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Vaccination against COVID-19 for children has become an important issue as communities endeavor to put an end to the pandemic.

By Camille Andersen

The city of Somerville held a virtual panel on June 29 about keeping our kids safe and the COVID vaccine. The panel was moderated by Felice Freyer, a health policy and public health reporter at the Boston Globe, and featured three doctors, Dr. Ashish K. Jha, Dr. Julia Koehler, Dr. Treniece Lewis Harris, and one parent, Vanessa Meneses.

The event began by allowing each panelist time to give opening remarks about the COVID vaccine. Dr. Jha provided an overview of where the county stands with COVID. He expects the vaccine to be approved for children aged 5-11 in the fall. He assured listeners that the current data suggests the vaccines are safe and incredibly effective.

Dr. Koehler spoke about her experience working at Boston Children's *Continued on page 4*

Keep cool at the pool

Swim, spray facilities to the rescue from summer heat

By Rachael Hines

If you're looking to beat summer heat, pools are now open around the city. Check out www.somervillema.gov/SomerH2Omap for a full map of Somerville's public pools and water feature parks.

Dilboy pool is open from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, and 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday in Sunday.

Foss Park's Latta Brothers Memorial pool will be open from 11:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. daily and the spray deck will be open 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Kennedy Pool is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for lap swimming.

Lightning or stormy weather may affect hours for any or all of the locations. While mask usage is not recommended while swimming, unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks outside of the water. Social distancing is required for all.



Public swimming facilities are at maximum availability through the hot summer season, bringing relief to locals looking to stay cool. *— Photo by Bobbie Toner*



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Somerville Arts Council's ArtBeat is back in person this summer to celebrate pop art! This year's theme is "Pop!" so expect to see pops of color, eyepopping art installations, and a whole lot of surprises popping up all over Davis Square. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, July 10** (rain date July 11) from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. throughout **Davis Square**, with a kickoff parade featuring the **School of HONK** starting at 10:30 a.m. ArtBeat is free, but with a suggested donation of \$3 you will get an ArtBeat dog tag. Please see the attached PDF for a full schedule of events or visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org.








Put on your Parisian best and come picnic in celebration of **Bastille Day** on **Wednesday, July 14**, at **Bow Market**, 1 Bow Market Way. Pre-order a cute tote on Bow Market's Facebook page which includes a fresh baguette, cheese, two glasses, and either a bottle of rosé from Rebel Rebel or a crowler of French inspired beer from **Remnant Brewing**. Celebrations will also include a mime, a pétanque court, and cotton candy. Pick up your tote of treats and enjoy them in our courtyard or in the Remnant courtyard from 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. that evening.

Mayor **Joseph A. Curtatone**, Ward 5 City Councilor **Mark Niedergang**, and city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting to discuss the proposed **expansion and renovation of Somerville Junction Park**. City staff will give an overview of existing conditions, present conceptual ideas for potential future uses, and gather feedback from attendees. The meeting will take place tonight, **Wednesday, July 7**, at 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/JunctionParkMtg1.

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** *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 7 – July 13 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>July 7</i>	Partly Cloudy	90°/67°	29%	18%	WSW 10 mph
 Thursday <i>July 8</i>	Rain	72°/68°	59%	36%	ENE 8 mph
 Friday <i>July 9</i>	Rain	80°/66°	40%	21%	N 10 mph
 Saturday <i>July 10</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/66°	25%	9%	NNW 8 mph
 Sunday <i>July 11</i>	Rain	82°/68°	35%	13%	SW 9 mph
 Monday <i>July 12</i>	Rain	81°/71°	34%	12%	S 10 mph
 Tuesday <i>July 13</i>	Partly Cloudy	85°/70°	23%	8%	WSW 9 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Hoodsies for everyone!*

Joan Puglia says:

Thank you for mentioning my Dad, Walter Whitney! I have some great pictures of this memory.

James Robertson says:

I ran from Prescott school to Glen Park for an extra Hoodsie. Those were the good old days.

Response to: *Boynton Yards project zoning petitioned by residents*

Tom O says:

Shocking! Another neighborhood snookered by the Planning/ZBA offices. So they are doing what residents of the neighborhood want and expected, in order to please unknown future tenants. It seems the tenants of 80 Webster Ave. haven't paid close attention to planning and zoning issues around the city.

DatGruntled says:

Ironically, isn't one of the reasons they will be so close that you were allowed to build closer to the property line than would usually have been allowed?

Jeff Meese says:

Hi, if the Planning Board changed the rules without proper notification, as Joe suggests, the earlier code requirements govern. It may take a lawsuit, but the neighbors will win. The city will lose out on potential property taxes and real estate development momentum. The latter is far more important.

Roger Levy says:

Glad to see the interest in this issue. Actually, the 80 Webster Board was paying close attention to the rezoning in 2019 and engaged with the city on it. And, to reiterate a point noted in the article, high-rise zoning at the Boynton Gateway site is unique in all of Somerville: there is nowhere else in the city where a high-rise could be built anywhere near this close to an existing residential building. We documented and described all this in our presentation, which you can access at <https://tinyurl.com/80WPublicHearingSlides> (see slides 11-17).

To reiterate, we believe there is a perfectly commercially viable path forward for the Boynton Gateway project that actually addresses our core concerns, if only the developer were seriously interested in making their project community-friendly. And, we stand ready to work collaboratively with the developer to determine that pathforward, together. If you have questions, we'd be happy to discuss at greater length, please feel free to contact us at 80websterconcernedresidents@gmail.com.

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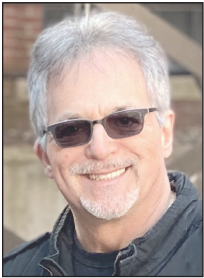


Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Do you remember gimp?



When the idea hit me, I started by looking up gimp. But I didn't even know how to spell it. Then gimp came up as an app to enhance the use of photoshop on computers. I finally found the description of the summer activity that was enjoyed when we were kids at our neighborhood playground. Here is the definition found on the internet.

"Gimp is a flat or round plastic string used in crafts. It comes in a variety of colors and can be plaited, braided, knotted or woven. Other names include boon-

doggle, craft lace, lanyard or scoubidou. Children enjoy making braided ropes or lanyards for key chains or friendship bracelets, but adults enjoy creating projects with it as well, and the crafts created can be complex. Braiding or weaving crafts with gimp stimulates creativity and hand-eye coordination."

We didn't know any of that about gimp except that we enjoyed making stiff out of it. All we had to do was show up at a Somerville playground in the 60's and 70's and the councilors handed out the gimp and we went to town.

The playground counselors would pass out the gimp and show you how to use it. I made things out of gimp at The Brown Schoolyard and Powder House Park. Other Somerville people added their comments about gimp, in quotes.

"I remember at the playground we had counselor trainees teaching us. It was called Camp & name of the playground you went to. They had games, crafts and snacks and it was so much fun. They should bring these things back. Yet, I know, wishful thinking."

"I remember those days! That was back in the 1950s. I tried to make a necklace with that. I never could get it started. Once it was, then I would finish it. It was kind of tricky but the person in charge was always there to help you."

"At Powder House Park! They charged

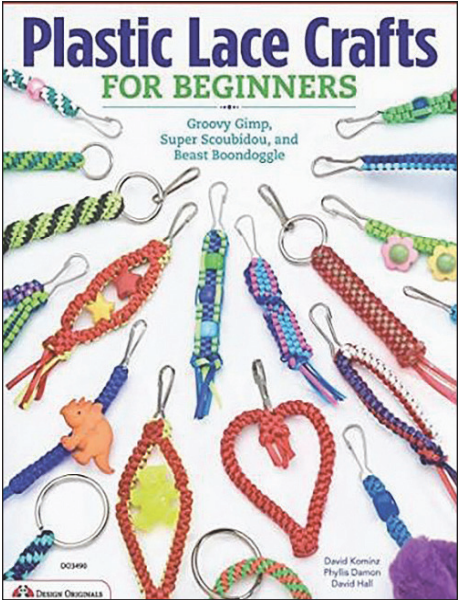


a little bit for the materials and it was a big deal to get the money from mom ... maybe 25 or 50 cents? Choosing my gimp colors, then sitting down and attaching the clip end onto the chain link fence to start the braiding was a right of passage!"

Some kids played with gimp at YMCA camp. I went a couple of years but all I remember was going to Hood's Cher-

"I really wish I could remember how to make the (gimp) box at the end of the lanyard. Wore mine whenever I roller skated. Always knew wear my skate key was. I wonder, if I made one today could I place the car key fob on it? I'd never misplace or drop my car and house keys."

There was a store on Broadway near Clarendon Hill Apartments where we



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ry Hill Farm. Most of the friends who remembered doing fun activities at city playgrounds recall making good friends as one of the most vivid.

"I loved making these at the parks. Started at Northeastern then Burns. Such great memories. Also loved dodge-ball and jacks."

"One of my favorites!! Grimmon's playground every summer. Also, the chains we made out of gum wrappers!"

got our gimp.

Some closing thoughts about having fun at our city's playgrounds with gimp.

"I loved doing the 'box stitch' to bring the chain into a loop and finish off the piece."

"I used to love making them. Looking back, I think having those recreation parks open for us as kids and teenagers kept a lot of us out of trouble. Great memories!"

Great memories!



THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shooting at Jacques St. and Grant St. in Somerville

On Monday, July 5, at approximately 1:35 a.m., the Somerville Police responded to the intersection of Jacques St. and Grant St. for multiple shots fired. Upon arrival, police located a juvenile victim suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital and is reported to be in critical condition but stable at this time.

While processing the scene police discovered ballistic evidence in a nearby home where bullets entered an apartment where residents were sleeping. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Somerville Police Department at 617.625.1600 ext. 7226. — Somerville Police Department



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Help Keep Somerville Safe!

Online panel sheds light on COVID vaccine safety for kids CONT. FROM PG 1

Hospital throughout the pandemic and emphasized that children are affected by COVID. Dr. Harris spoke about the mental health effects of the pandemic on children and the anxiety many children have surrounding vaccines. Vanessa Meneses is a mom of two and a member of La Colaborativa, a Chelsea based organization empowering Latinx immigrants to enhance the health of the community. She recounted her experience talking with Dr. Koehler and others at the organization about her fears surrounding vaccinating her son. After talking with doctors at La Colaborativa, Meneses decided to vaccinate her son and encourages other parents to do the same once their children are eligible. All four panelists encouraged parents to vaccinate their children once they are eligible. After their opening thoughts, they began answering questions submitted by listeners. Many questions expressed concern about efficacy and potential side effects of the vaccine.

The doctors responded that the current vaccines, especially Moderna and Pfizer, are incredibly effective against all current variants of the virus. They also emphasized the safety of the vaccine and that clinical trials currently show no long-term side effects of vaccination. "You can either get immunity from the vaccine or from an infection, and it's very clear to me which is safer," said Dr. Jha.

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The doctors also addressed concerns about children returning to in-person school. With the proper precautions, such as mask wearing and ventilation, it is very possible to get kids back in school safely. Ventilation does

not need to be an investment, even opening the doors and windows makes a difference. The pandemic has also had mental health effects on children causing many to feel increased anxiety surrounding returning to in-person learning or getting vaccinated. Dr. Harris spoke about the need to provide age-appropriate information to children and explore the nature of their fears. Primary care doctors and mental health professionals can help provide information or behavioral techniques to help children feel more comfortable with the transition. Dr. Koehler and Dr. Harris both addressed the disparities that occurred in the pandemic response between Massachusetts communities. Communities with less resources often had jobs that required them to leave their homes, putting them at higher risk for COVID infection. The current trends show that wealthy communities who had low rates of infection in Massachusetts have the highest rates of COVID vaccination,



and communities with fewer resources had higher rates of infection and have the lowest rates of vaccination. Dr. Harris spoke about the importance of door-to-door community outreach to provide information about vaccines and to address the differences in privilege we had throughout this pandemic, such as ability to work from home, access to medical care, and accurate vaccine information in our native languages. She spoke about the history of misuse in communities for medicine, particularly African American communities, and the importance of community events like this one to address these questions and provide information. During their final thoughts, each doctor stressed the importance of protecting our children and restated their trust in the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines. In regard to vaccinating children, Dr. Harris said, "When the CDC says now we think it is okay to do this, there is a lot of thought and care that has gone behind that."

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Last Land Use Committee meeting of season approves four amendments

By Bella Levavi

The Somerville Land Use Committee held their final meeting before their summer recess on Tuesday, July 29. They approved four zoning amendments, and discussed four larger amendments the committee has been working on.

The largest discussion at the meeting involved two separate issues with public spaces near highways. The Committee would like to create a special permit to authorize civic spaces away from large highways in Somerville. They suggested that civic spaces should be 500 feet from Interstate 93 and 300 feet from Route 28.

Throughout many past meetings they discussed the particle pollution residents are exposed to from these highways and are working to create public spaces away from the pollution. “The decisions we are making will have impacts for decades for people to gather,” Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang said.

Additionally, the Committee talked about a change in

fees for these spaces away from highways. Originally the fee was five times the “average cost to acquire, design, and develop land as a civic space.” According to a Supreme Court ruling, the fee must have a nexus or connection and be roughly proportional to the cost.

Zoning and Urban Design Senior Planner Dan Bartman said that there should be no precise mathematical equation, but the city should make individual decisions keeping in mind the needs of each area. The Committee tabled the decision on the fee to be discussed at another meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the Permit Committee announced that with their expanded budget, they are able to focus on larger land use projects. Bartman said he is working on a project involving the change in zoning ordinances to allow for cannabis delivery services. He explained that when the cannabis laws were first put into effect there were no ordinances for delivery services. He said this project is expected to be done by the end of the summer.



The Committee unanimously approved an amendment to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard. The original language of the ordinance said apartments next to Neighborhood Residence Districts need to be 90-foot buildings with 120 feet of frontage. The intent of the ordinance was to ensure that large buildings were not put next to single

family homes, but the ordinance made many projects impossible.

Rooftop ordinances were also discussed at the meeting. Currently, there are extensive rooftop ordinances for labs in all buildings in Somerville. They discussed different requirements for rooftop mechanics for varying typing of buildings and districts. There is not a

huge priority to change the ordinances in districts with smaller buildings such as MR3 and MR4 districts, but it was suggested in public comment for high rise buildings to remove setback requirements.

For most of the decisions made at the meeting, the Committee does not have the final say, and most items will be moved out of Committee to be actualized.

Virtual meeting to discuss Somerville Junction Park expansion and renovation

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The meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/JunctionParkMtg1. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, or Nepali is available upon advance request (at least five business days advance notice needed) by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Burrata, Tomato & Citrus Salad

This quick and easy salad will make a great lunch or a side for a small gathering. The textures, color combination, and unique flavors will definitely leave you craving more.

If you never tried Burrata, the outer layer is solid mozzarella and the inside is a combination of mozzarella and cream. Burrata has been around for a little over 100 years and is produced in southern Italy. Of course, it's also produced here in the United States, predominantly on the East Coast, by artisanal cheese makers and can be found in stores where they sell artisanal cheeses. Serves 4 people.
2 - 4oz Burrata cheese

- 1/2 pint assorted mini heirloom tomatoes (halved)
- 1 orange, (supremed)*see below
- 8 basil leaves, (chiffonade - thinly sliced)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (an aged vinegar has a more concentrated flavor)
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch of finishing salt, like Gray Salt, (or any course granular sea salt)

On a plate of your choice, arrange the Burrata on the plate, add the tomatoes, orange segments, basil, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, then finish with salt. To supreme the orange, for full instructions please go to: <http://www.thejoykitchen.com/ingredients-techniques/how-supreme-citrus-fruits>.



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

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators from the week of June 28-July 2.

OVERRIDE BAKER'S VETO OF PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FOR SOLDIERS' HOME (S 2439)

House 130-30, Senate 37-3, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of a section of the bill authorizing \$400 million to fund the construction of a new Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. The section requires the home be built under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that ensures that union labor will be used to build the facility by mandating a pre-bid, pre-hire collective bargaining agreement for the construction.

"This [PLA] requirement threatens the viability of this project by limiting fair competition and disproportionately reducing opportunities for minority, women and veteran-owned businesses," wrote Gov. Charlie Baker in his veto message. "It will also raise the overall costs of this project precipitously and may result in a labor shortage, putting the project and project timeline in jeopardy."

"PLAs create barriers to entry that eliminate the equality of opportunity that is central to the commonwealth's public construction process," continued Baker. "While PLAs do not technically prohibit non-union contractors from bidding on a project, PLA terms make it cost prohibitive and impractical for any non-union member to participate."

"I voted to uphold the project labor agreement provision ... because it establishes practical standards for fair pay and workplace safety," said Senate Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton). "In addition, the language ... includes key safeguards designed to ensure inclusion and equity amongst project contractors. Construction initiatives throughout the commonwealth have successfully implemented project labor agreements in recent years and I am pleased the hardworking employees tasked with building this new facility will be able to rely on reasonable workplace conditions."

"Gov. Baker recognizes the risk that the project-labor agreement could bring to the Holyoke Soldiers' Home project," said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) who opposed the PLA provision. "Not only will it exclude the opportunity for women and minority owned businesses to bid on components of the project, but the PLA could also signal unforeseen budget expenditures that drive the cost over budget. These risks will threaten the commonwealth's ability to secure VA funding that is needed to match the commonwealth's financial commitment in this bill."

"This [PLA] language and resulting agreement will ensure that hard-earned, taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently to build a new soldiers' home that is on time, on budget and worthy of the veterans it will serve," said Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) the Senate sponsor of the language. "The language ... commits to recruiting and hiring a workforce that is diverse, local, safe, well-trained and highly skilled. Despite the governor's vocal opposition, the Senate took steps by overriding his veto, to assist women, minority and veteran owned businesses in creating jobs and opportunities now and in the future, as well as expanded opportunities for many local working-class people in the construction trades."

In an unusual occurrence, Senate Ways and Means chairman Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport) broke

with Senate President Karen Spilka and her leadership team and was one of only three senators and the only Democrat to vote with the governor against the PLA. Beacon Hill Roll Call asked Rodrigues why he voted against the PLA. His spokesman Bently Holt responded, "The senator is tied up in conference and so will not be issuing a statement on this." Rodrigue also voted against the PLA agreement when it was up for a vote in April. At that time, he told the State House News Service, "I have problems with anytime we limit competition on any sort of public construction projects. I think more competition is healthier for everyone. It's better for the taxpayers."

(A "Yes" vote is for overriding Baker's veto and favors the PLA provision. A "No" vote is for sustaining the governor's veto and against the PLA provision.)

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

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (S 2486)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill that includes authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. The House has already approved a different version of the proposal and a House-Senate conference committee will likely work out a compromise.

"Safe roads, reliable bridges and modernized transit infrastructure made possible through this bill exemplifies the Senate's approach to public transportation," said Senate Transportation Committee Chair Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "The economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the need for this funding more urgent. These investments will provide critical funding for shovel-ready transportation projects in our cities and towns, create jobs and support local and regional economies."

"The measure we passed today will provide our cities and towns with the resources they need to invest in critical infrastructure projects," said Senator Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "Investing in our roads, sidewalks and bridges is an investment in the longevity and safety of our communities."

"It is good news that the ... bill jumped another hurdle on Beacon Hill and is moving ahead," said Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Executive Director Geoff Beckwith. "The construction season is getting shorter with each passing day, and there is a huge need to enact the bill now. Communities depend on these funds for critical road repair projects. We are also asking that the state add to this \$200 million ... bill by using some of this year's large budget surplus to put even more funding on the street, as it has done in past years. MMA estimates that the annual cost of getting and maintaining 30,000 miles of municipal roads into a state of good repair is approximately \$600 million, and communities don't have the resources to get there themselves. While passing the ... bill is an important step, going beyond \$200 million is essential."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

STATE BEGINS FISCAL 2022 WITHOUT A FINAL BUDGET – Fiscal year 2022 began on July 1 without a final state budget in place. A six-member conference committee is currently working on hammering out a compromise version of different versions of \$47.7 billion budgets approved by the House and Senate. Instead the Legislature approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a \$5.41 billion interim budget designed to cover expenses for the month of July while the conference committee continues to work on a compromise.

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS (H 524) – A late-filed bill before the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies would create a 13-member task force to review and report on the economic impact of loan forgiveness programs to ensure that graduates from the state's dozens of colleges stay, work and build businesses in Massachusetts after graduation. The task force would submit a report within a year along with proposed legislation and regulations to accomplish the goal. The committee has not yet scheduled a hearing on the proposal.

"Massachusetts is home to many world-class colleges and universities, but we are such a high-cost state that many students leave to pursue job opportunities in other states once they graduate, making it difficult for employers to fill positions," said sponsor GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "By exploring a combination of loan forgiveness programs, grants and fellowship opportunities, my hope is that the task force will be able to identify incentives that will encourage more college graduates to remain in Massachusetts and use their talents to help strengthen the state's workforce and economy."

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 28-July 2, the House met for a total of four hours and 24 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 45 minutes.

Mon. June 28	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:14 p.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Tues. June 29	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 30	House 11:04 a.m. to 2:13 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. July 1	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:17 a.m. to 12:56 p.m.
Fri. July 2	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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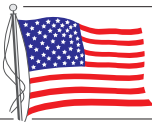
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Farmers markets season is in full swing in Somerville.

Our View Of The Times



It seems as though we cannot get enough of the farmers market scene in Somerville. They have become time-honored traditions and perennial mainstays of alternative commerce in the city.

There is something special about shopping for fresh produce, discovering unique arts and crafts vendors, and enjoying live entertainment in the open air. We feel a sense of camaraderie, too, as we gather to

take in the sights, sounds, flavors and aromas that permeate each market site.

The major markets are in full operation now – with the exception, of course, of the Winter Farmers Market, which serves our needs during the off-season – and there is no better time to experience what they have to offer than in the high summer months.

The Union Square Farmers Market, operated by Union Square Main

Streets, takes place every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and will run until November 20. New Location: Somerville Ave between Carlton & Hawkins Sts. (366 Somerville Ave).

Groundwork Somerville's Mobile Farmers Market is underway, bringing fresh produce and other delights to various locations throughout the city. Go to <https://somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com/> for up-to-date info on locations they are serving.

The Davis Square Farmers Market is there for us, too, at the Intersection of Day St. and Herbert St. every Wednesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., ongoing until November 24.

So you see, there is no shortage of good, old fashioned style trading available for all of us here in the city. Be sure to check them out and enjoy the feeling.

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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 **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.

Sunday, July 11, is Somerville Vaccine Day. Three mobile clinics will be set up around the city to provide **COVID-19 vaccines** to anyone 12 or older. Clinics will be held at **Holy Bible Baptist Church, 64 College Ave.; St. Anthony's Parish, 12 Properzi Way; Brazilian Presbyterian Church, 212 School St.** The clinics will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at all three locations, allowing people to get a free vaccine, while enjoying free food, music, and a gift. Walk-ins are welcome at any of these mobile clinics. The clinics are free and open to all people 12 years or older, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not

required. If you prefer, you can pre-register at tinyurl.com/MobileVaxClinic. All minors must have parent or guardian permission, and anyone who is 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Permission forms are available here and will also be available on site. If you have questions or need assistance, please call 311 (617-666-3311).

All **city buildings** will reopen to the public on **Monday, July 12**, with limited staffing. Both visitors to city buildings as well as staff will be required to wear face coverings while inside the buildings. Staff will be available on a walk-in basis in all departments for quick transactions like paying a bill or picking up a document. For matters that will take longer, residents will need to schedule an appointment with city staff. Many city services are also available online and, whenever possible, residents are encouraged to continue to use online services.

The **City of Somerville's annual SomerMovie Fest** returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at sundown and the schedule is as follows: **Thursday,**

July 8, *The Empire Strikes Back*, Seven Hills Park; **Thursday, July 15, *Mulan*** (animated version), Nathan Tufts Park; **Thursday, July 22, *Mrs. Doubtfire***, Nunziato Park; **Thursday, July 29, *The Sandlot***, Lincoln Park; **Thursday, August 5, *Coco***, East Somerville Community School; **Thursday, August 12, *Black Panther***, Baxter State Park; **Thursday, August 19, *Guardians of the Galaxy***, Seven Hills Park. While attendees are not required to wear masks, anyone who is not fully vaccinated is advised to wear one whenever they are in a crowd.

The **City of Somerville's Licensing Commission** is seeking **one Somerville resident** to fill a vacancy on the three-member board. Commissioners serve three-year terms and earn a stipend of \$3,600 per year. Meetings are held monthly, typically Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Interested residents should submit a brief statement of interest and a resume to the **City Clerk's Office** by email to jljong@somervillema.gov or by mail to Attn: City Clerk, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Applications must be received no later than **Monday, July 19**, at 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/licensingcommission.

The **City of Somerville's Veterans' Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications Committee** is accepting applications for five positions - three to be filled by veterans. The commission will have charge and control of the construction of any memorial for a veteran and will have custody and care of the memorial after its construction. The commission, which will also develop policies and procedures to follow for dedicating memorials, will meet when needed to name these assets. Meetings are expected to begin in the fall of 2021. If you are interested in applying, please send a statement of interest to the **Department of Veterans' Services** at veterans@somervillema.gov by **Friday, August 6**. For further details or questions, call (617) 625-6600, ext. 4700.

The **City of Somerville** and its contractor, **Simple Recycling**, are making several changes to Somerville's curbside textile recycling service to improve the program for residents and the environment as of Thursday, July 1. Pickups must be scheduled in advance. Under the current model, a

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1. Which country has the longest coastline?
 2. The TV series *Breaking Bad* was set in which U.S. city?
 3. Who is the author of *The Lighthouse at the End of the World*?
 4. What liquid is found in most cigarette lighters?
 5. What was the original flavor of the creamed filled Twinkies?
 6. What interstate Highway connects Boston to Seattle?
 7. Which American writer and poet's only novel was *The Bell Jar*?
 8. Who did John Lennon write the song *Julia* about?
 9. According to legend, what was the name of King Arthur's magician advisor?
 10. What does the H stand for in the medical abbreviation ADHD?
 11. *The Grand Ole Opry* is a weekly country music show held in which U.S. city?
 12. Who was the leader of the wolves in *The Jungle Book*?
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Answers on page 11

1. Duff is the decaying organic matter found on a forest floor.
2. A female swine will always have an even number of teats or nipples.

MOTTOES AND SLOGANS

ACROSS

1. 1965 march site
6. Bottle top
9. Dried up
13. Can't see the forest for this?
14. ____ You Need is Love
15. ____-upper
16. End of a poem
17. Filmmaker Spike
18. Like a good athlete?
19. "Tastes So Good, Cats Ask for It by Name"
21. "The Quicker Picker Upper"
23. Duke of Cambridge to Prince of Wales
24. Blood vessel
25. The Jackson 5 1970 hit
28. Plural of velum
30. Havanese or Pekingese
35. High school formal
37. What the phone did
39. Abrupt increase
40. ____ John's: "Better Ingredients. Better Pizza."
41. Working shoelaces
43. Island east of Java
44. Shockingly graphic
46. Hurtful remark
47. Design detail
48. Canine's coat
50. Law school prerequisite, acr.
52. a.k.a. Tokyo
53. Muscovite or biotite
55. Uber alternative
57. "Let's Go Places" advertiser
60. "Can You Hear Me Now?" advertiser
64. On the fritz
65. Wharton degree
67. Upholstery choice
68. Bell-bottoms bottom
69. Emergency responder, acr.
70. Prenatal test, for short
71. Medieval Northern European
72. Be obliged
73. Reconnaissance, for short

DOWN

1. Part of a flute
2. Marine eagle
3. What malevolent and levorotary have

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

5	2	4	7	6	1	8	3	9
7	1	9	8	5	3	4	6	2
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| 4. Jellycles' cries | 33. Checked out |
| 5. Isaac of science fiction fame | 34. "So Easy, a Caveman Can Do It" |
| 6. Burnt metal residue | 36. Disfigure |
| 7. India pale _____ | 38. African migrants |
| 8. Annapolis frosh | 42. Actress turned princess of Monaco |
| 9. Leo or Virgo, e.g. | 45. Lower a rank |
| 10. Sign above a door | 49. Ignited |
| 11. Count on | 51. Tooth decay agent |
| 12. Before, poetically | 54. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g. |
| 15. Floras' partners | 56. Biotic community |
| 20. Apathetic | 57. Story "of Two Cities" |
| 22. Crude fuel | 58. October stone |
| 24. Flavoring from Madagascar | 59. Nomad's round house |
| 25. "Think Different" advertiser | 60. Flower holder |
| 26. Former Milwaukee Brewer All Star Ryan | 61. Dietary mineral |
| 27. Dried coconut meat | 62. Medley |
| 29. "Betcha Can't Eat Just One" advertiser | 63. Ne |
| 31. Drinking establishments | 64. "It's Finger Lickin' Good" |
| | 66. "The Ultimate Driving Machine" |
| | <i>Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times</i> |

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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

MassDOT plans bridge restoration on I-93 Viaduct Bridge

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Wednesday of last week, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in conjunction with the OSPCD Mobility Division held a virtual meeting concerning the preservation of a bridge in the Somerville area.

The bridge is located at the Somerville Viaduct at the intersection of Fellsway, McGrath Highway (Rt 28), and Mystic Avenue (Rt 38). The restoration is being done in order to maintain the functionality of the bridge as a whole.

The meeting was held virtually through Zoom and was in a webinar format. It was led by members of MassDOT and engineers from the construction of the bridge. It was a continuation of a June 8 meeting that had to be terminated due to technological difficulties.

According to District 4 Highway Director Paul Stedman, MassDOT is determined to study noise mitigation in the sector that is being rebuilt. "MassDOT has committed to undertake a comprehensive study to

look at all potential options with specific focus on the feasibility of design and construction of sound barriers in I-93 in Somerville," Stedman said.

Michael O'Dowd, Director of Major Projects at MassDOT, also stated different strategies that are being planned in order to mitigate noise during construction. "If those noise levels that are created are exceeding what the ambient noise is, plus a reasonable level above that. The contractor will have to take precautions, whether it'll be chaining out equipment using different equipment, or utilizing noise curtains," O'Dowd said.

In addition to preventing noise pollution, O'Dowd discussed ways that MassDOT will curb environmental pollution in the area. According to O'Dowd, "We have a similar specification that were using for air quality as well to ensure that any concrete that is disrupted or is there are any paint removals, that that's done within enclosures."

After detailing these preventive measures, Stedman outlined the different detours that the con-



— Photo by Bobbie Toner

struction will require. "We're going to be able to phase the work that's related to that closure of that southbound on-ramp in a manner that allows for a portion of the on-ramp to be open and then switching to the other side," Stedman said.

Different safety and accessibility improvements that will be implemented in the area were

discussed afterwards. Most of these improvements focus on pedestrian safety, especially increased visibility of sidewalks and crosswalks.

After this, speakers fielded questions from elected representatives, which included Senator Patricia Jehlen, Representative Mike Connolly, Representative Christine

Barber, Representative Erika Uytterhaeven and Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang.

Questions from different members of the public were also fielded.

A recording of this meeting can be found at the MassDOT website: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-transportation>.

New Public Safety Building enters next phase of design

By Joe Creason

The City Council Building Committee held a meeting regarding progress for the long-planned public safety project set to be constructed at 90 Washington Street. The City acquired the property on the corner of Washington Street and New Washington St in order to create an improved operations center for Somerville Police and Fire Departments.

"Technical working groups have resumed schematic design for the site and so far we have a meeting with each group," said Capital Projects Sr. Manager and Committee Chair Melissa Woods.

In meetings with the various work teams, the Committee says it discussed a variety of technically complex issues including which HVAC systems were going to be examined for a life cycle analysis and the potential for solar energy generation on the roof. In the plan design, New Washington St is being reoriented through the site to create a four-way intersection.

"This proof of concept really

determines that the public safety building would work here," said Project Lead from Context Architecture Jeff Shaw.

"I think it's no secret that space is at a premium in Somerville"

Shaw presented a sequence of improvements and design renovations which Context Architecture had been developing over the previous weeks. "Through this progression, you can see where the design process starts to push and pull between what's best for the site and building in an urban condition, and what's best for the program and operation of the building," Shaw said.

Four iterations, building design A, B, C, and D were presented to the Committee. According to Shaw, design efforts were concentrated on fitting parking and the necessary public safety services on the first floor. Accommodations must

be made for certain police and fire services which are required at ground level.

"I think it's no secret that space is at a premium in Somerville," Shaw said. "In an urban environment, you have to look at what's going to work in a vertical configuration. We've talked a lot about it in programming but now this is where the rubber meets the road."

Committee Chair Melissa Woods said she is currently in communication with the police and fire departments with regards to an hour-by-hour utilization of vehicles on-site, with functionality around policing being the most complex. "The priority is that the garage houses city assets. That's police and fire vehicles and we want the garage at a high utilization rate all the time," Woods said.

Due to the building being located in a dense urban environment and the high cost of land in the area, the Committee says it does not want to build expensive parking that goes underutilized. It is unlikely that public parking space will be created as the priority of the garage is the protec-



tion of city assets.

"The building takes up a lot of space and exists in this valley of other buildings. What are the design opportunities to make this more welcoming to the public?" asked Principal analyst for the Mayor's Office Cortni Desir.

Shaw said that he and the team at Context Architecture believe the building's shorter height can be an asset. They hope for key additions, with creative facade elements and design that makes interactions with the surrounding neighborhood possible. "We are still really trying to figure out how to give back public space, especially towards the entrance," Shaw said.

The process of creating and


implementing this new public safety building has been occurring admits the evolving conversation around community policing and the role of municipal police departments. Somerville's FY22 budget allocates substantial resources for the recently created Office of Racial and Social Justice.

"We're just about to start moving forward with action items for reimagining policing now that budget season is over, it is more clear what we are able to do," said Director of Racial and Social Justice Denise Molina Capers.

Capers said she needs to hire key staff before the complex issue of policing can be addressed.

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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 20, 2021** 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 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7900977723480331023>

Webinar ID: 574-258-011

TO CALL IN

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Access Code: 264-211-371

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)

HPC.ALT 2021.31 – 12 Adams Street (re-advertised)
Applicant: James Lockwood Construction Co. Inc.
Owner: Annette McKee & Mike Mariani
Replace aluminum and wood gutter with copper gutter

HPC.ALT 2021.33 – 42 Meacham Road (re-advertised)
Applicant: Norma Elias
Owner: Saul Toby & Norma Elias Trust
Expand driveway; Replace concrete and grass ribbon driveway with paver stones

HPC.ALT 2021.37 – 36 Atherton Street
Applicant: George Saropoulos
Owner: Same as applicant
Installation of a new driveway

HPC.ALT 2021.39 – 50 Sargent Avenue
Applicant: John Murray
Owner: Same as applicant
Replace wood gutters with anodized metal gutters

DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2021.15 – 108–110 Prospect Street (re-advertised)
Applicant: 108-110 Prospect Street, LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

HPC.DMO 2021.17 – 383 Broadway
Applicant: Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC
Owner: Same as applicant
Demolish garage

*Documents reviewed by the HPC for LHD property alterations and the demolition review process 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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NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION

845 MCGRATH HIGHWAY AND 74 MIDDLESEX AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
RTNS 3-2891 and 3-35323

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On 6 July 2021, 74M Property Owner, LLC, an Eligible Person under M.G.L. c. 21E filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Heather A. Ballantyne, Haley & Aldrich, Inc., 465 Medford Street, Suite 2200, Boston, Massachusetts 02129, 617-886-7400.

The Tier II Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, 978-694-3200.

Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elm Court, LLC, to Athas Capital Group, Inc., dated March 5, 2019, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 72305, at page 398, as assigned to The Rama Fund, LLC, by assignment recorded on March 29, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72400, at page 204, and as further assigned to PS Funding, Inc., by assignment recorded on April 11, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72443, at page 93, and as further assigned to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA TRUST 2016-1, by assignment dated July 21, 2020, recorded on August 10, 2020, in said Deeds in Book 75328, at page 438, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at One o'clock PM, on the 22nd day of July A.D., 2021, on the premises below described being known as 111 Elm Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage as set forth below:

To wit: "A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated in the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville, belonging to Timothy Tufts arranged and numbered by L.R.W., May 6, 1890" which plan is recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 62, Plan 39. Said land is bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Elm Street, eighty-six and 01/100 (86.01) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Wentworth, Trustee, fifty-one and 47/100 (51.47) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by lot numbered 26 on said plan, seventy-seven 88/100 (77.88) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Hancock Street, eighty-seven and 96/100 (87.96) feet. Containing 5,429 square feet more or less, according to said plan of land.

Subject to restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable, Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

APN: 030-C. 00019-000000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 111 ELM STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02144"

The above premises will be sold subject as above and to the following: any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal assessments and liens; any and all outstanding water and/or sewer charges; any and all covenants, easements, restrictions, rights, reservations, conditions and/or other enforceable encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage; and to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, if any of the aforesaid there be.

Terms: Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the sale at the Law Offices of Ford & Paulekas, LLP, 280 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Present Holder of Said Mortgage

By: /s/ David A. Hill, Jr.
David A. Hill, Jr.
Its Attorney

Attorneys for Mortgagee:
Ford & Paulekas, LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 527-0400

Dated: June 24, 2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI19P2140EA**

Estate of:
Esma A. Goodridge

Also known as: Esma Aileen Goodridge

Date of Death: 10/19/2018

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by

Myra A. Rodrigues of **Somerville** **MA**
and **Lucille Goodridge** of **Cambridge** **MA**

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.


IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/03/2021
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: July 06, 2021

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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 14, 2021, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, 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/1223244485290769424>

Webinar ID: 240-273-787

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060
Access code: 713-146-510

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


28 Chestnut Street Brickbottom I QOZB LP proposes to develop a 4-story LEED Platinum commercial building in the Commercial Industry (CI) zoning district which requires Site Plan Approval.

28 Fitchburg Street Brickbottom I QOZB LP proposes to develop a 4-story LEED Platinum commercial building in the Commercial Industry (CI) zoning district which requires Site Plan Approval.

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

Interested persons may provide comments to the 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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PLANNING BOARD
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

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

201 Highland Avenue Emily Lagasse proposes to establish a Pet Day Care or Training commercial service principal use, which requires a Special Permit.

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>.

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a New Location, for Starl Liquors Inc. d/b/a Sav Mor Discount Liquors from 15-17r McGrath Hwy to 325 Canal St., 518, Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somerville-ma.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Christine Lindgren
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a New Location, for Woody's Inc. d/b/a Woody's Liquor from 523 Broadway to 483 Broadway, 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
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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of Transfer of Stock, for Fraiman Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a The Somerville Theater for 55 Davis Sq., 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.

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for Premier on Broadway d/b/a Da Vittorio 519 Broadway for an Alteration of Premises, a Change of d/b/a from Da Vittorio to Premier on Broadway and a change of outdoor seating from private to public at 519 Broadway, Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for Vinal Bakery LLC d/b/a Vinal General Store for an Enhancement Area Wine and Malt 7 Day Alcohol License, a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment by Devices License at 220 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

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Free cooling center rides during heat waves

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is offering free transportation to help older adults and adults with disabilities cope with heat waves.

SCES is providing round-trip cab rides to local cooling centers for older adults during heat waves this summer. To arrange for transportation, call 617-628-2601 and ask for the Transportation Department.

For information about when the cooling center at the Cambridge Senior Center is open, call 617-349-6220.

For information about when the cooling center at 167 Holland St. in Somerville is open, call the city 311 Constituent Services number.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older adults in Somerville and Cambridge. Contact our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or info@eldercare.org for free advice and guidance, or visit us online at eldercare.org.



City of Somerville seeks four community members for the Police Chief selection committee

The City of Somerville is seeking four community members to serve on a selection committee for the next Chief of Police of the Somerville Police Department (SPD). The next Chief will lead the department through an important moment in policing in Somerville, as the work of the reimagining policing process – led by the Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) Office under the leadership of RSJ Director Denise Molina Capers – will be in full swing.

The Police Chief Selection Committee (PCSC) will be responsible for:

- Engaging the community in a robust discussion about the type of leader they are looking for in the next Chief of Police.
- Working with the Mayor's Office to select a recruiting firm to lead the search.
- Working with the recruiting firm to establish a selection process based on input received from the community.
- Recommending three to five finalists to the Mayor based on candidates' performance in the selection process.
- Conducting a public interview process for the finalists.

The Mayor will make the final appointment for the next Chief of Police from the PCSC's list of finalists, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

The police chief selection committee is established in City ordinance and can be found at <https://bit.ly/PoliceChiefSelection>

The selection committee will consist of:

- The Human Resources Director (who will serve as the chair)
- A member of the City Council appointed by the City Council Vice President
- The RSJ Director (this position was formerly held by the director of the Multicultural Affairs Commission)
- Two community members appointed by the City Council Vice President, at least one of whom should represent the city's diversity
- Two community members appointed by the Mayor, at least one of whom should represent the city's diversity
- A sworn officer of the SPD represented and elected by the Somerville Police Employees Association, the union that represents patrol officers
- A sworn officer of the SPD represented and elected by the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association, the union that represents sergeants, lieutenants, and captains

The Mayor and the City Council Vice President will select community members from the applicants who respond to this call.

Time Commitment and Preferred Qualifications

The PCSC will likely meet every other week at a regularly scheduled time that is most convenient for all committee members. Materials will be distributed for review prior to each meeting. Committee members should also expect to attend community meetings or other community engagement events.

Applicants should demonstrate an interest in municipal governance, public health and safety, racial and social justice, and/or policing and the many roles it plays in the lives of community members.

How to Apply

Applicants interested in volunteering to serve on the PCSC should send their resume and a statement of interest to policechiefsearch@somervillema.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20.



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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ageless Grace Program – various dates – Ageless Grace is a fitness and wellness program consisting of 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. These exercises, based on everyday movements, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Classes are held bi-monthly in English and bi-monthly in Spanish via Zoom. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Outdoor Exercise Group –Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Each class will meet in front of the Holland Street Center at the flag pole and will incorporate stretching, strength training and balance exercises. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

WALKING GROUP –Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for one of the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Online De-Cluttering Class –Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. - Sometimes it's easier to collect items and harder to get rid of them. De-cluttering can be a difficult process, but you don't have to do it alone. If you are looking for support in regard to downsizing, decluttering or discarding items, consider joining the online de-cluttering support group. With a supportive group environment, you will learn how to turn your mountain of items into a manageable amount. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail nnaim@somervillema.gov to register.

English Conversation – Starting Monday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. – And every Monday following. 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. This program is in person; pre-reg-

istration is required as space is limited. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Book Club – Friday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. - Do you love books and want to discuss your love of reading with others? Consider joining book club. Our next book is The Hundred Secret Senses by Amy Tan. Book club's next meeting will be in person. Contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317. This is an in person group. Please RSVP.

Music & Munch – Wednesday, July 21, at noon-time. Why not pair your lunch with a celebration of music? This 45-minute session via Zoom will treat you to a playlist of diverse musical offerings: a little jazz, some "oldies but goodies," a smid-gen of classical, a dip into barbershop, a trip to Broadway. The music is taped but the experience is live. Your guide is Somerville Resident, Laura Zoll, trained as a medieval musicologist and with a life-long love of all things musical. Your preferences will help shape the session. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. RSVP to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via ZOOM.

ONGOING EVENTS

Taxi Rides - Do you need a ride? The COA has a program just for you. Taxi Rides for Somerville Residents 60 and Over Rides can be used for: Grocery Shopping in Somerville Pharmacy Prescription pick up in Somerville, Routine Medical Appointments in the follow areas: Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Boston or the V.A. in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury. Two Days Advanced Notice Required. For more info, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

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 at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

EXERCISE

FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

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Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWfyoEZaws&t=247s>

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcl2eBSS024&t=158s>

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDtaldYSz0>

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAnwfwGybTI>

OUTDOOR EXERCISE PROGRAM

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

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OUTDOOR WALKING GROUP

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

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

Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDGF_EEbqF0&t=130s

Yoga with Janine video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Zezcj9XXBU>

For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, please contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

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BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



I went down to the bar to hear the band called Duvet.
They were the cover band

On This Day in History
July 7

1742 – A Spanish force invading Georgia runs headlong into the colony's British defenders. The battle decides the fate of a colony.

1777 – American troops give up Fort Ticonderoga, on Lake Champlain, to the British.

1795 – Thomas Paine defends the principal of universal suffrage at the Constitutional Convention in Paris.

1863 – Confederate General Robert E. Lee, in Hagerstown, Maryland, reports his defeat at Gettysburg to President Jefferson Davis.

1927 – Christopher Stone becomes the first British 'disc jockey' when he plays records for the BBC.

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Simple Recycling truck drives the entire trash route every day and picks up the pink textile-recycling bags on the curb. Scheduling pickups will significantly reduce the contractor's driving miles, which will reduce gas usage and emissions, and it will streamline service so bags don't get missed. Pickups can be scheduled at simplerecycling.com or by calling 866-835-5068. For more information, visit simplerecycling.com or somervillema.gov/textilerecycling.

Walk-in vaccinations are available at multiple locations: You now can get a COVID-19 vaccination without having to pre-register or make an appointment. There are walk-in vaccination sites all around Somerville, and just outside

it as well. Cambridge Health Alliance vaccine clinics have larger supplies of doses and can vaccinate kids ages 12-17. You do not need to be a CHA patient to use these clinics. They are free and open to all. Local CVS pharmacies and the Stop & Shop on McGrath Hwy. are also offering walk-in vaccines. Local Walgreens pharmacies require a brief pre-registration, but can process people quickly if they have open slots and you walk in. Here are the CHA walk-in sites: CHA Somerville Vaccine Center at 176 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tufts University Gantcher Center at 161 College Ave. in Medford, Wed-Thurs. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Encore Boston Harbor at

1 Broadway Center in Everett, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Individuals younger than 18 will need parental or guardian consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. A parent or guardian can either accompany a minor age 16 or 17 to their vaccine appointment, or fill out a consent form that the minor can then bring with them to the appointment. Consent forms in multiple languages are available at the state's website. Parents must accompany children ages 12-15 to their vaccine appointments.

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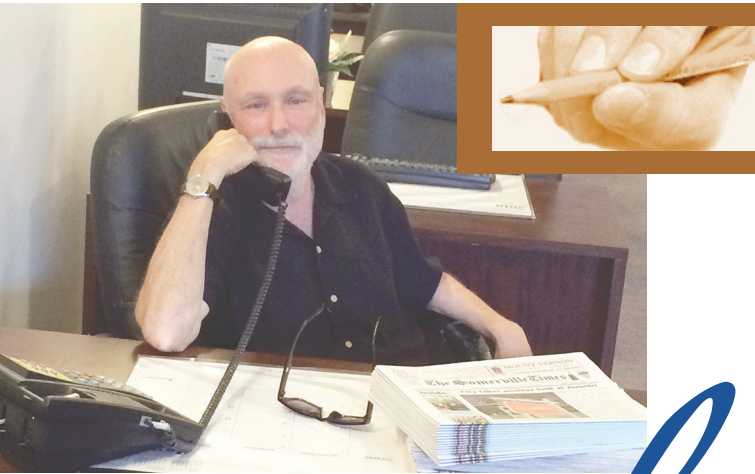
lucky enough to have some extra money, please consider a donation to the Somerville Cares Fund. This donation-based fund provides direct assistance to Somerville residents, workers, and parents of school children so that they can cover basic expenses like housing, food, and utility bills. If you're unable to donate you can still help by sharing information about the Somerville Cares Fund with your friends and family.

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Somerville's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

Despite the weather the City of Somerville was able to hold its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field on Wednesday, June 30. The crowd enjoyed live entertainment with DJ Brother Cleve playing pop, soul, funk, and other classic tunes followed by Booty Vortex. — Photos by Claudia Ferro





OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'2 a.m. with Keats'

by Eileen Cleary

2 a.m. with Keats, by Eileen Cleary
Nixes Mate Books, 48 pages, \$15.00

Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Denise Provost

US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo has said that “grief is a lifelong lesson.” Poet Eileen Cleary, in her arresting collection *2 a.m. with Keats*, writes of her own lessons in grief to notable effect. With lush imagery and restrained but powerful incantation, Cleary pays tribute to her friend and teacher, the late Lucie Brock-Broido, to whom this volume is dedicated, as well as to John Keats, who is explicitly invoked.

In the poem *Moon Goddess Takes Leave of the Sky*, Cleary declaims:

“Before legends, before

Luna became Lucia. Lucia winds her grandfather clock.

Speaks Come hither in time with the fire.

Kindling thoughts,

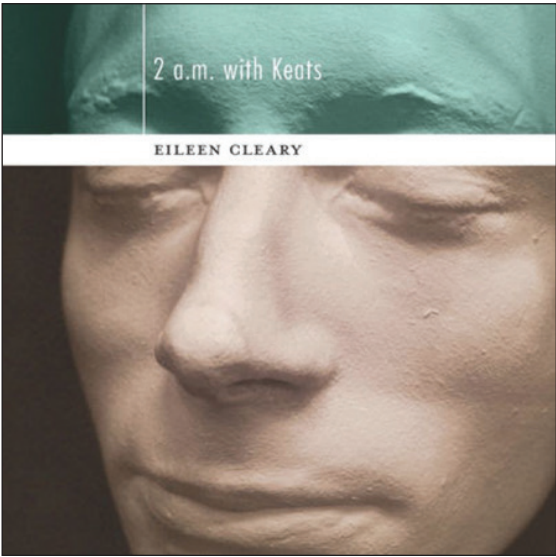
She implores

Tell me.”

Cleary proceeds to tell us a great deal, in the entire central chapter, about her *2 a.m. Keats Visitations* in that “[h]our of winged and spectral images...”

It not unheard of for readers to form intense identifications with the poets they most often read and admire; Keats did so himself. Poets are perhaps especially susceptible to experiencing the writings of another poet as a kind of communion, and to finding affinities with them. It is, however, remarkable to find a written record of such intimate musings as these.

This holistic collation of poetry constitutes more than an homage to Keats. In it, Cleary speaks directly to him. She addresses Keats as a fellow orphan (“Your mother left you? /If you were mine, I’d name you/star and I’d be astrophile”), fellow



mender of those in broken health (“Caring for the dying/is holy, John/a gift they can’t return”) and as soul mate (“I’m not your first/platonic lover/ You’re not mine.”)

Poet Patrick Donnelly is among those who praises *2 a.m. with Keats*, describing its “startlingly fresh and tender” lines as being “strange in the most necessary way.” Donnelly goes on to say that “strange” is “the highest compliment I could give any work of art.” These aesthetics of the “strange” bring to mind Charles Simic’s description of a successful poem as one which possesses “originality,” which he explains as a creation which is “without precedent, it doesn’t fit preconceived notions” – by that measure, this book is one which is clearly original.

2 a.m. with Keats deserves thoughtful appreciation of its singular features. A careful reader will find within its pages’ sly rhymes; odd echoes of some of the more off-kilter rhythms of, say, Keats’ *Endymion*. It also harbors allusions aplenty: “My condolences on your silver dove...” “Don’t say the father died; say night falls/as if a father off a horse...” “You’ve become allusion.”

Beyond all else, this is a book which deserves credit for its emotional courage - how many of us would dare to go so far in exposing our attachments? This volume pushes literary - and personal - boundaries in a way that challenges our consideration. It will be much talked about; prepare to join the discussion.

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Compartmentalize

You got to hear this. World’s a hungry place.
And the darkest things are the hungriest,
and they’ll eat what shines.
– Stephen King, *Doctor Sleep*

I wish I could
compartmentalize
like the REDRUM boy
in Kubrick’s film
The Shining,
who can lock away
his monsters
in all kinds
of impenetrable,
mental boxes
like the old hag
in Room 237.

Once I imagined you
locked away
in a soundproof room
still squawking
like some mute,
animated chicken:
head bobbing,
wing-arms flailing.

I laughed,
but it was
a nervous laugh.
When the therapist
mentioned enmeshment,
I’d envisioned
a spider web -
intricate as a lace doily
covering an entrance
of a doorway,
waiting for a hapless,
blissful bug
to buzz through
to its inevitable
entrapment:
its iridescent wings
frantically flailing
until the end.

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