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Orange Line revitalization work to be accelerated during 30-day shutdown



Major revitalization work will take place along the entirety of the Orange Line over 30 days from August 19 through September 18.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

By The Times Staff

Riders of the MBTA's Orange Line were hit with some hard news last week, as it was revealed to the public that the entire line will be shut down for approximately one month while repairs and renovations take place.

The following statement was released on Friday, August 5:

The MBTA announced its plans to accelerate major track and maintenance work on the Orange Line during a 30-day shutdown of the entire line beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on August 19 through September 18 with service resuming on Monday, September 19, to improve service, safety, and reliability on a faster timeline.

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Second annual community basketball game honors late basketball coach

By Mina Rose Morales

Mystic Housing Project youth and Somerville policemen gathered on Wednesday, August 3, for the second annual community unity basketball game to honor the late basketball coach Stephenson Aman, known as Hollywood.

The game took place on the Mystic basketball courts across from the Somerville Housing Authority's Mystic River Development – the projects. It began at 6:32 p.m. thirty-two minutes after the scheduled time.

The game participants were youth and adults who grew up in the Mystic housing projects and Somerville policemen. The basketball teams were mixed with youth and policemen. The event was organized by staff from the Mystic Learning

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Mystic Learning Center youth and Somerville policemen playing at the second annual community unity basketball game.

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Finally, relief from **the heat!** We hope everyone was safe during the recent heat wave. Check out the city's site for info on how to cool off and stay safe the rest of the summer somervillema.gov/keepcool.








The City of Somerville will hold an **Indian Flag Raising Ceremony** this **Friday, August 12**, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., 93 Highland Ave, Somerville. Come join the festivities at **City Hall** as they raise the Flag of India and celebrate the completion of 75 years of India's Independence. All are welcome.

Cinema Strange will be shown tonight, **August 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the **Central Library**, 79 Highland Ave. **Cinema Strange** is a series focused on the exploration of the strangest film has to offer. From the surreal, the abstract, the absurd, and the experimental, the culture of weird movies, although hidden from the public eye, has been expanding across generations and continents. So, join **Chris Hopkin** as he attempts to show some of this both bizarre and beautiful world of cinema. August's featured films are *The Final Exit of the Disciples of Ascensia* and *The Flying Luna Clipper*.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Brandon Wilson**, the Executive Director of the **Somerville Preservation Commission**. We wish her a very nice *Continued on page 9*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 10 – August 16 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>August 10</i>	Rain	76°/66°	41%	33%	ENE 11 mph
 Thursday <i>August 11</i>	Rain	78°/67°	59%	48%	E 10 mph
 Friday <i>August 12</i>	Rain	80°/64°	40%	35%	NNE 11 mph
 Saturday <i>August 13</i>	Partly Cloudy	79°/62°	23%	17%	N 10 mph
 Sunday <i>August 14</i>	Partly Cloudy	85°/66°	24%	19%	WSW 11 mph
 Monday <i>August 15</i>	Partly Cloudy	84°/64°	10%	6%	SSW 10 mph
 Tuesday <i>August 16</i>	Partly Cloudy	82°/65°	21%	15%	SE 11 mph

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

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Letter to the Editor – August 3

James Bossi says:

A very well written letter with compassion and concern for addicts and at the same time pointing to the reality and recent history of what happens when addicts are enabled. Jeffrey mentions that efforts are needed on local, state, and federal levels. I believe the problem mainly lies at the federal level with not enough being done to stop so much poison coming across our borders. As far as bikes go once again enforcement is the key to keeping things regulated. Enforce the laws on the books otherwise we'll have e-bikes, scooters, and pedal bikes clogging traffic and running red lights for four or five months every year.

Response to: Somerville etiquette

Steve Keenan says:

AS always, Jimmy, a great story! There are many good, caring people in our world-they just do not get publicized. Live and let live is my belief. It's a lot easier to be nice than nasty. And Jimmy, you are one of the good people.

Response to: Little Sisters of the Poor, left Somerville but never forgotten

Maryellen Kenney says:

Great article Gene. You know The Little Sisters will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Response to: Newstalk – August 3

Heather Driscoll says:

Thank you so much for the birthday wishes!

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Life in the

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by Jimmy Del Ponte

DQ in the hood



Back in the day there was a dairy queen at the corner of Morrison Avenue and Cedar Street. It was right in the middle of a thickly residential neighborhood.

There was also a Friendly's at the corner of Cedar Street and Highland Avenue. We had it made back then! My mouth waters every time I see the Dairy Queen commercials on television.

Here are some memories shared by my social media friends.

"Artie Barrett owned Dairy Queen. I worked for him. He was a great guy."

"Our hang out there from probably 1975 until the early 80s Even after the Dairy Queen closed and it became the laundry."

"Yes, loved the chocolate and butter-

scotch dipped vanilla cones. Also loved the Friendly's on the corner of Highland and Cedar that is now East Cambridge Savings Bank."

"Yes, I remember in the summer they had the raffle to win a bike. My sister worked there one summer."

"Corner of Warwick, where I lived. Never had enough \$ to go as often as I would have liked! Before the DQ it was an empty lot with a small hill. Traffic was so light we actually sledded down it!"

"We lived on Clyde Street. My father owned E & S Box Company on 22 Clyde St. years ago. We sold the property approximately 15 years ago. I moved out in the early 60's and went to Somerville High. Small world!"

"Mr. Misty's were the source of many brain freezes back in the day."

My favorite was the dipped cone. Even though the Dairy Queen and Friendly's



are long gone, I still think of those places when I drive by. It was great having such a great place smack dab in the middle of our neighborhood. Someday I'm going to hit the Dairy Queen in Quincy for old time's sake.

SomerMovie Fest 2022



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 dusk and the next movie scheduled is *West Side Story*, August 11, at Seven Hills Park.

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Studio	N/A	\$29,448	1	519-562 sqft	1	3	\$1,121*
1 BR	1 DA, 1 HI	\$31,560	1	620-1,022 sqft	1	14	\$1,161*
2BR	N/A	\$37,848	2	1,053-1,350 sqft	2	6	\$1,322*
3BR	1 DA	\$43,752	4	1,358-1,382 sqft	2	2	\$1,476*
Twenty-Five (25) 80% AMI Apartments							
Studio	N/A	\$49,101	1	552-562 sqft	1	4	\$1,464*
1 BR	N/A	\$49,101	1	552-845 sqft	1	15	\$1,530*
2BR	1 DA	\$56,101	2	1,035-1,128 sqft	2	5	\$1,768*
3BR	N/A	\$63,101	3	1,382 sqft	2	1	\$1,982*
Sixteen (16) 110% AMI Apartments							
Studio	N/A	\$78,301	1	519 sqft	1	1	\$1,852-\$2,978*
1BR	1 DA	\$78,301	1	607-832 sqft	1	13	\$1,804-\$2,930*
2BR	N/A	\$89,501	2	1,060-1,097 sqft	2	2	\$1,983-\$3,601*

50% and 80% Rents are not based on each applicant's income (unless they already have a Section 8 voucher or similar). Tenants are responsible for paying all their gas, electricity, water and sewer. *Parking spots are included in the rent for 3BR and ADA units for households who need a parking space. There will also be limited free spaces for households renting Studio, 1BR and 2BR units based on need. Otherwise, spaces will be available for a 50% discounted rate of \$112.50/mo. **Please note, the 80% and 110% AMI minimums shown are based on a household size equivalent to the number of bedrooms in the selected unit. For the actual MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM income limits based on household size for 80% and 110% units, please see the table below.

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No. of people in your household	Max Income for 50 % AMI units	Max and Minimum Income: 80% AMI units	Max and Minimum Income: 110% AMI unit
1	\$49,100	\$49,101 - \$78,300	\$78,301-\$107,954
2	\$56,100	\$56,101 - \$89,500	\$89,501-\$123,376
3	\$63,100	\$63,101- \$100,700	\$100,701-\$138,798
4	\$70,100	\$70,101-\$111,850	\$111,851-\$154,220
5	\$75,750	\$75,751 - \$120,800	\$120,801-\$166,557
6	\$81,350	\$81,351 - \$129,750	\$129,751-\$178,895

Applications will be available at the conclusion of the first Info Session and online here:

<https://form.jotform.com/220343974431150>

The first Info Session will be held on Aug 16 2022 at 6:00pm via YouTube at <https://youtu.be/rECJ4MRxDVQ> and the second Info Session will be held on Aug 30 at 6:00pm via YouTube at https://youtu.be/6G3_BFRcrz4 (or just search for SEB Housing on YouTube, it will still be available after the live recording) and via Conference Call: (425) 436-6200. Code: 862627. Applications must be completed & delivered: 2 pm Sept 12, 2022.

The Lottery will be held on Oct 11, 2022

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to AltaRevolution@sebhousing.com or call (617) 782-6900 (x1 and then x1) and leave a message.

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the ADA Coordinator, Adrienne Pomeroy, at 617-625-6600 x2259 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov.



Major Orange Line revitalization work to be accelerated during 30-day shutdown

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take place on the Orange Line during this 30-day shutdown will deliver a number of projects over five years faster than originally planned, and will result in track replacement, upgraded signal systems, and station improvements. The MBTA will also be able to accomplish required track maintenance associated with Federal Transit Association (FTA) directives as quickly as possible.

“This closure will allow departments across the Authority to make substantial improvements across the Orange Line,” said Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler. “Not only will improvements made benefit Orange Line riders, but they will allow for an overall rehabilitated system that is safe and efficient for employees and neighboring communities.”

“We’ve listened to our riders, and we hear them loud and clear – bold action needs to happen in order to improve the MBTA at the pace that riders deserve. This 30-day surge will allow the MBTA to accomplish major and expansive progress on a number of priorities at the same time,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “Thirty days of 24-hour access to the Orange Line replaces over five years of weekend diversions needed to address delays and slow zones. We can eliminate slow zones, prevent unplanned service disruptions, and increase the reliability of our service. Perhaps most importantly, we will provide the quality of safety and service that our riders deserve.”

“The MBTA’s Capital Transformation program has used the surge approach successfully to make significant improvements across the Green Line over the last two years,” said MBTA Chief of Capital Transformation Angel Peña. “We are applying this experience and lessons learned as we transform the Orange Line. This surge will ensure rider safety with a continued focus on the quality of our employees and the service we offer.”

Maximizing the amount of

work able to be accomplished, this shutdown will progress a number of projects and maintenance along the entire Orange Line on an accelerated timeline, which will improve service, safety, and reliability for riders, including:

- The replacement of over 3,500 feet of 38-year-old Orange Line track and tie replacement work that will allow for the removal of speed restrictions, improving travel time for Orange Line riders;

- The replacement of two crossovers that facilitate the movement of Orange Line trains, allowing for improved reliability and future capacity improvements;

- Track repair, tie replacement, concrete work, and more along the Southwest Corridor of the Orange Line, which will improve reliability; and

- The installation of upgraded signals and associated systems at Oak Grove and Malden stations, allowing for improved safety and reliability.

The Orange Line provides approximately 101,000 trips each day with ridership approximately 49% of what it was prior to the pandemic.

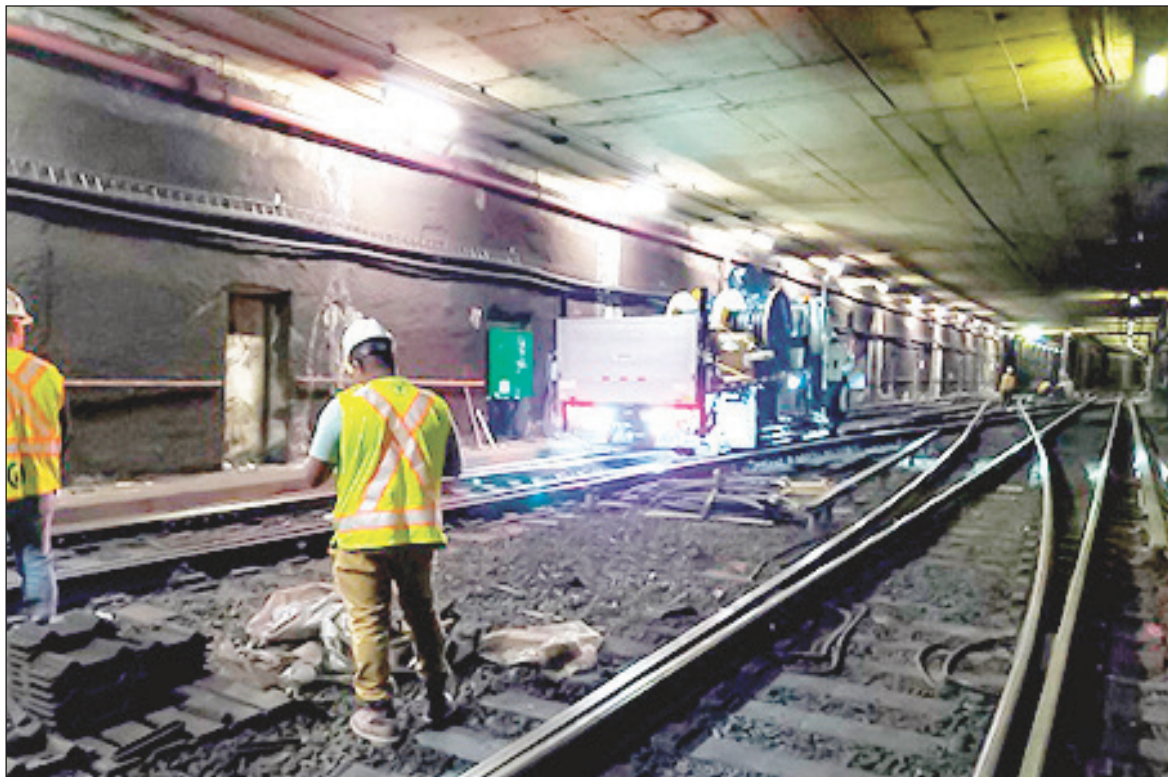
To keep riders updated about this upcoming Orange Line work, the MBTA has created a specially designated webpage available at mbta.com/BBT2022.

The plan to shut down the entire Orange Line during this 30-day time period will provide work crews with unencumbered access to the entirety of the Orange Line’s 20 stations, over 121,000 feet of track, and infrastructure, allowing a substantial amount of work to be accomplished. Following these 30 days, riders will experience faster trips and better service on an Orange Line fleet that is predominantly new cars.

The MBTA encourages the public to consider their alternative travel options, including those listed below.

Alternative Travel Options for Orange Line Riders

- Enhanced Commuter Rail Options: Orange Line riders



The MBTA is reconstructing the track crossing between Alewife and Davis stations on the Red Line to allow for an increase in operating speeds.
— Photo courtesy of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

who must commute downtown are strongly encouraged to use the Commuter Rail as an alternative as the MBTA is making a series of changes in service to accommodate the change in travel patterns:

- All Zone 1A, 1, and 2 fares can be paid simply by showing a CharlieCard or CharlieTicket on ALL Commuter Rail lines. Since many Orange Line riders drive to or transfer between buses and the Orange Line, the MBTA is making it easy to access the Commuter Rail before riders get to the Orange Line by allowing all riders to utilize Commuter Rail stations in Zones 1A, 1, and 2 by showing their CharlieCard or CharlieTicket to a conductor.

- During these 30 days, most passing south-side Needham and Providence Line Commuter Rail trains will stop at Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. On the north-side, Haverhill Line Commuter Rail trains will stop at Oak Grove, Malden Center, and North Station. During these 30 days, riders can show their CharlieCard or CharlieTicket to the conductor to access the Commuter Rail. Riders should review the latest Commuter Rail schedule changes as a result of adding these stops,

which will be available soon.

- Seek existing MBTA bus and subway alternatives. Riders can use other existing MBTA bus and subway services to complete their trips.

- Consider working from home. During this 30-day shutdown, Orange Line riders who are able to work from home are strongly encouraged to do so. The MBTA encourages employers with hybrid work policies to allow employees to work from home as much as possible.

- Alternative shuttle bus service will be provided. Earlier today, the MBTA Board of Directors approved an approximately \$37 million contract for shuttle bus service to Yankee Line, Inc. Alternative shuttle bus service will also be provided by MBTA buses. Shuttle bus service will operate in both directions, connecting Oak Grove and Forest Hills stations to downtown Boston. Riders should expect that this alternative shuttle bus service will take longer and be less reliable than regular Orange Line train service. The MBTA is currently discussing options with the City of Boston for how to best service the downtown area and will provide updated information soon. This service will be at no cost to

riders and fully accessible.

- Parking: The MBTA will continue to charge for parking at MBTA lots and facilities at Orange Line stations, and will communicate lost-parking impacts related to staged shuttle buses in advance if necessary.

The MBTA is committed to providing as much information as possible before, during, and after this major and accelerated work to take place on the Orange Line. Ongoing and transparent outreach to riders, communities, and stakeholders will continue to take place through all available communication channels, including in-station signage, social media, mbta.com, and more. During these 30 days, extra MBTA personnel and Transit Ambassadors will also be on hand to assist riders.

Upcoming Work This Fall

The MBTA also plans a number of upgrades and maintenance construction work to take place on additional lines this fall 2022. Key highlights include:

On the Green Line:

Track upgrades and Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS): The MBTA continues to perform track upgrades and GLTPS work on the Green Line. GLTPS *Continued on page 12*

Somerville Homeless Coalition: Finding everyone a home

By Gina Ingrando

The Somerville Homeless Coalition was established in 1985 in response to the homelessness social crisis. They are on a mission to give support to individuals and families who are homeless or are almost to the point of homelessness. The coalition’s goal is to help these individuals and families to obtain and maintain affordable housing.

Since 1985, the Somerville Homeless Coalition has transformed the lives of “well over 7,500 men, women, and children.” In 2021 alone, this coalition prevented 129 evictions and placed 192 clients in housing.

When a family or individual becomes a part of the Somerville Homeless Coalition, they are treated with the same dignity and respect that any other individual receives. The shelters provided by this coalition are seen as a short-term program because they want to see families and individuals succeed in obtaining a

home of their own. This coalition is always working to build alliances with affordable housing providers and other organizations to help out these families and individuals.

When Felicity Beal, the coalition’s Director of Development, was asked what she believed the biggest success story for the coalition was, she responded with, “Our desire and ability to meet the increasing needs of our clients in crisis. For example, last year we served 7,298 clients. This year 7,999. In 2021 we distributed 56,000 bags of groceries, this year over 61,000. Since COVID we have prevented nearly 300 evictions. This year we have moved five clients into subsidized housing and six clients from our emergency shelter into permanent housing. We genuinely care about our clients and achieve these results because of the trust we gain and the reputation we have in the community.”

Anyone interested in donating to the Somerville Homeless



The Somerville Homeless Coalition has been helping families and individuals in need of food and shelter since 1985.
— Photo courtesy of Somerville Homeless Coalition

Coalition can visit their website (<https://somervillehomelesscoalition.org/>) and go under the tab “Get Involved.” Under this tab you will find two lists, one containing what clients can accept, such as outdoor necessities, toiletries, and healthy snacks. The second list explains what clients cannot accept due to limited space and surplus, such as clothing, shoes, toys, school supplies.

Somerville Health Foundation seeks grant proposals to serve vulnerable populations

The Somerville Health Foundation, administered by Cambridge Health Alliance, serves to promote and support educational, research and outreach programs that improve primary care and preventive health services for residents of Somerville. The Foundation is soliciting proposals from 501(c)3 organizations for projects that will support the provision of primary care and preventive health services accessible to the residents of Somerville. The current priorities for funding support are programs or projects with an emphasis on root causes of disease, health equity, health disparities, systemic racism and serving vulnerable populations across all ages among Somerville residents. Projects that address preventative health priorities will receive extra consideration.

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization or have a nonprofit fiscal sponsor. Collaborations are strongly encouraged. Proposals are due electronically by August 16, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.challiance.org/community-health/health-improvement-team> for an overview, applicant guidelines, and contact information. For more information, contact Kathleen O’Brien at chihit@challiance.org.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records representatives’ and senators’ votes on roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

BORROW \$5 BILLION FOR STATE PROJECTS (H 5065)

House 153-0, Senate 39-0 approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law most of a \$5 billion bond bill that borrows money for hundreds of construction projects—the majority involving maintenance and modernization projects of buildings related to health care, higher education, information technology, workforce development, the environment and affordable housing. Many of the buildings are decades old. Baker vetoed several provisions including one that would have imposed a five-year moratorium on any prison or jail construction in Massachusetts.

"The facilities improved by this bill will serve some of the commonwealth's neediest citizens, help educate our future workforce, prepare for climate change, help us meet key environmental objectives, and keep our communities and workers safe," said Gov. Baker. "This administration is proud of the work done in close collaboration with the Legislature to keep commonwealth facilities on a path of good repair, and this bill supports the continuation of many of the key themes and objectives that have guided our capital planning decisions over the past eight years. Supporters of the moratorium said it will reduce the number of inmates in overcrowded prisons as the state moves away from incarceration and focuses on community-based rehabilitation programs.

Baker noted that he opposes a five-year prison moratorium that would not only prohibit the construction of new correctional facilities but also studies or renovations of existing state or county correctional facilities. "I reiterate that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Correction have no intention of constructing new correctional facilities now or in the foreseeable future. Nor do they believe that it will be necessary to increase overall operational capacity given that the department has experienced a continued decline in prison population statewide."

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

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

ELECTRIC BIKES (H 5115)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would regulate the use of electric bicycles on the state's roads. The measure classifies electric bikes the same as

non-electric bikes and replaces a current law which classifies them as a motorized scooter or vehicle.

The bill would subject e-bike users to the same rights, privileges and duties as non-electric bike users as long as they are not operated on sidewalks. Municipalities would have the final say by having the power to adopt ordinances on the use of e-bikes on bike paths, bikeways and trails with a natural surface tread. Electric bikes would also be required to be properly labeled with classification numbers and riders would be prohibited from any tampering that changes the speed capability of an e-bike.

"Electric bicycles promote physical fitness and well-being, facilitate healthy aging, and help reduce transportation emissions," said co-sponsor Rep. Dylan Fernandes (D-Falmouth). "Despite their increasing popularity and widespread use, e-bikes currently exist in a legal gray area under Massachusetts law. This legislation creates state standards that codify when and where e-bikes can be ridden and gives local authorities the tools to properly regulate them."

"Electric bicycles can be a piece of the puzzle to encourage mode shift," said co-sponsor Rep. Steve Owens (D-Watertown). "They reduce traffic and carbon emissions and can be a cheaper and healthier alternative to cars. By defining electric bicycles in law, we can join nearly all other states in the country and regulate this increasingly popular method of transportation."

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

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

STEP THERAPY (H 4929)

Senate 38-0, approved a bill that would limit the use of health care plan mandated prescription drug "step therapy" protocols and provide more exemptions to the mandate. Step therapy requires the patient to try less expensive options before "stepping up" to drugs that cost more. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

"Patients with complicated illnesses should be receiving the medications that their doctors know they need—not repeatedly taking medications that they know to be ineffective just to help save on costs in the near-term," said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro), Senate Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery. "Waiting for treatment to fail first before utilizing a preferred medication often leads to worsening symptoms that cause complications and needless suffering for

patients. It is a shortsighted practice that puts patients at unnecessary risk. Step therapy takes lower costs today in exchange for more harm, more hospitalizations and more spending in the very near future."

"Reforming the insurance-mandated practice of step therapy is long overdue," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. "Step therapy or 'fail first' protocols too often direct patients to cheaper medications rather than those more suitable to treat their condition. With this legislation, we will join over half the states in the country reforming these practices, putting the focus back on health care providers working with patients to offer the best treatment possible."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE PACKAGE (S 3097)

Senate 39-0, (House on a voice vote without a roll call), approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill designed to make mental health care more accessible in the Bay State.

Provisions include mandating coverage for an annual mental health wellness exam, comparable to an annual physical; a public awareness campaign on the state's red flag laws that limit access to guns for people at risk of hurting themselves or others; implementation of the nationwide 988 hotline to access 24/7 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services; mandating coverage and eliminating prior authorization for mental health acute treatment and stabilization services for adults and children; establishing an Office of Behavioral Health Promotion to coordinate all state initiatives that promote mental, emotional and behavioral health and wellness for residents; and creating an interim licensure level for licensed mental health counselors so that they can be reimbursed by insurance for their services and be eligible for state and federal grant and loan forgiveness programs.

"Today, the Massachusetts Legislature took vital strides toward transforming mental health care in Massachusetts," said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro), Senate chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. "By unanimously passing the Mental Health ABC Act, we affirm that mental health is just as essential as physical health and take a leap forward to ensure that all people in Massachusetts can access the mental health care they need and deserve."

"Too many people in communities across the commonwealth struggle to get the mental, emotional and behavioral health care they deserve," said Rep. *Continued on page 7*

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Adrian Madaro (D-Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. “This legislation helps reduce barriers to resources, support, and treatment residents need for their overall wellbeing. It enables enforcement of existing parity laws, enhances emergency response services and acute psychiatric care, develops programs to strengthen the workforce, and invests in mental health. Importantly, our legislation also creates initiatives to address the unique mental health needs of young people. This legislation is the first step in addressing the structural deficits in our mental health care delivery system by prioritizing the people it serves and the people who make it work.”

“The health care system in Massachusetts is only as strong as its weakest link, and for far too long, mental health care has been overlooked and underfunded,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. “This legislation confronts this reality with the most comprehensive mental health care legislation the commonwealth has seen in recent years, and it builds off of the historic investments we made in this care system over this past two-year legislative session. Of particular importance to me, this bill will finally provide the state the tools it needs to enforce existing mental health parity laws and it will address the emergency department boarding crisis that’s impacting too many of our children and their families. I have long believed that Massachusetts should deliver affordable, high quality, and

accessible care to its residents, and this includes mental health care.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ACCESS TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES (S 2294)
Senate 40-0, (House on a voice vote without a roll call), approved and sent to the governor legislation giving equal access to original birth certificates to all persons born in Massachusetts.

Under current law, adoptees born between 1974 and 2008 are unable to obtain original birth certificates without a court order that also unseals their record. The measure would close this gap and allow adopted individuals over the age of 18 or the adoptive parents of a child under 18 to access the adoptee’s original birth certificate without the unsealing of the information.

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 im-

portant 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 period of August 1-5, the House met for a total of ten hours and 18 minutes and the Senate met for a total of ten hours and 18 minutes.

Mon. Aug. 1	House 12:01 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. Senate 12:01 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.
Tues. Aug. 2	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Aug. 3	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Aug. 4	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Fri. Aug. 5	No House session No Senate session

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Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Summer Salad

During the hot summer months, I prefer to eat on the lighter side. Salads are a big part of my lunch menu. I usually have most of the items listed below on hand. Sometimes I have left over grilled chicken, grilled steak, or even roasted vegetables that I like to incorporate into my salads. For additional protein garbanzo beans or edamame beans can be added for texture and color. You can add just about anything for a fun, not so boring and nutritious salad. The sky is the limit!

- 5 oz Container of Mixed Greens
- 2 Cups Tuscan Kale, Cleaned and Julienned
- 1/2 English Cucumber, Chopped
- 2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 Teaspoon, Kosher Salt
- 1/4 Teaspoon, Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 2 Medium Tomatoes, Sliced into 1/4”

- Rounds
- 2 Oranges, (Naval or Cara Cara) *see preparation below
- 8 oz Mozzarella, Sliced 1/4” Rounds
- 6 Pieces Precooked Bacon, Chopped
- 1 Cup Fresh Basil, Julienned
- 1/8 Cup Balsamic Glaze
- Finishing Salt, Such as Maldon Flake
- Sea Salt, optional

In a large bowl, add the mixed greens, kale, cucumber, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Blend well. Place the well-blended greens onto a large serving platter and spread out the mixture evenly.

*Cut off the top and bottom of the oranges. With a sharp knife, starting at the top of the orange, cut the peel and pith following the contour of the orange down to the bottom. Repeat until the orange is completely peeled. If there is any of the pith left, make sure it is trimmed off so that the fruit will not taste bitter.



Once they are peeled, slice the oranges into 1/4” rounds. Each orange will yield 5-6 slices. Pour the orange juice produced by slicing the oranges over the greens. Fan out the orange slices, tomato slices and the mozzarella slices onto the platter. Add the chopped bacon, if using, or substitute garbanzo

beans or edamame beans for a vegetarian option. Add the basil. Drizzle the balsamic glaze over the platter. Add the finishing salt at this time, if using.
Serves 3.

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COMMENTARY

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All at once 3: The Budget



By State Senator Pat Jehlen

First, an update: I'm happy to say that the governor signed the Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender-affirming Care, that I wrote about in an earlier newsletter.

As you probably know, the legislature finally adjourned formal sessions at about 10 am Monday, after an all-night session. In the last few days, we passed many important bills. The governor can still decide to sign, veto, or send them back with amendments. It's too late to override a veto, or to deal with an amendment unless there is unanimous support.

The Elephant in the Room

You've probably read that the governor announced three days before the end of formal sessions that an obscure 1986 law ("62F") would require sending \$3 billion in tax rebates.¹ This was while we were considering major bills to provide funding to provide tax rebates and reductions, as well as funding for transportation, housing, and other needs.

I don't yet have a clear explanation for why we suddenly have more revenue than the little-known (until now) law allows for. I hope to have more understanding soon. Up until this year, state revenue was far below the limit so something unusual (probably related to the pandemic and probably not repeatable) is happening with the formula.

In the meantime, if the state returns \$2.5 – \$3 billion in income taxes, we may not be able to afford the \$1 billion in tax relief in the Economic Development bill,

or other transportation, housing, and climate projects. We can't pay for programs without money. Some people may get sizable checks, but the state economy and the climate will be worse off. And we will have fewer reserves to continue funding things like early education during an expected recession.

This issue – how to deal with the likelihood that we'll be more than \$2 billion short of what we expected – is not resolved. More soon.

The FY 2023 Budget

The budget for FY 2023 (which started July 1) was finally approved by the legislature on July 17, and signed by the governor on July 28. The governor sent back vetoes and amendments, many of which we took up yesterday. More on one particular amendment next time. For good summaries of the conference committee, see Mass Budget² and/or Mass Taxpayers.³

As usual, I won't even try to sum up anything other than the specific amendments or bills I and my excellent staff worked on.

The major hour-long debate of the last session was about the governor's budget amendment, pitting free phone calls for incarcerated people against pre-trial detention for dangerousness. It was the subject of the only major debate on the last night of session. I'll write about that soon.

FY 2023 Budget – Education

The final \$52.7 billion budget fully funds the continued implementation of the Student Opportunity Act and sets aside \$150 million in a trust fund to make sure we can keep on track even if revenues aren't adequate in the future.

It appropriates \$1.18 for early education and care, about a 25% increase, and a similar trust fund to ensure adequate funding in future years.

As many of you requested,

the budget includes funding for universal free school meals for all students, extending a program supported by federal funds during the pandemic.

There's also added funding for financial aid for students in public higher education, and an additional fund for public higher education graduates who choose to work in public schools.

I'm particularly happy about funding for the Mass. Consortium for Innovation in Education Assessment (MCIEA).⁴ That's a group of eight districts, including Somerville and Winchester, that are developing a system to assess and improve schools that's a lot better than the MCAS-based system the state uses now. This is the first year I haven't had to add funds for MCIEA through an amendment. It was included in the Ways and Means Committee budget, which I think suggests this idea – that we need less standardized testing and more focus on learning – is gaining support. The budget includes funds specifically for disseminating to other districts the MCIEA tools MCIEA to assess student learning and school quality. You can see the school quality measures results here. Let me know what you think!

My successful budget amendments included increases for

Jumpstart – expands early childhood education programs in Boston, Cambridge, Lawrence, Lowell, Somerville, and Worcester. Involving college students to assist helps build the early educator workforce pipeline.

JET (Journey into Education and Teaching) – expands program to help urban paraprofessionals become licensed teachers, giving them opportunity and helping diversity the teaching workforce.

FY 2023 Budget Amendment – LGBT Aging Commission

Another of my amendments

provided \$50,000 to the LGBT Aging Commission⁵, which has done amazing work for many years, with all support provided by outside organizations. As a long time co-chair of the commission, I was shocked to learn that it's the only such commission with no public funding, which it needs to continue. For an example, we heard a lot of testimony at our hearings about the need for LGBTQ-friendly senior housing, assisted living and long-term care. I was excited when the PRYDE project⁶ in Hyde Park broke ground on mixed income housing for seniors, including LGBTQ seniors, and I was upset when the site was defaced with graffiti.

FY 2023 Budget – Enough Pay to Stay – for Direct Care workers

I also worked on the \$27.9 million funding for the Enough Pay to Stay initiative, implementing the bill I sponsored to raise the pay of home care workers. Here's a flyer⁷ about the importance of paying enough to attract, train and retain these essential workers. (It's a 2019 flyer; while we've increased pay, the shortage is now much worse because pay is still low and unreliable, and the work is hard.) In my office, we have heard from people who aren't receiving the home care services they need and are qualified for, because there just aren't enough workers.

A recent report shows that 5,269 older adults were waiting for approved home care services, an increase of almost 600% in past 3 years. 71% of them were waiting for any hours of home-maker services to be filled. The main reason was lack of workers.

In addition, \$115 million will fund nursing home staff pay increases and supplemental payments. Like home care, nursing homes face severe staff shortages. A recent report⁸ found 1,066 patients in Massachusetts hospitals

waiting to be discharged. Most of them are waiting for a nursing home that has enough staff to take them. In other cases, they're waiting for placement in rehab, or home care, both of which are short-staffed. (I sponsored an amendment in the Economic Development bill – now stalled because of the concern about the \$3 billion tax rebates – that would give additional funding for nursing homes willing to take more discharges, or more complex patients.)

FY 2023 Budget Amendment – support for exonerees

One of my amendments would give \$250,000 to the New England Innocence Project to support people who are released from prison after being exonerated but lack any support as they return to life outside bars. Social services, housing, job search and other assistance can help them get back on their feet.

In the last three years alone, 22 wrongfully convicted people in Massachusetts have been released after serving decades in prison for crimes they didn't commit. Together they spent 613 years in prison.

Nothing can repay the moral debt we owe them for the years of their lives lost despite their innocence. I led passage of a law in 2003, updated in 2018, giving wrongfully convicted people the chance to receive some compensation for their lost years. But it takes up to two years to receive any assistance.

Meanwhile, when they are released, they receive no services or assistance from Probation, Parole, or any other state program – unlike other formerly incarcerated people.

The Globe recently wrote about recent Massachusetts exonerees⁹ and the mutual network¹⁰ they founded.

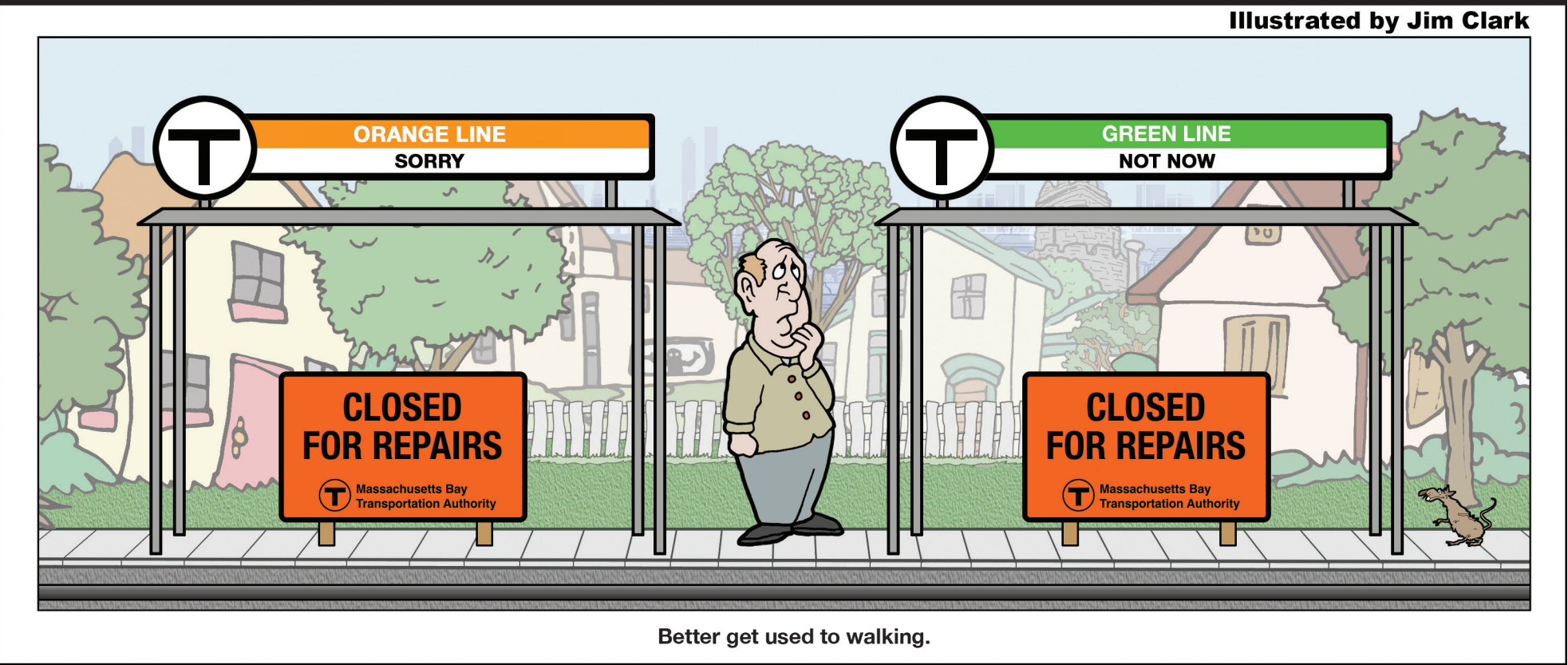
FY 2023 Budget – Local

Earmarks

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times

Just as we start seeing a cooling off of the sweltering heat we’ve been contending with in recent weeks, we suddenly get hit with the somewhat devastating news that will make many T riders decidedly hot under the collar.

It seems that the entirety of the MBTA’s Orange Line will be shut down for approximately one month beginning on August 19 in order to improve infrastructure and

safety systems on the line.

There’s no doubt that these revitalization measures need to be taken. There have been several incidents recently of breakdowns and even fire. So it’s clear that these renovations are necessary, even if it means disruption of established modes of travel.

It was also recently announced that in order to help facilitate the opening of the

Medford Branch and to allow crews to perform the GLX final-phase construction work, temporary shuttle buses will replace all Green Line service between Government Center and Union Square stations in both directions beginning Monday, August 22, through Sunday, September 18.

While this limited suspension of Green Line service pales in comparison to the full shutdown of the entire Orange Line for a

month, it does add salt to the wound for those who travel that particular corridor.

People who ordinarily depend on these T routes to get around will have to settle for alternative means of travel for a relatively short period of time. Busses will be at the ready to help ease the pain.

In the meantime, let’s take heart in knowing that we will soon have a safer, more efficient T at our disposal.

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day. Happy birthday to **Donna Cassaro-Sides**. We hope she has a great day. We wish all of our celebrating Facebook friends, such as **Dale Hodgkins**, **Trish Bean Oakland**, **James Bimbo**, **Savanna Payne**, **Victor Martins**, **Elizabeth Roche**, **Joseph Amaral Sr.** and **Adam Knight** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Don't miss this year's **Yart Sale**, a city-wide showcase of your art. Yart Sale is an opportunity for residents to sell from the comfort of their yards, driveways and

porch. Think of a yard sale but with art. Yart Sale will take place on **Saturday, August 13**, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (rain date 8/14). Time of event will vary on participants. Visit <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale> for a map and more info.

Bond Vet – Somerville Open House Party takes place **Saturday, August 13**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **320 Foley St.** Free custom pet portraits by **Andrea Caceres**, Pup-cups from the **Bond Ice Cream Truck**. Free swag and treats, raffles and more.

Save the date, **Saturday, September 10**,

10:00 a.m. for the **Ryan Harrington Foundation Cornhole Tournament**, taking place at **Trum Field**. Registration will be available online shortly. Registration fee is \$50 per team, two players per team. There are men's and women's divisions. A cash prize goes to the winners of each division. They will be selling t-shirts, hats, food and drinks at the field as well as having raffle items and a 50/50. There will also be kids activities. All monies raised will go to youth organizations in local communities.

The **Somerville Flea** is now open **Sundays** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **52**

Holland St., Somerville. Three dozen local vintage and artisan vendors, farm stand and live music all in the heart of Davis Square. Find that special thing you never knew you even existed. Every **Sunday through October 23**.

The next **Streetwise** (formerly Bike Talk) will be held **Wednesday, August 17**, at 6:00 p.m., at **Aeronaut Brewing Company**, 14 Tyler St. Come to Aeronaut in person (or Zoom in) to August's Streetwise Talk, featuring **Yari DeJesus**, founder of **Women on Wheels**. She'll be talking about the empowering organization she has catalyzed. Visit bit. *Continued on page 22*

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. When is International Left-Handers Day?

2. When is National Dog Day?

3. What famous writer invented the bra clasp?

4. What does the red circle on the Japanese flag represent?

5. How many seasons did *The Oprah Winfrey Show* run?

6. When did Black Monday take place?

7. What are the first

names of the Wright Brothers?

8. What was the ship's name in the TV show *The Love Boat*?

9. What cells protect your body against infections?

10. What organ removes waste and extra water from the blood?

11. What is the world's oldest major religion?

12. What is a six letter word for a chaotic situation?

Answers on page 14

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.

2. The King of Hearts is the only king without a mustache.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
BACK TO SCHOOL

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1. Beginning of a computer class?

6. Mandela's org.

9. Horned birds

13. Silly and insignificant

14. U.S. counterpart to British M15

15. Inuit skin boat

16. Long oar

17. Acronym, abbr.

18. Movie "____ Day Care"

19. End of a pencil, sometimes

21. "Back to School" star

23. Asian restaurant frying pan

24. Anne ____ of gothic fiction fame

25. ____ Beesly of "The Office"

28. Core d'Azur city

30. Opposite of comic

35. Major mountain chain in Russia

37. It launched Columbus, acr.

39. Walk through slush

40. Lindsey Vonn's prop

41. Geography class prop

43. Bear in the sky

44. Idealized imaged of someone

46. Reflect deeply

47. Stake driver

48. Dismiss (2 words)

50. Not want

52. Albanian money

53. Cafeteria ware

55. Rare find

57. Paper holder

60. Fictional high school in "Grease"

63. Pope's court

64. Barley brew

66. Run-of-the-mill

68. Boat contents

69. Little bit

70. Tale, in France

71. Small island

72. I, to Claudius

73. Terminated

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1. Fleur-de-____

2. Sometimes it's enough

3. Wild ox of India

4. On spouse's side

5. Infamous Baby Face

6. A long way off

7. Network at 30 Rock

8. Wispy clouds

9. Yemen's neighbor

10. ____ receiver

11. The Tramp's spaghetti-slurping companion

12. Limit, to some

15. Bovine milk dispensers

20. Increasing

22. Month X

24. Reverberate

25. Student

26. Scent, usually pleasant

27. Malaysia native

29. "Keep ____ and Carry On"

31. One at high school reunion

32. Small Asian ungulate

33. September edition, e.g.

34. Dry-erase marker predecessor

36. Toy construction set

38. Having the know-how

42. Lament for the dead

45. When one is not oneself (2 words)

49. Joker to Batman, e.g.

51. Do this in Math class

54. Do this in Speech class

56. Subatomic particle

57. Sable and beaver, e.g.

58. Type of exam

59. Like SNL

60. Grader's suggestion

61. City in Sweden

62. "A day ____ and a dollar short"

63. Some special effects, acr.

65. Fall behind

67. Type of Christmas lights

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Planning Board meeting considers zoning, mixed-use development and more

By Gina Ingrando

On August 4, the weekly Planning Board meeting was held with a number of items on the agenda. The meeting was led by Michael Capuano with three other Board members including Amela Aboff, Erin Geno, and Jahan Habib. There were a number of items on the agenda, such as approving the requests for the continuation of zoning movements around the city of Somerville.

The first agenda item discussed was the approval of requests for the continuation of zoning movements. The Planning Board decided to recommend the adoption of the zoning movements to the City Council.

The zoning improvements covered a few different areas and were all passed onto the City Council to adopt the particular amendments. This was the deciding choice because there were no arguments made against any of the decisions as well as no problems or concerns found in the planning process.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed mixed-use

development at 16-20 Medford St. in Somerville. The presentation of this agenda item consisted of answering questions from the Board the last time this was brought up on June 15, 2022.

The project included new construction of a four-story general building in the MR4 Zone. Questions asked by the Council last time were answered. These included issues such as clarification of where the trash will be located, clarification of accommodations for deliveries to the building, traffic on Bedford St., and turning movements to Bedford St.

The Board wanted to see more modifications to the back of the building to give it more of a presentable look. Overall, the Board decided to hold off on voting and instead asked this committee to come back when they have made improvements on the plans for the backside of the building. Members of the public showed their concern for the housing crisis that is currently happening and wished for the vote to happen sooner.

The next item on the agenda is 50 Webster Ave. subdivision plan approval application. A



slideshow with blueprints and pictures of the different plans in the proposal were presented. There were no comments or concerns from the public. The Board agreed that there was no problem with this plan and that this was a good first step in the process. The Board went ahead and approved this agenda item.

What makes Davis Square such a unique place in Somerville

was another topic discussed at the meeting. This presentation provided the opportunity to understand what the changes to Davis Square would do for the community. Adding an “intellectual vibrancy” to the street levels with Green Town Labs was mentioned. The promotions of small businesses and appealing storefronts with new features such as sliding doors. Doing so will bring

“texture” to the street levels. Some concerns brought up included parking spots being taken away. Tori Antonino, a member of the community, gave a statement commending the staff of this project for getting Davis Square to where it needs to be after COVID. Almost all of the topics on the agenda were referred to the City Council to for further discussion.

All at once 3: The Budget

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Here are my amendments that are included in the final budget signed by the governor. There are many other important earmarks, proposed by representatives from our district; it's a good idea to check their websites and newsletters to learn more.

- \$150,000 to improve pedestrian facilities at busy intersections in Medford for users of all abilities, at Elm Street and Aquavia Road, Elm and Sturges Streets, and South Border Road at Governor's Avenue.
- \$150,000 for design and im-

plementation of traffic changes at the dangerous intersection of Broadway and Alewife Brook Parkway in West Somerville, as advocated for by Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets, one of many improvements they are working on with Rep. Barber and me.- \$50,000 for ABCD to provide support for homelessness outreach teams in Medford and greater-Boston.

- \$75,000 for the Community Action Agency of Somerville for community organizing to prevent evictions

- \$75,000 for the youth violence prevention efforts of Teen Empowerment.
 - \$50,000 for Groundwork Somerville to support youth jobs
- 1 – https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/08/01/metro/after-23-hours-billions-relief-left-table-lawmakers-promise-revisit-their-proposals/?p1=BGSearch_Advanced_Results
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- 6 – <https://www.lgbtqseniorhousing.org/the-pryde>
- 7 – <https://mcoa.millcityis.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ENOUGH-PAY-TO-STAY-Fact-Sheet-2018-FINAL.pdf>
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- 10 – <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/04/30/metro/more-wrongful-convictions-unravel-exoner-ees-help-one-another-adj-just-life-beyond-bars/>

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Major Orange Line revitalization work to be accelerated during 30-day shutdown

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combines vehicle and wayside equipment to avoid train-on-train collisions, adds red-light signal protection, and incorporates speed enforcement. Much of the Green Line track is over 30 years old and ready to be replaced. Replacing this track improves safety, reliability, and provides smoother trips for riders. Track and train protection work was already successfully completed on the B and C Branches of the Green Line earlier this summer. Track and GLTPS work on the E Branch will take place from August 6 through August 21 and on the D Branch from September 24 through October 30. This work allows for the accelerated completion of both GLTPS installation and track renewal. New Green Line tracks, ties, and ballast also reduce the risk of high-impact events such as derailments and increase the overall safety and reliability of each branch.

The MBTA is reconstructing the track crossing between Alewife and Davis stations on the Red Line to allow for an increase in operating speeds.

On the Red Line:

- **Alewife Crossover Improvements:** Later in 2022, the MBTA will reconstruct the track crossing between Alewife and Davis stations on the Red Line to allow for an increase in operating speeds. By increasing the speed, the new crossover will help modernize the Red Line, reducing travel times and improving reliability.

- **Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement:** Located between Von Hillern and Kemp Streets, the steel Dorchester Avenue Bridge carries motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists over tracks for the Red Line, the Commuter Rail Old Colony Lines, and Cabot Yard maintenance tracks. Originally built in 1925 and last rehabilitated in 1975, the bridge is ready to be replaced in order to protect its structural integrity and ensure reliable service. Work that took place this summer and continuing this year includes fully preparing the site for next summer 2023 when the

current bridge is demolished and completely replaced. The project will also replace the Red Line tunnel roof. Improvements to the Red Line tunnel that are included as part of the bridge replacement will result in safer, more resilient, more reliable service on the Red Line and reduced future maintenance costs and service impacts.

The MBTA is reconstructing the track crossing between Alewife and Davis stations on the Red Line to allow for an increase in operating speeds.

On the Commuter Rail:

- **Automatic Train Control (ATC) on the Newburyport/Rockport and Fitchburg Lines:** The MBTA is upgrading the signal system to add ATC as part of Positive Train Control (PTC), a federally required safety control system that monitors a train's location, direction, and speed in real time and reduces speed when needed. Phase I of the PTC Program was completed in 2020. Phase II includes the implementation of ATC. Through the use of signal indications within the train cab in addition to using physical signal lights along the tracks, the ATC system alerts the train engineer of potentially unsafe conditions. If the crew does not respond to the ATC alert, the system will automatically slow or stop the train. ATC was successfully completed on time in 2020 for Commuter Rail lines operating out of South Station. ATC is now currently underway for all Commuter Rail lines operating out of North Station with work taking place this summer and fall on the Newburyport/Rockport and Fitchburg lines. Riders should visit mbta.com/CR for the latest service updates, impacts, schedules, and service alternatives.

- **Gloucester Drawbridge, Commercial Street Bridge, East Cottage Bridge, and Norfolk Avenue Bridge Replacement:**

- The Gloucester Drawbridge, which carries the Rockport Line over the Annisquam River, is being replaced. The current bridge

was built in 1911, reconstructed in 1932, and updated in 1984. The MBTA suspended service across the bridge in April 2020, though single-track commuter rail service to Gloucester and Rockport stations resumed on May 23, 2022.

- **The Commercial Street Bridge carries the Newburyport/Rockport Line over Commercial Street in Lynn between River Works and Lynn Station.** The steel bridge, which was built in 1913, is nearing the end of its useful life and will be replaced to meet the MBTA's reliability and modernization needs. The new bridge will have a projected service life of 75 years.

- **The East Cottage Street and Norfolk Avenue bridges, between Uphams Corner and Newmarket stations, carry the Fairmount Line through Roxbury and Dorchester.** The MBTA is replacing the bridges, both built in 1906, with updated steel infrastructures to improve safety and reliability.

- The work that has taken place and will continue this fall to replace these bridges will allow for the delivery of increased reliability of service, eliminate speed restrictions, bring the bridges into a State of Good Repair, and reduce maintenance costs and service impacts.

- **North Station Signals Replacement:** The MBTA continues work this fall to replace the obsolete signal system that controls the movement of MBTA Commuter Rail and Amtrak trains in and out of North Station. The new signals will improve efficiency and safety and will support the future growth of the MBTA and Amtrak.

On the Silver Line:

- **Courthouse Station Leak Mitigation:** Work taking place this fall regarding the ongoing mitigation of groundwater infiltration into the existing station will protect existing infrastructure from deterioration and result in a more reliable and safer Silver Line service.

- **New Courthouse Station**

Headhouse: The new Courthouse Station Northeast Headhouse, which will continue to be worked on this fall, is a partnership between the Commonwealth, WS Development, and the MBTA to add a new fully accessible, and flood-resilient entrance to Courthouse Station in the Seaport District.

Additional Progress

Hiring Efforts:

Five candidates are completing their 10-week training program now (four started July 11 and the fifth started on July 25). Prior to the MBTA's hiring blitz, another dispatcher candidate began their training last May who is awaiting completion of the program.

The MBTA continues to aggressively attract, promote, and hire in a number of key areas, including and especially heavy rail dispatchers within the Operations Control Center (OCC), which is unique in that it requires that applicants already work within subway operations so that their service as a dispatcher can benefit from their working knowledge of the system.

The MBTA implemented a number of hiring initiatives specifically aimed at generating interest among Operations staff in applying for the dispatcher position and attracting interested prospective applicants, including the authorization of a \$10,000 sign-on bonus, the expansion of the MBTA's pool of eligible internal candidates to include light rail dispatchers, and an immediate hiring blitz that began at the end of last month along with a targeted hiring marketing campaign.

Safety Work Progress:

The MBTA continues to make progress on addressing ongoing safety concerns raised during the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Safety Management Inspection (SMI).

The MBTA has met all the FTA's deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address

them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and policies for operators regarding train movements in rail yard facilities and car houses.

- Ensured all active rail transit employees are safety-certified. The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring re-certifications are up to date.

- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions.

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line, Green line, and Red line safer.

- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time.

The MBTA also has ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.

- Developing a PPE compliance checking program.

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.

- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified standard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the movement of rolling equipment.

— Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Second annual community basketball game honors late basketball coach

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Center and the Somerville Police Department.

The main coordinators of the event were Tracey Stearns the executive director of the Mystic Learning Center and Patrick Canty a Somerville policeman. Other organizers from the Mystic Learning Center include Jessica Ruggiero, a quality enhancement specialist; Kevin Roy the basketball coordinator; and Jacob Ojeda the assistant basketball coordinator. The other organizer from the Somerville Police Department is Paul Beckford.

The goal of the unity basketball games is for police officers to build relationships with the kids in a fun environment other than when they get called into the projects to take care of a situation or when a child is getting in trouble with the authorizes, according

to Stearns.

“I just wanted the cops to get to know these kids...It was always drama bringing the cops in. I wanted to create a positive experience between cops and kids,” said Stearns.

Patrick Canty contacted Stearns after noticing the kids from the projects had a negative perception of the police officers. He got called to the projects to handle a situation. After, kids stopped to ask the policemen questions. Canty realized the kids had been exposed to cops in a bad way.

“I just wanted to do something to show them we are just people like they are,” said Canty.

Wednesday’s game was the second annual community unity basketball game. The first game was last year on October 6, 2021.

The teams wore either black



or purple t-shirts made by the VilleSide Customs Company, a Somerville community business. Wings were printed on the back of the t-shirts along with the name Hollywood to remember the late basketball coach Stephenson Aman from the Mystic Learning Center’s Summer Basketball League. He committed suicide on May 22, 2022.

The Summer Basketball League has been playing for 18 seasons. They couldn’t play during the 16th season because of COVID-19.

The teams played two games during the event. The purple team won the first game 66 to 59. The black team won the second game 14 to 12.

After the first game, Stearns thanked people for coming. She also reminded the crowd of the memory of their late basketball coach Hollywood. The most valuable player of the year was inducted into the Forever Hollywood Hall of Fame, named after their late basketball coach. Nehemiah Fields won this year. He will receive a plaque and trophy. The runner-up was Andrew Robinson who won a certificate.

“You can tell that the kids are welcomed here,” said Ciara Martinez, Field’s mother.

“The kids should be able to know whose protecting them. Maybe if they could have fun with them then maybe they could trust them,” said Kevin Roy, the Basketball Coordinator, referring to police when asked about Black Lives Matter.

The Somerville Police Department is not representative of other police departments across

the country, according to Canty. Somerville Police have been trained in de-escalation for years and crisis intervention training for about five years. The Somerville police have also been working with mental health clinicians, according to Canty.

The next annual community unity basketball game has not been scheduled. The learning center is hoping it will be sometime in June 2023, according to Stearns.



Stephenson Aman was known as Hollywood, the late Mystic Learning Center basketball coach. — Photo courtesy of Mystic Learning Center.



The teams at the second annual community unity basketball game. — Photo by Mina Rose Morales



Andrew Robinson, Kevin Roy, and Nehemiah Fields at the second annual community unity basketball game. — Photo by Mina Rose Morales

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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, August 18, 2022**, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available by using the registration link once the meeting has concluded.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4947439910953137932>
Webinar ID: 365-798-555

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422
Access code: 645-060-890

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

59 Bow Street 59-61 Bow St., LLC proposes to develop a five (5)-story, Net-Zero Ready, LEED Platinum general building and establish a Household Living principle use for 15 dwelling units in the Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) zoning district. This proposal requires Site Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit.

394 McGrath Hwy Contempo Builders proposes to develop a four (4)-story, Net-Zero Ready apartment building and establish a Household Living principle use for 15 dwelling units in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) zoning district. This proposal requires Site Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit.

325-375 Assembly Row Street Retail, LLC, on behalf of Federal Realty OP LP, proposes a revision to a previously issued Special Permit with Site Plan Approval (PB2016-14) in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District, to change the permitted design of ASQ Linear Park.

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

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
Lot 3, 20 Innerbelt Road, Somerville and Boston, MA
RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-36476

A historic release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On August 2, 2022, The Residences At Innerbelt, LLP recorded with the Suffolk and Middlesex County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property:

- Commercial, industrial, or multi-family residential uses.
- Emergency repair of existing utilities.
- Short term construction and underground utility work to a depth of 15' provided work is conducted in accordance with the obligations and conditions of the AUL as opined by an LSP.
- Property shall not be used for single-family residence, school, daycare, or any activity in which a child, resident, commercial worker, or visitor could be exposed to Site soil, or agriculture.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact:

Mr. Scott Nielsen, Residences At Innerbelt, LLP, c/o Criterion Development Partners, 37 Walnut Street, Suite 110, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 Tel:(413) 575-8008.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-36476 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, Tel: (978) 694-3200.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 23-10

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

Climate Change Action Plan Update and Analysis

The RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, August 10th, 2022**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 14th, 2022**.

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

Please email jremy@somervillema.gov for more information.

Jordan Remy
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **August 22, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

Application for a Change in Hours for Entertainment by Devices, Performers and Patrons – Indoors License, for Center for Arts at the Armory Inc. d/b/a Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform.

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

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LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **August 22, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

Application of a Common Victualler and an Entertainment by Devices– Indoors License, for Hot Tomatoes 77 Bow Street LLC d/b/a Hot Tomatoes, 77 Bow St.

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS


Awarding Agency	
Agency Name and Address:	Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville MA 02145 ***SUB-BID PREQUAL ONLY***
Project Number:	SHA Job # 2039
Estimated Cost:	\$9,500,000 (estimated construction cost for Final Bid Package)
Contractor Qualification:	DCAMM Certificate
Contact Information	
Name:	Tim Arnold (Anser Advisory)
Phone:	617-445-3555
Fax:	
Email Address:	timothy.arnold@anseradvisory.com
Contract Information	
Project:	Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Filed Sub-Bid Misc. & Ornamental Iron, Waterproofing, Damp-proofing & Caulking, Roofing & Flashing, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Floors, Painting, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems, Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical contractors for the Final Bid Package. Full project is new construction of 21 units of wood frame modular housing for the elderly.
Plans/Specifications Available:	RFQ is available on 6/29/22 through BidDocsONLINE. Go to www.biddocsonline.com and click on the "Bidding" tab then click on the "Solicitations" tab and click on "Current Listings" and on the RFQ name. Once on the RFQ page, click on the RFQ Form icon at the left to view the RFQ.
General Bid Deadline*:	Time:
Sub Bid Deadline:	08/24/2022Time: 4:00 PM
Sub Bid Categories:	Misc. & Ornamental Iron, Waterproofing, Damp-proofing & Caulking, Roofing & Flashing, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Floors, Painting, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems, Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical
Additional Information:	This RFQ is to prequalify Misc. & Ornamental Iron, Waterproofing, Damp-proofing & Caulking, Roofing & Flashing, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Floors, Painting, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems, Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical Trade Contractors in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149A, § 8 and 810 AMR 10.00 for the Final Bid Package ONLY. Responses received from eligible subcontractors will be used to pre-qualify firms for participation in response to a Request for Bids.


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Request for Qualifications

Mystic Waterworks II

SHA #2039


Awarding Agency	
Agency Name and Address:	Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville MA 02145 ***SUB-BIDS PREQUAL ONLY***
Project Number:	SHA Job # 2039
Estimated Cost:	\$9,500,000
Contractor Qualification:	DCAM Certificate
Contact Information	
Name:	Tim Arnold (Anser Advisory)
Phone:	617-445-3555
Fax:	
Email Address:	timothy.arnold@anseradvisory.com
Contract Information	
Project:	This is a second Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Filed Sub-Bid Elevator, Tile, and Resilient Floor contractors only, for the Somerville Housing Authority project. If you are an Elevator, Tile, or Resilient Floor contractor and have already submitted a RFQ package for this prequalification phase, you are not required to resubmit your submission. Full project is a new construction of 21 units of wood frame modular housing for the elderly.
Plans/Specifications Available:	RFQ is available on 8/3/22 through BidDocsONLINE. Go to www.biddocsonline.com and click on the "Bidding" tab then click on the "Solicitations" tab and click on "Current Listings" and on the RFQ name. Once on the RFQ page, click on the RFQ Form icon at the left to view the RFQ.
General Bid Deadline*:	Time:
Sub Bid Deadline:	08/24/2022Time: 4:00 PM
Sub Bid Categories:	Elevator; Tile; Resilient Floor
Additional Information:	This is a second RFQ to prequalify Elevator, Tile, and Resilient Floor Trade Contractors in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149A, § 8 and 810 AMR 10.00 for Somerville Housing Project. Responses received from eligible subcontractors will be used to pre-qualify firms for participation in response to a Request for Bids.


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Application of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant – City Wide Area, a Common Victualler, an Entertainment by Devices and Performers – Indoors and a Sunday Hours License, for Lehrhaus, LLC d/b/a Lehrhaus, 425 Washington St.

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Application of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant – Assembly Row Area, a Common Victualler, an Entertainment by Devices– Indoors and Outdoors, an Outdoor Patio – on Private Property and a Sunday Hours License, for Frank Assembly Row LLC d/b/a Frank, 400 Assembly Row

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Early voting and voting by mail in the Massachusetts Primary election

The Massachusetts State Primary election is Tuesday, September 6. This election will narrow the field for Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Governor's Council, State Senator, State Representative, District Attorney, and Sheriff. Somerville voters can vote early in person or by mail.

Register to Vote by August 27

You can register one of three ways: Register to vote online at somerillema.gov/register tovot e, or in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.), or by calling the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200) and requesting a voter registration form. Or call 311 (617-666-3311) and they will connect you to Elections. The registration deadline is Saturday, August 27.

Vote Early at City Hall, August 27-September 2

Vote early at City Hall from Saturday, August 27, through Friday, September 2. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 27, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 29, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 1, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (all-day and evening hours)

Friday, September 2, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (morning only)

How to Vote by Mail

♦ Applications to vote by mail must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 29:

Applications to vote by mail must be received (not postmarked) by the Somerville Elections Department by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29. Download an application from somerillema.gov/vot eby mail, pick one up in the Elections office at City Hall, or request one be mailed to you by calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

♦ Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6:

Eligible voters who submit valid applications will receive their ballot in the mail. Ballots must be completed, signed, sealed, and received by the city no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6. Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state's website.

♦ How to return your application and ballot:

Drop boxes: Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations:

City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave.

East Somerville Community School, across from 68 Glen St.

In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church at 31 College Ave.

In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.

Elections office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall

Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

Email or fax (for applications only): Completed applications can be emailed to vote@somerillema.gov or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.

For all information about voting in Somerville, go to somerillema.gov/elections.



Somerville Appointments Advisory Committee seeks new members

Open Positions: Five; Term: Three years

The City of Somerville seeks five members for the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC), and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, expertise, and perspectives to share their talents and insights with their community.

The AAC makes nonpartisan and informed recommendations for appointments to more than a dozen of the City's boards and commissions, listed at somerillema.gov/aac. AAC members will review applications, then recommend finalists to the Mayor. The AAC typically meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. New AAC members are appointed by the Mayor.

Applications are due Friday, September 2. To apply, please send a statement of interest to Hannah Carrillo at hcarrillo@somerillema.gov or Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville MA 02143. Please email Hannah or call her at 617-625-6600 ext. 2100 with any questions.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mindful Eating "Getting Back to Basics" – A four week workshop. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, August 10 and August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This workshop will help us enjoy foods and reach satiety or the sensation of feeling full, while making healthy choices. Ditch the rules, use sound nutrition as a guideline and truly listen to what our bodies need. Class size is limited. Please RSVP by contacting Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email Mary at Headtofitness10@yahoo.com

Bingo – Tuesday, August 16, and 30 at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, August 18 and 25 at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Keep your eyes open for occasional

Wednesday Bingos. Lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group – Third Thursday of each month (August 18) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. For more information, please contact Claudia Ferro at 857-237-1801.

Game Hour – Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) This month the dates are August 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. This month the dates are August 8 and 29. Zoom meeting Mondays from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. New and returning members are welcome! To RSVP, please call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofitness10@yahoo.com.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. This month's dates are August 5, 19 and 26. The walking group meets in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for this program, contact Debby Higgins at dhiggins@Somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes – Mondays, August 15, 22 and 29 in person at 9:00 a.m. Mondays, August 15, 22 and 29 Virtual at 1:00 p.m. Wednesdays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31 in person at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays, LBT Class, in person at 5:30 p.m. In-person, indoor at the Holland Street Center. Each class will focus on strength, balance and flexibility. Pre-registration is required as classes are limited. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for additional information.

Strength and Balance General Exercise Class – Mondays, August 15, 22 and 29 in person at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31st in person at 11:00 a.m. Join us for our new exercise class focused on increasing our strength and balance, the course incorporates weights and light cardio. Please contact Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 with any questions or for more info.

EXERCISE

Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

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

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

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The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

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

Adult Family Care earns high marks in 2021 consumer survey

Caregivers and adults receiving in-home care are extremely satisfied with the support they receive from Adult Family Care (AFC), according to the program's most recent annual consumer survey.

The survey is distributed annually to all AFC households. It asks caregivers and people receiving care though the program to rate effectiveness of AFC, along with helpfulness of staff and their ability to resolve issues. Survey highlights include:

- 100% of respondents receiving care through AFC indicated their caregiver has the skills and knowledge to meet their needs.
- 98% of AFC caregivers agreed or strongly agreed that AFC provides them with the tools, knowledge, and support they need to be a responsible caregiver
- 99% of total respondents expressed satisfaction with AFC's ability to resolve any issues that arise.
- No complaints or lowest possible scores were received through the survey.

AFC has consistently earned high marks in the annual consumer survey, and Program Director Nina Cohen said that's a reflection of the team's dedication and high standards.

"Our nurses and social workers care deeply about helping the people we serve receive the best care at home," said Cohen. "We conduct this survey each year to assess what is working and where we can improve, and it's gratifying to see that our families are happy with the support they are receiving."

AFC is a regional program of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, which serves adults who cannot live alone due to a medical diagnosis. The program helps adults receive the care they need at home by providing compensation, training, and ongoing support for friend or family caregivers.

Caregivers taking the survey also gave AFC high marks on the following:

- 98% agreed or strongly

agreed that their social worker helps them manage caregiver issues such as stress and access resources.

- 98% agreed or strongly agreed that AFC staff takes the time to listen to their concerns.

- 100% said they are paid in a timely manner.

Asked for suggestions on how they would improve AFC, 100% of Caregiver respondents passed or said they were happy with the program.

"For me so far everything is perfect," said one AFC caregiver. "My nurse and social worker are both very skilled at their work. When I ask questions, they have an answer."

"Just keep hiring the caring and compassionate social workers and staff," said another caregiver. "They are easy to talk to and make you feel comfortable."

Adults receiving care through AFC also gave the program high marks for the following:

- 100% said they feel safe in their homes



Adult Family Care

- 100% said they are treated with dignity by their caregivers

- 98% agreed or strongly agree that their AFC nurse is knowledgeable about their diagnoses and medications.

Ongoing support from AFC staff was the most popular aspect of the program for 76% of respondents receiving care through AFC.

"They treat us kindly and encourage me to take the necessary care to prevent illness and accidents at home," said one AFC participant.

Another thanked their nurse

and social worker for their care and concerns.

"They are very compassionate people," the participant wrote.

Adult Family Care is a regional program of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that helps more than 220 eligible adults across the Greater Boston Area receive the best care at home, by providing training, compensation, and ongoing support for live-in caregivers. For more information call 617-440-0987, email AFC@eldercare.org or visit AdultFamilyCare.org.

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BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Why don't they play poker in the jungle?
Too many cheetahs

On This Day in History

August 10

1831 – William Driver of Salem, Massachusetts, is the first to use the term "Old Glory" in connection with the American flag.

1846 – The Smithsonian Institution is established in Washington through the bequest of James Smithson.

1949 – National Military Establishment renamed Department of Defense.

1950 – President Harry S. Truman calls the National Guard to active duty to fight in the Korean War.

1960 – NASA launches Discoverer 13 satellite, which would become the first object ever recovered from orbit.

1975 – David Frost purchases the exclusive rights to interview Richard Nixon.

1977 – US and Panama sign Panama Canal Zone accord, guaranteeing Panama would have control of the canal after 1999.

2006 – All toiletries are banned from commercial airplanes after Scotland Yard disrupts a major terrorist plot involving liquid explosives

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The city is seeking feedback on the newly drafted **bicycle network vision**. This map is the foundation for the **Somerville Bicycle Network Plan**, which aims to develop a citywide network of streets where people of all ages and abilities will feel comfortable and safe biking. Take a look at the map and share your ideas at somervillema.gov/bikenetwork. For any questions, email transportation@somervillema.gov.

Bring your favorite **stuffed animal** for their first-ever **stuffie-only campout** at the **Growing Center**. Register your animal for "camp," listen to camping-themed stories and do some camping-related crafts. Then say good-night to your lovelies for the evening and follow along on Instagram and Facebook for all the updates on their activities and fun. Additional drop-off times (no kids activities): **Friday, August 12** (4:00 – 5:30 pm); **Sunday, August 14** (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Pick-up times to be announced. Contact: **Betsy** at blarkin@thegrowingcenter.org.

At-home **COVID-19 tests** are a quick, convenient way to reduce transmission of the virus and protect friends and loved ones. Stock up now if you're running low. Free test kits are available at the following Somerville locations (one kit per family member): **City Hall**, 93 Highland Ave.; **City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Ave.; **Central Library**, 79 Highland Ave.; **East Branch Library**, 115 Broadway; and **West Branch Library**, 40 College Ave. Each household is also eligible for three free shipments of tests from the federal government, and if you have health insurance, your provider may also cover the costs of at-home tests. Learn more at somervillema.gov/covidtesting.

Somerville Museum's little gift shop carries Somerville-themed postcards and a replica of the first map of Somerville drawn in 1852 and more. Visit the online shop at: <https://www.somervillemuseum.org/shop>

Looking to **vote early** in the **2022 State Primary Election**? In-person early voting will be held in the **Council Chambers** at

City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) from **Saturday, August 27**, to **Friday, September 2**. Residents can also apply to vote by mail. Applications must be received by the **Elections Office** by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 29**, to vote by mail in the State Primary. For more information or to register to vote, visit somervillema.gov/earlyvoting.

With the new development coming to Davis Sq., **Lbc Boutique's Davis Square shop** has moved to a **new location** at 1107 Commonwealth Ave., Allston, 02215. Parking and train nearby. Take some profits, gold is at an all-time high right now. Stop by the new location or visit cashforfashionboston.com.

Family Movie Night on the Lawn of the **Somerville Public Library**, **Wednesday, August 17**, at 7:30 p.m. Join in for a family movie night on the library lawn. This year they are showing the Pixar movie *Soul*. Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs, a picnic dinner or snacks, and definitely bring your family and friends. MPAA rating: PG for thematic elements and some language.

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

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

The **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** is now available 24/7, 365 days a year in Massachusetts and across the country. 988 is a direct three-digit phone line to trained **National Suicide Prevention**

Lifeline call takers. If you need suicide, substance use, or mental health crisis support, or if you are worried about someone else, you can call or text 988 or use the chatline at 988lifeline.org to access compassionate care and support.

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

The **Somerville High School Class of 1964, 75th Birthday Celebration** takes place **Saturday, September 17**, 1:00 p.m. at the **George Dilboy VFW Post**, Davis Square. Donation: \$50 payable to **Kevin Estee**, 4 Charles Circle, Andover, MA 01810. Rooms available at the Holiday Inn, Washington St., Somerville. RSVP by August 17 to **Sandra Regan**: sanjor21@gmail.com.

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

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

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

This summer, the city is offering **three spaces just for teens** while efforts to

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

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

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

The **Somerville Mobile Farmers Market** is open for the season, selling fresh, local produce through **October 15**. The market schedule is as follows: **Fridays**: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: **Council on Aging/SCALE** (167 Holland St.); 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: **East Somerville Community School** (50 Cross St.) **Saturdays**: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: **North Street Housing** (24 North St.); 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.: **Mystic Housing** (Playground between 15B and 25B Memorial Rd.). The market accepts cash, debit, credit, SNAP, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons, and it offers an unlimited 50% discount for anyone who needs it. All are welcome. To learn more, visit: somervillema.gov/farmersmarket.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville painter Sandra Allik:

A very colorful past, and a very colorful artist

I met Sandra Allik in her space at the Miller St. Studios in Somerville. Her studio is a bubble of color – with many vivid paintings lining the walls.

Allik told me she finds the artistic environs in Somerville pleasing. She said, "I love my studio. I moved here in 2009; and presently there are a great group of artists working here. Recently, I exhibited at the Inside/Out Gallery, which is basically a CVS window in Davis Square. I sold one of my paintings for 1800 dollars. I was surprised it sold because it was in an unassuming store window."

Obviously, Allik knows that Somerville is fertile grounds for artists. Allik went on to explain how supportive the Somerville Arts Council is, and she is quite enthused about the Somerville Open Studios event that was recently held.

Allik, in another life, was a television journalist for the Canadian Broadcast Corporation and worked with CBS as well. She happened to be in the Washington Bureau during the heady Watergate years. She recalled, "It was an extraordinary time for me. I was in Washington at this time, and there was a frenzy of activity at the bureau. I can say that it was thrilling and appalling, but it is quaint considering what we have going on today. During this time, I met the iconic journalists Daniel Shore, and Eric Sevareid. We called Eric the "philosopher with a camera," because he ended his broadcast with little, but profound editorials."

Allik does not consider herself a political artist at this time. Back in 1984 when she lived in Israel, she witnessed the early beginnings of the Intifada. After experiencing the violence in the West Bank, she was more political, and her paintings reflected the violence of the time.

Earlier, when she was with her journalist husband on assignment for CBS, she traveled to Moscow. Allik reflected on this dour city, "The whole atmosphere in Moscow was bleak, dark and colorless. The only time you saw color was during the holidays. They then they had red flags all over the place."

Allik was introduced to dissident Russian artists by a photographer friend of hers. Often these outside artists were placed in psychiatric hospitals because they didn't fit into the Soviet propaganda scheme.

Allik told me that during her time in Moscow her apartment was flush with bugs, monitoring her



and her husband's conversations. Mysterious men on trains, and mysterious phone calls in the dead of night were the rule of thumb. Despite all of this, Allik purchased many paintings, etchings, and drawings from these dissident artists. Now Allik is selling the work and sending the proceeds to assist-ukraine.org. It's quite the irony that work from Russia is providing aid to the Ukraine.

Allik told me that she started working with colors in Ibiza, (an island in the Mediterranean Sea) when she and her husband lived there. She told me about a place on the island that she called the "magic valley," where they resided. Before this her paintings were more muted, but there she was taken by the colors, and the beauty of the landscape. After this her paintings had a decidedly different look.

Allik, a graduate of Wellesley College did not formally study art. But she did take workshops at the Carpenter Center at Harvard University and elsewhere. And obviously, this self-trained artist is immensely skilled.

Allik is one of the many talented artists in the Miller St. Studios, and in Somerville, the Paris of New England.

For more info: <http://www.sallik.com>.

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It was the time the eagle flew
The year was eighteen forty-two

The eagle flies above the sea
The eagle is like you and me

She's white on crown
And white on tail
To guide her through
The sky and sail

The eagle flies above the sea
The eagle is like you and me

Its wings are strong
Its wings are brown
Its dark breast proud
Its cry is loud

The eagle flies above the sea
The eagle is like you and me

Its talons are of golden hue
Its beak of yellow to breathe and chew

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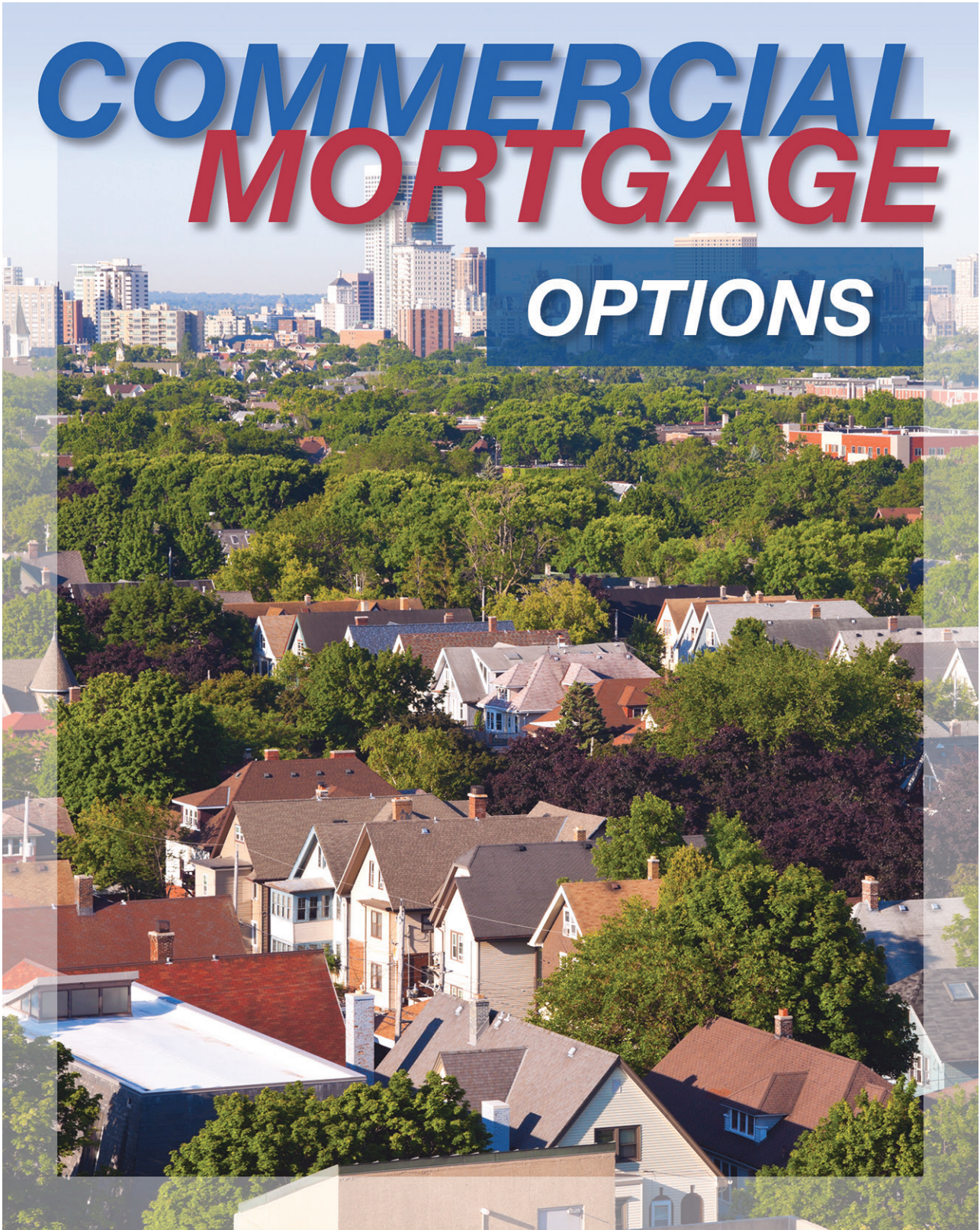
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Make us proud to see and hear it

The eagle flies above the sea
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