness of shared hilarity, now lost in lament. Here's the heart of the poem,

Oh my God! It's an Infant of Prague!
Only you could have conjured

that crowned Christ Child with the orb
that the Altar Guild outfitted

in different gowns for each
liturgical season—purple for Lent,

white for Easter—on a side altar
of a Roman Catholic church,

out of a sack someone had left
on a staircase in the dim light. Only you

could knuckle my funnybone so,
you hand curling up,

fingers digging into my wrist
as if hanging on for dear life

Daley's title poem, *Far Cry*, suggests both the literal (long distance) and idiomatic (big difference) definitions of the phrase. We are talking life and death here, or are we?

Passion needs release. Impulse cannot be contained by deliberation. The ritual of written poetry may span distance, but it is very

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Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Michael Ansara spent many years as an activist and an organizer starting with the civil rights movement of the 1960's, going on to be a regional organizer for SDS. He spent 10 years organizing opposition to the war in Vietnam. He was for 15 years a community organizer including directing Mass Fair Share. He has worked on political campaigns, coordinated voter registration efforts, and trained many organizers. He is the co-founder of Mass Poetry. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Redress Movement and the organizing team for Together We Elect. He is a poet whose work has been published in numerous literary journals and whose first book of poems, *What Remains*, has recently been published by Kelsay Press.



Race is just a story

In the alley or lewd casino
every game its dealer
Every story its teller
in caves, in cotton fields,
on playing fields, while ploughing fields,
In ice storms, dust storms,
monsoons, typhoons

fictions:
the shape of your head,
the meaning of your lips,
the curl the color the kink the lank
the sun the cold the light the dark

Race is just a story,

But because of it:

The shackle, the whip
The brand, the noose
The bullet
Endless songs of mourning rising
Like soft smoke in the evening sky

Race is just a story.

Every story its teller
every salt tear tastes the same.

— Michael Ansara

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:
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Somerville Police and Fire deliver baby, roadside

On June 14 at around 11:00 p.m. the Somerville Police were on Washington St. doing a follow up on an incident. As the officers were doing this, a pickup truck pulled over and a man got out to talk to the officers. His wife was in labor and was about to give birth. Quickly switching roles from law enforcement to medical aid, Lt. Vivolo, Officer Reece, and Officer Dylan Lambert assisted this expecting mom. Lt. Vivolo tried to get her comfortable and assessed her current status, while Ofc. Reece called for an ambulance, reassured her, and got information from the husband. They were on their way to Mt. Auburn Hospital, but realized they weren't going to make it.

It was clear to the officers that the baby was coming immediately, so Lt. Vivolo assisted the mother in preparing for birth, while Officer Reece looked for clean towels/clothing to catch the baby. Somerville Fire arrived and gave Officer Reece the baby birth box, which she used to assist Somerville Police Lt. Vivolo and Somerville Fire Department Lt. Alcaraz, who were helping the mother get the baby out. After the baby was out, and its nose suctioned, and umbilical cord clamped, Cataldo Ambulance arrived on scene and the officers let them take over care and got them whatever supplies they needed. The parents were extremely relieved, and Officer Reece took a few photos of them on the father's phone so they could have memories of the birth. Officer Reece heard from one of the Cataldo paramedics the next day that the hospital staff said the baby was perfectly healthy and mom was doing great.

Below is the statement of the father who wanted to commend the officers for their actions:

On the night of 6/14 my fiancé and I were on our way to Mt. Auburn hospital with a baby on way, we're live in Walpole but decided to have baby where she works. Night was all over the place, contractions started at 9pm, followed by water breaking just after 10pm, we met my parents along highway to drop off our 1 year old son. Along the way we called the hospital for help and got disconnected, we called again to meet us as for she felt baby coming.... at that time we were in tunnel, distracted I missed exit and found myself taking 99 to new route for hospital..... 12 mins away fiancé started yelling she's coming.... at that time I looked over and saw Lt. Carmine Vivolo with a two other officers, I pulled over and called out she's in labor and babys coming we won't make it to hospital. Lt Carmine and other officers came over, the female office stated she was on with dispatch and would have ambulance on way, Lt Carmine slapped on some gloves as fiancé stared she needs to push.... he gave the go and what felt like min he caught my daughter and was born @ 11:05pm. With luck on my side Lt Carmine and his crew being there at the right time and the right place was able to deliver my beautiful daughter. I am gratefully thankful and honored to have had someone like Lt. Carmine to deliver my baby. We will be forever in his debt. I would like to thank the other 2 officers with him that days, but never caught there names... I'm very thankful for the police dept and the fire dept in there hall and assistance.

— Somerville Police Dept.



Off The Shelf CONT. FROM PG 22

different from sensual memory. Its ululations rebound and echo but are, at least directly, unconnected. One may find positive advantage here. Daley describes the experience thusly,

a truncated hiccup fused
with the urgent, inhaled coo

of a woman trying to suppress
the commotion of her passion

so as to not disturb her neighbors.
The cry repeated itself

With the heft of ritual syllable,
Accelerating, amplifying ...

In his poem *Death Is the Only*, Daley outs himself as a co-conspirator with death. His poetry not only conjures up a spirit marked with utmost urgency but disturbs the neatness and permanence of death with mnemonic traces of messy, unruly life. Words alone must, need to fail. But the poet's unholy alliance with the beyond seems to succeed, then decidedly leads to a marvelous metaphor of resolution,

... I have conspired

with death to keep
your oblivion at bay.

What is it you would wish me
To do with death?

I can hardly avoid cranking
death open to permit

the ferocity of your predicaments
to tattle me upright.

I am now, in your mind's eye,
An excuse for death

To leave some dribs of you behind
Over the drab drayhorse of time.

Like all serious poets, Daley struggles with the inef-
fable. His poem *I Address the Virtual Impossibility of
Conjuring You with Verses that Are Merely Descriptive* il-
luminates the conundrum he faces. Mixing the profane
with the pious Daley undercuts his title, winking to his
readers between his "merely descriptive" lines. This poet
excels in teasing out past grievances and ironies. The
poem concludes this way,

... To the north,

a khaki top or an immaculately
white t-shirt that you had probably ironed.

There were always men in the woodwork,
splintering or shying under the wide

rabbit trap of your eyes. Always
a feast being prepared

in the scorching pockets
of your salivary glands.

Always a haunch
waiting to be palmed,

a genuflection waiting
to be blessed.

Daley titles one of his last pieces in this collection, *Am I
Any Closer?* And in truth he is that and more. By his skill
and consummate craft, the poet has confronted the rogu-
ish admonishments, irascibility, and unwanted verdicts
from his fractured relationship with his deceased friend
and has factored in the sweet and moonlit jubilation of
imperfect life, all within time's poetically amendable im-
agery. By his very act of creation, Daley, with each reading,
bridges the unbridgeable. A tour de force.

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