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The Somerville City Council passed an ordinance at its latest regular meeting allowing for official recognition of domestic partnerships, including those involving more than two people.

By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council on June 25, an ordinance to formally recognize domestic partnerships, including those involving more than two people, was put forward and approved unanimously by the Council.

The domestic relationship issue was initially brought to the attention of the City Council when President and Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin learned from a constituent earlier this year that the city did not acknowledge such partnerships.

It was noted that this problem is Coronavirus-related because it can prevent an individual from being added to their partner's health insurance. He further noted that both Cambridge and Boston recognize domestic partnerships.

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Top ways to take a safe vacation

After months spent indoors at home due to the coronavirus pandemic, it's clear that many people are itching to get back out there and take a vacation. This is with good reason. Staying isolated for too long can take a substantial toll on one's mental health and well-being, according to the American Psychological Association.

If you still feel uncomfortable with going far from your home for a travel experience however, traveling domestically can be a step in the right direction. There are lots of great places to visit a few hours' drive from your home that you probably didn't think of.

Whether you're looking for a beach stay, or some nature, exploring options close to home can allow for an escape you and your family want, and in a safe environment, such as an apartment or home vacation rental. And it's an increasingly popular choice.

According to trivago, a global accommodation metasearch provider, the share of users clicking on deals for such vacation rentals increased by 5 percent from February to June 2020, both in the U.S. and internationally.

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With proper planning and doing the right research, a great vacation can be had in spite of restrictions imposed by the coronavirus crisis.

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








Somerville is moving at a more cautious schedule for the **re-opening of Phase III businesses**. Outside of Phase III health and human service providers, no other currently closed establishments in Somerville will reopen prior to **July 13**, which is the reopening date set by the **Governor** just for **Boston**. The reopening date for the rest of the state was set for **July 6**. Updated guidelines for gatherings will also not go into effect until July 13 at the earliest. This will give city officials time to continue working with business owners to create safety protocols. In some cases, opening dates later than July 13 may be set as a result. More information will be coming over the next week.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: We wish former mayor and great guy **Gene Brune** a very happy birthday this week. Gene has given so much more to this community before and since he left office. Happy birthday Gene, we hope you have a great 91st birthday with your many friends, family and admirers here. Happy birthday to **Joe Vanessa** of **Modelo's Market Café** in **Magoun Sq.** on Medford Street. We wish a big happy birthday to **Rebecca McLaughlin** of **Century 21 North East**. We hope she has a great day and we are sure her kids will make it special. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Charles Zammuto, Laura Murphy McCarthy, Yvette Wilks, Michael Terrio, Barbara Passero, David Figueiredo, Tom Fitzgerald, Janeen Mobilia** and **Linda Sauer McSorley** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 8 – July 14 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday July 8	Thunderstorms	83°/70°	49%	29%	SSW 12 mph
 Thursday July 9	Partly Cloudy	88°/69°	21%	13%	SSW 10 mph
 Friday July 10	Partly Cloudy	84°/68°	20%	32%	SSE 11 mph
 Saturday July 11	Thunderstorms	76°/68°	80%	42%	E 9 mph
 Sunday July 12	Thunderstorms	85°/71°	39%	38%	SW 10 mph
 Monday July 13	Thunderstorms	84°/66°	38%	21%	SSW 9 mph
 Tuesday July 14	Partly Cloudy	82°/67°	20%	13%	S 8 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: *Reduce the police budget*

Tim says:

i know one place we don't need police, construction sites... there are approximately 202,394,875,398 such sites in Somerville, why don't we pay crossing guards??? they haven't had much work since schools closed..

Arthur Moore says:

Most states use flag people. In Mass we don't as having a trained professional on the site in case of a problem with the law we would have this trained person there on case of an emergency. Pretty much the way I understand it. But all the states with a flag person are not having a problem. I think it is more of the police union keep the money flowing. If anything we need to increase the budget so they have the best equipment and more officers on duty in these trying times. I have had personal experience with the police on social issues and I can say they have been good. Calls for help for suicides they were right there. Family deaths, health emergencies. And I can say regardless of race they treated everyone properly. Leave the police to do their job and let them decide or say what is needed. The force in Somerville has been one of the best in the country. Go after the other cities who do not have a good force like we do, Most police are good people doing their job. What is needed is a way to weed out the bad ones where they exist. I do not want to lose the good ones here and be replaced with a lesser person. Let's stand behind them.

Villinous says:

The City Council made essentially the same size cut as the mayor. So this was all for show. I wish it was about a deeper look into how we operate police departments, but that got derailed by people picking numbers out of the air.

#howaboutcuttingthefat? says:

So follow the rule of the mob, and do whatever they say needs doing. Very proactive I think. How about cutting some of the real fat from the city budget? All of the new positions created at City Hall, all of the perks given to the Aldermen, etc. etc. Does it require a mob to demand it in order for anyone to see all of the fat????

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Uh...yea. What you call "rule of the mob" is what normal people call democracy, majority rule, etc. It's what elected officials are appointed to do, fulfill the will of the people. And no, this issue in general is not about trimming fat, it's about responsible regulation of law enforcement, something else that functioning democracies do. Not that you're expected to understand or agree with it. Go back to sleep.

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville's other Finast



Somerville's finest are of course our outstanding police force. Names like Remigio, Fallon, Mitsakis, Stiles, Dervishian, Gilberti, Cabral, Howe, Hodgdon and so many more. But Somerville's other finest was actually spelled Finast with an a. An acronym for First National Stores.

At one point, First National Stores was one of America's largest grocery chains. The company operated First National (and later Finast) stores in the northeast. (get it ... FINAST?) There used to be a few First National grocery stores around

Somerville years ago.

The Assembly Square Mall in Somerville, Massachusetts, opened in 1981 inside of a former Ford Motors Assembly Plant along the banks of the Mystic River. The site had more recently been a distribution center for First National Supermarkets also known as Finast. Finast was based in Somerville until 1978.

The Finast label, much like Market Basket's, offered consumers quality products at a lower price than the popular brands. Plus, how cool was it to buy a can of genuine Somerville tomatoes (see photo)?

First National's huge warehouse and retail stores employed a lot of Somerville people. These are some of their stories:

"I remember going to the one on Mystic Ave. Also there was one where the Stop & Shop is in Clarendon Hill." A warehouse worker recalls, "It was so brutal coming

outside into the heat of a hot summer day after the end of a 14 hour shift in a refrigerated warehouse."

"My mom worked in the factory at Assembly Square. She told stories of packing pickles into jars, placing perfect spears neatly facing out of the jar and then random bits piled into the center."

"There was a First National in Union Square. I won a giant Sugar Daddy candy bar there for counting the marbles."

"There was a First National Store at the corner of Medford St and Somerville Ave next to Target, which way back was Bradlees." There was one on Broadway near where Star Market was. It burned down around 1960." There were also stores in Union Square, Ball Square and on the corner of Highland Avenue and Central St.

Here's a bit of scandal for you! "I worked in their offices. When I started at 18, (1972-73) I worked in the mailroom with similar aged peers. I heard a rumor that a few of them were stealing payroll checks that came through the mailroom. I was there when law enforcement came to



take them. Can't remember if it was local police or FBI. Idiots had signed their own names when cashing those checks. They signed them over to themselves!"

A friend sends this sweet comment in: "My parents worked there, that is where they met in the 50's. Still in love 62 years later."

First National Stores have gone the way of the Ford Assembly Plant, Assembly Mall, Somerville Lumber, Johnny D's and Joe Izzy's. Important parts of our Somerville past.

I wouldn't be surprised if someone out there still has an item in their kitchen cabinet or cellar with the Finast label on it.

Thank you to Wikipedia and my Facebook friends for some facts and statistics.

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We ask you to bear with us while we implement these guidelines. The safety of our patrons and employees remain our number one priority as we continue to operate and maintain our small business during this difficult time.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shooting at Mystic Housing Projects in Somerville, suspects arrested

At around 10:42 p.m. Thursday evening, police were dispatched to River Rd. in the Mystic Housing Projects in Somerville on reports of a shooting.

Four victims were transported to local hospitals, one male and three females. One victim was reported to be in critical condition. A vehicle was reported fleeing the scene. Somerville, Medford and State Police responded to the scene.

On Friday, July 3, the Cambridge Police Department announced that three suspects have been arrested following the Thursday night shooting. Justin Ellcock, 24, Davel Matthew, 23, and Destiny Banks, 23, all from Cambridge, were arrested after Cambridge Police Officers observed and stopped a vehicle that Somerville Police were seeking.

The vehicle was parked on the corner of Davis and Broadway Streets in Cambridge and occupied by a driver and two passengers. A stolen, loaded, high capacity firearm was found in possession of one

of the defendants, along with ammunition. Two other firearms were located inside the vehicle.

Ellcock will be charged with multiple counts of carrying a firearm, multiple counts of possession of a large capacity feeding device and possession of ammunition. Matthews and Banks will be charged with carrying a firearm and possession of a large capacity feeding device.

The investigation of the Somerville shooting and a separate shooting from Thursday night on Harvard Street in Cambridge is ongoing. Cambridge Police ask that anyone who may have more information on the Harvard Street shooting to call (617) 349-3300. Those who wish to submit tips anonymously via phone, text message or email, can visit <http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd/communityresources/anonymouscrimetips>.

Somerville Police ask that if anyone has information about this incident that they please call 617-625-1600 ext. 7250.



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Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	Bond St. on warrant charges of larceny of credit card, improper use of credit card, larceny under	\$1200 by single scheme, felony daytime breaking and entering, felony nighttime breaking and	entering, and larceny over \$1200. Graziano Mellone , July 2, 6:59 p.m., arrested at Broadway	on warrant charges of assault and battery and felony daytime breaking and entering.
	Danielle Lopes , of Harwich, June 27, 3:33 p.m., arrested at			

City approves polyamorous domestic relationship recognition

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Ballantyne asked about the legality of domestic partnerships at the Council's April 7 meeting, and City Clerk John Long responded that the public should consult an attorney to learn more, and that domestic partnerships are not recognized by the State or Federal Government but are recognized by some private companies for health insurance.

Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott said that without the recognition of a domestic partnership, many legal processes can be difficult, such as estate planning and health coverage.

Working with the Council's Legislative Matters Committee, Assistant City Solicitor Hannah Pappenheim presented a number of findings and recommendations over the course of several Committee meetings.

Among them, Pappenheim

told the members that this is something that can be accomplished and she asked whether the Committee is looking for a symbolic separation or something from city clerk's office, e.g., a certificate acknowledging the partnership.

Councilor McLaughlin explained how this arose and said he was looking for something that recognizes domestic partnerships, therefore allowing people to secure benefits, etc.

The cities of Boston and Cambridge already have this, but Somerville does not recognize domestic partnerships.

In early June, Pappenheim presented a draft version of the proposed ordinance, which recognizes domestic partnerships and allows couples to obtain a certificate from the City Clerk recognizing their partnerships.

For the city's purposes, the

domestic partnerships are treated the same as marriages, with respect to fees, etc., and grants the same rights and privileges as those afforded to married individuals.

The draft was based on ordinances from Cambridge and Boston, but was much simpler and narrower in scope.

Pappenheim asked for placement suggestions from the committee, since Cambridge placed their ordinance under personnel and another community placed it under the Health Department.

There were questions regarding the requirement to amend the partnership registration if there is a change of household address and Pappenheim explained that it is because the couple "resides together."

The ordinance was subsequently drafted and approved by the Legislative Matters Com-

mittee and submitted under a new item number to the City Council for action.

As the matter was discussed at the June 25 Council meeting, the issue of polyamorous relationships was suggested for consideration as an amendment to the drafted ordinance.

Chair Davis expressed reservations about approving the ordinance as it was submitted, saying, "I don't think it's the place of government to be telling people what is or is not a family. And defining families is something that historically is something that we've gotten quite wrong as a society, and we ought not to undertake to do so."

Davis went on to point out that the language in the ordinance specifically defining domestic partnerships as consisting of two persons. He subsequently made a motion to make several

amendments to the proposed ordinance, all effectively relating to taking out the "two person" part, leaving it unstated as to the number of people involved in the domestic relationship.

"The next question is if 20 people want to come and claim that they're domestic partners, I guess my answer would be 'what if they did?'" Davis said.

The proposed changes to the ordinance were made, removing all references to two people constituting an officially recognized domestic partnership, and the full Council approved the item unanimously.

The ordinance is the first of its kind enacted nationwide and garnered a lot of media attention throughout the U.S.

The ordinance can be downloaded at http://somervillecity-ma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Legifile.aspx?ID=23232.

2021 police budget: Line by line

By Alberto Gilman

The Somerville City Council Finance Committee hosted a virtual Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, July 2.

In the previous week, the City Council hosted a five-hour virtual public hearing discussing the proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year on Wednesday, June 24 by Mayor Curtatone.

Many concerns from residents were voiced in reaction to the police budget, which called for a 60 percent decrease in funding. Somerville Police Chief David Fallon answered questions and addressed concerns from the City Council during the meeting. Over the course of the first two hours, Chief Fallon discussed several lines in the police budget leading to various cuts.

City Council Vice President and Councilor-at-Large Mary Jo Rosetti called for a motion to reduce line 558003 in the police budget by \$85,000. Line 558003 is listed as Public Safety Supplies. This cut would be less than 15 percent. Calling for a vote, the motion was carried 10-1. Councilor-at-Large Kristen Strezo called for a motion to re-



duce \$2000 from the proposed \$4000 for line 542006 for Office Furniture. The motion passed with a final vote count of 8-3.

Ward 2 Councilor and Finance Chair J.T. Scott motioned to cut line 572001 titled Out of State Conferences by \$2000. Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen addressed the cut by asking Councilor Scott for his reasoning on the motion with the previous cuts already approved of.

“I’m thinking of the Arts Council, which has a nearly 19 percent cut to their budget. I’m thinking of housing. I’m thinking of housing stability,” Scott said in the meeting. “I’m thinking about departments that really directly serve constituents in ways that have

broad support in the city that are going through much larger cuts than the police ordinary maintenance budget. That doesn’t feel right.”

Councilor Scott proposed another cut to line 558012 titled Badges, Emblems, Trophies, Medals. The proposed amount was \$4000. The proposed cut was \$3,000 dollars. The motion passed with a vote of 6-5. Line 542001, Printing and Stationery drew a proposed cut of \$3000 from the proposed \$7,000. The motion did not pass with a vote of 6-5 against.

A total of accepted cuts came to \$82,000 from the overall budget. There were no motions on the Animal Control budget. The E911 budget also received no motions.

Somerville Phase 3 reopening to follow more cautious schedule

With COVID-19 cases on the rise throughout much of the country, Somerville Phase 3 reopenings — and implementation of gatherings guidance — will proceed on a more cautious schedule than those outlined by the Governor.

With the exception of the Phase 3 Healthcare and Human Services providers, which will open according to statewide plans, no other currently closed establishments in Somerville will reopen prior to July 13, which is the delayed reopening date set by the Governor just for Boston. Updated guidelines for gatherings will also not go into effect until July 13 at the earliest. This will give city officials time to continue working with business owners to create safety protocols. In some cases, opening dates later than July 13 may be set as a result. Additional guidelines will be shared next week.



Businesses in the Phase 3 reopening include large indoor venues generally considered to be at high risk for viral spread without proper measures in place, such as movie theaters, cultural centers, and performance venues. Opening dates and gathering guidelines will be announced after due diligence has been performed to ensure activities will proceed with proper safety measures and plans in place that will reduce risk to public health and be part of a sustainable reopening.

The Governor’s plan allows for reopenings to start Monday, July 6, except for in Boston, which will reopen July 13. Yet, as with most previous phases, Somerville will take a more cautious approach given that it is the most densely populated city in Massachusetts and in the heart of the metro Boston region.

For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus and sign up for city alerts at www.somervillema.gov/Alerts. You are urged to sign up for every alert method you are able to receive: phone call, text, email. Also follow [FB.com/SomervilleCity](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity).

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

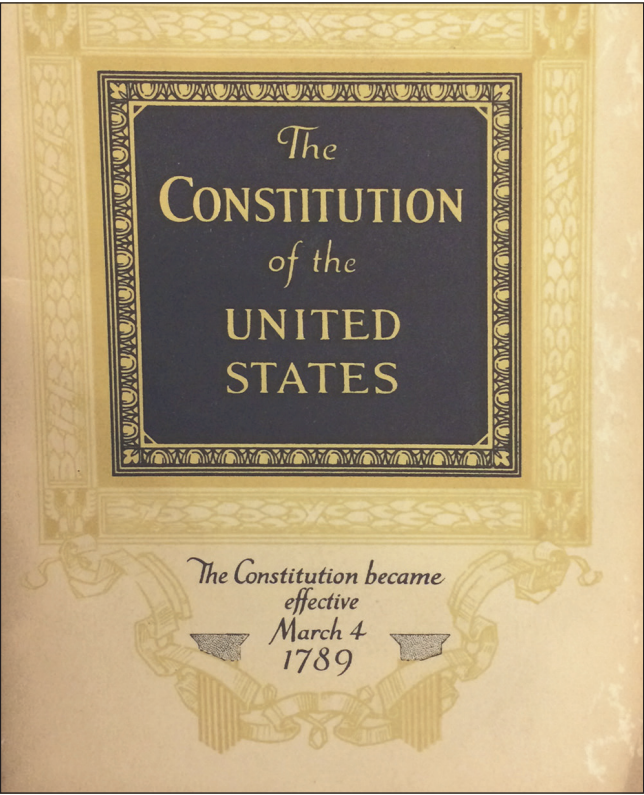


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Independence Day By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The importance of the 4th of July in Massachusetts and Somerville’s history predates:

- the signing of the Constitution
- the raising of American’s first flag, the Grand Union, on historic Prospect Hill
- the beginning of the Revolutionary War



Massachusetts was the first state to make July 4th a state holiday. John Adams, our first Vice President and second President, originally promoted the tradition of firework celebrations on Independence Day. He died on the fourth of July, 1826, within hours of President Thomas Jefferson’s death. The two had signed the Constitution exactly fifty years earlier.

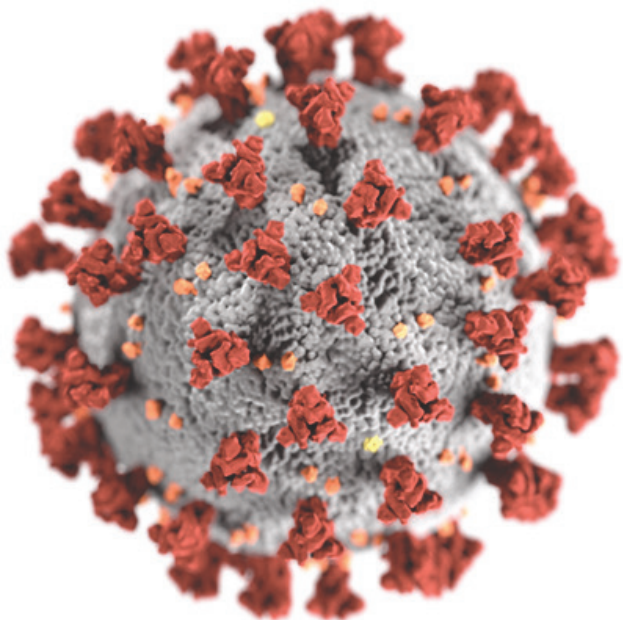


Somerville was part of Charlestown and her history until 1842. The most accurate account in early writings places the arrival of English Captain Thomas Graves, a Charlestown engineer and street planner, as the date of Charlestown’s founding. She was born on the fourth of July, 1629.

Three years later on July 4, 1631, Governor John Winthrop launched the first ship built in Massachusetts into the Mystic River. Christened “The Blessing of the

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COVID-19 update



Here is a COVID-19 update for Monday, July 6. Please also check [somervillema.gov/covid19](https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19) for information and resources that are updated frequently.

Latest news:

- ♦ **Case Counts:** As of 6 p.m., July 5, a total of 999 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 923 have since recovered, and sadly there have been 31 deaths. See more Somerville case data on the city’s COVID-19 Dashboard.
- ♦ **Phase III reopening:** Somerville is moving at a more cautious schedule for the reopening of Phase III businesses. Outside of Phase III health and human service providers, no other currently closed establishments in Somerville will reopen prior to July 13, which is the reopening date set by the Governor just for Boston. (The reopening date for the rest of the state was set for July 6.) Updated guidelines for gatherings will also not go into effect until July 13 at the earliest. This will give city officials time to continue working with business owners to create safety protocols. In some cases, opening dates later than July 13 may be set as a result. More information will be coming over the next week.
- ♦ **Paycheck Protection Program extended:** Businesses can apply for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans through Saturday, August 8. PPP loans are administered through the Small Business Administration and help businesses keep workers on their payroll. For more information on applying for a PPP loan, go to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>. For other business assistance, visit [somervillema.gov/covidbizhelp](https://www.somervillema.gov/covidbizhelp).
- ♦ **Somerville’s eviction moratorium remains in effect:** The City of Somerville’s moratorium on residential and commercial evictions is still in place and will remain in effect until the city’s state of emergency is lifted. The State’s moratorium on residential and small-business evictions will expire on Tuesday, August 18, unless Gov. Charlie Baker extends it. Along with the eviction moratorium, the city has worked to get relief to both tenants and small landlords by helping residents to obtain rental assistance from the State and local non-profit agencies through the Office of Housing Stability and the Office of Immigrant Affairs. The city also recently allocated \$1.5 million of CARES Act funding for additional rental assistance, which will soon become available to those most in need through non-profit partners in the community.
- ♦ **City services reminder:** To find out how you can access specific city services while city buildings are closed to the public, visit the “City Services Status” tab on [somervillema.gov/covid19](https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19). Here are reminders about a few services we’ve been getting questions about:
- ♦ **Waste disposal:** Yard waste, e-waste, and household hazardous waste drop-offs at DPW have been suspended until further notice. Curbside yard waste and textile recycling (in the pink bags) collection is happening on a regular schedule.
- ♦ **Marriage licenses:** Somerville residents can now apply for marriage licenses in Somerville, but it may take up to three weeks to process them. For information on how to apply for a marriage license in Somerville, visit the “City Services Status” tab on [somervillema.gov/covid19](https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19).
- ♦ **Libraries:** The Somerville Public Library is now offering contactless pickup at all three branches. Patrons can request Somerville library materials online using their Minuteman account. Library staff will then notify patrons by either email or phone when their items are ready to be picked up. Pickup appointments will be scheduled by using the Library’s online appointment system on [somervillepubliclibrary.org](https://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org), or by calling the Somerville Public Library at 617-623-5000.
- ♦ **Take a “chance” on a reimaged ArtBeat:** This year’s ArtBeat festival is still on, but in a new way to keep everyone safe. Taking place from July 10 to 18, this year’s ArtBeat will feature virtual as well as safe real-life happenings all centered around the theme of “Chance.” To find out how you can catch a performance or see an installation, visit [somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2020](https://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2020). Arts Council staff members are working on updating the full schedule, so don’t forget to check back throughout the week.
- ♦ **Free COVID-19 testing at Somerville Hospital:** The Somerville Board of Health strongly urges all residents to be tested for COVID-19. The more people that get tested, the safer our reopening will be. You do not need to have symptoms or a doctor’s referral. To sign up for free COVID-19 testing for Somerville residents, call 617-665-2928, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ♦ **Mobile testing available:** The City of Somerville, Cataldo Ambulance, and Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) opened a mobile COVID-19 testing unit in June in addition to the test site outside Somerville Hospital. The mobile testing unit will accept patients by appointment at roaming locations. To be tested, you do not need to be symptomatic and do not need insurance or a doctor’s referral. Immigration status will not be checked. But you must be a Somerville resident and **MUST** CALL 617-682-0583 to set up an appointment. This number is answered during regular City Hall business hours (8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday; 8:30-7:30 Thursday; 8:30-12:30 Friday). Please leave a voicemail if your call is not answered and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Because of the volume of calls, there could be a short delay in getting a response. You can find the schedule of upcoming testing times and locations under the “Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info” tab on [somervillema.gov/covid19](https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19).

Today’s Assistance Tip: Accessing Mental Health Services

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency, or is contemplating suicide or harming others, call 911 immediately.

If you or someone in your family is experiencing a mental health crisis, the Boston Emergency Services Team (BEST) is available 24/7 at 1-800-981-4357. Trained staff can provide support, information, referrals, or arrange an in-person evaluation. BEST provides a comprehensive, highly integrated system of crisis evaluation and treatment services to the greater Boston area under the leadership of Boston Medical Center with support from the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership.

The MassSupport network, offered through Riverside Trauma Center and the MA Department of Mental Health, provides crisis counseling and support around issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Email MassSupport@riversidecc.org or call (888) 215-4920. They can provide services in English and Spanish. More information can be found on their website at [masssupport.org](https://www.masssupport.org).

If you are feeling sad, lonely, hopeless, or suicidal, Samaritans can help. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673. Services are free and confidential.

The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health has a comprehensive online guide to finding mental health support for a variety of needs. If you already have a mental health provider, check with them to see if they are offering online or phone appointments. There are a number of online-based counseling services and some insurance plans cover these services. Some insurance plans may also waive your patient co-pay for behavioral health telemedicine appointments. Check with your insurance provider to find out what your benefits cover.

For more information on accessing mental health care, go to <https://www.somervillema.gov/coronavirushelp/mental-health-and-wellbeing> E.

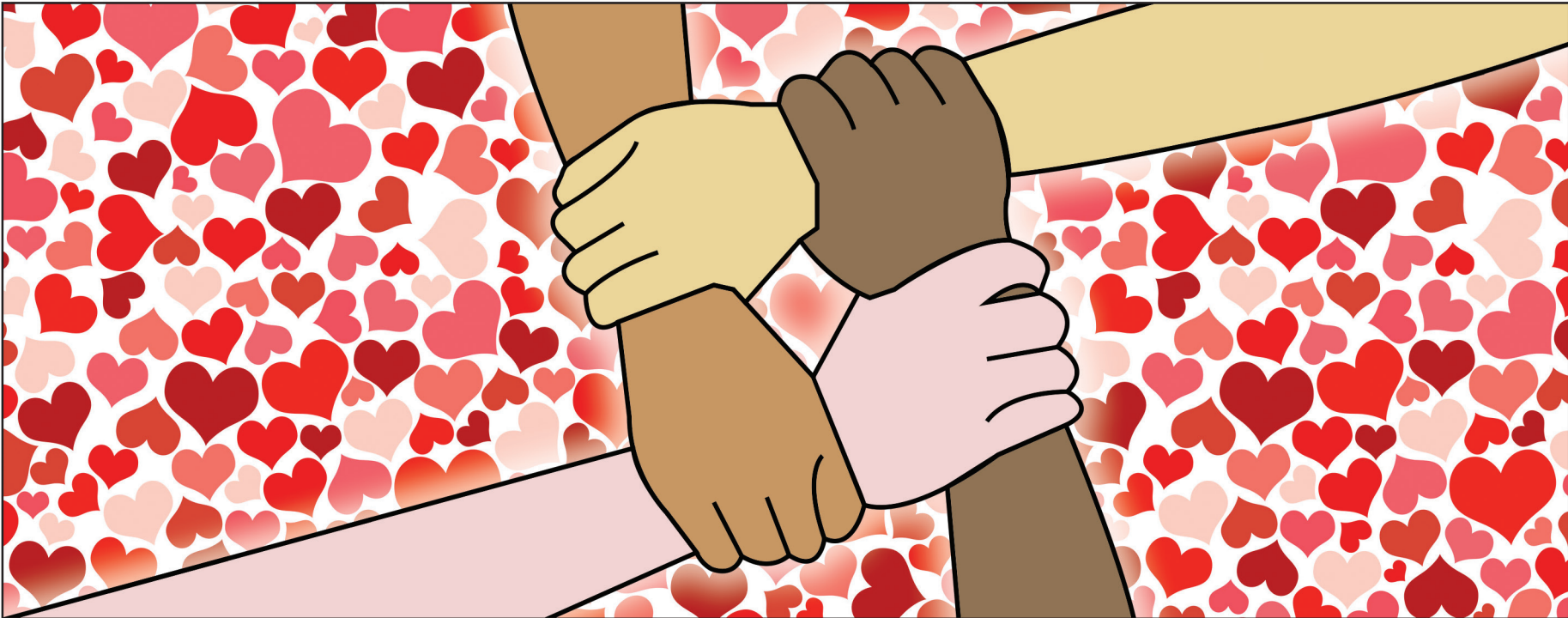
Today’s Public Health Tip: Make Sure to Cover Your Mouth AND Nose

To be most effective, your face covering should cover both your mouth and nose. You can expel droplets, which can carry COVID-19, through your nose, especially when you sneeze. Help protect those around you by making sure you wear your face covering properly.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville says love is love.

Our View Of The Times



While searching for equitable ways of dealing with the legal status of domestic partnerships, the Somerville City Council happened upon a less than well-known issue lurking in the shadows, yearning for light to be shed on it.

What happens to those who are in committed familial relationships that involve more than two individuals? Do they get fair treatment when dealing with getting

health coverage, engage in meaningful estate planning, and other legal processes? Until recently, the movement towards equity for domestic partnerships barely registered a blip on the radar screens of civic leaders. And the additional wrinkle concerning polyamorous relationships has barely garnered any attention at all.

Until now.

The City Council took the bold step last

week of not only assuring complete recognition of domestic partnerships, but also included those relationships that happen to involve more than just two people.

Is this fair? Are those relationships comprised of only a pair more entitled to the benefits of legal recognition than ones who consist of more than just two individuals? How can anyone think so, if they're be fair and honest themselves.

Of course, this will seem strange and possibly illegal to some whose staunch traditional values run against the views of proponents of this policy. For many, changes on this order of magnitude take some time to digest and fully process.

That's OK. In time, the logic of it will surely come to those whose minds are open and sense of justice prevails.

In the meantime, love finds its way.

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a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

A **Virtual Bike Talk Social Hour** hosted by the **Somerville Bicycle Committee** takes place on **Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** The Bike Talk Social Hour continues as a virtual event featuring a July talk by the co-founders of the amazing bike advocacy group, **Somerville Bike Safety (SBS)**. **George Schneeloch** and **Arah Schuur** will talk about the founding of SBS and all the advocacy this group does to keep us all safe and to push the city ever forward. This is a **Zoom** call: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81092527199?pwd=cU82cjgreFBlaWdlNlgyNEEx2eXNZZz09>

Somerville City Council President Matthew McLaughlin has rescheduled the **Regular Meeting** of the City Council that was previously scheduled on **Thursday, July 9**. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will now be at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 14**. The meeting will be held by remote participation using the **Go To Webinar** platform. The meeting will be open to the public. The agenda will be published on

Friday, July 10. You will be able to view the meeting live or testify at any public hearing by registering using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3992812013161860622>.

The **Somerville Arts Council 's Art-Beat Festival 2020** is very much on, albeit in a different form this year – over the course of eight days, they will have some virtual performances as well as some safe real-life happenings, such as art installations popping up and poetry hitting the streets. They believe art plays a more crucial role than ever, in promoting community, supporting our collective mental health, and providing a means for expression and protest. This year the festival theme is **“Chance,”** which explores all things fluky, unexpected and unplanned. The theme and beautiful graphic, designed by **Paula Champagne** turned out to be more timely and poignant than anyone could have imagined. All aspects of the festival will strictly follow Covid-19 safety protocol. Much of the festival will be virtual; yet when visiting installations or if you “chance” upon a happening, wear a mask and respect social distancing. SAC staff will also be on site when necessary to

ensure safety protocol is followed. The festival takes place **July 10-18**, citywide. A concise day-by-day schedule coming soon: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2020

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

Yard waste, e-waste, and household hazardous waste drop-offs at DPW have been suspended until further notice. Curbside yard waste and textile recycling (in the pink bags) collection is happening on a regular schedule.

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

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

Healthy, local food is important. The **Farmers Markets** are open again in **Davis Square** (www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis) and **Union Square** (www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season). But this year they will be different. Both markets will encourage only one person per household to do the shopping, incorporate social

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. *Suicide Squad* is based on which comics universe?

2. Who is the main vocalist of the song *Girls Like You*?

3. Who is the director of the movie *Black Panther*?

4. What does DNA stand for?

5. Which is the smallest member of the flute family?

6. What sport is played with stones and brooms?

7. Which hills divide England from Scotland?

8. Who was the eldest of the Marx Brothers?

9. What is Triskaidekaphobia?

10. Who wrote the book *Catch-22*?

11. Are lions an example of carnivores or herbivores?

12. How many provinces does China has?

Answers on page 11

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Mice, whales, elephants, giraffes and man all have seven neck vertebra.

2. A pound of houseflies contains more protein than a pound of beef.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
SUMMER OLYMPICS

- ACROSS
1. Stockpile

6. More of the same

9. One of Los Lobos

13. Orion's brightest spot

14. A pop

15. Spur on

16. Another name for a jack

17. Between E and NE

18. For all to see

19. Location of the first Summer Olympics

21. ____ test

23. Utmost degree

24. Allen Ginsberg's poem

25. Do this for cardio

28. Chesterfield, e.g.

30. Like "Extra!" news

35. Off-ramp

37. Barbequed slab

39. Right-hand page

40. Infamous Roman tyrant

41. Pandora's box contents

43. Socially inept one

44. Parachute material

46. And others

47. Kill a dragon

48. Prior to the present, prefix

50. Every which way

52. Swear words

53. Burst of wind

55. High affair

57. Non-permanent addition to Olympic event roster

60. Most decorated Olympian

63. Desire

64. Tom and Jerry, e.g.

66. Relating to hair

68. Skip the big wedding

69. Inquire

70. Key material

71. Bears' hands

72. House vote

73. Chain of hills
- DOWN

1. Biblical boat

2. Chinese dynasty (1368-1644)

3. Lab culture

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4. Number of events in a heptathlon

5. Rains and snows at the same time

6. D'Artagnan's sword

7. Age of the youngest Olympian ever

8. Words to live by

9. Denim innovator

10. Welcoming store sign

11. Salz____ or St. Peters____

12. Make a choice

15. Tree used to make paper

20. House duty

22. Great horned one

24. ____ for Humanity

25. Most decorated U.S. female Olympian Thompson

26. Has daisylike flowers

27. Lena Dunham's HBO show, 2012-17

29. Number of countries that participated in every Summer Olympics

31. Nugent and Danson
32. Food contaminant

33. A Stradivari violin

34. 2021 Olympics location

36. Thomas the Engine's warning

38. Wimbledon is a Grand one

42. Deadly sin

45. Nullify

49. Hard to escape routine

51. Zoo____ or bee____

54. Type of car

56. Courtroom excuse

57. Caffeine-containing nut tree

58. Swear, not curse

59. Exercise repetitions, for short

60. Annoyingly slow

61. Weary walk

62. Spilled the beans

63. Large edible mushroom

65. Most decorated Olympic country

67. Whiskey grain

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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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.

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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COMMENTARY

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Bridging the chasm between law enforcement and justice

Part 3: The historical purpose of policing



By William C. Shelton

Understanding the historical creation of police forces and their function in preserving the established order will go a long way toward explaining why police violence against the poor, people of color, and African Americans in particular persists.

For the first two centuries that Europeans were in North America, police forces did not exist. In fact, the primary *emotional* driver of separation from Britain was arbitrary use of police power. Writs of assistance were the 18th Century's stop-and-frisk, but applied to White people.

That police were not needed now seems all the more remarkable when one considers that close to half of European immigrants came as convicted felons, or as indentured servants who had usually been deceived or coerced into coming.

The simplest explanation is, opportunity. Virtually anyone who was not a slave or native could find gainful employment. And while indentured life was harsh, laws in most colonies obligated masters to provide for the economic sufficiency of servants when their indenture ended.

North Carolina, for example, required that freed servants be given "freedom dues" of "fifty acres of land, three barrels of Indian corn, and two new suits." This was probably the precursor to General Sherman's post-Civil-War order that freed slaves be given forty acres of land and a mule, an order that President Andrew Johnson later rescinded.

So with low levels of inequality, the population's days were occupied by work, and crime tended to be incidental. But where slavery existed, inequality was absolute. White people feared slave rebellions, and the direct antecedent to policing in the South was slave patrols, first formed in 1704 in South Carolina. Slave

patrols' three purposes were to capture escaped slaves, conduct organized terror to discourage slave revolts, and maintain slaves' work discipline.

In the North, Samuel Slater opened the first cotton mill in Pawtucket in 1792, marking the beginning of U.S. industrialization. As manufacturing spread, so did a growing industrial workforce, increasingly composed of non-English immigrants and freed Blacks, who earned meager wages and lived and worked in inhuman conditions. Resulting increases in crime were initially dealt with by for-profit policing agencies who contracted with merchants and industrialists.

But the monied interests were more concerned with "order" than with crime, which rarely affected them directly. "Disorderly" reactions to economic injustice ranged from public drunkenness, to spontaneous labor actions that the elites called "rioting," to organized strikes.

The creation of public police forces enabled the transfer of social control costs from the private sector to the state, while misrepresenting social control to the populace as crime control and the rule of law. That misrepresentation was supported by the promotion of perceptions that the underclass was biologically and morally inferior. The more different they looked and sounded from the dominant class, the more suspect they were.

Transforming policing from responding to criminal acts to preventing disorder—now defined as "crime"—legitimized constant surveillance of populations, which continues today.

Boston became home to America's first professional police force in 1838, modeled on the London force created by British Home Secretary Robert Peel. He had, in turn, modeled London's police on an occupying colonial force that he had created to suppress resistance in Ireland. By the Civil War, this solution had spread throughout urban America.

As these agencies' primary purpose was maintaining order, they did not so much fight crime as regulate and profit from it. From their formation, they were corrupt and brutal. While pro-

tecting their commercial and political patrons' operations, they took payoffs; organized professional criminals, trading immunity for bribes and information; bought votes and stuffed ballot boxes; and sold promotions.

Any organization that operates under such circumstances will inevitably develop a culture that is defensive, insulated from the public, resistant to scrutiny and regulation, and punitive in response to any perceived threat to their own. While the organizations' activities may change over time, the culture will maintain great inertia.

As police forces expanded, public opinion opposed arming them with guns and authorizing the use of deadly force, but merchants and magnates favored it. And decision makers ultimately capitulated, since so many officers had already armed themselves and refused to disarm.

Following the Civil War municipal police departments were increasingly mobilized to prevent labor actions, using countless "public order" arrests and violently dispersing striking workers. Call boxes were set up and keys given to businessmen so they could quickly summon police enforcers of order.

Meanwhile, the doctrine of racial inferiority had also been used to justify the enslavement of those people whose work produced the wealth that, directly or indirectly, financed much of the young nation's industrialization. By the time of the Civil War, the property value of enslaved humans was greater than all the nation's railroads and factories combined," since by the end, the market for slaves no longer existed.

To maintain that value, former slaves had to continue to perform exhausting labor for starvation wages. Slave patrols morphed into police departments charged with enforcing "black codes," passed to restrict Black Americans' freedom. After Reconstruction, black codes became Jim Crow laws, enforced by police departments and vigilante groups, which often included police as members.

Northern politicians feared the migration of freed Blacks and,

through economic and regulatory methods, established ghettos. In them, residents could be contained and pacified by police, using discriminatory law enforcement and excessive force.

The rise of the civil rights movement brought more repressive policing, brutal in the South and, initially, more nuanced in the North and West. But emerging groups that fought for systemic change, like the Congress of Racial Equality, Black Panthers, Young Lords, and American Indian Movement, brought more repressive responses, including assassination by police.

As the civil rights movement was waning, a movement of a different sort was gaining force among the nation's economic elites. It would come to be called neoliberalism, and it would have a profound impact on policing.

Its core idea was that only capitalist markets could fairly allocate resources and reward individuals. So private enterprises' only obligation was to maximize profit, and government must get out of the way by repealing business regulations, slashing taxes on the wealthy, privatizing as much as possible, and stripping the social safety net.

The ascendance of neoliberalism would require a substantial change to America's political landscape. This began with Richard Nixon's "Southern strategy," which mobilized Southern White racial fears and White fear of crime and disorder elsewhere. The political shift accompanied government policies that crashed the economy in the 1970s, creating a permanent, disproportionately Black, underclass.

Ronald Reagan came to power exploiting the same fears and began implementing the neoliberal agenda in earnest, slashing regulations, tax brackets, and programs, and conducting war on organized labor. Bill Clinton continued the mission. Among his atrocities was the 1994 Crime Bill, which vastly expanded crime definitions, mandatory sentencing, the prison population, and police forces.

So police were obligated to control and lock up more people for more things, even as crime rates fell. At the same time aban-

donment of welfare, social, educational, housing, workforce, and mental health programs created more "disorder" while dumping enormous and expansive new duties on the police, for which they could not be prepared. Poor communities were abandoned to savage market forces, and police were still charged with keeping them pacified.

I have not been entirely fair in my recounting of police history. I have omitted the dozens of public commissions that were convened to reform policing, going back to 1894. Each reported, recommended, and disappeared, leaving little impact.

I have omitted serious internal efforts within police departments, beginning in the 1950s, to "professionalize" them. Those efforts did have substantial and tangible impacts, but were strenuously resisted by police unionization drives that exploded in the 1960s.

It's also important to acknowledge that the endemic corruption that characterized early police forces has largely disappeared, while the quality of police recruits has immeasurably improved.

But the point of this column is not to described police departments' good intentions, or the progress they have made in pursuing them. It is to demonstrate the ultimate purpose of policing, which confounds those good intentions.

From its outset in the U.S., policing has been about preserving the power relationships that define the existing "order." There now exists an extensive body of research demonstrating that what gets defined as "crime" and targeted for enforcement is shaped by the management of racial and class inequality.

Police are obligated to be the interface between an exploitative and coercive political economy and its victims. As such, they must inevitably absorb resentment, resistance, and abuse from those whom they police.

Reforming, defunding, or abolishing police cannot resolve this structural conflict. Only transforming economic and political institutions that have long outlived their usefulness can do that, which is the subject of the next column.

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

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

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

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DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (PUBLIC HEARING)

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at tcukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Angela M. Allen
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The Trial Court
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Date: June 23, 2020.

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 20, 2020** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application for a Wine and Malt Alcohol License, a Common Victualler License, a Sunday Hours License and an Entertainment by Patrons License, for EAD Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Muse Paint Bar, 461 Artisan Way, 425, 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.

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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Top ways to take a safe vacation

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As you book and plan your travel, here are a few tips to consider to help ensure you have a healthy and safe experience:

- DIY Cleaning: If you are worried about cleaning standards, consider seeking out accommodations where you don't have to worry about someone else coming into your space during your stay. Bring your own wipes, anti-bacterial soap and other supplies and wipe down surfaces when you arrive, and as often as needed. Of course, you should always check with your accommodation provider about their hygiene standards to make sure they meet your expectations. Major hotel chains have announced special cleaning protocols in light of the coronavirus.
- Beating the Crowds: From beach houses to mountain cabins, try to look for a vacation experience away from densely populated city destinations, which is a good choice for those wanting to beat the crowds.
- Staying Active: Getting away doesn't have to mean staying indoors somewhere new. Take a leisurely stroll on a beach. Go on a hike in the mountains. Explore a national park you've always wanted to see. Brunch at a small local café. There are plenty of ways to stay active and have fun, all while following social distance guidelines.
- Choosing Your Destination: So where is everybody going? The current most popular U.S. travel destinations by click share according to trivago are:

1. Las Vegas
2. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3. Panama City Beach, Fla.
4. Virginia Beach, Va.
5. Destin, Fla.
6. Miami Beach, Fla.
7. Ocean City, Md.
8. Galveston, Texas
9. South Padre Island, Texas
10. Orlando, Fla.
11. Key West, Fla.

For more travel tips and ideas, visit trivago.com, and trivago.com/corona for the most up-to-date travel restrictions.

Whether you hit up a popular destination or head somewhere remote, make sure you adhere to local health guidelines when traveling. And above all, stay safe and healthy. (StatePoint)

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Rep. Barber files bill to protect families receiving long-term care services

Representative Christine P. Barber of Somerville and Medford has filed new legislation to protect the family members of people who have received long-term care services through MassHealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, partnering with Senator Jo Comerford of Northampton.

Current federal law requires MassHealth (the Commonwealth's Medicaid program) collect its costs from estates of members who received long-term care services in nursing homes. Massachusetts is among one of the few states that goes beyond this mandate and collects money from all MassHealth recipients over age 55, regardless of whether they were in a nursing home.

The estate recovery process can be complex and technical for families to navigate. And, the strict deadlines set by estate recovery statute are extremely difficult for personal representatives and family

members to meet, given the current pandemic. As a result, families of deceased individuals are struggling to gather the necessary information to defend against asset recovery claims in the time allowed. They are unable to safely empty their homes and ready it for sale, and face challenges finding places to safely relocate.

Rep. Barber's bill, HD5144 An Act to address estate recovery issues due to COVID-19, temporarily halts the most problematic aspects of estate recovery during the COVID-19 state of emergency. This legislation would give families additional time to navigate the process, waive accumulating interest on the claim, and let descendants remain living in the family home.

"The current MassHealth estate recovery system places a tremendous burden on families already struggling to cope with the loss of loved ones," Rep. Christine Barber stated. "Especially during the COVID-19

crisis, with health and economic challenges facing so many, this legislation will alleviate some of the most harmful aspects of estate recovery, and allow surviving family members to remain in their homes."

Local Somerville attorney, Michael R. Couture at Winston Law Group, LLC, has firsthand experience working with the complex MassHealth asset recovery process. "Estate Recovery can hit families hard when they are most vulnerable," said Michael Couture. "The repayment process can come as a surprise and can have devastating effects - especially to low- and middle-income families. The COVID-19 pandemic and the government shutdown has amplified the problem. This bill will provide critical relief to families that have lost loved ones who are subjected to the Estate Recovery process."

Representative Barber is working with Senator Comerford to advocate for a more just process



State Representative Christine P. Barber.

to aid elders and their families throughout the Commonwealth, and are working to make these emergency changes to the MassHealth program.
— The Office of Rep. Christine Barber

Reminder to the Somerville community to not set off fireworks

Along with being illegal in Massachusetts, fireworks pose public health and safety threats. Fireworks can start fires, which can spread quickly through our densely populated neighborhoods.

The noise from fireworks can also be traumatizing to those with post-traumatic stress disorder and can be very upsetting to animals. This Fourth of July weekend – and throughout the summer – everyone is being reminded to be a good neighbor and not set off fireworks.



Memorialization Committee seeks two resident members

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

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distancing guidelines and allow a limited amount of shoppers in the space. Please sign up for a shopping spot in advance at the market websites. SNAP and HIP benefits are accessible for shoppers in

both markets. No gathering or socializing is allowed in the markets. See you there and remember that we are in this together ... from a responsible 6 ft. distance, of course.

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Regular Meeting of the City Council rescheduled

President Matthew McLaughlin has rescheduled the Regular Meeting of the City Council that was previously scheduled on Thursday, July 9.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will now be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

The meeting will be held by remote participation using the Go To Webinar platform. The meeting will be open to the public. The agenda will be published on Friday, July 10.

You will be able to view the meeting live or testify at any public hearing by registering using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3992812013161860622>.

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Answers

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| 1. DC Comics | 7. Cheviot Hills |
| 2. Adam Levine | 8. Chico Marx |
| 3. Ryan Coogler | 9. Fear of the number 13 |
| 4. Deoxyribonucleic acid | 10. Joseph Heller |
| 5. Piccolo | 11. Carnivores |
| 6. Curling | 12. Twenty-three |

'Reading Frederick Douglass Together'

By Rachel Berets

On July 5, 1852 Frederick Douglass asked “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” in his now-famous speech of the same name. He proceeded to reply to his own question, stating, “I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license ... a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages.”

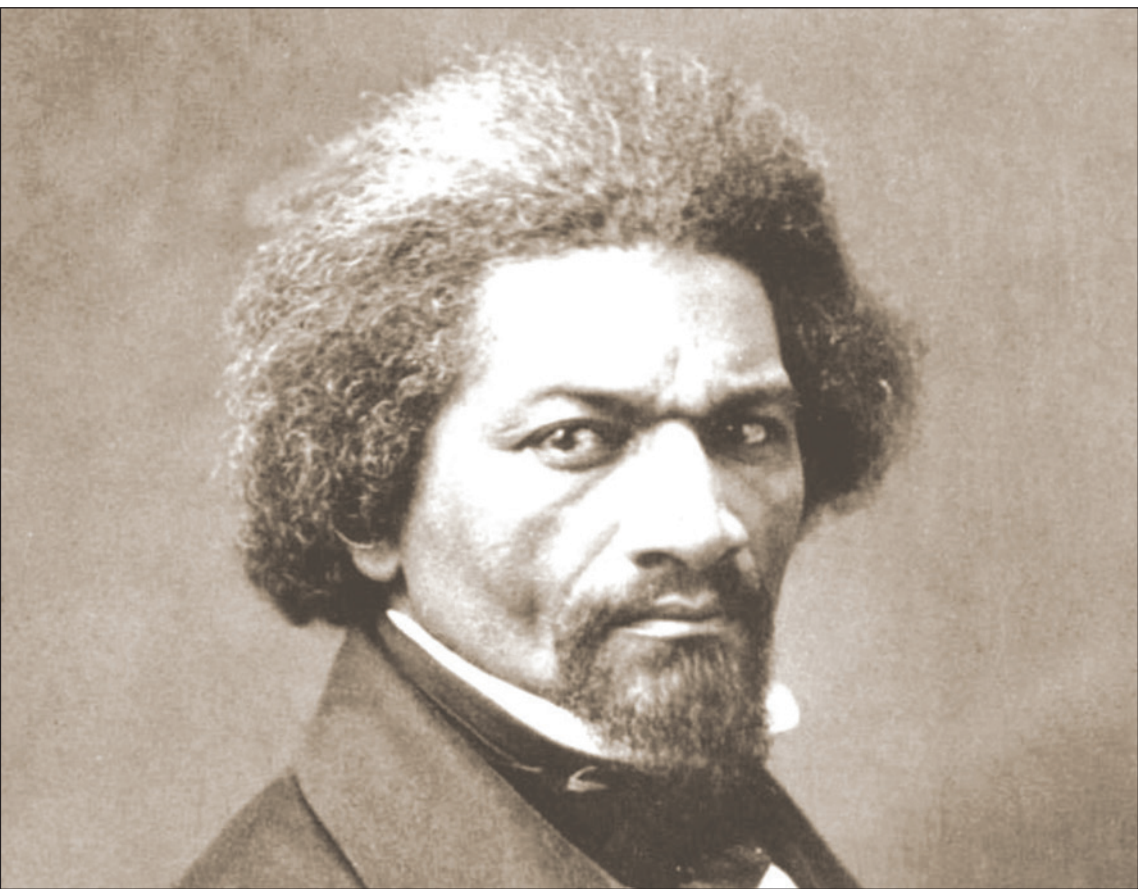
This year, on Thursday July 2, The Somerville Museum in conjunction with the Somerville Media Center, hosted “Reading Frederick Douglass Together,” a virtual reading and discussion of Douglass’s speech led by Keidrick Roy, a PhD candidate in American Studies at Harvard University and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

The virtual event began with a recorded reading of Douglass’s speech featuring over forty community members who record-

ed themselves reading a paragraph or more. The recordings were eventually compiled into a moving 40-minute video by the Somerville Media Center and the Somerville Museum.

The speech advocates for the abolition of slavery and calls out the hypocrisy of a nation that prides itself on liberty and freedom but allows enslavement and oppression to persist. “Americans! Your republican politics, not less than your republican religion, are flagrantly inconsistent. You boast of your love of liberty, your superior civilization, and your pure Christianity, while the whole political power of the nation is solemnly pledged to support and perpetuate the enslavement of three millions of your countrymen,” said Douglass.

During the discussion after the reading of the speech, Roy asked the listeners several questions including, “In the wake of recent events, what does the Fourth of July mean to you?” and “In what ways does Douglass’s Fourth of July Speech point to his own belief that



American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman Frederick Douglass.

Black Lives Matter?” Throughout the thoughtful discussion, Roy reminded viewers to think critically about what unique tools they possess to create change within their communities and what they can do to

educate themselves.

Roy also elaborated on the danger of staying still and maintaining the status quo, stating “Stasis is the enemy” and ending the discussion questions with this story:

“Late in life, when a young man asked Frederick Douglass what to do in order to become a great leader, Frederick Douglass looked to the young man and said three words: agitate, agitate, agitate.”

Historical Fact

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Bay,” she was used for exploration, commerce and expansion of the Bay State. Other Massachusetts built ships later followed her; and when pirates attacked those ships, the Blessing was armed and sent out to protect them. Thus, she became the first Coast Guard vessel and the progenitor of the United States Navy. Who knew the day of the launching at Ten Hills and the derivation of Somerville from Charlestown would be so significant in American history.

The American Civil War, the conflict that almost tore our nation apart, was decided in the little town of Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania in 1863. The battle was fought over three days, resulting in more losses than any other during the four-year war. There were over 50,000 casualties. The soldiers of both the North and South, while dressed in woolen uniforms, fought in temperatures that rose to almost 90°. General Robert E. Lee lost 30 percent of his army and had to retreat the following day. This was the same day that the fortress at Vicksburg, Mississippi fell to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. When the cannons went silent, it was the Fourth of July – a glorious day for the Union!



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- 1099 – Christian Crusaders march around Jerusalem as Muslims watch from within the city.
- 1663 – The British crown grants Rhode Island a charter guaranteeing freedom of worship.
- 1758 – The British attack on Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga, New York, is foiled by the French.
- 1863 – Demoralized by the surrender of Vicksburg, Confederates in Port Hudson, Louisiana, surrender to Union forces.
- 1865 – Four of the conspirators in President Abraham Lincoln's assassination are hanged in Washington, D.C.
- 1918 – Ernest Hemingway is wounded in Italy while working as an ambulance driver for the American Red Cross.
- 1960 – The Soviet Union charges American pilot Francis Gary Powers with espionage.

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12:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Community Bulletin Board

7:30am DW In Good Shape

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Global 3000

9:30am Both Sides of the Bars

10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update

11:30am From My Heart to Yours

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

2:00pm Colores Latinos

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm DW Conflict Zone

4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

5:00pm Hello Neighbor

5:30pm From My Heart to Yours

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP

7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment

8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pm DW Euromaxx

9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, July 2

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash

1:00am Free Speech TV

1:30am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am DW Conflict Zone

7:30am DW Euromaxx

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Tomorrow Today

9:30am Hello Neighbor

10:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:30am The Chef's Table Series

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm The Somerville Line

1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

4:30pm The Struggle

5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:00pm #AFAD

6:30pm #AFAD

7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

8:00pm LIVE - Our View

9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony

10:00pm Community Bulletin Board

10:30pm The World Fusion Show

11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, July 3

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00am SCATV Secret Stash

1:30am SCATV Secret Stash

2:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Euromaxx

9:30am Strata

10:00am NASA TV

11:00am SOM ARTS

11:30am Cambridge Calendar

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement

2:00pm Somerville Pundits

2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm Gay USA

5:00pm DW Global 3000

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Grandstanders

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:30pm Greater Somerville

9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, July 4

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night

1:00am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am DW Focus on Europe

7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am SMC Youth Media

9:30am Science 360

10:00am Dead Air Live

11:00am TeleGalaxie

12:00pm Somerville Storytellers

1:00pm Tele Magazine

2:00pm Reeling Review

3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session

4:00pm Tele Kreyol

5:00pm Henry Parker Presents

5:30pm Henry Parker Presents

6:00pm Somerville Pundits

6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go

7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

8:00pm #AFAD

9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes

10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash

11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, July 5

12:00am Flotilla

1:00am NASA TV

1:30am NASA TV

2:00am NASA TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00am Effort Pour Christ

9:00am NASA TV

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3:00pm African Television Network

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6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

8:00pm Dead Air Live

9:00pm Tele Magazine

10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

11:00pm TUTV

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, July 6

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Somerville Storytellers

7:30am Going Postal

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am Science 360

10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am Our View

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm Somerville Storytellers

2:00pm NASA TV

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm African Television Network

5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP

6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

7:00pm Tele Galaxie

8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction

9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade

10:00pm Colores Latinos

11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, July 7

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am NASA TV

8:00am Democracy Now!

9:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:00am Strata

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pm Democracy Now!

4:00pm SMC Youth Media

4:30pm Going Postal

5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm From My Heart to Yours

7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pm The World Fusion Show

10:00pm Totally Working Out

11:00pm Box House Productions Presents

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, July 8

6:00am Old Powder House Docent Tour

6:30am City Council Spotlight: Katjana Ballantyne

7:00am Race and Equity in Policing

8:20am Pride Flag Raising 2020

8:30am Raising Families

9:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

10:00am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 7.6.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting - LIVE

Thursday, July 9

1:00am City Council Meeting 6.25.20

7:00am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

7:50am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz July 2020

9:00am Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados com a Sa3de em tempo de COVID-19

10:17am Atualizacoes em Tempos de Coronavir3s: Teste de COVID-19 Gratis

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

11:30am CC-Finance Committee of the Whole

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

7:00pm Finance Committee of the Whole - LIVE

Friday, July 10

12:00am Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

12:30am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

1:30am Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

3:00am Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18

7:00am Race and Equity in Policing

8:20am Pride Flag Raising 2020

8:30am City Council Spotlight: Katjana Ballantyne

9:00am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 7.8.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

4:30pm Chair Yoga w/Janine

5:00pm Cooking w/Ellen: Pudding Cake

5:08pm Cooking w/Ellen: Mac & Cheese 6.2.20

5:30pm Raising Families

6:00pm Race and Equity in Policing

7:30pm CC-Finance Committee of the Whole 7.7.20

Saturday, July 11

12:30am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

2:36am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

7:00am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

7:30am Raising Families

8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz July 2020

8:50am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

9:00am Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

10:30am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Finance Committee of the Whole 7.9.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

4:30pm Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

5:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

7:03pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

8:30pm Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

9:50pm Pride Flag Raising 2020

10:00pm Cooking w/Ellen: Mac & Cheese 6.2.20

10:08pm Cooking w/Ellen: Pudding Cake

10:16pm Memorial Day Remembrance 2020

10:31pm Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

11:00pm City's COVID-19 Testing Program

11:45pm SPD Ride Along

Sunday, July 12

12:00am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 7.8.20

7:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

8:31am City Council Spotlight: Katjana Ballantyne

9:00am Race and Equity in Policing

10:30am Memorial Day Remembrance 2020

10:45am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

11:30am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

12:17pm Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

1:00pm Water & Sewer Rates Info Session 6.11.20

1:34pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz July 2020

2:30pm Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

5:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

6:45pm Memorial Day Remembrance 2020

7:00pm Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

7:30pm City Council Spotlight: Katjana Ballantyne

8:00pm School Committee Meeting 6.22.20

10:40pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

Monday, July 13

12:06am Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

12:35am Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

2:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

3:31am Ball Sq. Walking Tour

6:30am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

9:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

9:30am Water & Sewer Rates Info Session 6.11.20

11:00am Fit-4-Life

11:20am Pride Flag Raising 2020

11:30am Finance Committee of the Whole 7.9.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

4:30pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

6:00pm Finance Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, July 14

12:00am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

1:00am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 7.8.20

7:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

9:07am Doenas Cr3nicas e Cuidados

10:30am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

10:35am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am Raising Families

12:00pm Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

12:30pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

1:30pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Water & Sewer Rates Info Session 6.11.20

7:00pm City Council Meeting 7.14.20 - LIVE

Wednesday, July 15

12:00am Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020

12:30am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

2:36am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am SHS Girls Basketball v Medford

9:30am SHS Boys Tufts Classic '17

11:00am SHS Girls' Basketball v Medford 12/22/15

1:00pm SHS Girls Tufts Classic '18

3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford

4:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts

6:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Medford

7:30pm SHS Girls Tufts Classic '17

9:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball v Medford 12/22/15

11:00pm SHS Girls Tufts Classic '18

Thursday, July 9

12:40am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading

2:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough

8:00am Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals '18

9:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead 1.19.18

11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA Hingham

1:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

3:00pm SHS Spring Concert '18

5:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert

6:00pm Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals '18

7:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead 1.19.18

9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA Hingham

11:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

Friday, July 10

12:30am SHS Football vs Malden [9.20.19]

3:00am Public Domain Theater [6.19]

8:00am SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]

10:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Marblehead [9.27.17]

11:30am Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational

12:30pm SHS Hockey v Lynn C. [1.17.18]

2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly [1.30.18]

3:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott [2.6.18]

5:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem [2.9.18]

7:00pm SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]

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10:30pm Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational

Saturday, July 11

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett [2.13.17]

1:30am SHS Hockey vs Everett [1.15.20]

3:00am Public Domain Theater

8:00am SHS Boys Basketball v Malden [1.6.17]

9:30am SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18

10:00amSHS Boys Basketball vs Malden - 1st Rd Playoff

12:00pm SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden [5.21.18]

2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden [1.23.18]

4:00pm SHS Football vs Malden [9.20.19]

6:30pm SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18

7:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden [1.6.17]

8:30pm SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19

9:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Malden - 1st Rd Playoff

11:00pm SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden [5.21.18]

Sunday, July 12

12:40amSHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown [1.18.20]

2:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden

5:00am Public Domain Theater [6.19]

8:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett [2.13.17]

9:30am SHS Hockey vs Everett [1.15.20]

11:00am SHS Girls Volleyball v Everett [10.18.18]

12:00pm SHS Drive Up Graduation [Beacon & Elm]

1:30pm SHS Drive Up Graduation [Highland & Broadway]

4:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden [1.6.17]

5:30pm SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18

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8:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

10:00am SHS Football vs Cambridge

12:05pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough

2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical

4:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden

6:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

8:00pm SHS Football vs Cambridge

10:05pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough

12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

1:30am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical

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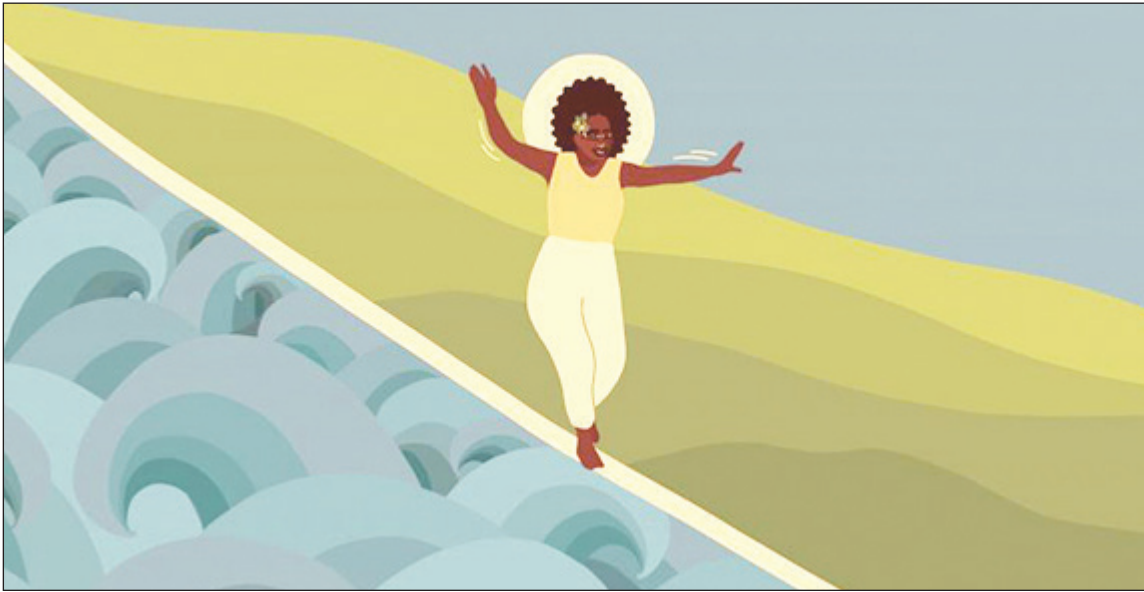
OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

The Art Beat Festival:

July 10 to 18

'Chance' it and visit!



Recently I spoke with Rachel Strutt of the Somerville Arts Council about the Art Beat Festival coming up July 8-10. Because of the pandemic, most of the events will be virtual, but there will be some live happenings as well.

Strutt told me the festival was founded in the late 1990s before her and Gregory Jenkins' (Director) tenure. The mission statement of the festival was as it is now: to bring the community together through engagement with the arts.

Last year's theme was "Consumed," this year's is "Chance." Strutt told me, "The theme last year was a bit heavy, we wanted to lighten it up a bit." And indeed, the wonderful graphic for the festival, created by Paula Champagne, of a young and beautiful African woman, walking on a sort of tight rope certainly fits the bill.

Strutt told me the Council is following the strict rules of social distancing as established by the CDC, as well as state and local officials.

Strutt said there will be musical events at venues like The Burren, The Jungle, and the Arts at the Armory. There will be no audiences of course, but the virtual performances will be streamed to the public. Better yet, the musicians get paid. Strutt added, "We have a Brazilian drummer, Marcus Santos, who will appear in three different unannounced places, to minimize the crowds."

Well, I am a poet, so I certainly was interested to hear what was in store for that end of things. Thanks to the efforts of the council and Somerville's Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz, select Somerville poets will be streamed from the festival's website. Also, there will be signs with each poet's poems posted around the city.

Strutt said the festival will address the atrocious treatment of people of color in this country, as it will be manifested in the art, installations, poetry and music that this event offers.

Go to <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat> to watch the festival.

Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

A Resident Scholar at Brandeis University's Women's Studies Research Center, Rosie Rosenzweig has recently published book of poems called *Bring Me into Flesh*. Her travel memoir, *A Jewish Mother in Shangri-la* (Shambhala), describes receiving transmissions from leading Buddhist monks and teachers. Her play, *Myths & Ms*, illustrates the themes of abortion and reincarnation. Her current book, newly published is called *EMERGENCE: The Role of Mindfulness in Creativity*. <http://www.brandeis.edu/centers/wsrc/scholars/profiles/Rosenzweig.html>



Becoming:

Writing Poetry at a Buddhist Retreat

I
This is all I have,
these fingers, this torso, these legs,
which took so long to inhabit,
and become all I have become now.
Then, after I understood words,
naming things, things doing things
to things, - I found poetry,
which became all that I inhabited
to make experience real.
Ensnared with detail,
this was all I thought I wanted, -
until I found silence.

II
I knew nothing
before I was born,
not-sleeping,
not-self,
not-yet-becoming;
I knew nothing
before I was born,
only heartbeats,
only swimming,
in my mother's changing pond.
Sometimes I tapped at the walls
and waited, watching her waiting,
her dreaming, her hopeful hopes
of what I could become.
I was not yet boxed and packaged,
not armored yet to see the hardships
hidden in the daily sunrise;
then, when I knew
I had been nothing,
I birthed into the noise of time.

III
Teach me how to die, my poet friend,
now ailing with a terminal life.
I want to know when
this body's end date
will expire.

Once, almost dead, I left this world behind.
Relieved to find a solace in the clouds,
cumulous and light I was,
until the Voice sent me back
down
to do the work
I still work to know.

IV
Will I,
when this self dissolves,
learn
what my true life meant?

V
The screen has hatched

a pattern on the moon,
luminous with paint-by-numbers boxes.
After the writing assignment,
I crane my neck to know it better.

VI
Others have hatched full frontal
to the balcony -
the better to incubate a poem.
Lethargy moves me to sit still,
where I hope to mind the globe
growing in my chest.

VII
Listening to this scratch of pens,
the only sound in the Dharma hall,
I ask the wind, riding at an angle,
to help dissolve that
ambitious yearning
to be heard.

— Rosie Rosenzweig

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