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## Transformative Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan adopted



The Somerville Planning Board adopted the Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan at its July meeting.

By unanimous vote, the Somerville Planning Board at its July meeting adopted the Ballantyne Administration's Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan, marking a significant milestone in the city's efforts to guide sustainable development in one of its most rapidly evolving neighborhoods. Once fully implemented, the neighborhood plan offers the potential of up to 2,900 to 5,700 new residential units – including roughly 580 to 1,100 affordable units – and an estimated up to \$17 million in annual tax revenues among other community benefits.

"This plan represents a pivotal moment for our community," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "Assembly Square has incredible potential to become a model for inclusive, sustainable development that serves both our residents and the broader region. By adopting this shared vision for a *Continued on page 4*

## Somerville's National Night Out

By Norah Doyle

National Night Out is an annual community-building event held on the first Tuesday of every August, aiming to foster good relationships between law enforcement and residents. This program promotes both community engagement and creating safer neighborhoods by allowing residents to spend time with law enforcement and emergency services in a fun, non-emergency setting.

"It's mainly just gaining camaraderie between the police and different communities," said Somerville patrol officer Priscilla Ribeiro, who was the officer in charge of the event this year.

"In Somerville, there are so many resources. I don't think people even understand how many resources we have, so it's mainly to better connect everybody else to them in one big place of public safety."

Some of the public safety resources represented at National Night Out this year were *Continued on page 18*



Somerville's National Night Out took place last Tuesday at Dilboy stadium, bringing together members of the community to engage with local law enforcement personnel.

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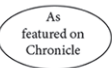
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Join the Somerville Arts Council for **24 Hours of Culture**, a free community party celebrating art, music, food, and joy as a strategy for liberation. **Saturday, August 16**, 4 – 10 p.m. (rain date August 17, same times) in **Union Square Plaza**. Expect live performances, hands-on art workshops, games, and delicious food from local BI-POC vendors. Designed to uplift Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) voices and showcase local artists, performers, and community leaders. This event is free to attend and open to all ages.

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Discuss an intriguing book in a relaxed atmosphere at the next meeting of the **Hub Comics Book Club** on **Wednesday, August 13**, at 7 p.m. They will talk both form and content regarding their pick-of-the-month, **Dave Ortega's Dias de Consuelo**, which is 10% off now until **BOOK CLUB!** Readers of all experience levels are welcome, although this book is for teens and up. You don't even have to buy a copy from Hub Comics. Admission is free, but bringing a copy is required. Book Club is the **second Wednesday of every month**, Hub Comics, 19 Bow St, Somerville.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Courtney O'Keefe** of Ward 5. We wish her a great birthday. Happy birthday, **Jenny Bonham Carter**. We wish Jenny a great day. Happy birthday to **Brandon Wilson**. We wish her the best and hope she has a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Cliff Clark**. We wish him the very best. We wish all our *Continued on page 7*

## Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 13 – August 19 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>August 13</i>	Sunny	93°/71°	22%	15%	SW 11 mph
<b>Thursday</b> <i>August 14</i>	Partly Cloudy	88°/66°	23%	16%	W 8 mph
<b>Friday</b> <i>August 15</i>	Sunny	77°/59°	2%	1%	NE 10 mph
<b>Saturday</b> <i>August 16</i>	Sunny	83°/65°	5%	2%	SE 10 mph
<b>Sunday</b> <i>August 17</i>	Sunny	90°/68°	9%	5%	SW 11 mph
<b>Monday</b> <i>August 18</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/64°	22%	17%	NE 11 mph
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>August 19</i>	Cloudy	79°/60°	23%	18%	NE 12 mph

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

## Somerville's annual FREE outdoor movie series concludes



The final free movie event takes place this week:

**Barbie:** Thursday, August 14, Seven Hills Park (Davis Square)

Persons with disabilities who need ADA accommodations to access this program, please contact Adrienne Pomeroy on advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov

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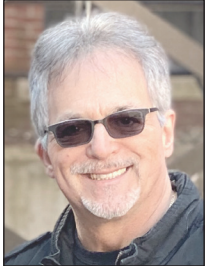
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# Paragon Park



Let's get away from today's problems and take a little trip back in time to Paragon Park, Nantasket Beach. The park operated from 1902 through approximately 1984. Lots of us have happy memories of outings, family days, and just plain fun at Paragon Park.

Remember when those discounted matchbooks were everywhere? Two worth of tickets for one dollar. Boy, what a deal!

As friends noted, "It was way better than

Revere Beach, and the ferry ride made it better, to me anyway, juke box on the deck, party all the way there and all the way back." Another memory: "Loved Paragon Park. We used to take the boat out of Atlantic Ave to Nantasket Beach."

You could stop at Snack A Rama for treats like burgers, pizza, and maybe fried dough. If you wanted the best hot dog on the beach, you could pop into Joe and Nemo.

Of course, you'd be wise to wait a while after chowing down before you took a ride on The Comet rollercoaster.

When The Surf Ballroom was in its heyday at Nantasket Beach, great bands like The Doors, The Ventures, The Rascals, The Turtles, Tommy James and The Shondells and many Boston bands performed there. In the '60s, the house band for some time was The Rockin' Ramrods, who opened for The Kingsmen of Louie, Louie fame. You could have a fantastic Nantasket day of fun at the beach and then check out



a great lineup of live bands.

A musician friend shares the following memory: "I worked at a little joint there in '77, the Lamarra Inn! I used to work at the Surf on Nantasket Beach in the early 70's with the Inner Circle! Had a ton of fun!"

Some lucky Somerville families had cot-

tages there. My friend says, "My kids all grew up there!" St. Catherine's School had an eighth-grade field trip to Paragon Park around 1970.

Friends also shared: "My Mom would take me there once a summer. We would take the harbor cruise *Continued on page 12*





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## Somerville Police Dept Crime Log July 29 – August 4

### Armed Robbery

25045287: On 7/29/25 at approximately 4:08 p.m., Somerville Police responded to a business on Broadway for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, officers spoke with an employee who stated a male party entered the store and asked to buy cigarettes. He then brandished a knife at the employee and demanded money from the register. The male then fled the area.

### Assault

25045555: On 7/30/25 at approximately 1:26 p.m., Somerville Police responded to Broadway for a past assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the juvenile victim who stated that on 7/25/25, she was approached by a male party who proceeded to grab her arm. The juvenile pulled her arm away and fled the area.

### Robbery

25046453: On 8/3/25 at approximately 12:50 AM, Somerville Police responded to Broadway for a larceny. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, who stated she was walking home and was approached by a male party who grabbed her chain off her neck and then fled on a bicycle.

### Assault

25046275: On 8/2/25 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Somerville Police responded to Elm St. for a fight. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two males who stated they got into a fight with each other.

**Other Crimes:** 5 Package thefts + 3 Vandalisms + 3 MV thefts + 2 Bike thefts + 2 MV vandalisms + 2 Car breaks

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## Transformative Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan adopted

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thriving, equitable Somerville, we are creating a path to adding much-needed housing, including affordable units, new jobs, more access to nature, and generating vital tax revenues to help fund our community's needs and priorities."

The plan is the result of years of collaborative work by residents, stakeholders, and City leadership and staff to establish a long-term vision for Assembly Square's future. It serves as both a master plan and will become a zoning recommendation that will shape development decisions in the approximately 140-acre East Somerville site along the Mystic River.

The neighborhood, formerly an industrial site, now includes the successful Assembly Row mixed-use complex featuring offices, shopping, and housing alongside longer-standing retail and light industrial spaces. That transformation is the successful result of intensive community-shaped discussions and goal setting as well which began in the late 1990s. More recently, Assembly was designated a Transformational

Area in SomerVision2040, the city's comprehensive plan, with significant potential for growth.

The new plan emphasizes realizing Assembly Square's full promise as a major regional destination, job engine, revenue creator, and housing generator. The plan also addresses critical infrastructure needs to support expected growth while ensuring development aligns with community values and long-term sustainability goals.

The planning process included extensive community engagement through community meetings, public presentations, polls and surveys, and feedback sessions that spanned several years. The Planning Board reviewed multiple drafts before adopting the final version, which incorporates revisions based on public input and technical analysis.

### Key elements of the adopted plan include:

- Framework for walkable mixed-use development that balances residential (approximately 40% of built area) and commercial (around 60%) uses to create a

complete community

- Provisions for affordable housing integration throughout the neighborhood at 20% of the total new units (equaling roughly 580 to more than 1,000 affordable units)

- Significant opportunities for growing large, small, and micro businesses to strengthen the community's job and tax base and neighborhood vibrancy

- Guidelines for sustainable development practices and climate resilience

- Strategies for preserving and enhancing public spaces, such as Baxter Park, and creating community amenities on approximately 28 acres, totaling roughly 20% of the land

- Infrastructure improvements to support population growth, mobility and transit access, and connectivity

- A roadmap for coordinated improvements that will benefit both new and existing residents.

The plan builds on Assembly Square's existing assets, including its proximity

to public transportation via the MBTA Assembly Orange Line station and its growing business cluster, while addressing challenges related to traffic, infrastructure capacity, and community services.

"It's great to have a new neighborhood plan in place that acknowledges the changes in development and economics since the first plan in 2000 and the master plan from 2004. This was a fun process and involved so many engaged and truly caring neighborhood residents that we're excited to facilitate the future growth and amenities for them," said Senior Planner and project lead Sarah Lewis.

Community members can access the full adopted plan and related documents through the city's SomerVoice platform at [voice.somervillema.gov/assemblynp](http://voice.somervillema.gov/assemblynp).

The Ballantyne administration is committed to creating inclusive, sustainable communities that serve residents across all neighborhoods. For more information about city planning initiatives, visit [voice.somervillema.gov](http://voice.somervillema.gov).

# Bicycle Committee weighs in on Somerville Ave. project

By C. Scott Morris

The Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, in a unanimous vote, endorsed comments for the upcoming Somerville Avenue design project. The vote took place in a meeting last Thursday at the City Hall Annex.

The project plans to move bike lanes from the street to beside sidewalks, adding to bike lane protection. It's part of the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan and will use materials like paint, flex posts, and signs to create boundaries. But it will not include any major construction, according to the project webpage.

Greg Hanafin, a transportation planner in Somerville's mobility division, said the design process for the project will likely begin this fall.

Committee Chair Lena Webb, along with committee members Amanda Rychel, Paul Morgan, and Tom Lamar, rode along Somerville Avenue before the meeting to identify problem areas.

They recorded locations with sharp angles, tight spaces, high traffic volume, and

difficult crossings.

"We're very supportive [of the project] overall," said Webb. "One big issue that we came up with, that we all agree on, is cars entering the door-zone bike lanes to get around left-turning vehicles."

She said the committee is excited for the physical separation in the new plan, which will hopefully stop people from going into the bike lanes. But she feels like the timeline could be accelerated.

The committee highlighted current areas by the Prestige Car Wash, the Cambria Hotel, and the Market Basket grocery store. They recommend tightly separated flex posts and other treatments, like clear corners, to protect the bike lanes and make crossing entrances and exits safer. Clear corners ensure visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers by prohibiting parking near crossings and intersections.

They also mentioned that Somerville Avenue intersects Central Street, Laurel Street, and Properzi Way are intersections where oncoming traffic makes left turns difficult for cyclists.

Lamar recommended adding a bike sig-



Recommendations for the proposed bike lane changes on Somerville Ave. were voted on by the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee at their recent meeting.

nal to the intersection on Park Street. He also suggested swapping the bike lane and the right turn lane.

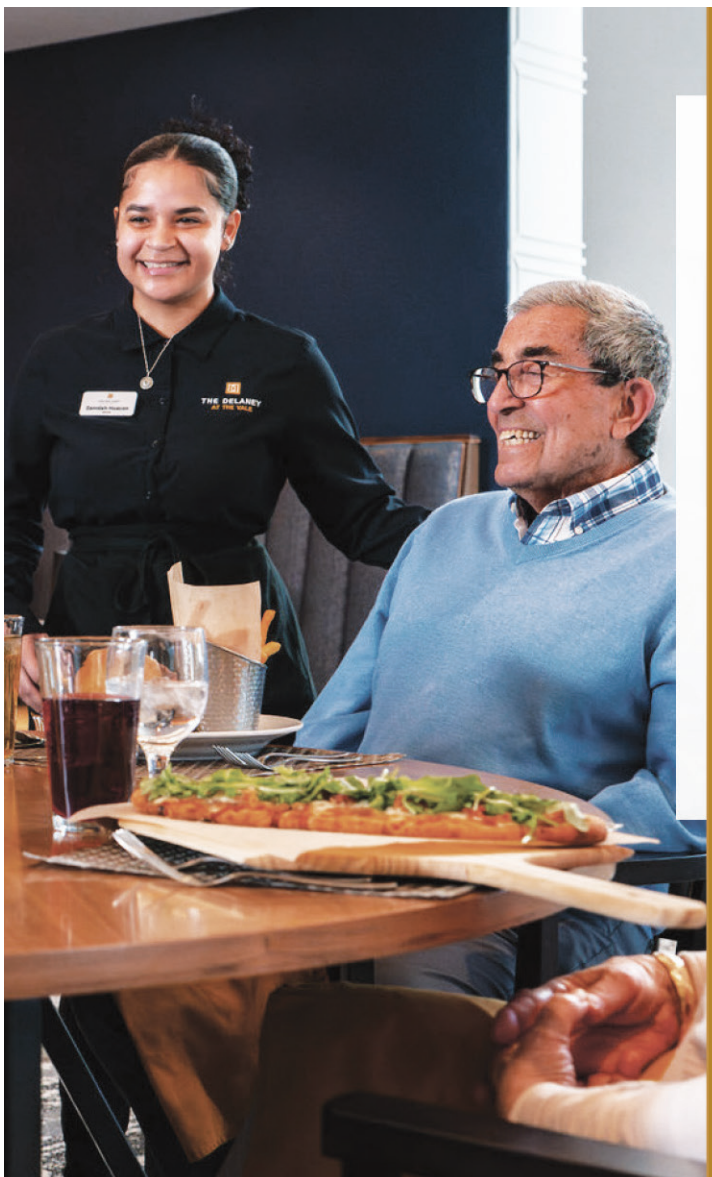
The committee questioned whether a two-stage turn box could help bikers moving westward, who are turning onto Park Street from Somerville Avenue.

Additionally, the committee mentioned

that cyclists traveling west from Bow Street onto Somerville Avenue have to navigate poorly parked cars to access the bike lane, and where outdoor dining, by Hot Tomatoes, can encroach on the lane.

Alex Frieden, a committee member, said that the bike lane sometimes becomes a "mixing bowl," and it

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

## \$259 MILLION FISCAL 2025 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (S 2575)

House 150-6, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and Gov. Maura Healey signed into law a \$259 million fiscal 2025 supplemental budget.

The measure provides \$40 million for the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) to hire about 320 additional public defenders. This supplemental budget did not include this investment in legal representation for indigent defendants when the governor first filed it, but a work stoppage among private attorneys who take cases as bar advocates had since led some criminal defendants to have charges against them dropped. The Legislature added the \$40 million. The budget would provide bar advocates with a \$20-an-hour raise over two years - compared to the \$60-an-hour raise that some bar advocates were seeking.

Supporters said the \$40 million will more than double the CPCS's existing workforce. They noted that increasing the proportion of indigent clients represented by public defenders - as opposed to private bar advocates, who are independent contractors - will help stabilize the public defense system in Massachusetts.

"This agreement provides a substantial raise for bar advocates that reflects our commitment to supporting the important work that they do, even in a challenging budget year," said Gov. Healey upon signing the budget.

"Despite chaos at the federal level, the Massachusetts Legislature remains committed to delivering important services to our residents and communities, ensuring our bills are paid, practicing fiscal responsibility and maintaining access to justice for all," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashlan).

Not everyone agreed with that assessment. The Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) said in a statement that the raise is not sufficient and pledged that the MACDL will "continue to support the tireless advocacy, commitment and selflessness of the many bar advocates who stand in solidarity to make their voices heard."

The statement continued, "The rates for bar advocates in Massachusetts remain insufficient and will not solve the current constitutional crisis. This legislation does not

bring the rate of pay for bar advocates anywhere near the rate of pay for appointed attorneys in neighboring states."

"I say to you today and to the leadership, we're going nowhere," said Sean Delaney an advocate of the higher wages. "Your ridiculous proposal that you put forward yesterday has only strengthened our resolve."

In the meantime, despite the signing of the bill, some criminal defendants who haven't been appointed a lawyer in the past 45 days continue to have charges against them dismissed.

Other provisions in the budget include \$60 million for Home Care Services; \$43 million for Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT); \$15.5 million for increasing the security of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards by transitioning to chip cards; \$7.5 million for the Healthy Incentives Program which both strengthens food security for residents and supports Massachusetts farmers in the face of federal funding cuts; \$6 million for veterans' benefits; \$4 million for the Massachusetts State Police crime lab; and \$1 million for the Fair Housing Fund.

"Amid President Trump's dismantling of the Department of Education, and amid sweeping cuts at the federal level to programs that millions of Americans rely on, this supplemental budget makes key investments that will ensure continued funding for state programs that support many of the commonwealth's most vulnerable residents," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

"[This budget] has a carryover from the last budget, still spending money on illegal immigrants and pushing transgenderism and abortion," said Rep. John Gaskey (R-Carver). "Until the Democrat-led Legislature wakes up to reality that these policies are destroying our state, I will continue to vote 'No' and I encourage other Democrat leaders to recognize reality and step up to be a voice for sanity and healthy citizens. Additionally, while I think the attorneys should be paid better to defend the indigent, I believe there are better ways than letting criminals go free."

Five other representatives voted against the budget but did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them to explain why they voted against it. The five representatives, all Republicans, are Reps. Brad Jones (R-North Reading); Paul Frost (R-Auburn); Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick); Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica); and Alyson Sullivan-Almedia (R-Abington).

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$259 million budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Didn't Vote
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

## \$3.5 MILLION FOR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (S 3)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would increase funding for the Department of Mental Health (DMH) by \$3.5 million (from \$15.5 million to \$19 million) to support diversion programs that offer treatment alternatives to incarceration for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders. It also directs the DMH to update regulations to improve discharge protocols for patients leaving mental health and substance use facilities that are overseen by the state.

"This amendment gets money and training into the hands of the people doing the hardest work--the officers, clinicians and outreach workers who are often the first to encounter our most vulnerable constituents," said amendment sponsor Sen. Nick Collins (D-Boston). "By expanding these diversion programs and strengthening discharge oversight, we're helping police de-escalate, helping communities stay safe and helping people get the care they need."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$3.5 million.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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## APPEAL MBTA COMMUNITIES ACT (S 3)

Senate 5-34, rejected an amendment to the current law, known as the MBTA Communities Act, which according to the state's website, requires that an MBTA community "must have at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right and meets other criteria including minimum gross density of 15 units per acre; and a location not more than 1/2 mile from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station. No age restrictions can be applied and the district must be suitable for families with children."

The amendment would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and promulgate regulations allowing a city or town affected by the zoning provisions of the MBTA Communities Act to appeal for relief from those provisions. The amendment would also require any appeal to be based on at least one of the following criteria: the community's inability to meet the drinking water supply or wastewater requirements necessary to support the housing units authorized by the law's zoning provisions; the inability of municipal transportation infrastructure to safely accommodate the increased population attributable to

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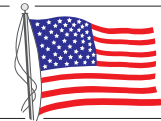
## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Remember to register to vote by September 5.

## Our View Of The Times



Those in public service to our city must be ready, willing, and able to rise to the occasion when called upon to do so. Each one of us, whoever we may be supporting in this year's citywide election, is searching our hearts to determine whom we feel will best fill those roles.

Most of us seem to be very confident that our favored candidates are up to the task. Others bemoan a lack of integrity or

skills required to do the job well among those who are running.

Either way, if we feel passionate enough in our convictions, then it is clearly incumbent on each of us to do our part and make sure we make our voices heard by voting in the upcoming City Preliminary Election on Tuesday, September 16.

This means that we must have the foresight and capability to register to vote if

we have not already done so. The process is quick and easy, and is an absolute requirement for being allowed to cast a vote. There really is no excuse for not voting. Registration continues through Friday, September 5, in person at Somerville City Hall. Online registration is possible at [somervillema.gov/registerstovote](http://somervillema.gov/registerstovote). Phone the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200) to request a voter registration

form. Or call 311 (617-666-3311) to be connected to the Elections Department. Early voting is possible from September 9 through September 11.

Specific info is available at [www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections).

Let us hope that those elected will rise to the occasion and realize the potential they may have to become as great as others who have gone before them.

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celebrating Facebook friends, such as Elizabeth Roche, Victor Martins, Joseph Amaral Sr., Patricia Toner, Maureen Marenga, Anna Rosella, Carmine D Ambrosio, and Roy Bertocchi, 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.

Somerville's Preliminary Election takes place on Tuesday, September 16. This election will narrow the candidate pool before the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4. Offices on the ballot include: Mayor, Councilor At Large,

Ward 7 Councilor, and Ward 3 School Committee. Register to Vote. The last day to register to vote is Friday, September 5. Election Day: September 16. Vote at your designated polling location. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To look up your polling place, get instructions for voting by mail, review a sample ballot, or for other election info, please visit [somervillema.gov/elections](http://somervillema.gov/elections) or call 311 by dialing 3-1-1 or 617-666-3311.

We have a new tab on our website, "Campaign Releases." Go there to see the latest endorsements, campaign info for this year's election candidates.

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**Outdoor Movie Nights at Aeronaut, Saturday, August 16, 9 – 11 p.m.** at Aeronaut Brewing Company. Head to Aeronaut on Saturday nights over the summer for outdoor movie nights on the patio featuring some favorites. Admission is free. Weather permitting, **8/16 Anchorman, 8/23 Mean Girls, 8/30 Clueless, 9/6 Jaws, 9/13 Zoolander.** 14 Tyler St, Somerville.

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**August 10-16 is Urban Agriculture Week**, a time to celebrate the people, programs, and partnerships that make fresh, local food accessible in our community.

Somerville's Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities is sharing events you can attend to participate: **Medicinal Plant Walk at Central Library** (August 13), 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., 79 Highland Ave., **Somerville Mobile Farmers Market** (July 10-November 1). Visit [Mass.gov](http://Mass.gov) for more events in the area.

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**High heat and humidity** are expected during the summer; these weather conditions can cause heat illness if precautions are not taken. Visit [www.somervillema.gov/keepcool](http://www.somervillema.gov/keepcool) for **heat safety tips**, which are also available in multiple languages, and more ways to keep *Continued on page 21*

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| 1. What is the reason behind the Tom Brady statue being 17-feet tall?    | 7. Where does Homer Simpson work?                                       |
| 2. Which former Beatle had a US No.1 hit with <i>Photograph</i> in 1973? | 8. What food is known as "the bread of the desert"?                     |
| 3. When is National Lemon Meringue Pie Day observed in the U.S.?         | 9. What board game was originally called "Criss-Cross Words"?           |
| 4. What is the only continent without an active volcano?                 | 10. Who was Elton John's <i>Candle in the Wind</i> written in honor of? |
| 5. Which country celebrates "La Tomatina" with an annual tomato fight?   | 11. How many senators does each state have in the Senate?               |
| 6. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea?                  | 12. What state is known as the Garden State?                            |

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## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The Monopoly mascot's real name is Milburn Pennybags.
2. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

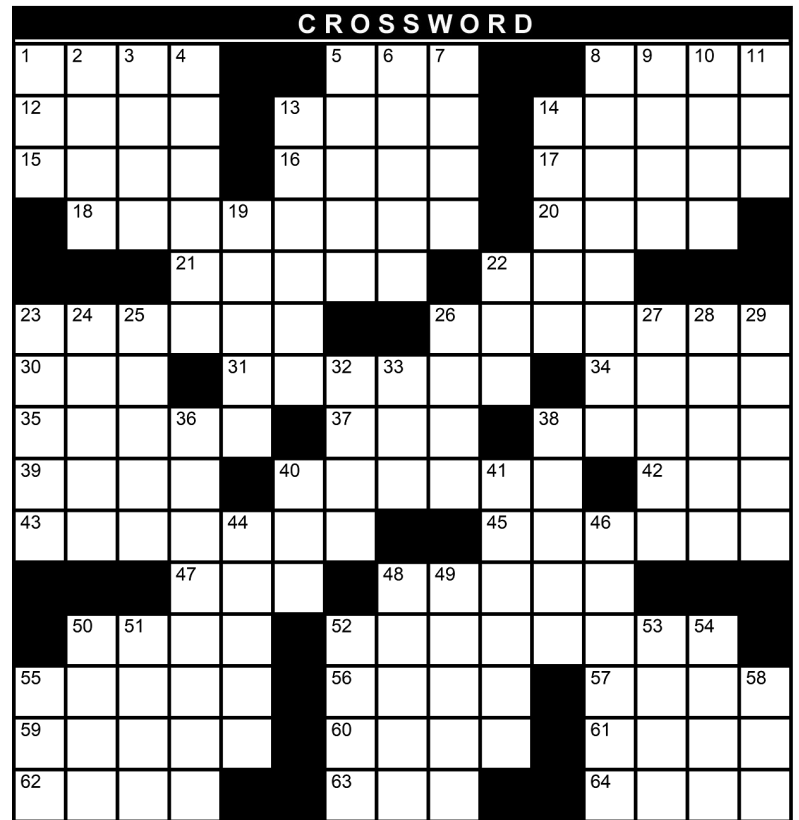
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38. Ascii, sing.
39. Olympic castaway
40. Didn't fail
42. Frozen H2O
43. Took a penny-farthing, e.g.
45. Punctuation marks for famous words
47. Maltese or Havanese, e.g.
48. Use Play-Doh
50. Cheap trinket
52.  $3+x=10$ , e.g.
55. Soviet place of exile
56. Curtis, to friends
57. Beehive state
59. Olden-day notebook
60. Honey-producing facility
61. Sushi restaurant soup
62. Location of altar
63. Type of poem
64. Sing like Ella Fitzgerald

#### DOWN

1. Mountain basin
2. Attention grabber
3. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
4. Hiccup's Toothless, e.g.,



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



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| 5. Irritate by rubbing                       | 32. "Good grief!"                   |
| 6. Persian Gulf ship                         | 33. Bro's counterpart               |
| 7. Multi-                                    | 36. School alum                     |
| 8. "Get out of classroom" permit (2 words)   | 38. Next step for juvenile          |
| 9. International Civil Aviation Organization | 40. Margaret, for short             |
| 10. Retired, shortened                       | 41. Describe as similar             |
| 11. Bard's before                            | 44. Elks' hangout                   |
| 13. Lacking cordiality                       | 46. Poppy derivative, pl.           |
| 14. Settle a debt                            | 48. Marine cephalopod               |
| 19. Unethical loaner's practice              | 49. Grading arch                    |
| 22. Us, in Mexico                            | 50. Big one at 7-Eleven             |
| 23. Temporary store                          | 51. Regrettably, exclamation        |
| 24. Reason to strike                         | 52. Sound reflection                |
| 25. Prodded                                  | 53. Auditory                        |
| 26. Totes or tugs                            | 54. U.S. space agency, acr.         |
| 27. Permissible                              | 55. Geological Society of America   |
| 28. Cease-fire                               | 58. Van Halen's "_____ for Teacher" |
| 29. Many affirmatives                        |                                     |

Solution in the next edition of *The Somerville Times*.

**OBITUARY**

**Donna Lees**



of Roberto Velasquez and the devoted mother of Michael Sloane, Laura Sloane, and Thomas Sloane. She was the cherished daughter of Robert Lees and is also survived by her loving siblings Robert Lees, Russell Lees, Wayne Lees, Alice Rinderer, and Ralph Lees. Donna was a proud and adoring grandmother to her beloved grandchildren, who brought her endless joy and pride.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donna Lees, age 65, of Milford, NH, who passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025.

Born and raised in Somerville, MA, Donna brought warmth, laughter, and kindness to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her funky free spirit, loving nature, and the many lives she touched.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass in her honor on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 399 Medford Street, Somerville, MA. A Celebration of Life will follow in Hollis, NH.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Donna's memory to Massachusetts General Hospital Corrigan Minehan Heart Center.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

**East Somerville's Foodie Crawl: Every Bite Tells a Story**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 9. The Foodie Crawl is back, and it's more delicious than ever! This one-of-a-kind tasting tour transforms Broadway into a global dining experience, where every bite tells a story of culture, tradition, and community.



From Brazilian barbecue and Haitian stews to Colombian arepas, French pastries, Italian specialties, Mexican tacos, Salvadoran pupusas, and more, the Foodie Crawl is your passport to East Somerville's rich and vibrant culinary scene — all in a single evening.

But it's not just about incredible food. The Foodie Crawl is East Somerville Main Streets' largest annual fundraiser, and every ticket sold directly supports our mission to promote a vibrant and diverse commercial district in East Somerville. When you join the Crawl, you're helping us keep local businesses thriving and our community strong.

This Year's Highlights Taste your way through neighborhood favorites including Michette, Sister's Caribbean, La Brasa, Mount Vernon, Vinny's, Ola Cafe, Rei da Picanha, Rincon Mexicano, Taco Loco, Lotus Xpress, and many more — plus enjoy live performances from talented local musicians along the route to keep the energy high and the atmosphere festive. Food will be served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Tickets**

Early Bird Price (through August 31): \$45 adults/\$15 children

Regular Price (starting September 1)

Pre-sale tickets only; no tickets will be sold at the event

**Purchase tickets:** [eastsovervillemainstreets.org/foodiecrawl](http://eastsovervillemainstreets.org/foodiecrawl)

Rain Date: Wednesday, September 10 — all purchased tickets will be honored.

Come hungry, enjoy the music, and discover the stories behind every bite — while supporting East Somerville's small business community.

**The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week**



**Eagle feathers #335**

*This article first appeared in the March 16, 2022, edition of The Somerville Times.*

**Don't Spill Your Coffee**

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Tradition has told us that a ninth-century Ethiopian shepherd once observed that some of his goats were behaving erratically. They were happier and livelier than others because they ate the magenta berries on a dark green shrub.



In a nearby monastery, the Brothers ground the goat herders' red seeds into a delicious, strong, black drink, which aided in their concentration. The secrets of the beverage and plant were later carried to Arabia and across the Mohammedan world beyond. Its commencement in Europe was in 1607, the same century that the magic beverage was introduced to the Americas. Monks were foremost in coffee cultivation in South America. It was believed that they brought good luck to the plants. The coffee industry, brewed and blessed by Monks, had been born.



Somerville's Ten Hills resident, Elias Hasket Derby, was a Revolutionary War patriot, America's first millionaire, and the namesake of Winter Hill's Derby *Continued on page 22*



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The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed proposals for:

**A Provider for A College and Career Youth Development and Support Program Districtwide for Middle School Grade Students for FY26**

Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked "Price Proposal for Provider Services for A College and Career Youth Development and Program for Middle School Grade Students" and a "Non-Price Proposal for Provider Services for A College and Career Youth Development and Program for Middle School Grade Students" in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **August 12, 2025** between the hours of Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All Proposals shall be filed no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144. Proposals will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee which may include possible interviews with the proposal finalists.

Please contact Leah Arredondo ([larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us)) or call 617-629-5218 to receive the proposal and register as a proposal vendor.

*The School Committee of the City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part or parts thereof, waive any minor informality in the Proposal process and to award the Contract that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department.*

**Robert A. Berretta**  
Interim CFO  
Somerville Public Schools

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An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com), <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **08/13/2026** sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **08/27/2026 at 2PM EST**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Logan Carroll at [Lcarroll@somervillema.gov](mailto:Lcarroll@somervillema.gov) for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required. Massachusetts Prevailing Wages apply.

**Logan Carroll**  
Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x3407

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5% Bid Deposit required. Prevailing wages apply.

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# City strengthens tree preservation ordinance

The City of Somerville's Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry (PSUF) is sharing updates to its Tree Preservation Ordinance, reinforcing the city's commitment to protecting trees on both public and private land. The amended ordinance, approved by the City Council on May 15, 2025, includes strengthened requirements for tree removal and new protections for significant trees affected by construction.

Under the new ordinance, owner-occupants of one- to three-family homes with a residential exemption must now partially offset the loss when they remove a tree. In the past, these homeowners did not have to provide any mitigation. Now, they must meet 10% of the standard replanting or payment requirement. This is a significant reduction – currently \$60 per caliper inch of tree removed instead of the standard \$600 per caliper inch.

Since 2019, Somerville has required permits for the removal of noninvasive trees measuring 8 inches or more in di-

ameter at breast height (DBH). The updated ordinance maintains that requirement and now also strengthens the standards for how significant public and private trees must be protected during construction. Contractors must follow a tree protection plan using industry-standard practices before work begins and maintain protections throughout the construction process. The city's Tree Warden has the authority to require modifications to ensure compliance.

As before, emergency tree removals, including dead, dying, or hazardous trees certified by an arborist, remain exempt from the tree removal permit process. Permits are still not required for removal of trees under 8 inches DBH or invasive species under 24 inches DBH, with the exception of Tree of Heaven, which is always exempt regardless of size.

The updated ordinance was proposed by the city's Urban Forestry Committee and shaped by public input during a series of City Council meetings in spring 2025.



To learn more about the requirements, apply for a permit, and learn more, visit: [somervillema.gov/tree-removal-guide-lines](http://somervillema.gov/tree-removal-guide-lines) or email [trees@somervillema.gov](mailto:trees@somervillema.gov).

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## Paragon Park CONT. FROM PG 3

out to Hull, walk across to the park, and spend the day. I don't know which was more fun. The boat ride from Rowes Wharf or the rollercoaster."

Along with the Caterpillar, Tilt-Whirl, and the Ferris Wheel, there were other

rides you may remember. Thrills were had on The Salt and Pepper Shakers, The Rotor, Crazy Tea Cups, The Congo Cruise, and The Indy 500.

Directions to Paragon Park are the same today. Take 128 south to Route

3 south to 228 to Hull and Nantasket Beach. The beautiful vintage and ornate "grand" carousel, built in 1928 by The Philadelphia Toboggan Company (on the National Register of Historic Places) isn't the only thing that remains from Paragon

Park. Millions of people have their memories of the family fun they had back then, and no amount of "progress" can ever rip that down.

Thanks to an article by Len Cirelli for some musical facts.

## Bicycle Committee weighs in on Somerville Ave. project CONT. FROM PG 5

could happen by the restaurant.

"We're thinking signal and crosswalk improvements as well as bikeway improvements," said Ted Feldman, vice chair of the committee.

Hanafin said the city can evaluate the necessity of the signals at T-intersections and use treatments other than red-yellow-

green lights.

Webb requested additional crosswalks to improve access to businesses, noting, specifically, the lack of one near the Belmont Street intersection.

After recommendations made by the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee,

Hanafin gave updates on other quick-build city projects.

He said the final design for Middlesex Avenue is still in process, with installation beginning later this year.

The final design for the Elm-Beacon Connector project is expected to come out

this fall, with installation starting in the first half of next year, he said.

The Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee meets once a month, and all are welcome. Follow the committee's social media page on Bluesky at [@somervillebikes.bsky](https://bsky.app/profile/somervillebikes.bsky.social) social for updates.

# Emergency fund for Somerville fire victims established

On Sunday, August 10, 18 Somerville residents including three children, as well as pets, were displaced by a fire on Powderhouse Boulevard that left nine apartments at Clarendon Hill Housing uninhabitable. Water damage impacted additional neighboring units as well. Fortunately, after multiple rescues, everyone got out safely, but significant challenges remain for our neighbors who now face replacing their ruined belongings, from prescriptions and personal products to beds, food in their pantries, and school clothes and supplies.

Fortunately, the Somerville Housing Authority is working swiftly to rehouse these residents, and City departments and partners are coordinating temporary shelter and supports while those units are readied, but your help is needed as our neighbors rebuild their lives.

Most have lost all or most of their belongings. If you are able, please donate to the Somerville Homeless Coalition's EMERGENCY FUND to both help

them put their lives back together and to let them know their community cares. Donations of any size will help. An outpouring of support for victims of the recent Wheatland fire to this fund made all the difference in helping them back on their feet.

The fund is designed to provide immediate relief to the affected residents and will help other neighbors in need as they face future emergencies. Your financial donation will support a range of needs from meals, household products, and transportation to pet supplies, shoes, and more.

"Once again our brave firefighters were there to save lives, and now the work of recovery begins," said Mayor Katjana Balantyne. "As our staff surge supports, the community can become part of the caring response by supporting the Somerville Homeless Coalition Emergency Fund, which can quickly provide the kind of direct help to individuals that makes all the difference in a crisis."



An aerial ladder and a ground ladder are seen raised to the second and third floors of 268 Powderhouse Blvd.

## How to donate

You can donate at [bit.ly/SHCEmergencyFund](https://bit.ly/SHCEmergencyFund) and select "Emergency Fund" to support these families, students, and residents. No donation is too small.

Only financial donations are sought at this time.

## Official Information from the Somerville Fire Department

At 11:05 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, the Somerville Fire Department was alerted to a fire at 268 Powderhouse Boulevard. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy fire in a second-floor apartment with multiple occupants reportedly trapped. A second alarm was called.

"A lot of work had to happen in a short amount of time to produce a successful outcome. This was an excellent response by Somerville Fire crews," said Chief Charles Breen.

Crews' work included stretching hose lines to control heavy fire in the originating apartment unit and prevent it from spread-

ing, raising ladders to rescue trapped occupants needing help at windows, and searching through near-zero visibility and high heat to locate a missing occupant.

Three adults were removed over an aerial ladder, one child was removed over a ground ladder, one occupant jumped from the third floor onto a mattress provided by another resident, and one unconscious occupant was pulled by firefighters from the third floor. Firefighters also rescued one cat. Four occupants were transported to local hospitals for treatment, and four Somerville firefighters suffered minor injuries.

The three-story apartment complex, a public housing building, sustained extensive fire, smoke, and water damage. A total of 9 apartment units were deemed uninhabitable, displacing those residents.

The investigation indicates that the fire is not suspicious and most likely started with an unattended candle: <https://www.mass.gov/news/somerville-fire-most-likely-started-with-unattended-candle>



Firefighters inspect fire damage inside a second-floor apartment following Sunday's two-alarm fire. — Photos courtesy of the Somerville Fire Department

## Statement of Frank Callahan, President of the Massachusetts Building Trades Unions

*The following statement concerns the two-alarm fire that broke out Sunday night in an apartment complex on Powder House Boulevard. The fire trapped residents and injured multiple people, including a firefighter.*

"Sunday night's fire at a public housing complex on Clarendon Hill in Somerville underscores the need to make sure that affordable housing is also safe housing. The new Somerville Housing Authority units under construction next to the existing building where the fire broke out Sunday night are riddled with safety violations, including citations for using unlicensed and unsupervised workers to install fire sprinklers. The city has been warned about these and many other safety risks at this ongoing development, being funded by taxpayer dollars. Sunday's fire, which reportedly injured eight people, only reinforces the need for the developer, Preservation of Affordable Housing and the general contractor Dellbrook/JKS, to require that licensed, professional workers are constructing these new units to ensure safety, quality and minimal risk to residents."

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# Olio

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| 1. It was chosen to represent the number of his 17 AFC East title wins | 7. In a nuclear power plant |
| 2. Ringo Starr   | 8. Dates                    |
| 3. August 15   | 9. Scrabble                 |
| 4. Australia   | 10. Marilyn Monroe          |
| 5. Spain   | 11. Two senators            |
| 6. Sicily  | 12. New Jersey              |

# Community invited to take survey on new PK-8 school building options

The City of Somerville is planning to build a new PK-8 public school building, and the Construction Advisory Group (CAG), Mayor Ballantyne, and Somerville Public Schools want to hear from you.

To inform their recommendation to the mayor on the location and scope of the project, members of the CAG worked with an urban planning firm and city staff to develop a 10-minute survey to gather perspectives from across the Somerville community. This outreach is part of the mayor's commitment to ensure community voices are heard on this important decision.

To learn more about the project and take the survey offered in seven languages, please visit [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8).

Through the survey, community members can provide input on key decisions including whether the new school should be located on the Winter Hill School Community Innovation School's (WHCIS) former Sycamore Street site or a portion of Trum Field, and if the new school should meet the needs of the Benjamin G. Brown School community in addition to the needs of WHCIS. Participants can also share their perspective on what matters most for the new school, as well as what other city funding priorities are most important to them.

"Building a new school for our students is a generational investment in our city's future," said Mayor Ballantyne. "As we work toward this goal, there are critical decisions to make. We want to make sure the full community can weigh in on these decisions, share their perspective, and support the critical work the CAG has been doing. I'd like to invite the full community

to participate in this survey."

The survey is available in either English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, or Nepali at [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8). For general assistance in taking the survey or interpretation support for other languages, please contact 311 (617-666-3311).

About the School Building Project and Construction Advisory Group

Since 2023, the City of Somerville has been working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to deliver a state-of-the-art school building project for students.

The new school will address the needs of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS) Community. The MSBA rejected a request to also renovate the Benjamin G. Brown School, but did offer the city the opportunity to address the needs of the Brown School within this school building project.

In response, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne convened a School Construction Advisory Group (CAG) made up of parents, residents, and elected officials to make a recommendation to her on the whether the school should address the needs of the Brown School in addition to WHCIS and where the new school should be located. The CAG is currently expected to deliver their recommendation to the Mayor in November 2025.

Meanwhile, in December 2024, the City's funding proposal to the state passed a critical milestone: Somerville received approval to hire the project team. This team will work with City staff to design and build the new school. In May, the city



hired an Owner's Project Manager and is now working to choose an architecture firm to design the project.

At this stage, construction of the new school is projected to be completed by late 2031, barring unforeseen circumstances.

More about the project, including an anticipated timeline, is available at [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8).

## About the MSBA

The MSBA strives to work with local communities to create affordable, sustainable, and energy-efficient schools across Massachusetts. Since its 2004 inception, the Authority has made over 1,750 site visits to more than 250 school districts as part of its due diligence process and has made over \$16.7 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.

About the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and Brown School

The Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS) and the Brown

School are the two oldest school buildings in the Somerville Public Schools. Students and staff from the WHCIS were displaced from the Sycamore Street building in June 2023, and the old building cannot be re-used. All WHCIS students are now attending classes at their interim location at the Edgerly Education Center in East Somerville.

The Brown School, the district's only K-5 school, is the oldest school building in the district (built in 1900) and will require major renovation in the future.

## Learn More

Throughout the community engagement process, design, and construction of Somerville's next school building, information about the project and additional opportunities to get involved will be shared widely through City and Somerville Public Schools channels.

For more information on the project, visit [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8).

## Polling place workers sought for the Preliminary Election

The City of Somerville is seeking polling place workers and standby poll workers for the upcoming Preliminary Election on Tuesday, September 16. Many poll workers are needed to support operations and conduct a successful election.

### General Duties

Poll workers must be ready to step in as needed on Election Day: Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The workday starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends after the polls close at 8 p.m., with a two-hour break. Poll workers would serve in the following role:

**Inspectors** - Check off names as voters check in, assist at the voting machine, or staff the demonstration table.

Inspectors also help set up and break down the precinct. The compensation is \$240 per day.

To apply, please email Human Resources at [hadmin@somervillema.gov](mailto:hadmin@somervillema.gov). Applicants will be contacted and hired as needed up until Election Day.

To learn more, please contact the Elections Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.



# Yart Sale 2025

Yart Sale, Somerville's citywide creative yard sale, returned to various locations throughout Somerville on Saturday, August 9. Whether selling or buying art, vintage finds, art supplies, tools, frames, zines, or handmade crafts, this was the place to be.





Photos by Bobbie Toner



# Somerville's National Night Out CONT. FROM PG 1

the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, the Somerville Police Department, the Tufts Police Department, the Center for Missing Children, Cataldo Ambulance, the Somerville Fire Department, and the AGO Criminal Bureau.

Other resources present at the gathering included the Somerville Council on Aging, Mass Bay Veterans Affairs, Somerviva, The Welcome Project, and many city resources, including the Somerville Housing Authority and the Racial and Social Justice Department.

"I just think it's great to get the community out, let everyone see what the

community, especially Somerville, it's a big community, has to offer, and you'd be surprised," said Debbie Higgins, outreach coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging. "I grew up here, and it's nice to see everybody get back, and all the networking community going on."

The event was kicked off by the Honor Guard and the singing of the National Anthem, performed by Somerville High School students Jaelyn Diaz Guillen, class of 2028, and Gianna Gallant, class of 2027, both members of Teen Empowerment. Somerville High School alumn, Silvia Arriaza, class of 2018, also joined in

their performance by

The night included other performances and speeches following the anthem, including a Samba by Sophia Holz, Villari Karate, Teen Empowerment, Red Tiger Karate, Pop Warner Cheer, Oom Yung Doe, and the raffle winners' announcement.

National Night Out's stand-out features were those dedicated to the younger Somerville Residents. 4 colorful bounce houses bordered each end zone of the field at Dilboy Stadium, one of which was a waterslide, allowing children to cool off on the hot summer night.

Somerville and Middlesex officers were

stationed in a corner of the field, handing out backpacks and school supplies to children in anticipation of the start of the new school year. They even set up a fake crime scene for attendees to explore, with fake weapons, evidence markers, and a fingerprinting station, which was a big hit with the children.

If they weren't bouncing around or getting their face painted, young Somerville attendees of the event spent time at the end of the field at the Touch a Truck event.

Somerville residents left National Night Out with full backpacks, cotton candy, and a stronger relationship with local law enforcement and emergency services.



Detective Courtney Reece (left) and Officer Keighla McAloney (right) supervising bounce house fun.



Detective Courtney Reece (left) and Officer Keighla McAloney (right) supervising bounce house fun.



National Night Out in Somerville even had a celebrity guest: Blades the Bruin.



Blades and the staged crime scene.



Meghan Secanbaugh, representing the ABA Centers of America.



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# Somerville resident runs Falmouth Road Race for youth mentoring programs

On August 17, Hollie Fletcher, of Somerville, will take on the Falmouth Road Race to support youth across Cape Cod and the Islands. Running on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands, part of Massachusetts' leading one-to-one mentoring program, she is raising funds and awareness to help youth to thrive with a caring adult in their corner.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands, a proud member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts family, is the only one-to-one youth mentoring organization serving every town on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Plymouth. The agency is on a path to impact the lives of 1,000 youth with a mentor by 2028.

Fletcher is a Big Brothers Big Sisters staff member and was a Big Sister while in college.

"When I was first matched with my Little Sister, she couldn't care less about me or what I had to say, and now she calls me every other day to tell me about everything that has happened at school. It is so rewarding and humbling to be able to work in an organization that gets to work with people from every single walk of life, and everyone wants better for the kids," says Fletcher, who is one of over 25 Falmouth Road Race runners hitting the pavement and fundraising for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands this year.

With research and proven outcomes at its core, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands is working to defend the

potential of children facing adversity and ensure every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life.

"Mentoring creates a ripple effect," says JR Mell, Regional Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands. "It doesn't just support one young person, it strengthens families and entire communities. We're incredibly grateful to individuals like Hollie who champion our mission across Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Plymouth. Their efforts help ensure that caring, committed mentors remain a steady presence for the youth who need them most."

To support Fletcher, visit: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/99641/the-2025-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/38380962>

For more information about the agency and its mission, visit [www.capebig.org](http://www.capebig.org).

## About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands

BBBS is on a mission to help children in under-resourced families thrive by providing transformational, one-to-one professionally-supported relationships with caring adult mentors. Founded in 1974, and a part of BBBSEM, BBBS is the only volunteer based, one to one, professionally supported mentoring program serving every town on the Cape & Islands. BBBS currently impacts over 600 throughout the region since the launch of the strategic vision Commitment: 1000. For more information please visit: [www.CapeBigs.org](http://www.CapeBigs.org)



## Davis Square Neighborhood Council holding first election

Davis Square Neighborhood Council (DSNC) has been working towards 501.c-3 status for the past year. We are pleased to get to the point of electing our first Board.

DSNC priorities and projects:

- Improving the Davis Square Plaza
- Elm St. Development
- Zoning for more housing
- Community Path wayfinding and art
- Pedestrian safety

### • Community-building

Board members will be key players in shaping Davis Square's future:

• Building projects are likely to be planned and started in Davis Square. Board members will be key players in negotiating with developers to ensure that the community gets concessions through a Community Benefits Agreement.

- Based on the Community Benefits

Agreement, other improvements to our Square will be funded.

Ballots can be cast at the Somerville Library West Branch on August 16 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.), 23 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.), and 25 (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.). They will be tallied on the evening of August 25.

Eligible voters include those who work, receive services, operate a business, regularly volunteer at an organization/agency, or own real estate within the Davis Square

business district, and those who reside within a half mile of the boundary of the Davis Square business district. A map of the district is available here: <https://map.davissquarenc.org/>

Important information such as polling site hours, candidate backgrounds, etc., will be available at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/view/DavisSquareNC>.

— Davis Square Neighborhood Council

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**Somerville Fair Housing Commission**  
*Question of the week*

**Q:** I was reading the list of protected classes, and I wondered. What's the difference between "national origin" and "ancestry"?

**A:** "National origin" is where you come from. "Ancestry" is where your family came from. It is illegal to discriminate against you because you came from (for example) Ireland or Somalia last week. It is also illegal to discriminate against you because your parents or grandparents came from there.

*The Somerville Fair Housing Commission generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. online. Call 617-625-6600 ext. 2578 for the login information.*

**A GoFundMe** has been launched by our own **Doug Holder** to help keep **The Somerville Times** free and thriving. Every dollar helps us stay independent and serve our community.

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**BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER**

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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# Somerville through the eyes of Denise



The definition of hope... — Photo by Denise Provost

## On This Day in History

### August 13

- 1521 – Hernan Cortes captures the city of Tenochtitlan, Mexico, and sets it on fire.
- 1680 – War starts when the Spanish are expelled from Santa Fe, New Mexico, by Indians under Chief Pope.
- 1787 – The Ottoman Empire declares war on Russia.
- 1881 – The first African-American nursing school opens at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1889 – The first coin-operated telephone is patented by William Gray.
- 1932 – Adolf Hitler refuses to serve as Franz Von Papen's vice chancellor.
- 1961 – Construction begins on Berlin Wall during the night.
- 1963 – A 17 year-old Buddhist monk burns himself to death in Saigon.
- 1978 – Bomb attack in Beirut during Second Lebanese Civil War kills more than 150 people.
- 1993 – The U.S. Court of Appeals rules Congress must save all emails.

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cool in and around Somerville this summer.

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**SomerMovie Fest** wraps up this week. The movie begins at dusk, and the showtime is approximate. Arrive early to grab a good spot, get comfortable, and enjoy the summer evening with neighbors and friends. This final week's movie is *Barbie*, on **Thursday, August 14**, at approximately 7:45 p.m. at **Seven Hill Park** in Davis Square. For more information, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/moviefest](http://www.somervillema.gov/moviefest).

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our **Arts Editor, Doug Holder**, for setting up a **GoFundMe** campaign for *The Somerville Times*. With the cost of printing going up and a lack of businesses having the resources to advertise, free papers feel the effect. We sincerely thank all who have already contributed and thank any future contributors. If you are interested in helping you please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-somerville-times>. Or if anyone is interested in advertising, please contact [Bobbietoner@aol.com](mailto:Bobbietoner@aol.com). We offer great discounts to help our advertisers be able to advertise. Thank you all so much for your support!

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Somerville's **Office of Immigrant Affairs** is hosting a **Citizenship Day Clinic** on **Saturday, August 23**, at **Connexion, 149 Broadway, Somerville**, offering free legal help for **Green Card Holders** applying for **U.S. citizenship**. Residents, students, and workers of the Somerville community who are at least 18 years old and legal permanent residents for at least 5 years (3 years if married to a U.S. citizen) will receive pro-bono legal assistance from **Project Citizenship**. Head to <https://www.facebook.com/projcitizenship/posts/project-citizenship-the-city-of-somerville-the-somerville-office-of-immigrant-aff/1170823298406885/>.

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Visit the **Growing Center** for some relatively quiet time during the weekly **Red Fire Farm CSA** distribution window, **Wednesdays, through October 15**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Relax, read, write, sketch, draw, or paint while enjoying a green setting in the city. Limited garden/nature books and art supplies will be available for use on-site. 22 Vinal Ave, 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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**Neighborhood Meeting:** 1154 Broad-

way, **August 18**, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Please join the development team from **Somer-Bridge Hotel**, the **City of Somerville**, and **Ward Councilor J.T. Scott** for a virtual neighborhood meeting. Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/McGrathHotel>. In this meeting, the development team will present a revised formula for business and hotel use at 1 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA. There will be an opportunity to discuss issues and potential impacts from that use.

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Applications are now available for one (1) **resale studio income-restricted home-ownership unit** through the **City of Somerville Inclusionary Housing Program** at 411 Norfolk St., Somerville, near the Cobble Hill neighborhood. More information at [somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing](http://somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing).

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Join **Mayor Katjana Ballantyne** and **Somerville's Council on Aging** for the annual **Mayor's Senior Picnic** at 11:00 a.m. at **Trum Field** on **September 9**. Call **Connie Lorenti** at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 for a free ticket by **September 5**.

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The **Somerville Flea Market** is now open for its 13th year. Vintage vendors, Artisan makers, Farm stand, Live DJ, plus treasures you didn't even know existed. **Sundays, August – October**. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., **18 Holland St.**

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The city is seeking **one member** for the **Community Preservation Committee**. **Application deadline August 29, 2025**. Are you a Somerville resident who cares about affordable housing, history, open space, and accessibility? Would you like to help guide community investment? Fill out the online form here: <https://cityofsomerville.jotform.com/251825134332046>.

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**Save the Date: What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Innovation** is a mad-cap festival honoring the invention of Marshmallow Fluff. It celebrates Somerville's long-standing tradition of innovation with live music, fluffalicious feasts, sticky games, and so much more happening **Saturday, September 20**, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Union Square (severe weather date Sunday, September 21). Interested in becoming a vendor at this year's *What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Innovation*? The Fluff vendor application is live: [dors. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until spots are filled. Are you a non-profit or community group looking to get the word out about your work? Fill out the Fluff Fest Community Group Application: <https://form.jotform.com/251685124532152>.](http://www.unionsquaremain.org/fluffven-</a></p>
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The **Rock + Roll Yard Sale** is coming to Union Square this fall, curated by **What Cheer?**. Taking place on **Sunday, September 7**, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14. This event will feature 40 to 50 carefully selected local vendors offering an eclectic mix of vinyl records, vintage clothing, handmade goods, artwork, and more. 12 – 5 p.m., **Union Square Plaza**.

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Save the date for the second annual **Get Ready for School Fair**, open to all SPS students and families. **August 20**, from 4 to 6:00 p.m., followed by a **Welcome to High School** event from 6 – 8:00 p.m. Both events take place at the **Somerville High School**, 81 Highland Ave. This event is for all SPS students and families, from PK to Grade 12. Join them for a district-wide fair and talk to school staff, participate in fun activities, eat a free frozen treat, climb aboard a Somerville fire truck, engage with some of our great community partners, and learn more about **Somerville Public Schools**.

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The **Somerville Health Foundation's 2025-2026 grant funding cycle** is now open. The Foundation plans to distribute approximately \$30,000 and is accepting requests between \$10,000 and \$15,000 through August 18 at 11:59 p.m. More information can be found under the **"Community Engagement"** title here: [www.challiance.org/community-health](http://www.challiance.org/community-health).

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**P'alante: Stories Moving Somerville Forward** is an art exhibition by local photographer **Mario Quiroz**, in collaboration with **Somerville Media Center** and **CAAS**, and with support from the **Somerville Department of Racial and Social Justice** and **Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs**. Photographs will be on display **from August 1 to September 30** at the East and West Branches of the library, and **from August 1 to August 30** in the **Central Library Auditorium**. <https://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/>.

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On **September 13**, the **Gilman Square Arts & Music Festival** will be back to

highlight local artists, makers, performers, and food vendors. This event is supported by the **Somerville Arts Council** and is made possible by an LCC grant, the generous support of local businesses, and volunteers from the **Gilman Square Neighborhood Council**. Raindate, Sunday 9/14. Pearl Street between Marshall and James Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 227-249 Pearl Street, Somerville.

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**Let's Get Truckin'** on **August 14**. Get up close to a **Department of Public Works (DPW)** truck and learn about its purpose and more with **DPW staff**. This event will be held on **Thursday, August 14**, at the **Central Library** (79 Highland Ave.) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn more. Keep the fun going and attend **Let's Get Truckin'** at **East Branch Library** on **Wednesday, August 20**.

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The **Somerville Mobile Farmers Market** has returned for the 2025 season. The market will be open **Thursdays through Saturdays**, and will run **through November 1**. All produce is sourced from local farms and priced affordably to make healthy, fresh food accessible to all. The mobile market accepts cash, debit, and credit cards, SNAP, Fresh Connect, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons. For locations and the full schedule, weekly produce updates, and more information about programs and events, visit the market's website at [somervillemobilefarmersmarket.org](http://somervillemobilefarmersmarket.org).

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**Somerville High School Class of 1980 Reunion Social** is taking place **Saturday, October 4**, from 7 to 10 p.m., 230 Mishawum Rd., Woburn, MA. Checks should be made out to SHS Class of 1980, c/o Mary Ellen Melaragni, 9 Churchill Circle, Winchester, MA 01890, [wasmith1492@gmail.com](mailto:wasmith1492@gmail.com).

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The **Somerville Museum** presents **Kaleidoscope: Reflecting the Moment through August 23**. Kaleidoscope: Reflecting the Moment is an immersive, multi-sensory exhibition by multidisciplinary artist **Flor Delgadillo** that invites us to reflect on shifting ideas of home, family, neighbors, and community in a rapidly changing world. Blending opportunities for pause and reflection with moments of interaction and creation, *Kaleidoscope* explores how light transforms Continued on page 22

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this housing development; and any adverse environmental impacts attributable to the development of housing units under this act.

“Allowing for these exceptions provides an avenue for a town to rightfully appeal the MBTA Community decision in cases where more harm than good is present,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton).

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by *Beacon Hill Roll Call* to comment on his amendment.

“I voted against [this amendment] because it was based on what I believe is the inaccurate premise that a municipality must permit construction of housing in MBTA community zones even if there is an inadequate drinking water supply, wastewater capabilities, transportation infrastructure and environmental protections,” said Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy).

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment allowing an appeal. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

## HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of August 4-8, the House met for a total of 40 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 36 minutes.

Mon. August 4 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.

Tues. August 5 House session No Senate session

Wed. August 6 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. August 7 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Fri. August 8 No House session No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

# Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 9

Street. He was a Salem ship owner whose dozens of vessels canvassed the globe. It was one of his ships that brought home the first word that the Revolutionary War had come to an end. You can find the image of his favorite ship, The Grand Turk, on some of today’s Old Spice toiletry bottles. In 1801, another of his ships, the Recovery, brought the first shipment of coffee from the Far East to Salem, opening the American coffee trade for the next fifteen years.

After the Boston Tea Party of 1773, a large number of Americans switched to coffee during the American Revolution because drinking tea appeared unpatriotic.

Joseph Barrell was a wealthy Boston ship owner, a fishery merchant, and a member of the Sons of Liberty. Ten years after the Revolution, he purchased Cobble Hill in Charlestown/Somerville and the 211 acres surrounding it for his remarkable Bullfinch-designed country home. Later, this mansion would become the original McLean Hospital. One of his ships, the Columbia Rediviva, was the first American vessel to circumnavigate the globe, leaving Boston on 9/30/1787 and returning on 8/9/1790. Before accomplishing this feat, it claimed the Pacific West Coast for America, and its log stated that “228 pounds of

coffee” were taken aboard. One would fathom, this helped keep the helmsman alert.

James Sanborn lived in a mansion on Winter Hill from 1872, the year Somerville became a city, until his death in 1903. He began his entrepreneurial pursuits at a young age, selling garden seeds. He went into the coffee and spice business in 1868, where he met Caleb Chase. They eventually became partners in the founding of the Chase and Sanborn Company. They were the first to sell coffee in a sealed can to keep it fresher longer and the first to market it from coast to coast.

Chase and Sanborn sponsored the suc-

cessful radio program, The Chase and Sanborn Hour. Famous comedians such as W.C. Fields, Jimmy Durante, and many others got their start on the show. The host of entertainment was Edgar Bergen, a ventriloquist and popular performer at the time. His daughter, Candice, is known for her work on the television programs Murphy Brown, Boston Legal, and many movies. She started her career as a child on the program. The star-studded show lasted 35 years from 1931 to 1966 with a total of 102 episodes. Its second-to-last episode was a tribute to Somerville-born comedian Fred Allen.

## Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 21

transforms space, how sound carries memory, and how collective experience deepens our sense of belonging, connection, and resilience. For more information, visit: <https://www.somervillemuseum.org/>.

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The **Ginny Smithers Pool**, 5 Cherry St., is officially back open. For more information on pool hours for Swim Lessons, Water Exercise, Lap Swim, Family Swim, and Open Swim. Please visit their website, <https://somervillema.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>, or email [aquatics@somervillema.gov](mailto:aquatics@somervillema.gov).

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The **Davis Square Market** is open for the 2025 Season. The market will run **every Wednesday** from 12 noon to 6 p.m., **through November 26**, at **44 Day St., Somerville**. This long-running market

features over two dozen Massachusetts farmers and food producers offering a vibrant selection of delicious produce, protein, baked goods, ready-to-eat meals, alongside a host of other locally made products. The market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, WIC/Senior coupons, and EBT cards, and offers a weekly \$15 SNAP Match. Visit <https://www.mass-farmersmarkets.org/davis>.

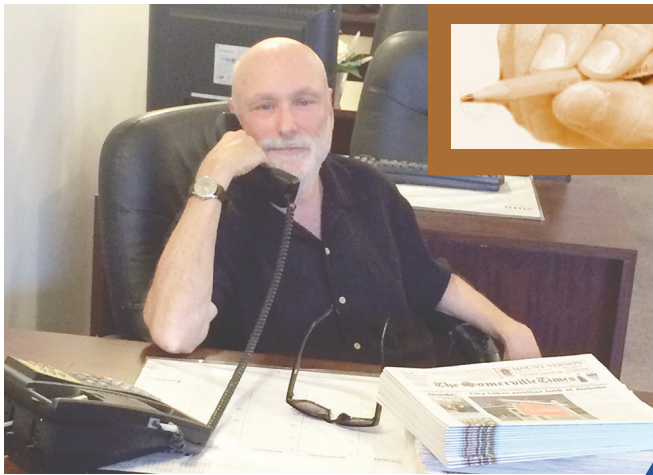
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**Street sweeping** in Somerville resumed on Tuesday, April 1. Somerville’s street cleaning program is an essential public works program that not only keeps our city cleaner but also reduces the risk of flooding and icing due to clogged storm drains.

The street sweeping season runs **from April 1 until December 31** each year. On designated street sweeping days, vehicles must be moved from the side of the street being swept, as noted on signs posted on each street. The penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$50 fine. Check the signs on the streets where you park and visit [www.somervillema.gov/sweeper](http://www.somervillema.gov/sweeper) for more information.

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

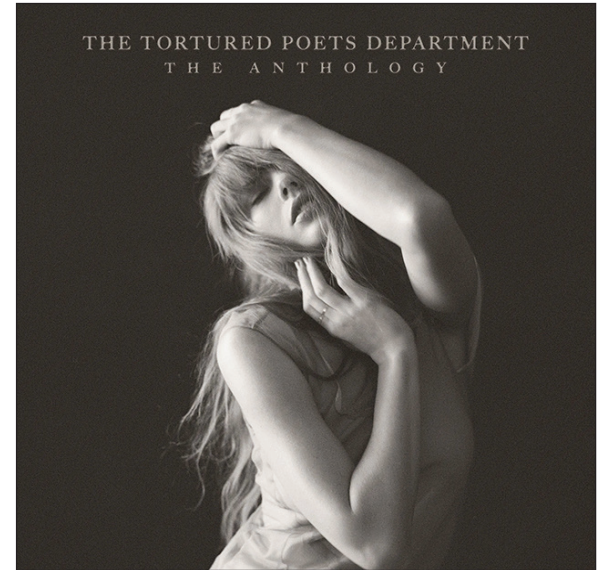
## The Tortured Poets Department

Since Harvard University has a course on Taylor Swift in their catalogue, I thought, “What the heck, maybe I could use Swift as a teaching tool.” During class we discussed the Found poem. And our exercise that day was to create a ‘Found’ poem based on Taylor Swift’s recent album release.

So, I found a video that has Swift singing one of her songs, as a typewriter types out the lyrics. I asked the students to take the lyrics that they wrote in their notebooks, and either rearrange them into a poem, or take a line that strikes them, and make their own poem.

Some pretty good stuff came out of the exercise. We also had an interesting discussion about if Swift was truly a poet, not just a songwriter. The students felt that her lyrics wouldn’t make it to the poem stage – they are dependent on her music to bring them to life.

I talked with them the about the importance of having a poem work on the “stage” and on the “page.” Swift herself admits in her song that she is no Dylan



Thomas or Patti Smith – and writes that she and her ex “are modern day idiots.”

Swift in my opinion is hardly an idiot, but a greatly talented performer. However, she ain’t a poet. Maybe that’s why she is tortured.

# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

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Bridget Seley-Galway artist/poet’s collections of poems, *What Moments Yield*, was published by Ibbetson Press, and *Shorelines* was published by Wilderness Press, and are included in several permanent collections. Her poems have also been published in *Provincetown Magazine*, *Somerville Times Lyrical*, *Poetry Porch*, *Ibbetson Press*, and *Bagel with the Bards Anthology*. Her art has been exhibited throughout New England. Her paintings have been selected for the covers of *Bagel with the Bards*, *Ibbetson Press*, and individual poet publications. She is currently the arts editor/curator of *Wilderness House Literary Review*. You can view her art on [briartistality.com](http://briartistality.com)



### From the Well-Spring

I feel the magnificence of being  
 from the ones I love no longer here.  
 They are where love reigns.  
 Where we are once again complete as nature in all its innocence.  
 Where all makes sense in the before and after.  
 I imagine their freedom and feel lightness in my heart-  
 In gratitude for all the beauty I have cherished.  
 Sometimes I slip back into unwanted circumstances.  
 Into the illusion of control in this flawed human thing.  
 Where all lessons are learned.  
 Yet, where impermanence can be a well-spring of infinite possibility.

— Bridget Seley Galway

## Mayor Ballantyne invites the community to the annual Evolution of Hip Hop Festival

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Arts Council, in partnership with producer Yvette Wilks of Wilks Productions Consultancy, invite community members to the eleventh annual Evolution of Hip Hop Festival on Saturday, August 23 (rain date: August 24), from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in Union Square Plaza.

Evolution of Hip Hop is an annual ArtsUnion festival and is free for all to attend. This year’s event is building an intergenerational community of those who love music, beats and storytelling, which are part of the many components of Hip Hop.

### Here’s what to expect:

- Musical performances begin at 4 p.m.: Enjoy the sounds of Latin hip hop band FM Collective will be headlining the evening with performances by Dro Casso, and more. Stay tuned as artists continue to be added to the line-up.
- Photo opportunities with a collection of vintage cars provided by Gregory Smith of Show Riders and Ultimate Entertainment group
- Visual artists and craft vendors

**Community tabling:** Meet, greet, and get information from local community groups “The festival was created to provide a platform for our youth and upcoming artists and to help remove the stigma associated with Hip Hop,” said event producer Yvette Wilks.



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