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Fall 2019 - Broadway after bus/bike lane restriping. The Holland St. and College Ave. plan will claim rush hour parking spots to be used as bus/bike only lanes.
— Photo courtesy of Kittelson and Associates

By Denise Keniston

On Thursday, August 10, Somerville's Transportation Mobility Planners held their second public meeting on the "Holland St. and College Ave. Mobility Improvements" project. In Spring 2021, the city will start resurfacing the roadways and sidewalks of Holland Street from Davis Street to Teele Square, and of College Avenue, from Davis Square to Powder House Circle.

The project focuses on prioritizing buses, bikes, and pedestrians with shared bus/bike lanes and other new surface roadway layouts and pavement markings. Justin Schreiber is a Transportation Mobility Department Planner. He says public input has been essential in the design phase.

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Cambridge Health Alliance unveils 'Care to the People' mural

By Isabel Sami

To brighten and incite joy in Somerville, the Cambridge Health Alliance Foundation had an idea: a beautiful mural at the CHA Somerville Campus. Together with the Somerville Arts Council, the foundation put out a call for local artists to submit ideas for the mural, and Amanda Hill was selected.

On Thursday, August 13, the "Care to the People" mural was unveiled. CHA CEO Dr. Assaad Sayah and Mayor Joe Curtatone introduced the mural, highlighting the mural's impact on the community. "Art is important because it's a reminder of our humanity. It offers a conduit to warmth, to connectivity. This mural really is, in a way, medicinal," the mayor said, referencing the stress and isolation that many residents in Somerville feel during the ongoing pandemic. Dr. Sayah called the mural "something that really speaks to the values and mission of the organization."

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The "Care to the People" that now graces the exterior walls at the CHA Somerville Campus mural was unveiled last Thursday.
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This summer, **Somerville Prevention Services** is hosting a series of free virtual presentations about a range of substance use prevention topics as one way to continue to educate and support community members during the coronavirus pandemic. Session themes include tobacco/nicotine, marijuana, problem gambling, anger management in recovery, and alcohol. Upcoming presentations will be held on **August 20** and **August 27** at 6:00 p.m. on **Zoom**. Visit somervillema.gov/preventionservices shortly before the meeting to join live. Each session will also be recorded and posted online following the presentation. For more information, please visit somervillema.gov/preventionservices.

Somerville Public Schools students will be starting the 2020-2021 school year **virtually** in an effort to protect the health of students, teachers, school staff, and the broader community. This is part of a **phased hybrid approach** that will, dependent on positive health data, transition to some in-person learning. To learn more about SPS’s back-to-school planning, visit their website at <https://somerville.k12.ma.us>.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to local good guy and popular barber at **Albraindi’s, Paul McGlashing**, who does a great job there. Happy birthday to **Cliff Clark**, who is also a great guy. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday **Jenny Bonham Carter**. Along with her husband **John**. They’re a great couple. We wish Jenny a great day and week. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Laureen DeBrase, Pat Lane, Pam Keith, Debbi Hession, Alicia Marie, Arthur Copeland** and **Bob Osborne** 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.

Thanks to our **crafty residents**, more than 3,700 reusable cloth masks have been donated as part of the **10,000 Masks Drive**. If you’d like to sew and donate some masks, *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 19 – August 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday <i>August 19</i>	Partly Cloudy	78°/58°	9%	13%	WNW 9 mph
Thursday <i>August 20</i>	Sunny	81°/60°	0%	11%	NNW 9 mph
Friday <i>August 21</i>	Sunny	84°/67°	0%	10%	WSW 11 mph
Saturday <i>August 22</i>	Sunny	87°/69°	11%	9%	SW 13 mph
Sunday <i>August 23</i>	Partly Cloudy	84°/66°	19%	17%	SW 12 mph
Monday <i>August 24</i>	Sunny	84°/67°	20%	8%	SSW 9 mph
Tuesday <i>August 25</i>	Thunderstorms	85°/65°	31%	32%	WSW 11 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Joint statement from Somerville and Medford mayors on Tufts reopening plan

They don't care says:

This is a nice letter and all but the problem is that the university doesn’t care. They have always treated the local communities as a giant boarding house for students and faculty. Building camp covid is just the latest and possibly the most dangerous slap in the face to Somerville and Medford they have ever done. This won’t work, it will blow up in their face and endanger the residents need- lessly just so Monaco and his wanna be Ivy league college can collect more tuition and not have to dig into their endowment. Why didn’t Somerville or Medford put a stop to this. Did Tufts not get a permit to do any of this? if Somerville hospital or any other entity in the city put housing for 200-300 people with water, sewer, and electrical hookups somebody would have to approve this. The university does not and will never have the neighbors best interests at heart so don’t act surprised by any of this.

Are you surprised says:

Both Medford and Somerville officials have been far too naive in their dealings with Big Higher Ed (aka Tufts University). At least this slap in face is in the open and one our political leaders had to respond to. The continued encroachment both direct and indirect has long been fostered by quietly buying the silence of the Mayor’s in both cities. Tufts contributions to both cities are nom- inal as compared to Cambridge and Boston where over the past 10 years, Harvard has paid nearly \$60 million in taxes to Boston and over \$50 million to Cambridge in addition to the documented PILOT payments. Its time to treat Big Higher Ed like they are- a self serving and destructive for to both Medford and Somerville

Jim says:

I actually don’t have a problem with this so long as everyone stays on campus. My big concern is off campus parties as I’ve repeatedly seen Tufts party houses in the surrounding neighborhood having parties, bbqs, etc. all summer w/ 20+ people and no masks. I can’t imagine what September will look like. If Tufts can keep everyone on campus, then fine, but if I have an animal house in the backyard immediately next to mine (its happened before), I will not be happy

Response to: Yoga studio considers lawsuit after delayed reopening

be. in Union Yoga says:

Important clarification: AZ court rules: “The Executive Orders, as implemented, violate proce- dural due process. As set forth above, fitness centers must be provided a prompt opportunity to apply for reopening.” We’re looking for an opportunity to demonstrate we can meet the highest safety standards in reopening and for the City to outline what those are. Note “opening” for “gyms” is for 8 people per 1000 sq ft and far safer standards than are currently in there lace for other es- tablishments. Somerville currently allows 10 people to gather indoors in general and dozens at % of capacity for larger establishments.

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Life in the



by Jimmy Del Ponte

No mask, no service



Life in the Ville has sure changed since March. Excuse me for straying from my usual format of discussing a light hearted topic from Somerville's past. But, as a citizen of Somerville, I need to discuss our present and our future. I live here and every day I see how individuals are responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yes, I'm one of the pro mask people. As far as I can see, it's a simple way we can try to help quell this ongoing and debilitating virus. I just turned 67 and I have friends and loved ones in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. I have many family members in their 80's. I also have children and young grandchildren. Our family has been very diligent in our efforts to be safe, sane, some-

what secluded, and very sanitary. Throughout popular culture masks have been a sign of strength. Heroes like Batman, Zorro and The Lone Ranger wore masks while performing feats of valor and strength. Ok, so they wore them over their eyes, but you get the point.

Today, Dr Fauci and other qualified medical experts tell us that a mask is one of the best ways we can slow the spread of this virus that has changed and threatened our lives. Along with social distancing, and hand washing, many are convinced that masks are very important. We are advised that wearing a face mask is the smart and safe way to go.

Yet around our city the maskless still persist on ignoring this important advice. Logical, scientific advice. Some people don't wear masks because it goes against their "constitutional rights." Others still believe the COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax started by the Democrats. Tell that to the families of the



more than 170,000 people who have died.

It's such a simple thing to do yet some still fight it. You could be a carrier with no symptoms that could pass the virus onto others, including family members. In my age group and my circle of friends and loved ones it's simply a deadly situation.

Powder House Park, Saturday mid-July, around 9:00 a.m. Various pockets of people, kids and unleashed dogs and very few masks. Then a woman runs through the park without a mask, huffing and puffing past other people.

Ten minutes later a male runner with no mask comes the other way sweating and wheezing. I

had to hold my tongue. Without a mask you could see the smug, know it all looks on their faces. Why should they care about the weak and elderly that they could be infecting? They probably don't know about my 91-year-old Somerville friend who survived a serious and scary bout with COVID-19. I call it a miracle. I have two other younger Somerville friends that have recovered from the virus.

The thing that gets me is that some people are convinced that they have a right to ignore the advice and warnings of top, highly accredited medical professionals. "I have my rights!" Yes, you do. It's hard for a young healthy person to comprehend the fact that

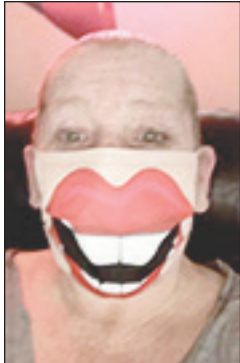
this virus can kill them and others. Yet people of all ages insist on possibly spreading germs that could kill someone we love by not doing something simple like wearing a mask. A small task in a war against a pandemic that is still very much among us.

If a person won't wear a mask, I wonder if they're washing their hands properly or social distancing, etc. Probably not.

Even some of my Trump supporter friends who swore that the pandemic was a hoax have been wearing masks lately.

This thing isn't going away easily. We need to be more COVID aware. And please remember to social distance when you're in a store.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Boys playing with dangerous toys

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Woods Ave. residence last Thursday to conduct a well-being check on all the occupants after receiving reports of a possible shooting.

The reporting party told officers that he came home and observed a hole in his ceiling. The residence is a two family dwelling. The reporting party is the owner of the residence and rents the upper unit to a couple and the female partner's mother.

After noticing the hole in his apartment, the reporting party made his way to the second floor and asked about his discovery.

During their conversation, the reporting party observed a hole in the floor in the same area as the hole in his apartment. He determined that the hole came from a bullet being fired and then notified the police.

After finding no injured parties

inside the apartment, the officers quickly removed all of the occupants and secured the scene.

The officers obtained a written consent from the upstairs residents and searched the apartment for firearms, ammunition and any other ballistic related evidence. During the search, an officer located one box of 9mm caliber ammunition inside a closet located in a bedroom on the front side of the home.

The residents of this unit denied having any knowledge regarding the ammunition and the discharging of a firearm inside the apartment.

At that time, the occupants were all seated outside on the front steps of the home. They were later interviewed by various Somerville Officers and a Somerville Police Department detective.

As the officers conducted the interviews, three notable in-

dividuals arrived at the home. They were identified as Robert Loper, of Cambridge, the brother of the male resident, along with two other brothers. Initially, all three men reportedly denied having any knowledge of the incident.

Police informed Loper of the ammunition found inside his brother's bedroom, at which time he reportedly became visibly upset and inquired of potential legal actions that could be taken against his brother.

In the meantime, police had acquired a photo taken by the reporting party's roommate which allegedly showed Loper leaving the home after a "popping sound" had been heard.

The photo showed Loper carrying a large duffel bag walking eastbound on Woods Ave. towards North St. After learning this information, police read Loper the Miranda warnings

and questioned him about his involvement in the event.

During the conversation, Loper reportedly admitted to knowing more about the event and requested for his brother to not be charged with a crime. Further, he attempted to negotiate returning the firearm discharged inside the home if guarantees could be made that his brother would not be charged.

The Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Ballistics, Crime Scene Services personnel and an MSP chemist were all summoned to the scene. The latter tested Loper and his brothers for gunshot residue on their hands.

Loper later instructed his brother to contact an unidentified individual via cell phone to return the firearm. After what seemed to be long redundant discussions, the brother told police that the gun had been

returned to a location in Cambridge by the aforementioned unidentified individual.

The brother provided detailed information regarding the location of the firearm. Officers later responded to the location with multiple Cambridge Police units to recover the firearm.

Loper reportedly admitted that the ammunition found in residence bedroom and the firearm located in Cambridge were his property. He also admitted that he had accidentally discharged the weapon while playing with it in the area located by the reporting party.

Loper was then placed in custody and transported to Somerville Police headquarters for booking on charges of discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, possession of ammunition without FID card, and possession of firearm without FID card.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	bridge, August 13, 4:16 p.m.,	charges of discharging a	dwelling, possession of am-	and possession of firearm
Robert Loper, of Cam-	arrested at Woods Ave. on	firearm within 500 feet of a	munition without FID card,	without FID card.

Somerville moves towards prioritizing buses, bikes and pedestrians

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will be restricted during rush hour," according to Schreiber. "From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., buses heading in Davis Square will be permitted to use the parking lane to avoid traffic congestion. From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., buses heading in Teele Square and Powder House Circle will be permitted to use the parking lane. Bikes will share the lane with buses during these hours."

Last Fall, restriping for bus/bike only lanes on Broadway initially caused concerns for some motorists who say it had a negative impact on businesses and is a potential crash hazard. However, West Somerville homeowner Lena Webb says the changes are necessary.

Webb bikes, walks and rides the buses on Holland Street. She frequently takes either of the two major bus routes – the 87, which primarily serves West Somerville/Arlington connections to Davis, and the 88, which primarily serves West Somerville connections to Davis – together they carry over 7,610

riders over the course of a typical weekday.

"I think a lot of people consider the bus to be an unreliable mode of transit," She says. "But I'm not sure how many see that the main reason a bus is delayed is because it's stuck in car traffic. Dedicated bus lanes combined with the apps that allow you to track bus locations based on MBTA GPS signals will make the mode much more appealing."

Tom Lamar, Chair of the Somerville Biking Committee, believes the committee is steering in the right direction, but the plan doesn't go far enough. "One of my concerns is that this only includes a few hours a day and that's the evening commute," says Lamar, "I'd like to see more hours of the day dedicated to active bus lanes. I think we could accomplish a bigger, more ambitious step towards cutting down on motorist travel."

The Holland St. and College Ave. Mobility Plan also calls for reconfiguring current crosswalks



Resident feedback for the intersection of Cameron and Holland Streets: "Cameron and Holland (crosswalk) is dangerous for everyone." — Photo courtesy of Google Maps

and adding new crosswalks that are safe and ADA compliant. Residents say the crosswalk on the corner of Holland and Cameron is especially treacherous. Resident feedback includes, "Cameron and Holland are dangerous for everyone" and "Cars take the turns from Holland onto Cameron really fast, with-

out always watching for pedestrians crossing."

Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis says there are several good spots for improvement. "Initially, the streetscape was designed for and accommodated motor vehicles," he says, "But, that's not really who are now. From a safety, environmental

and efficiency standpoint bike/bus lanes and safer crosswalks are necessary."

A community meeting will be scheduled this fall to present the final design on the project. In Spring 2021, city contractor construction begins and final paving and restriping are anticipated by Spring 2022.

Sustainable energy, sustainable Somerville

By Elizabeth Long

In a virtual meeting per state orders, the Somerville Commission for Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC) met on Wednesday, August 12, to discuss plans for a more sustainable future, and all the steps in between.

The co-executive directors, Zeyneb Magavi and Audrey Schulman, presented plans for a microdistrict with the intention to cut carbon emissions and reduce fracking. This plan was presented by HEET or Home Energy Efficient Team. They plan to cut carbon emissions now by driving system changes through methods that would take zero money from industry, specifically gas workers.

Fracking has become a major problem when it comes to gas. It has caused indoor air pollution from gas to become more apparent, which is a potentially explosive problem. Over a 20-year period, fracking increases the global warming potential over 80 times more than CO2. The state is attempting to solve it by ripping up the streets and replacing the pipes, a 9-billion-dollar investment, but that isn't a sustainable long-

term solution.

The gas system, in appearance, looks similar to a tree, which manifested the metaphor 'pruning the tree.' When it comes to dismantling this system for a more sustainable one, "You don't take it down from the bottom, you take it down piece by piece starting from the top," said Audrey Schulman. The solution to this gas problem is the GeoMicroDistrict.

With one of the oldest gas systems in the country, Massachusetts has many pipes that are prone to leak. Creating a GeoMicroDistrict would fix this problem because it allows people to share energy rather than overusing it.

That is when the Borehole Thermal Energy Storage technique comes in. This method essentially dumps summer heat into the ground, keeping it there. The ground being the longest and cheapest heat holder we have, and a much more sustainable option at that. When it is cold, it allows the energy to be shared not just over space, but over time. The cost of thermal energy sources is very low, it just depends on the capacity of what it is being stored in. This means that there is much less necessary




infrastructure needed to provide more energy.

In a feasibility study done by Buro Happold Engineering, they determined the technical feasibility per street segment to implement this system. Low-density residential areas would produce excess cooling and medium-density mixed-use areas would produce excess heating. If we interconnected these options, it would solve the problem and allow the system to get to the point of a high-density mixed-use with an additional gas backup. There were other methods of Thermal Management like cooled irrigation water and melted snow on sidewalks.

The CEUCC explained a gas to geogrid plan for Somerville with the following steps. First, learning to educate others such as DPW, developers, and residents. Then identify pilot sites for Somerville to lead. Finally, think decades ahead, reduce risks, and make a plan such as strategic abandonment, evolution, and maintenance. "Looking at our gas system now, we have to maintain it in order to stay safe" said Schulman. While safety is important, it would not be a question when looking towards a sustainable future.

Gas companies' rates start lower because they socialize the cost among the community, but will depreciate over the next 50 years and end up costing more in the long run in order to maintain and invest in this system that isn't sustainable. Gas doesn't offer the energy savings of geo-thermal which is a renewable thermal grid that powers and supports the power grid. Schulman continued to say, "We all want what's best for the next generation." The Somerville CEUCC looks forward to a more sustainable future that reduces emissions in a cost-effective manner.




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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators’ roll call attendance records for the 2020 session through August 14.

The Senate has held 130 roll call votes so far in 2020. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

In the Senate, 89.7 percent (35 senators) have 100 percent roll call attendance records. Only four senators have missed any roll calls. Beacon Hill Roll Call contacted these senators who missed roll calls and asked them for a statement.

The senator who missed the most roll calls is Sen. Nick Collins (D-Boston) who missed 11 roll calls (91.5 percent attendance record).

“My wife and I were overjoyed to welcome our second daughter into the world on June 26th,” said Collins. “As a result, I was unable to cast votes in person for several days. All of the votes I missed were while I was on paternity leave. While I take my role as a legislator very seriously, it was incredibly important to be with my wife and daughters in those precious moments.”

Sens. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) and Mike Rush (D-West Roxbury) each missed five roll calls (96.1 percent attendance record):

“On January 16, I was home with the flu,” responded Jehlen. “There were five roll calls that I missed [that day]. It’s the only session I missed.”

“I was out of state on official orders, training with the U.S. Navy from January 10th to January 19th, 2020,” wrote Rush.

Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) missed one roll call:

“I was in session participating in the debate on the climate change bill and I don’t remember missing a roll call,” responded Rodrigues.

2020 SENATE ATTENDANCE RECORD THROUGH AUGUST 14

The percentage listed next to the senator’s name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that he or she missed.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	96.1 percent (5)
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SEAL EVICTION RECORDS (H 4934) – The Judiciary Committee gave a favorable report to a bill that would allow tenants to ask a court to seal records relating to a recorded eviction in three cases: three years after a recorded eviction, provided no other eviction or landlord action is brought within that time; after satisfaction of any judgment in an eviction or landlord action; and any time after the recording of a no-fault eviction which is when a landlord decides to end a tenancy because of reasons other than non-payment of rent. For example, the property is being sold and the buyer wants to take

ownership of the house with no tenants.

The court would be required to collect and annually report data on the number, type and disposition of eviction and current law would be amended to more clearly prohibit the inclusion of a minor as a defendant in an eviction action.

“As soon as an eviction is filed, a tenant has an eviction record,” explains the website passthehomesact.org. “Regardless whether a tenant did something wrong or was actually evicted, the mere fact that they were party to an eviction or housing case is unfairly being used against tenants when they try to rent an apartment. Even winning in court hurts tenants. Unlike criminal records, there is currently no process to seal eviction records, and the records are available online. Children are also being named in eviction proceedings, impacting future housing options for minors.”

“This bill removes some of the barriers that families face to securing stable housing,” said Judiciary Committee chair Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Easton). “The bill allows a person to petition the court to seal an eviction record if there has been no other action for three years and allows for the sealing of no-fault evictions.”

“We are anticipating a tsunami of evictions to be filed once the moratorium ends,” said Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards, a co-sponsor of the measure. “Rebounding from an eviction is hard enough without a pandemic. This bill would allow people that have lost their jobs during the pandemic and are facing eviction to have a second chance by sealing their records.”

“The bill removes barriers that families may face in securing stable housing after they have recovered from a financial catastrophe,” said Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham), vice-chair of the Judiciary Committee. “With tailored conditions, we aim to help our residents continue to rebuild their lives and to secure stable housing for themselves and their family.”

MORTGAGE PAYMENT DEFERRAL (H 4883) – A bill before the Financial Services Committee would allow borrowers who are struggling to pay their mortgages due to the COVID-19 crisis to defer the payments for up to six months. Following the six months, the bank would be required to work with the borrower to maintain the original payment or to agree to a loan modification reducing the monthly payments.

The payments would still have to be paid at the end of the term of the loan. The measure also prohibits banks from reporting these deferred payments as late payments on the borrower’s credit report and prevents the bank from foreclosing on the property until 90 days after the pandemic emergency declaration is rescinded by Gov. Baker.

“These are unprecedented times, and therefore we must take unprecedented actions,” said Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury), the sponsor of the proposal. “Many people have been and will be financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. We must protect these people, so they can keep their homes, and not have to worry about losing the roof over their heads so that they may stay safe during this public health crisis.”

SUSPEND MCAS TEST (S 2814) – The Education Committee accepted only written testimony on a bill that would suspend the requirement that a student take

the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test as a graduation requirement for the school year, beginning in the fall of 2020 through the school year ending in 2024.

“Returning to learning in the fall will require complex planning, safety precautions, and possibly dramatic changes to pedagogy and curricula,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “As Massachusetts students and teachers do the tireless work of learning recovery and rebuilding community engagement and trust, pressure-filled, high-stakes testing should be the very last thing on their minds. The MCAS test was deeply flawed prior to the onset of the pandemic. COVID-19 has simply increased the urgency around banning its high-stakes nature while ushering in a process that will yield a much better assessment for the commonwealth.”

LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING BOARDS (H 4881) - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a virtual online hearing on legislation that would repeal a current law that requires that liquor licensing boards include at least one member of each leading political party.

“While requiring liquor licensing boards to have at least one member of each party may have made sense in an era where political parties would give liquor licenses to reward their supporters and withhold licenses to punish their enemies, these days have, happily, long since passed,” said the measure’s co-sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). “Liquor licensing boards should be permitted to appoint the most qualified candidate regardless of party. The bill ... would free municipalities from a needless restriction when they seek to fill liquor licensing board vacancies.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I was honored to host the Equal Pay Day panel with Black women leaders, who have been fighting to address this issue for too long. The organizations and policies highlighted today, along with the tools provided by our website EqualPayMA.com, are all important resources in eliminating the wage gap for Black women and all women across Massachusetts.” — *State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, hosting a virtual panel with Black women leaders from across Massachusetts to discuss Black Women’s Equal Pay Day and the wage gap.*

“The Data Privacy and Security Division will build on our office’s commitment to empowering Massachusetts consumers in the digital economy, ensuring that companies are protecting personal data, and promoting equal and open access to the Internet.” — *Attorney General Maura Healey announcing the creation of the Data Privacy and Security Division within her office to protect consumers from the surge of threats to the privacy and security of their data.*

“Voting is one of the most important and fundamental duties we have as members of a democratic society – voting is about being heard and helping to set a course for the future, and I am proud to join with higher education leaders from across the nation in urging every student to make their voices heard in the coming elections.” — *UMass President Marty Meehan announcing he has joined more than 193 college and university presidents and chancellors committing to 100 percent student voter registration, engagement and turnout through the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.*

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“Eleven days have now elapsed since the August 1 deadline, without any sign that the secretary has complied with the law by promulgating the regulations. The secretary has further failed to issue regulations on poll workers’ Personal Protection Equipment, on safety measures for keeping voters and elections officials safe, and on the use of electronic poll books—all of which are required under the new voting law.” — *Common Cause Massachusetts criticizing Secretary of State Bill Galvin who they say has failed to issue a number of new regulations related to safe voting during the pandemic that he is required by law to do.*

“On its face I was OK with it until I started reading into the specifics and began to think of different scenarios where he was depriving Massachusetts residents of their personal liberty by this completely subjunctive edict.” — *Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk) in a Facebook post questioning the constitutionality of the quarantine and testing conditions that Baker recently placed on some people traveling from Rhode Island into Massachusetts.*

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 10-14, the House met for a total of 15 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 14 minutes.

Mon. Aug. 10	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. Aug. 11	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Aug. 12	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Aug. 13	House 11:10 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Fri. Aug. 14	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE PRIMARY
CITY OF SOMERVILLE



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered: **In City Council**
The Board of Elections Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Council for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

- WARD ONE**
Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;
Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;
- WARD TWO**
Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;
Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;
- WARD THREE**
Precinct 1. THE CENTRAL LIBRARY; 79 Highland Ave;
Precinct 2. A room in THE CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;
Precinct 3. GYM AT ST. CATHERINE’S CHURCH, 179 Summer St;
- WARD FOUR**
Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
- WARD FIVE**
Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;
Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Avenue Entrance;
Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;
- WARD SIX**
Precinct 1. A room in the GEORGE DILBOY POST, 351 Summer St;
Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;
Precinct 3. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd,
- WARD SEVEN**
Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd – Raymond Ave, Entrance
Precinct 3. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd – Raymond Ave, Entrance

ON TUESDAY, September 1, 2020

AT SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O’CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:
A Candidate for Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth,
A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District,
A Candidate for Governor’s Council for the Sixth Councillor District,
A Candidate for Senator in General Court for the Second Middlesex District,
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Ward One and in Ward Two Precinct One)
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted for in Ward Two Precincts Two and Three and all Precincts of Wards Three, Five and Six)
A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven)
A Candidate for Register of Probate for the Middlesex County

Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman
Anthony J. Alibrandi
Douglas M. Bosley
Louise A. McCarthy
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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A note from Bob Katzen,
Publisher of 'Beacon Hill Roll Call'

Join me this Sunday night and every Sunday night between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for my new talk show “The Bob Katzen Baby Boomer and Gen X Fun and Nostalgia Show.” Jump in my time capsule and come back to the simpler days of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

There are many ways you can listen to the show from anywhere in the world:

- ♦ If you have a smart speaker, simply say, “Play WMEX on RADIO.COM”
- ♦ Download the free RADIO.COM app on your phone or tablet
- ♦ Listen online at: www.radio.com/1510wmex/listen
- ♦ Tune into 1510 AM if you still have an AM radio

LEGAL NOTICE

VOTER REGISTRATION



LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 8pm.

FOR THE STATE PRIMARY

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Election Department: Somerville City Hall Hours
(for answering calls and emails only as City Hall is currently closed to the public)

MONDAY, TUESDAY
& WEDNESDAY ----- 8:30 a.m. ----- 4:30 p.m.
THURSDAY ----- 8:30 a.m. ----- 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY ----- 8:30 a.m. ----- 12:30 p.m.
SATURDAY THE 22ND --- 8:30 a.m. --- 12:30 p.m.
(Our office only is open to the public)

- To request a registration form
- ♦ CALL 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 for a Mail-In Registration form
 - ♦ Download a Mail-In Registration form from the City Website and mail to the Election Department
 - ♦ Register Online by visiting the City Website

All mail-in voter registration forms must be post-marked by 8/22/20.

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Five Somerville polling places moved for upcoming elections

Five of Somerville’s polling places have been relocated for the September 1 and November 3 elections. Four were moved into locations where COVID-19 safety measures could be better put in place and a fifth – formerly at the Kennedy School – was moved in response to resident feedback. If you plan to vote in person on either of the upcoming election days don’t forget to double check your polling location.



The new polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 3 Precinct 1**
New Location: Central Library (79 Highland Ave.)
Former Location: Properzi Manor
- Ward 3 Precinct 3**
New Location: The gym at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish (179 Summer St.)
Former Location: The Dante Club
- Ward 6 Precinct 1**
New Location: George Dilboy Post (351 Summer St.)
Former Location: John F. Kennedy School
- Ward 6 Precinct 3**
New Location: West Somerville Neighborhood School, main entrance (177 Powder House Blvd.)
Former Location: Holy Bible Baptist Church
- Ward 7 Precinct 3**
New location: West Somerville Neighborhood School, Raymond Ave. entrance (177 Powder House Blvd.)
Former Location: Visiting Nurse Association at 405 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

You can look up your polling location by visiting www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville and entering your address. You can also call 311 for assistance.

Vote by Mail, Early Voting, and Other Important Elections Dates

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Massachusetts voters will be able to vote by mail in both the September 1 State primary and the November 3 general election this year. Earlier this month the Secretary of State mailed all eligible voters (who have not already requested an absentee ballot) a vote by mail ballot application. Voters can use that application to request a ballot for the primary election, general election, or both.

Applications for a September 1 primary election ballot must be returned to the City of Somerville Elections Department by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26. However, you are encouraged to return your ballot application to the Somerville Elections Department as quickly as possible.

The Elections Department has begun sending ballots out to those who have applied and you can track your ballot using the State’s ballot tracker. A status of “pending” means the Elections Department has received your application but not sent a ballot yet; a status of “not returned” means your ballot has been mailed out but not yet returned to Elections.

If you are not registered to vote, or need to update your address or party affiliation, you have until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, to do so. Visit www.somervillema.gov/elections to learn more about your options for registering. Anyone who registers to vote between July 1 and August 22 will be sent a vote by mail ballot application with their registration acknowledgment notice.

Voters also have the option of casting their ballot in person during seven days of early voting ahead of the Tuesday, September 1, primary election. All early voting will take place at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., and the schedule is as follows:

- ♦ Saturday, August 22, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ Monday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday, August 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Thursday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Friday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

By taking advantage of early voting, anyone wishing to vote in-person can help spread out crowds over the week, which will help with social distancing. If you have questions about early voting, please email elections@somervillema.gov or call the Elections Department via 311. Visit www.somervillema.gov/elections for more voting information or call 311 to connect with the Elections Department.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #211

Swashbucklers

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It was close. The English Redcoats retreating from Lexington and Concord barely escaped to freedom. They had to wade through the swash or shallow waters of Charlestown’s Neck, which was an island during high tide. It is near the site of today’s Schrafft’s City Center at Sullivan Square.



Since early times, swash described the low-tide waters’ edge that one could walk or splash through. Bucklers were small shields or defensive straps used by soldiers and sailors. Put the two together and swashbucklers were the adventurous, bold-spirited daredevils of their era. Some were heroes and some were rogues, and Charlestown Beyond the Neck, today’s Somerville, experienced her share.

♦ Captain Kidd, America’s most notorious pirate and swashbuckler, is said to have spent some of his last days before capture at Ten Hills. His treasure is rumored to be buried there.



♦ The first ship built in Massachusetts was the “Blessing of the Bay.” The first Governor of Massachusetts Bay, John Winthrop, built it. It was christened and slid into the swash of the Mystic River on the 4th of July, 1631.

♦ In the fall of 1774, the British attacked our Powder House from the sea via the Mystic River. Eight months later in 1775, the British marched onto Lexington via Cambridge and Somerville from the sea, swashing from the Charles River into Union Square.



♦ One of our heroic naval officers and swashbucklers who gave his life in America’s war with Tripoli was Captain Richard Somers, Somerville’s namesake. He planned his last mission on September 4, 1804, while on board the U.S.S. Constitution. Regrettably, he never survived to return to her deck.

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Bow Market adjusts to COVID standards

By Rachel Berets

Last August, Bow Market in Union Square buzzed with activity. They hosted a week-long “Melly Fest,” celebrating dairy in all forms and organized “Com-mUNITY,” an afternoon of art, music, and sidewalk chalk to support a local charity.

This year the space is decidedly different, as Bow Market attempts to attract customers while adhering to public health guidelines that encourage people to stay home.

“Everybody wants to sit somewhere with a laptop and a friend and have that comfort food and the comfort experience,” said Andrew Platt, co-owner of The Biscuit, a cafe and bakery at Bow Market. “We are just trying to figure out how to create that in a pandemic.”

Most recently, Bow Market, which is home to 30-plus retail stores and food vendors, has reimagined their courtyard as an outdoor dining patio, sparsely populated with tables separated by plants and wooden dividers.

They have a contactless ordering system and reservations are required for dinner and drinks. Bow Market also takes customers’ names and numbers for contact tracing purposes and sanitizes the tables and chairs after each use.

Back in April, before Bow

Market could explore outdoor dining options, they had success with another creative coronavirus solution, their “Safe Supply” outdoor market, which won “Best Pop-Up Market” in Boston Magazine’s annual “Best of Boston” issue.

Bow Market ran their “Safe Supply” outdoor grocery store multiple days a week, beginning in March.

Customers had to reserve an arrival time, wear a mask, and wash their hands before they entered the market. Once inside, customers socially distanced according to chalk markings on the ground and used contactless payment to buy baked goods, wine, beer, frozen food and more from Bow Market’s food vendors.

“They were just ahead of the game from the get go,” said Platt, of the Bow Market management. “They just kept instituting more and more safe policies, which at the time seemed jarring but now are totally normal.”

The outdoor grocery store drew upwards of 275 reservations for their Saturday markets and was able to support a number of Bow Market food vendors.

“Demand was so incredibly high that we couldn’t bake the bread fast enough. It was coming right out of the oven and into people’s bags,” said Platt.



Bow Market has taken steps to make its spaces social distancing friendly, while striving to maintain its normally cozy atmosphere. — Photo courtesy of Bow Market

Although Bow Market has had success with outdoor dining and safe supply markets, there is concern from Platt and other business owners that sustaining the market will not be tenable during the winter.

A number of Boston-area restaurants have closed in recent weeks and many of the restaurants that haven’t are relying on outdoor dining to stay afloat, as indoor dining guidelines keep most Massachusetts restaurants at limited capacity.

“[The colder weather] is definitely a concern,” said Tamy Chung, the owner of Maca

macaron stand at Bow Market. “I think that I’ll still be okay with shipments and pre-order pick-ups, but I think that everyone is going to be facing something whether it is cold weather or not.”

Platt hopes that Bow Market customers will brave the cold for a little longer this year. “I totally see people sitting outside in parkas and woolly jumpers and still having a lemon scone,” he said.

But even if customers endure the cold for a “lemon scone,” Chung and Platt acknowledge that the community experience that Bow Market provides is on

hold for now. “People still want that comfort food but they are looking for a whole experience and we can’t provide that right now,” said Platt.

Chung has close relationships with many of her customers and has been using social media to keep in touch and check-in with them.

“I’m the type of person who feeds off of other people’s energy,” said Chung. “It’s hard to translate that online, it’s not the same. You can’t hug people anymore. The dynamic has definitely changed.”

Cambridge Health Alliance unveils 'Care to the People' mural

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Amanda Hill, a former Somerville resident now living in Malden, said she spent an estimated 160 hours on the mural over the course of four weeks. Even in the intense July and August heat, Hill painted the wall that stretched approximately 30 by 50 feet. It is the biggest art piece that she has designed and painted on her own. Hill said painting on such a big, urban canvas was disorienting in the beginning, but “once you hit a certain stride

it just builds and builds.” She used brushes, rollers, and standard exterior house paint for the project.

The idea for the mural was developed by Hill, Mary Cassesso of CHA, and Iaritz Menjivar from the Somerville Arts Council, who worked together from the beginning of the project. “The inspiration was stemming from everything that’s been happening over the last couple months and just wanting a moment

of joy, so that’s really what the mural represents,” Hill said. “We tied it into the mission of CHA and their vision for the space but also their mission as an organization.”

Mary Cassesso, president of the CHA Foundation, said the CHA marketing team wanted to find a way to convey who CHA was more broadly, which resulted in CHA partnering with the Somerville Arts Council and Callahan Construction to create the mural.

“We wanted it originally to be a project that involved the community, and then COVID hit, and then we felt more strongly than ever that we needed the project,” Cassesso said. “People needed something to distract themselves.” She said members of the community have already shown appreciation for the mural, giving compliments and expressing their love of the new artistic installation. “The richness and healing power of art really brings it to life,” Cassesso added.



The unveiling ceremony was attended by those involved in the mural's creation. Pictured L to R: Mary Cassesso, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Dr. Assaad Sayah, Amanda Hill, Steve Callahan Jr., and Iaritz Menjivar.

“It really was a community effort,” Senior Director of Corporate Communications at CHA, David Cecere, added. “It’s meant to be enjoyed by the entire community.”

The “Care to the People” mural can be seen at the CHA Somerville Campus at 230 Highland Ave., facing the street. To contact Amanda Hill or view more of her work, visit abhill.com.



Mayor delivered remarks at the mural's unveiling.



Mural artist Amanda Hill.

Rep. Barber votes in favor of transformative climate change legislation

Representative Christine P. Barber of Somerville and Medford recently voted to pass *An Act creating a 2050 roadmap to a clean and thriving commonwealth*. This bill, a priority of the House Progressive Caucus, establishes comprehensive planning mechanisms to help Massachusetts achieve bold greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. This bill was also part of the Green New Deal for MA resolution, of which Rep. Barber was one of the lead sponsors.

H4912 makes critical updates to the Global Warming Solutions Act, MA’s framework for climate mitigation. These updates put the state on a path to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 by creating aggressive interim targets. The bill also requires at least a 50%

decrease from 1990 emissions levels by 2030, and a 75% reduction by 2040.

The legislation also establishes a clean energy equity workforce and market development program, which will appropriate \$12 million annually for workforce training, educational and professional development, job placement, startup opportunities, and grants. These opportunities will go directly to

minority- and women-owned small businesses, environmental justice communities, and workers who have been displaced from the fossil fuel industry.

The bill was strengthened through the amendment process to produce a comprehensive environmental bill. Rep. Barber voted for an amendment that was adopted to codify environ-

mental justice for the first time in state law, to ensure action to support communities most harmed by climate change and inequality. These policies create stronger project reviews, allow greater input on possible projects in EJ neighborhoods, and make the process more accessible and inclusive.

The bill creates further protections for environmental justice communities, including reducing barriers to low-income participation in solar programs and programs promoting weatherization and electrification in affordable housing units.

Rep. Barber authored amendments to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure to ensure equity and greater access. Her amendment requiring the Department of Energy Resour-

es to assist cities and towns to develop curbside EV charging if off-street options are not feasible was adopted. Rep. Barber also supported amendments to increase offshore wind, ensure speedy gas leak repair and shifting away from natural gas infrastructure, and putting the state on a path to achieve 100% renewable energy.

“As a leader in addressing climate change, I was proud to vote to pass this bill, and to support amendments to make stronger policies to get our state to zero greenhouse gas emissions,” said Rep. Barber. “This bill is transformative – it lays out the path and provides us with the tools to reach our aggressive and much-needed, climate goals. I look forward to continuing to advocate for



State Rep. Christine P. Barber.

similarly bold strategies that prioritize environmental justice communities.”

The bill is currently before a Conference Committee to iron out differences between the House and Senate climate bills before passing a final bill.

— Office of Rep. Christine P. Barber

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Neighbors,

We are in unusual times, this is certain, but that may be the only certainty we have before us. Many of us are frightened for our health, stunned at the squandering of our wealth, and worried about the very structures that support Democracy.

I am too, but I have hope.

I have hope in our elections.

This year the choice is not whether to vote, but how we’ll cast our ballot. As individuals we’ll be able to vote in person at the polls, or by using the U.S. Postal Service or by making the trek to drop off the completed ballot at City Hall. As a community,

we’ll come together to vote for candidates who are thoughtful, honest, and will govern with our best interests in mind.

As our late neighbor Tip O’Neil warned us, all politics is local, so I seek your attention for the Massachusetts State Primary, Sept. 1.

It was an honor to be represented in the 27th Middlesex District by Denise Provost, who championed Somerville on Beacon Hill for all those years. She is genuine, thoughtful, honest and has always put our interest first. She worked on big picture issues like climate change, addiction, social justice and government transparency but brought a focus to those

issues that were local – ensuring housing was equitable, that elections were fair, that Somerville got its due share of state funds. I am deeply grateful for her service and wish her well in her retirement.

Hers is a big legacy to follow, so we must choose wisely when voting for a new state representative. After careful thought, I’m asking you to join me in voting for Catia Sharp for State Representative from the 27th Middlesex District.

Sharp has the qualities I first saw in Rep. Provost 25 years ago. She is honest, progressive, thoughtful, and puts the district’s needs first. She has a grasp of the big picture but also knows the work we

will require of her on Beacon Hill.

Now is not the time to hesitate to act. We have all learned the lessons that every single election counts, and I don’t want you to count yourself out. None of us can afford to sit out an election — the stakes are too high.

Vote for Sharp in the Primary Sept. 1, and then in November, vote Sharp, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in November. May we all celebrate their victories for the new year!

Stay safe,

Joe Lynch
Somerville

Local Leaders/Former Officials Endorse Catia Sharp for State Representative in the 27 Middlesex District

Dear Somerville Neighbor

Statewide Preliminary election day is September 1st, and long-time MA state Rep. Denise Provost is NOT running for re-election. Please join those of us who are signed on to this letter, as well as many others, in supporting Ms. Catia Sharp to succeed Rep. Provost as the state representative for the 27th Middlesex district (Wards 5 & 6, and certain precincts in Wards 2& 3) for the Ma House of Representatives.

Why Catia Sharp?

Catia is a seven-year resident of Somerville, a City that she has learned to love. Catia is active in her community and has

proven by her work ethic that she is not one looking to work in the big money employment opportunities but rather she has dedicated herself to help others in need. Catia comes from a family that suffered many financial hardships due to medical issues and she continues to make payments on her large student loans, so she understands the problems that most families are facing today.

On the other hand, candidate Erika Uytendhoeven’s Somerville required residency became an issue as a result of her buying a house in Somerville, continuing to vote in Cambridge. She only registered to vote when she learned that current Rep. Provost was not going to run for re-election.

Please check out digboston.com/background-residence-at-issue-in-somerville-race-for-open-seat/ to learn more about this opportunist candidate and the

false claim that she comes from a working-class background.

Catia Sharp previously worked for Governor Deval Patrick where, as part of her responsibilities, she successfully developed a program to house homeless adults. Now working in a public capacity, Catia is presently creating mental health and substance abuse programs for those in need. Catia also worked with ROCA, a non-profit organization offering job-training and life skills to those that have been serving jail time. Catia Sharp knows how to listen, and when she sees a problem, reaches out to others, and Catia Sharp works to help solve the problem; Check out www.shapforsomerville.com.

More than ever, Somerville needs experienced and Somerville-based elected officials with a common-sense approach to the needs of our Somerville communi-

ty: Catia Sharp is the best choice for your state Representative.

We sincerely hope that you will also agree that Catia Sharp deserves to be our choice for state Representative for the 27th Middlesex District Preliminary election on SEPTEMBER 1st, 2020.

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Brune, Mayor Emeritus, Former Somerville Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, former Somerville Ward Three Alderman Bob McWatters, former Somerville Ward Six and Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, Retired Somerville Dep. Police Chiefs Michael Cabral and Paul Upton, long-time Ward Three business man and Chamber of Commerce Member Tom Bent, and Ms. JoAnn Riviuccio, Founder and Chair of the local residency non-profit ‘Somerville Overcoming Addiction’.

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COMMENTARY

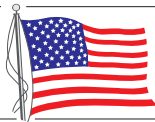
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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Sorry folks, still closed for now.

Our View Of The Times



Once again, we're facing the harsh fact that that the reopening process is not just moving along slowly, but has virtually come to a standstill.

The recent announcement that the city is holding back on going into Phase 3 Step 1 has been a dagger in the heart for some. Mainly, the small business owners who feel the need to get back to some semblance of normal operation in order to simply survive after being closed down or severely restricted for so long.

It is absolutely understandable that our civic leaders are putting health and safety above economic concerns. But the fact remains that everyday people – from business owners to employees, vendors, etc. – are also suffering under the strain of keeping body and soul together in this trying time.

Many are on the verge of losing their businesses, in spite of taking advantage of stimulus funding and similar programs. For businesses that depend on a steady revenue stream to simply function, having little or no income can be the kiss of death.

Some business owners are contemplating legal action in order to loosen the restraints that hold them back from conducting at least a bare minimum of commerce, or to make clear what rules should apply and how they are to be equitably administered.

The city will reassess the situation once again relatively soon. If the coast looks clear, we can then proceed with confidence. In the meantime, let's do our best to take care of ourselves and each other. That is the most important thing.

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please seal them in a bag and use the book drop at either the **Central** or **East Branch Library**. Masks are being distributed to seniors and other vulnerable populations who may not have easy access to reusable masks.

#WearAMask to protect your friends and family. Wear one for the people in your community you don't know you're connected to: the friend of a friend, the elderly neighbor, the person with an underlying condition who shops at your grocery store.

The **Somerville Public Library** is seeking to fill two vacancies on its **Board of Trustees**, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. The Board of Library Trustees is the governing body of the Somerville Public Library, working with the **Library Director** to oversee the operating and administrative policies for the Library. The Trustees also support the libraries through long-range strategic planning, advocacy, public relations, outreach, and fundraising efforts. The Board of Trustees consists of nine members appointed by **the mayor**. They meet monthly as a full board and serve on subcommittees.

The mission of the Somerville Public Library is to enhance the Somerville experience by acting as a trusted community connector, providing cultural and learning opportunities to all. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest and resume by **Friday, August 28**, CPiantigini@somervillema.gov.

There is still time to fill out the **2020 U.S. Census** - and the time is now! Census takers have begun visiting Somerville homes that have not yet completed the Census. **Census takers** will be wearing PPE and taking safety precautions, but the safest way to complete the Census (and avoid a visit!) is to respond on your own at my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. You can always verify the identity of a Census worker by calling the local Census office at 212-882-7100.

Somerville Prevention Services, in partnership with **Cambridge Health Alliance**, seeks up to 12 Somerville teens and their caregivers to participate in a **photovoice project** to raise awareness about the risks of problem gambling. Over the course of 8 to 12 weeks, teen participants will attend online workshops to learn about youth gambling and build skills in advocacy, leadership, and photography. Participants will take photos to convey educational messages and present their images at a final virtual showcase for state and local leaders in the fall. Funded by the **Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division on Problem Gambling**, this program is open to **Somerville teens** ages 13 to 17. Most youth meetings will occur on **Tuesdays and Thursdays over Zoom**. Adult caregivers will be required to attend two to three online sessions. Stipends will be provided upon completion of the project for both youth (up to \$240) and adult caregivers (up to \$50). A final schedule and further information will be provided once participants have been confirmed. Selected youth must have written parent/guardian permission to participate. Cameras will be provided. Ready to join? Please complete a brief **Google form** available online at somervillema.gov/preventionservices or contact **Lovelee Heller** at lheller@somervillema.gov.

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**. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call **Natasha** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

The city has set up a **separate website** dedicated to local business needs during this health crisis. Please bookmark somervillema.gov/COVIDBizHelp and visit for regular updates, event announcements, and support during this difficult time. You can also contact the **Economic Development team** at EconomicDevelopment@somervillema.gov.

Although there have not been any human cases of **West Nile virus** reported this summer, mosquitoes that tested positive for the virus have been found in neighboring towns, so it's important to protect yourself when you're outside. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk; if you will be outside during those times consider using bug spray and/or covering up with long sleeves and pants.

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Somerville’s COVID-19 update

Please also check somervillema.gov/covid19 for information and resources that are updated frequently

Latest news:

- ♦ **Case Counts:** As of 12:00 p.m. August 14, a total of 1,059 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 92 are probably positive cases, 1,055 have since recovered, and sadly there have been 37 deaths. See more Somerville case data on the City’s COVID-19 Dashboard: <https://somerville-dashboards.covid.trial.opendatasoft.com/pages/citysdashboard/>
- ♦ **Somerville Public Schools to open virtually:** Somerville Public Schools students will be starting the 2020-2021 school year virtually in an effort to protect the health of students, teachers, school staff, and the broader community. This is part of a phased hybrid approach that will, dependent on positive health data, transition to some in-person learning. To learn more about SPS’s back-to-school planning, visit their website: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/back-school-2020>
- ♦ **Phase 3 reopening remains on hold:** Somerville’s Phase 3 Step 1 reopening will remain on hold. Local officials will continue to review the situation in two-week intervals, with the next update coming on or before Thursday, August 27. In Somerville, indoor and outdoor gatherings also remain in Phase 2, with no more than 10 persons allowed until further notice, unless specifically permitted in city activity-specific guidelines.
- ♦ **Voting information and upcoming deadlines:** Because of the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, elections will look a little different this fall. Find key information below and on our Elections website: <https://www.somervillema.gov/elections>
- ♦ **Register to Vote:** The deadline is 8:00 p.m. August 22.
- ♦ **Vote by Mail:** Return your ballot application ASAP! The deadline is by 5:00 p.m. on August 26. If you’ve already sent in your application, check its status here. “Pending” means your application’s been received but your ballot hasn’t been mailed yet. “Not returned” means your ballot has been mailed to you, but not yet returned to the Elections Department. Ballots are now going out daily, so keep an eye on your mailbox.
- ♦ **In-Person Voting:** We encourage you to vote by mail to avoid crowds, but if you plan to vote in person, early voting is August 22 to 28 at City Hall. See the schedule here: <https://www.somervillema.gov/2020electionsupdates> If you plan to vote on Election Day, September 1, please note some polling places have been relocated. Find your polling place here: <https://www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville>
- ♦ **City buildings remain closed, many online services available:** City buildings will remain closed to the public until further notice, but there are many city services you can access online including getting a parking permit, paying bills, and finding the latest city news and information. For more information on accessing city services online, click the “City Service Status” tab on somervillema.gov/covid19.
- ♦ **Help us reach our goal of 10,000 face masks:** Thanks to our crafty residents, more than 3,700 reusable cloth masks have been donated as part of our 10,000 Masks Drive. If you’d like to sew and donate some masks, please seal them in a bag and use the book drop at either the Central or East Branch Library. Masks are being distributed to seniors and other vulnerable populations who may not have easy access to reusable masks.
- ♦ **Massachusetts travel and quarantine rules:** All visitors and returning residents entering Massachusetts must comply with new public health rules to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Anyone who enters the state must complete a Massachusetts Travel Form and quarantine for 14 days. There are some exceptions to the new rules including for anyone arriving from a low-risk state (currently Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont) or anyone who can produce proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before their arrival in Massachusetts. Visit the State Department of Health’s website for more information on the Massachusetts Travel Order: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
- ♦ **Free mobile testing times and locations:** The mobile COVID-19 testing unit offers testing in our neighborhoods to make access easier for residents. You can find the schedule of upcoming testing times, locations, and appointment instructions under the “Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info” tab on somervillema.gov/covid19.
- ♦ **Additional testing resources:** The State is offering testing nearby in Everett and Chelsea, among other locations, through September 12. Learn more here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread#where->. Find testing sites statewide on this interactive map: <https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095feb13>. Information continues to evolve quickly, so contact a site prior to arrival.

Today’s Assistance Tip: What resources are available for businesses impacted by this public health crisis?

The coronavirus outbreak and the social distancing precautions it necessitates are having a big impact on Somerville businesses and the surrounding business community. We understand the stress that our entrepreneurs, workers, suppliers, and freelancers are under given the uncertainty of the situation and the level of disruption to daily life.

The city has set up a separate website dedicated to local business needs during this health crisis. Please bookmark somervillema.gov/COVIDBizHelp and visit for regular updates, event announcements, and support during this difficult time. You can also contact the Economic Development team at EconomicDevelopment@somervillema.gov.

The city’s Economic Development team offers an e-newsletter for businesses. It’s sent frequently and includes the latest information, resources, and initiatives for our local business community.

The city is offering free one-on-one coaching assistance to businesses based in Somerville or owned by Somerville residents that have been affected by the coronavirus. Get help with loans applications, financial planning, restaurant operations, and more. Learn more here: https://somerville.somervillema.gov/novel-coronavirus-resources-for-businesses/news_feed/coaching-assistance-for-somerville-businesses-affected-by-coronavirus. Coaching is available in multiple languages.

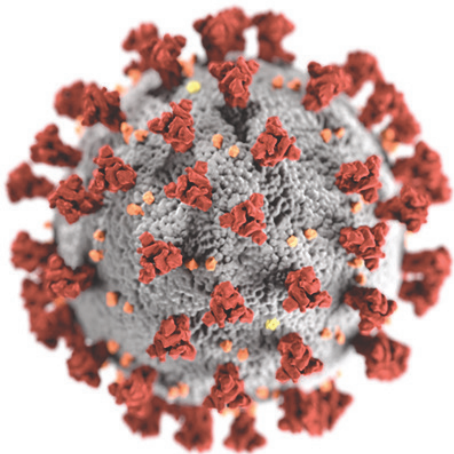
- ♦ **Today’s Public Health Tip:** How do I quarantine or isolate if I live with other people in an apartment?
- ♦ **If you are self-quarantining, the CDC recommends the following:** Stay away from others as much as possible. If possible, designate a specific “sick room” in your apartment for the person with symptoms. The person with symptoms should clean high touch surfaces in their “sick room” on a daily basis. If a separate bathroom is not available for the infected person, surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected after use. The CDC recommends that a caregiver wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom before cleaning.

Limit contact with pets.

Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with others in your home.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in a lined trash can. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Learn more from the CDC about what to do if you are sick: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsteps-when-sick.html



5 smart ways to prep for back-to-school without the stress

Whether the new school year means your kids will be heading back to the classroom, learning remotely, or a mix of both, back-to-school will most likely be stressful. Thinking ahead can help prepare everyone for a new way of learning, and simplify the transition from the slow ease of summertime to the bustle of the school year. Follow these tips so that everyone is ready when the first bell rings.

1. Resume the Routine. Summertime schedules are often lax, but a more structured routine is important during the school year. At least a week before classes start, reestablish set bedtimes and mealtimes to ease everyone back into school year habits. Even if children are remote-learning this fall, keep first day of school traditions alive with their favorite breakfast, pictures and a first day of school outfit.

2. Simplify Shopping. Create a checklist of items you'll need to buy, as well as plan out where you'll make purchases. Check school dress codes and required supply lists before you head out, so you don't have to make multiple trips. In addition to the usual supplies, stock up on extra face masks, personal tissues

and hand sanitizer. If your child will be learning virtually, you may want to consider adding items to the list like extra USB chargers and ports, noise-cancelling headphones – to help older siblings concentrate – and even blue light filtering glasses for kids that will be in front of a computer or tablet more than usual.

3. Set Up a Homework Station. A dedicated space to store supplies and paperwork is key to staying organized. Let kids take pride in this space so they want to spend time studying there by having them create their own accessories and decorating them to their liking. Duck Tape provides an easy, inexpensive way to add flair to school gear. Cover notebooks and folders in a favorite Duck Tape design, customize desk organizers and décor with cool on-trend colors, or craft one-of-a-kind creations, like pencil pouches and tablet covers. Available in more than 250 colors, designs and licenses, there's a roll to suit any kid's style.

4. Stick to the Schedule. Once the hustle and bustle of the school year kicks into high gear, it's important that students, parents and teachers stay on track.



Simple preparations can help your family adjust to a new schedule and new school year.

Find a unique way to display activities, homework or personal messages to your kids like a "quote of the day." You can use colored tape and chalkboard tape to outline a fun activity chart on a dry erase board or chalkboard easel. In addition to to-do lists and homework assignments, make sure to include outdoor time for recess and opportunities for arts and crafts. At the

end of each day, sit together to check off everything that's been completed and help your kids update the schedule for the next day – this way they stay engaged and excited for what's to come.

5. Label Supplies. Kids are forgetful and it's easy for supplies to become misplaced or swapped with other children. To ease your mind about your child sharing pencils or accidentally

grabbing the wrong backpack, have a night where you sit down and label supplies with colorful Duck Tape. Your child can select favorite colors and customize folders for each subject. If learning from home, this is also great way to prevent "he stole my pencil" arguments amongst siblings.

For more back-to-school craft projects and DIY inspiration, visit duckbrand.com. (StatePoint)

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Hollywood merge into Los Angeles?

2. What is the largest living structure on the world?

8. Who is the youngest person ever to win on *American Idol*?

3. What band is considered to be the first real heavy metal band?

9. Canola oil is an abbreviation for what?

4. What is wrestler John Cena's catchphrase?

10. Who holds the most regular season wins as NFL coach?

5. In which country was the game Chinese checkers invented?

11. In what year did the Olympic Games first feature female athletes?

6. Earthquakes can turn water into what element?

12. What is the age limit for horses to participate in the Kentucky Derby?

7. In what year did

Answers on page 19

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The Amazon is the world's largest river, 3,890 miles (6,259 km) long.

2. Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you breathe.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD FOOTBALL

- ACROSS
1. It may be fixed or blank

6. Sometimes appears between dogs

9. Wild West card game

13. Deprived of a limb

14. Go wrong

15. ____ and tattooed

16. Tsar's edict

17. Waikiki garland

18. Propelled like Argo

19. Last year's Super Bowl MVP

21. Recipient of this year's first pick

23. Madame Tussauds' medium

24. Jack's legume

25. Communications regulator, acr.

28. Dry as dust

30. Echo

35. Yours and mine

37. Cold War enemies, slang

39. Common candle shape

40. Home of the Utes

41. Shinbone

43. Scotia preceder

44. Furiously angry

46. Like watching paint dry

47. Gulf War missile

48. Oozed

50. Clump

52. Yo

53. Common allergens

55. Not color but ____

57. The goal

61. Primary football unit

65. Boy Scout's ____ badge

66. Pod dweller

68. Word of mouth

69. All worked up

70. Poetic "ever"

71. Home to largest mammal

72. Threads

73. Defensive ____

74. Locomotes

- DOWN
1. Millionaire's turf, according to 2009 Oscar-winner

2. Bangladeshi currency

3. Wet nurse

4. Plant again

5. Swellings

6. Elvers

7. 're

8. Human social group

9. Yellow and unwanted

10. Saint's "headdress"

11. Movie spool

12. Vegas numbers

15. Laura Ingalls' hat

20. Make an effort

22. Organ of balance

24. Sleep disrupters

25. Encroachment and false start, e.g.

26. Type of mandarin

27. Have a hankering

29. 2020 Super Bowl winning coach

31. VSCO girl's favorite shoe brand

32. Geologic period

33. Variety show

34. Patriot no more

36. Pinta or Santa Maria, e.g.

38. Perfect houseplant spot

42. ____ Bowl, college game 1982-2000

45. Indicate

49. What Dundee and Dunedin have in common

51. Last year's Heisman winner

54. Conical dwelling

56. Draw a conclusion

57. Do like exhaust pipe

58. Evil Roman emperor

59. What oxen do to plows

60. Acne symptoms

61. One of ten needed for first down

62. Church echo

63. Provoke or annoy

64. European sea eagles

67. Poetic "even"

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

NOTE: DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:45pm** on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

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

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DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (PUBLIC HEARINGS)

HPC.ALT 2020.15 - 8 Aldersey Street
Applicant: Matt Ball
Construct rear deck

HPC.ALT 2020.15 - 15 Campbell Park
Applicant: Contempo Builders
Owner: Victor Del Porto
Construct left elevation dormer; re-build front porch

HPC.ALT 2020.22 - 56 Bow Street
Applicant: Ashley Blum
Remove second story front porch

HPC.ALT 2020.23 - 50 Spring Street
Applicant: Sara O'Neill of Sunbug Solar
Owner: Jeff & Clair O'Neill
Install 18 solar panels on roof

HPC.ALT 2020.24 - 50 Spring Street Rear
Applicant: Sara O'Neill of Sunbug Solar
Owner: Jess Torres & Arian Davisson
Install 22 solar panels on roof

DETERMINATIONS OF "HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT" (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS) (NOT public hearings)


HPC.ALT 2020.16 - 4 Princeton Street
Applicant: KAP Development, LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish all structures on lot

HPC.DMO 2020.18 - 40 Dickinson Street
Applicant: Honi R. Sanders & David A. Sanders
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

HPC.ALT 2020.19 - 42 Webster Avenue
Applicant: The 24 Webster Building Trust
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

As cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide public comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing or via e-mail to historic@somervillema.gov. All written comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8859846413926348302>
Webinar ID: 537-745-235

TO CALL IN

Phone number: +1 (415) 655-0052
Access code: 399-794-821

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

101-153 South Street: Boynton Yards Land Co. LLC proposes a Master Plan in the Boynton Yards subarea of the Master Plan Development overlay district, which requires a Master Plan Special Permit, for a 6.8 acre development site including a thoroughfare; multiple civic spaces totaling approx. 45,000 SF; and six buildings totaling approx. 1.365 million SF, including approx. 985,000 SF of commercial space, 340,000 SF residential space, 10% arts space, and 20,000 SF for a community center. Other addresses inclusive of this application are 34 Ward 29 Harding, and 33 Earle Street.

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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#21-09

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed bids for:

Traffic Signal Maintenance

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing **08/19/2020**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **09/02/2020 1:00PM EST**. The Purchasing Director 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 Prajкта Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information or any questions related to this bid.

Prajкта Waditwar
Construction Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x. 3407

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Clarendon Hill Apartments Redevelopment

LOCATION: 278 Powder House Boulevard, Somerville, MA

PROPOSER: Gate Residential Properties, LLC; Preservation of Affordable Housing, LLC; The Somerville Community Corporation, Inc.

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before May 17, 2020.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:


Design Consultants, Inc.

120 Middlesex Ave, Suite 20
Somerville, MA 02145
Phone: (617) 776-3350

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission of Somerville where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Gate Residential Properties (Proponent)
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP #21-13

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites proposals for:

Drupal Upgrade, Migration, Administration and Hosting

The City of Somerville is seeking a vendor who is capable of upgrading its website from Drupal 7 to Drupal 9. This vendor will also provide managed cloud hosting and development consultation and support.


RFP packages may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> on or after **Wednesday, August 19th, 2020**.

Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by **2:00 PM, Thursday September 3rd, 2020**.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, via email thukhatsang@somervillema.gov for information and for a bid package.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
30 Memorial Road
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145
Telephone (617) 625-1152

Web: www.sha-web.org

ADVERTISEMENT

Project Manager: Travis Panzini

The Somerville Housing Authority invites Quotes from contractors for servicing the Cogen Thermal Connection Systems on a monthly basis (over the course of 12 months) at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, and Bryant Manor, 75 Myrtle Street, in Somerville, MA.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

Bids must be received no later than **11:00AM on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020** by preferred method of email to travis@sha-web.org. Bids can also be dropped off at the modernization department at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145

Questions should be directed to Travis Panzini at 617-625-1152 x 330

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No mask, no service

CONT. FROM PG 3

Too many are walking right in front of people. No distancing and no "excuse me."

Thanks to my friends in the Ville for sending photos of their masks. I can't believe the wide variety now available. It's become a

huge business.

A national mask mandate which should have been enacted months ago is drastically needed, especially since the rate of children being infected is rising.

Stay safe and please consider

others when you decide whether or not to wear a mask. Hopefully, a safe vaccine will be available soon and testing will become easier with faster results.

Back to reminiscing about Somerville's past next week.

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Tufts University awards COVID-19 emergency response grants to local non-profits

Tufts University has awarded emergency response grants to 30 local organizations in its four host communities of Medford, Somerville, Boston and Grafton in an effort to help its neighbors impacted by COVID-19.

The \$1,000 grants, totaling \$30,000, are helping local non-profits with critical purchases, such as personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitation equipment, technology, emergency food distribution, and educational supplies.

“During these trying times, it’s more important than ever for us to support our neighbors and the non-profits that do such important work in our home communities,” said Rocco DiRico, director of the Office of Government and Community Relations at Tufts. “We always strive to be the best neighbor that we can be, so we’re pleased to be able to provide this essential support to local organizations that are assisting local residents with the challenges they face as a result of the pandemic.”

Funding for the Medford and Somerville portion of the program was made possible by a generous donation from Tufts alumni Michael Lainoff and Kathryn Kincaid, who are also the parents of a Tufts student. Lainoff and Kincaid, wanting to help fund COVID relief efforts, decided to donate to the fund to help small nonprofits in Medford and Somerville that were

hit the hardest during the pandemic.

Second Chances, a clothing donation program located in Somerville that received one of the grants, was able to meet 100% of client needs during their busiest month in history. “All were affected by COVID-19 in some way: job loss or furlough, decreased household income, limited access to services, isolation, increased risk of illness, and more,” said Andrea Shapiro, founder and CEO of Second Chances. “The clothing we were able to provide enabled people to stretch their limited household income further, and in some cases to return to work, school, and general activity in a safe manner.”

The grants are the most recent way in which the university has reached out to its host communities and local non-profits to assist them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, in partnership with local health-care providers and its host communities, Tufts made its residence halls available to house medical personnel, police and firefighters, and patients, including those recovering from COVID-19, to relieve the strain on local health care systems and to help front-line personnel isolate or quarantine after exposure to the virus or when needing to avoid returning home to vulnerable household members.

The university also made avail-



able one of its dining centers on the Medford/Somerville campus to a coalition of Massachusetts food rescue organizations that have been working overtime to collect and distribute food to a growing number of people in need during the pandemic.

The Boston grant recipients are:

Asian American Civic Association
Asian Community Development Corporation
Fenway Community Center
Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center
Friday Night Supper Program

MassVOTE
Mission Hill Neighborhood Services
Sociedad Latina
Wang YMCA
The Grafton grant recipient is: Friends of Grafton Food Bank
The Medford grant recipients are:
Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Malden YMCA/Mystic Community Market
McGlynn Elementary PTG
Sanctuary UCC
Walnut Street Center
Wayside Youth & Family Support Network
West Medford Community

Center

The Somerville grant recipients are:

Artisan’s Asylum
Asian Women for Health
CASPAR
Community Action Agency of Somerville
Groundwork Somerville
Hearty Meals for All
Mystic Learning Center
Second Chances
Somerville Education Foundation
Somerville Homeless Coalition
The Beautiful Stuff Project
The Elizabeth Peabody House
The Welcome Project

Roxbury Community College creates RoxSTARS program to close digital divide

Roxbury Community College (RCC) is making sure every college student at RCC has the technology to complete courses online through its new RoxSTARS: Scholars with Technology Achieving Results program.

All participating students who need laptops will receive them at no additional cost. New students who maintain full-time continuous enrollment will be gifted the laptop upon the completion of their degree or certificate. Hotspots are also being made available to students who need them. RCC’s IT office will provide instruction on how to use the laptops and will provide technical assistance to all students in need of additional support.



“We knew we had to do something to help our students. Because of the community we serve, many of our students do not have reliable technology or internet at home,” says Andres Oroz, RCC Associate Vice President of Student Life. “Prior to COVID-19, many of our students came to campus to use our facilities, technology and free Wi-Fi to do their work.” More than 80 percent of students at RCC are Pell-eligible.

Technology was a priority of Roxbury Community College from the start of the COVID-19 crisis. In the sudden rush to make more than 350 classes available online at a moment’s notice, the school distributed more than 100 laptops and made it possible for students to access courses on smartphones. The school also purchased and distributed 50 hotspots to increase student Wi-Fi access and worked with cell phone data providers to encourage them to increase data usage at no extra cost to students. RCC will offer a combination of online, virtual, hybrid and in-person classes for its students in the fall 2020 semester. All members of the RCC community must always wear a face covering or mask while on campus. In-person classes will be held in spaces that allow instructors and students to remain six feet apart. Anyone on campus will be required to adhere to social distancing guidelines. The guidelines include staying at least six feet from other people, avoiding shaking hands, avoiding gathering in groups, avoiding crowded places, and maintaining appropriate distance when studying or meeting in person.

Despite the necessary changes due to COVID-19, RCC remains committed to its important mission of providing a cost-effective education and essential resources to students facing financial challenges. For more information on RoxSTARS, please visit the website.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Taxi Rides

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

Mask Pick Up

The COA has masks available for Somerville residents who are 60 and over.
If you are still in need of a mask or may know of a friend or neighbor who may still need a mask, you can pick it up at our Drive -Thru location at the Holland Street Senior Center, 167 Holland Street, Wednesday August 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

"Music and Munch" Program

Why not pair your lunch with a celebration of music? This 45-minute session via Zoom will treat you to a playlist of diverse musical offerings: a little jazz, some "oldies but goodies," a smidgen of classical, a dip into barbershop, a trip to Broadway. The music is taped but the experience is live. Your guide is Somerville Resident, Laura Zoll, trained as a medieval musicologist and with a life-long love of all things musical. Your preferences will help shape the session. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. Wednesday August 19 at 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Monday August 17th at 4:30pm to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via Zoom.

Join Our Email Lists

If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter and daily tips please contact Maureen Bas-

tardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov
If you would like to become part of our Google Group please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Social Services

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

Facebook

Stay connected via our Facebook page - often updated by Debby or Maureen. Informative, entertaining, lots of photos and updates. Visit our page at https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCOA/

Exercise Schedule

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

Somerville City Cable

RCN = 13/Comcast = 22
The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Fit-4-Life YouTube

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwHfyoEZaws&t=247s
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcl2eBSS024&t=158s

Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1 = https://www.youtube.com/

watch?v=vDGF_EEbqF0&t=130s
For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, please contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600.

Employees

All employees can be reached by calling the city number at 617-625-6600 and ask for the extensions listed below.

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Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator
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Josephine Raczkowski, Administrative Assistant
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Judy Calvey, Holland Street & Ralph & Jenny Director
Ext. 2325
JCalvey@Somervillema.gov

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

The COVID-19 testing site previously located at the Somerville Hospital has moved to 133 Middlesex Avenue (near the former Kmart site) in Assembly Square. The testing site is part of a larger COVID-19 mitigation strategy by the City of Somerville in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). Patients can arrive at the site via vehicle, walking, or bicycle, and testing procedures will be the same as at the previous location: Patients must have an appointment to be tested. To make an appointment, call 617-665-2928 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.). CHA patients can also use their MyCHART account to set up an appointment. Testing is free and insurance coverage is not a requirement, although CHA may ask for insurance information for administrative purposes. You will not be turned away if you do not have insurance. You do not need to have symp-

toms to be tested. Immigration status will not be checked. Please bring a photo to ID. Patients will receive a phone call with their results, which could take up to five days to come in. There is also a mobile testing unit that accepts patients at roaming locations throughout Somerville. To see the mobile site's upcoming schedule, visit the "Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info" tab on www.somervillema.gov/covid19 or call 311. To make an appointment at the mobile testing site please call 617-682-0583 (English); 617-398-7770 (Spanish); 617-684-5625 (Portuguese); 617-735-5553 (Nepali); or 617-625-6600 ext. 2622 (Haitian Creole).
Mark your calendars. This year's What the Fluff? festival will be a little zanier than usual as they celebrate through the sphere of cyberspace. In a world reinventing itself, Fluff Fest 2020 unites

us – albeit virtually – through the one thing we can all believe in: the sweet, sticky, tasty, magical power of Fluff. For the love of Fluff, wherever our e-news reaches you, get ready to boast your worldwide Fluff pride, support independently-owned by scoring your Fluff stuff online, take part in innovation jubilation with arts, eats and oodles of family fun, and flock with fellow friends-in-Fluff through the first-ever, virtual Fluff Festival on September 12.
City buildings will remain closed to the public until further notice, but there are many city services you can access online including getting a parking permit, paying bills, and finding the latest city news and information. For more information on accessing city services online, click the "City Service Status" tab on somervillema.gov/covid19.

Healthy, local food is important. The Farmers Markets are open again in Davis Square (www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis) and Union Square (www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season). But this year they will be different. Both markets will encourage only one person per household to do the shopping, incorporate social distancing guidelines and allow a limited amount of shoppers in the space. Please sign up for a shopping spot in advance at the market websites. SNAP and HIP benefits are accessible for shoppers in both markets.
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Somerville’s Phase 3 reopening remains on hold

As neighboring communities are showing elevated rates of COVID according to data released from the state, Somerville’s Phase 3 Step 1 reopening will remain on hold. Somerville is focused on mitigating community spread, reducing the chances of an unmanageable spike, and providing a safe context to open schools later in the 2020-2021 school year.

Local officials will continue to review the situation in two-week intervals, with the next update coming on or before Thursday, August 27. In Somerville, indoor and outdoor gatherings also remain in Phase 2, with no more than 10 persons allowed until further notice, unless specifically permitted in city activity-specific guidelines. To provide safer options for gyms and fitness centers to offer services, the city is encouraging and supporting outdoor alternatives.

Businesses in the State’s Phase 3 Step 1 reopening include large indoor venues and activities generally considered to be at high risk for viral spread such as performance venues, movie theaters, gyms, cultural centers, and indoor gatherings. Phase 3 Health and Human Services categories opened in Somerville according to statewide plans on July 6. Phase 3 grocery store capacity limit increases also went into effect in tandem with the State on July 17. Regulations currently in place for Somerville youth and adult league sports remain the same.



Paid opportunity for Somerville teens: Use photography to raise awareness of problem gambling

Somerville Prevention Services, in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance, seeks up to 12 Somerville teens and their caregivers to participate in a photovoice project to raise awareness about the risks of problem gambling. Over the course of 8 to 12 weeks, teen participants will attend online workshops to learn about youth gambling and build skills in advocacy, leadership, and photography. Participants will take photos to convey educational messages and present their images at a final virtual showcase for state and local leaders in the fall.

Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division on Problem Gambling, this program is open to Somerville teens ages 13 to 17. Most youth meetings will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays over Zoom. Adult caregivers will be required to attend two to three online sessions. Stipends will be provided upon completion of the project for both youth (up to \$240) and adult caregivers (up to \$50). A final schedule and further information will be provided once participants have been confirmed. Selected youth must have written parent/guardian permission to participate. Cameras will be provided.

Ready to join? Please complete a brief Google form available online at somervillema.gov/preventionservices or contact Lovelee Heller at lheller@somervillema.gov.



Annual hydrant testing takes place August 17-29

The Somerville Fire Department will conduct its annual inspection of all fire hydrants between approximately August 17 and August 29. Inspections are expected to conclude on or around Saturday, August 29. This procedure requires the flushing of water from the hydrants as well as a check of the mechanical operation of the hydrant. The inspection/testing program will take approximately two weeks to complete.

As a result of testing, some sediment may be disturbed in the water mains causing rusty water in homes or business establishments. The water may appear discolored but it does not pose a health hazard. This rusty condition will be a temporary one and should clear in a few hours.

Though water will remain safe to drink, it is suggested that residents refrain from washing clothes, especially white fabrics, until the water runs clear. If rust stains do appear on wet laundry, the clothes should not be dried, and residents may call 617-666-3311 to obtain a free bottle of rust remover.

Inspections/testing will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and if necessary, in the evening, from 6:15 until 8:15 p.m.

Annual fire hydrant inspection is a safety measure. Testing is necessary to ensure hydrants will operate properly during an emergency.

Anyone with questions regarding this procedure may contact the Somerville Fire Department at 617-623-1700.



Somerville Public Library Board of Trustees seeking applicants for two vacancies

The Somerville Public Library is seeking to fill two vacancies on its Board of Trustees, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply.

The Board of Library Trustees is the governing body of the Somerville Public Library, working with the Library Director to oversee the operating and administrative policies for the Library.

The Trustees also support the libraries through long-range strategic planning, advocacy, public relations, outreach, and fundraising efforts. The Board of Trustees consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor. They meet monthly as a full board and serve on subcommittees.

The mission of the Somerville Public Library is to enhance the Somerville experience by acting as a trusted community connector, providing cultural and learning opportunities to all.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest and resume by Friday, August 28, CPiantigini@somervillema.gov.



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Answers

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| 2. The Great Barrier Reef | 8. Jordin Sparks, 17 |
| 3. Black Sabbath | 9. Canada oil |
| 4. “You can’t see me” | 10. Don Shula, 347 |
| 5. Germany | 11. 1900 |
| 6. Gold | 12. Three years old |

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



To this day, his remains lie beneath the swash on the edge of Tripoli’s harbor.

• Swashbuckling Patriot Paul Revere rode hard through the swash of Charles-town Neck on his midnight ride. First riding toward Cambridge until intercepted by British Cavalry, he had to reverse his direction and do it again. This time he rode over Winter Hill to Medford, through today’s Arlington and onto Lexington.

• The Amelia Earhart Dam honors the aviator swashbuckler and Queen of the Air and Oceans. So who was Ame-

lia Earhart and what did she do? What didn’t she do in the aviation world would be the more appropriate question. She personified aviatrix.

• Another Somerville patriot was award-winning Hollywood actress and member of the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Olympia Dukakis. She spent part of her life growing up in Union Square and won the New England Fencing Championship three years in a row. Laurels to a Somerville swashbuckler. Olympia is her name, acting is her fame, and fencing was her game.



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SMCxHome: Online Learning in September



During the business interruption due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SMC remains as committed as ever to offering media training to our community. We continue to offer virtual workshops to replace our on-site classes. These workshops are free to members and are offered to non-members for a fee. A zoom link will be shared with registered participants two days before the start of the workshop. Go to https://www.somervillemedia.org/smcxhome_augsept/ to learn more and to sign up.

PLANNING YOUR PODCAST
Wednesday, September 9 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students Learn the difference between podcast and radio and why podcasting is one of the most popular new media forms to emerge in the past decade. Make a basic focus statement for your podcast concept and learn about what’s involved in producing your very own podcast. Please note that this class will be recorded.

RECORDING YOUR PODCAST AT HOME
Wednesday, September 16 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students Learn best practices on how to record your podcast from home. We will cover equipment (mics and mixers) and software like Zoom and Discord. Please note that this class will be recorded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

EDITING YOUR PODCAST
Wednesday, September 23 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students Learn how to use Audacity, a free audio editor, to edit your podcast content, add intro music, and learn about special effects like EQ and compression. Please note that this class will be recorded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

HOSTING AND DISTRIBUTING YOUR PODCAST
Wednesday, September 30 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students This class is an opportunity for those who already have a solid podcast plan or who have already begun to record to take the next step in putting their podcast out there—hosting, distributing, marketing and even monetizing. Learn the secrets to building a strong and engaged audience, figure out which hosting site is right for you. Please note that this class will be recorded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

On This Day in History

August 19

1493 – Maximilian succeeds his father Frederick III as Holy Roman Emperor.

1692 – Five women are hanged in Salem, Massachusetts after being convicted of the crime of witchcraft.

1812 – The USS Constitution earns the nickname "Old Ironsides" during the battle off Nova Scotia that saw her defeat the HMS Guerriere.

1934 – 38 million Germans vote to make Adolf Hitler the official successor to President von Hindenburg.

1950 – Edith Sampson becomes the first African-American representative to the United Nations.

1957 – The first balloon flight to exceed 100,000 feet takes off from Crosby, Minnesota.

1976 – Gerald R Ford, who had become President of the United States after Richard Nixon resigned, wins Republican Party’s presidential nomination at Kansas City convention.

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Wednesday, August 19

12:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Community Bulletin Board

7:30am DW In Good Shape

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

9:00am DW Global 3000

9:30am Both Sides of the Bars

10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update

11:30am From My Heart to Yours

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

2:00pm Colores Latinos

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

4:00pm DW Conflict Zone

4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

5:00pm Hello Neighbor

5:30pm From My Heart to Yours

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

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

7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment

8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pm DW Euromaxx

9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, August 20

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash

1:00am Free Speech TV

1:30am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am DW Conflict Zone

7:30am DW Euromaxx

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

9:00am DW Tomorrow Today

9:30am Hello Neighbor

10:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:30am The Chef's Table Series

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm The Somerville Line

1:30pm The Somerville Line

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

4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

4:30pm The Struggle

5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:00pm #AFAD

6:30pm #AFAD

7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

8:00pm LIVE - Our View

9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony

10:00pm Community Bulletin Board

10:30pm The World Fusion Show

11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, August 21

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00am SCATV Secret Stash

1:30am SCATV Secret Stash

2:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

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

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

9:00am DW Euromaxx

9:30am Strata

10:00am NASA TV

11:00am SOM ARTS

11:30am Cambridge Calendar

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement

2:00pm Somerville Pundits

2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

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

4:00pm Gay USA

5:00pm DW Global 3000

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Grandstanders

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:30pm Greater Somerville

9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, August 22

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night

1:00am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am DW Focus on Europe

7:00am Effort Pour Christ

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

9:00am SMC Youth Media

9:30am Science 360

10:00am Dead Air Live

11:00am TeleGalaxie

12:00pm Somerville Storytellers

1:00pm Tele Magazine

2:00pm Reeling Review

3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session

4:00pm Tele Kreyol

5:00pm Henry Parker Presents

5:30pm Henry Parker Presents

6:00pm Somerville Pundits

6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go

7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

8:00pm #AFAD

9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes

10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash

11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, August 23

12:00am Flotilla

1:00am NASA TV

1:30am NASA TV

2:00am NASA TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00am Effort Pour Christ

9:00am NASA TV

10:00am Tele Kreyol

11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session

12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update

2:00pm Chico and B-Man

3:00pm African Television Network

4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade

5:00pm Gay USA

6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

8:00pm Dead Air Live

9:00pm Tele Magazine

10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

11:00pm TUTV

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, August 24

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Somerville Storytellers

7:30am Going Postal

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

9:00am Science 360

10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am Our View

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm Somerville Storytellers

2:00pm NASA TV

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

4:00pm African Television Network

5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP

6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

7:00pm Tele Galaxie

8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction

9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade

10:00pm Colores Latinos

11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, August 25

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am NASA TV

8:00am Democracy Now!

9:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:00am Strata

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction

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4:00pm SMC Youth Media

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6:30pm From My Heart to Yours

7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pm The World Fusion Show

10:00pm Totally Working Out

11:00pm Box House Productions Presents

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Wednesday, August 19

6:00am School Committee Meeting 8.10.20

8:50am Pride Flag Raising 2020

9:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

9:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

3:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados com a Saude

4:00pm Chair Yoga w/Janine

5:00pm ArtBeat 2020

5:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

6:00pm School Planning Town Halls

7:45pm ArtBeat 2020

8:01pm Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

9:20pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

9:30pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

10:00pm Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

11:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

Thursday, August 20

12:00am Finance Committee of the Whole 7.9.20

6:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

7:00am ArtBeat 2020

7:30am Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados com a Saude

8:50am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

9:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

10:00am Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am Chair Yoga w/Janine

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

12:30pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Somerville Public Schools Re-Opening

5:30pm Raising Families

6:00pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

7:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

7:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

8:00pm ArtBeat 2020

8:30pm Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados com a Saude

10:00pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

11:25pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

Friday, August 21

12:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

12:30am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

6:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

7:00am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

8:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

9:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

9:30am Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

11:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

12:00pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

1:30pm Somerville Public Schools Re-Opening

2:10pm Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

2:30pm East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

4:30pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

6:00pm Raising Families

6:30pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

7:00pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

7:30pm Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

10:55pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados com a Saude

11:45pm SPD Ride Along

Saturday, August 22

12:00am CC-Finance Committee of the Whole 7.7.20

6:30am School Planning Town Halls

8:10am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

8:30am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

9:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

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

10:08am Cooking w/Ellen: Pudding Cake

10:16am Cooking w/Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

10:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

11:00am Fit-4-Life #6

11:20am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:30am ArtBeat 2020

12:00pm City Council Meeting 7.14.20

2:30pm Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados com a Saude

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

5:00pm own Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

6:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

7:00pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

7:30pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20

10:30pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

11:06pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

Sunday, August 23

12:00am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

1:00am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

2:15am ArtBeat 2020

2:31am Cooking w/Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

6:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

7:15am ArtBeat 2020

7:31am Somerville's Phase 3 Re-Opening Plans

8:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

8:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

9:00am Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados com a Saude

11:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

11:30am ArtBeat 2020

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

12:30pm Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

4:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

6:00pm School Planning Town Halls

8:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

8:30pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

10:00pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

11:30pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

Monday, August 24

12:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

12:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

1:00am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 7.8.20

6:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

7:45am ArtBeat 2020

8:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

9:00am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

9:30am Atualizacoes em Tempos de Coronavirus

9:34am Saude Mental e Cuidados com a Saude

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am School Committee Meeting 8.17.20

3:00pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

5:20pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

7:00pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:00pm School Planning Town Halls

10:00pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

10:30pm Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados com a Saude

Tuesday, August 25

12:00am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

6:30am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

8:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

8:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

9:00am School Planning Town Halls

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Chair Yoga w/Janine

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

12:30pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

6:00pm Raising Families

6:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

7:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

7:30pm ArtBeat 2020

8:00pm National Night Out 2019

8:45pm SPD Ride Along

9:00pm Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

10:30pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

11:06pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

12:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

12:30am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo

1:00am School Planning Town Halls

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Wednesday, August 19

8:00am SPL Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.27]

9:00am El Sistema Spring Concert

10:00am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]

12:30pm SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]

2:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27]

3:00pm El Sistema Winter Bash

4:00pm Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020

5:30pm SPL Storytime w/Miss Alison [5.5.20]

6:30pm SPL Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.27]

7:30pm El Sistema Spring Concert

8:30pm SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]

11:00pm SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]

Thursday, August 20

12:30am SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27]

7:00am School Planning Town Halls

9:00am Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020

10:30am SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere [10.10.19]

12:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

1:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Cambridge [1.19.10]

4:30pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20

5:00pm School Planning Town Halls

7:00pm Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020

8:30pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere [10.10.19]

10:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

11:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

Friday, August 2

1:00am SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]

2:30am Public Domain Theater

7:00am Argenziano School Winter Concert

7:45am WSNS Science Fair Winners

8:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3

9:00am Healey School Gr. 3-8 Winter Concert

10:00am SHS Football vs Ipswich

12:00pm 93rd All City Track Meet 2014

1:30pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20

2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

3:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin

5:30pm Argenziano School Winter Concert

6:15pm WSNS Science Fair Winners

7:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3

7:30pm Healey School Gr. 3-8 Winter Concert

8:30pm SHS Football vs Ipswich

10:30pm 93rd All City Track Meet 2014

Saturday, August 22

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]

1:30am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]

4:00am Public Domain Theater

8:00am SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18

8:30am SHS Boys Basketball v Malden [1.6.17]

10:00am SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19

10:30amSHS Boys Basketball vs Malden - 1st Rd Playoff

12:30pm SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden [5.21.18]

3:00pm SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]

5:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Marblehead [9.27.17]

6:30pm Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational

7:30pm SHS Hockey v Lynn C. [1.17.18]

9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly [1.30.18]

10:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott [2.6.18]

Sunday, August 23

12:00am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]

2:15am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]

8:00am SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20

9:00am Argenziano School Moving On Ceremony

10:00am ESCS Virtual Moving On Ceremoney

12:30pm Healey School Moving Forward Ceremony

2:00pm SHS Drive Up Graduation

3:30pm SHS Drive Up Graduation

5:00pm WSNS Moving On Ceremoney 2020

6:00pm SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20

7:00pm Argenziano School Moving On Ceremony

8:00pm ESCS Virtual Moving On Ceremony

10:30pm Healey School Moving Forward Ceremony

Monday, August 24

12:00am SHS Boys Basketball @ Beverly [1.30.18]

1:35am SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]

3:00am Public Domain Theater

7:00am SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20

8:00am Argenziano School Moving On Ceremony

9:00am ESCS Virtual Moving On Ceremony

11:30am Healey School Moving Forward Ceremony

1:00pm SHS Drive Up Graduation

2:30pm SHS Drive Up Graduation

4:00pm WSNS Moving On Ceremoney 2020

5:00pm SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20

6:00pm Argenziano School Moving On Ceremony

7:00pm ESCS Virtual Moving On Ceremony

9:30pm Healey School Moving Forward Ceremony

11:00pm School Planning Town Halls

Tuesday, August 25

12:45am SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]

2:00am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]

7:00am 93rd All City Track Meet 2014

9:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus [9.5.19]

10:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Tewksbury

12:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #4

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

REFLECTIONS on a Riverbank



By Betsy Lenora

It took a third move from spot to spot to find the most comfortable place for my picnic. Noise was the biggest obstacle. A leaf blower chased me from riverbank to park bench & finally, to my quiet perch on a concrete ledge. Sitting over an outlet to the Mystic River, my legs dangled freely. Below my feet were a pile of rocks. Straight ahead, the river flowed towards the ocean. The banks on both sides were lined with trees & provided welcoming shade. Nearby, Alewife Brook emptied itself into the river, merging with the faster water on its way to the sea. While I ate my lunch, I watched as canoes, kayaks, & rubber rafts passed by in a colorful flotilla. The river is not terribly wide, at least not in this area. It was easy to see the riverboat people along with an occasional dog. Motorboats quietly put-putted down towards the ocean to maybe fish. A few people were casting their rods from the banks nearby. The day, though it started out cloudy, had turned clear & sunny, warm with a cool breeze. Perfect for an early summer-like day in May. Though with fewer cars on the road due to the pandemic, the traffic behind me was audible. So too were the gentle lapping sounds as the ripples from the breeze & the river-craft provided a different soundtrack.

My consciousness is heightened when I'm outside, surrounded by the natural world. When the troubles, stress & worries of mankind threaten to upset my equilibrium; when I've listened to too much news on the radio, watched too much sadness on TV, interacted too long with my computer

due to the COVID19 virus & not having the social contact that would normally help relieve these issues - there is one respite that always calms me, brings me back to what's important. It is a feeling of unification, of oneness with Life which instantly connects me to the Present Moment whenever I step outside & follow a path that leads to trees, water, wild animals, bugs, flowers, weeds & all the things that aren't made by a human being but by some force of Universal Energy. I find myself when I lose myself in the natural wildness of the world.

We humans often forget that we come from the same source. We destroy the very things that created us. By breathing in the air of the planet - the air that trees create without which we could not live; the very water of Life itself that falls from the sky to create rivers & lakes - & the oceans where we came from; & by eating plants that grow from the soil to nourish us so that we won't starve; our survival depends on all of earth's elements. In these harsh & dark times, we can turn to Nature to restore our sanity, our feelings of hope & peace even as we struggle to resolve the dilemmas that we face, that we have always faced. For me, being outside in Nature, I let go of my ego as I focus only on what I can see, & I marvel at the wonder of it all. It frees up some space in my head & heart so that I can better be open to the Truth, Peace & Justice that we desperately need in our world. Nature equals living honestly, truthfully, courageously. Nature means we can all breathe.

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I came
with the goal of
satiating inspirations
based on
my theories

Therefore
I collect poems of the margins of humankind,
since
they have a greater potential
to waver from
the conventions -
just like me!
With 50 cents
in my wallet
I
live my own actions
lest

my inarticulate mouth
will be passed over and my eyes?
My eyes are blinded.

Women like me, particularly
at the beginning of
the fifteenth century
were persecuted and burned
for being independent and strong
at the Catholic church's instruction

Nowadays? You can petition
the High Court of Justice.
So it is for a woman like me.

— Tali Cohen Shabtai

* A well-known Israeli poet and editor.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Tali Cohen Shabtai is a poet. She was born in Jerusalem, Israel. Tali studied at the David Yellin College of Education for a bachelor's degree. She is a member of the Hebrew Writers Association and the Israeli Writers Association in the state of Israel. In 2014, Cohen Shabtai also participated in a Norwegian documentary about poets' lives called *The Last Bohemian – Den Siste Bohemien*, and screened in the cinema in Scandinavia. By 2020, her fourth book of poetry will be published, also in Norway. Her literary works have been translated into many languages as well.



Ideology as a way of life

Women like me, yes
have been added over the years to overshadow
what preceded us
that is mostly
not in line
with our agenda.

The accepted wording is
not what
will satisfy our desires –

Desires? Ours? Well then, I write
in the female first person plural
so as not to sound
as one who sins with pretension
as an individual woman,
however
I do not have many female friends for this journey
and those who have already passed
through a station or two
according to
the
fixed
rules
of society

A woman like me
tries
to stay free
from society
and at the same time
to be in it
with boycotts in double-digit ages
until the arrival
of the adolescence age
and beyond

I bear this bitter
in
sult
so far.

So! Spare judging
me
that "Cohen Shabtai
has rules
of her own..."
as Amos Levitan* wrote about me.

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