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A small group of protestors gathered outside Tufts President Monaco's home last week. The protestors are concerned that an influx of students will adversely affect the community at large. — Photo by Denise Kenniston

By Denise Keniston

Tufts University is reporting three positive COVID-19 cases on its Boston Health Sciences Campus in Boston's Chinatown. Patrick Collins, Tufts Media Relations Executive Director, confirmed the three cases on Monday, August 24.

"So far, the University has conducted 5,321 tests involving 2,993 people. There have been three positive test results, a very low rate," said Collins. "All three of the positive test results are on the Boston Health Sciences campus; as of this writing, there have been no positive test results on the Medford/Somerville campus."

Out-of-region students started coming back in mid-August. Those students must quarantine until they have three negative test results on days 0, 3, 6. Following the arrival and quarantine period of the out-of-region students, Tufts students who come from

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CycleBar at Assembly Row finds its way through the coronavirus era

Cycling fitness studio CycleBar at Assembly Row has moved its operation outside in order to keep doing business and keep its loyal customers fit during the current phase of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

The terrace at FITRow has proven to be an ideal alternative open air site for classes, without incurring a huge moving expense.

With plenty of safe distancing between each cycling station, the studio is ensuring customers that they can enjoy their workouts safely, while maintaining the same levels of instruction quality on the best equipment available.

CycleBar is following all state and local directives regarding reopening timeframes. Extensive health and safety measures are being taken with new studio guidelines to provide all of their members with a safe class experience.

Reduced class sizes enable increased personal distance between members during class.

Learn more about CycleBar's classes by going online at <https://cyclebar.com>.



CycleBar at Assembly Row is keeping its wheels turning during this difficult time for fitness studios by bringing the bikes outside for safer workouts. — Photo courtesy of CycleBar at Assembly Row

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In partnership with arts and cultural leaders in the city of Somerville, **MASSCreative** is hosting a petition to **Mayor Curtatone**, **City Councilors** and the **Somerville Arts Council** to advocate for protection and relief for arts and culture in Somerville. Like many other Somerville arts and cultural orgs, **The Center for Arts at the Armory** is in dire need of the city's support. Petition is live for one more week only and we need to gather as many signatures as possible to show wide support for our requests. <https://bit.ly/SomervilleArts>. Somerville residents, or those who work in Somerville, and value the arts, please add your name to this petition.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday our own best photographer, **Claudia Ferro**. He is such a great person with a fantastic family. We hope she has the best birthday ever we know her family will find a way for everyone to be together to celebrate. Another one of own, **Bob "Monty" Doherty** is celebrating this week! Ask him anything about the history of Somerville and he will have

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 26 – September 1 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>August 26</i>	Sunny	75°/55°	0%	12%	NW 14 mph
 Thursday <i>August 27</i>	Rain	73°/61°	38%	29%	WSW 10 mph
 Friday <i>August 28</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/67°	21%	15%	NE 9 mph
 Saturday <i>August 29</i>	Thunderstorms	73°/60°	51%	41%	SE 10 mph
 Sunday <i>August 30</i>	Sunny	76°/57°	20%	7%	WNW 11 mph
 Monday <i>August 31</i>	Sunny	75°/56°	2%	9%	NE 12 mph
 Tuesday <i>September 1</i>	Partly Cloudy	76°/60°	19%	21%	ESE 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: Be a Sharp Voter from Joe Lynch

Sharper look... says:

If there is not a rule preventing city officials from endorsing political candidates there should be. This author is the chair of the commission on licenses...licenses where some of them are approved on the state level. Conflict of interest at the least.

Rachel Klein says:

Everybody’s entitled to make a political endorsement. We’re Americans, remember?

Joe Lynch says:

I’ll be sure to let the Mayor, City Council, School Committee, and the Somerville state delegation know of your concern.

Joe Lynch
Resident
Somerville, MA

Sd says:

The rule does not allow public employees to endorse in their official capacity. But Mr. Lynch did not say “as chair of this board, I hereby endorse” somebody. He didn’t even mention his board position. “Sharper”, on the other hand, is the one who brought it up. So, no rule broken. And no way we tell city board members that they can’t have political opinions. That’s unamerican.

Arthur Moore says:

Like most people these days we pay hardly any attention to endorsements. I am less likely to vote for someone who needs an endorsement anyway. I don’t think that it is not unreasonable for Joe to have his opinion and endorsement public. Although I respect and like Joe as I said I am less likely to vote for Sharp.

Response to: Lyrical Somerville – August 12

Marc Zegans says:

Really powerful poem, one of the best I’ve read in Lyrical in a while. Jacques, uour final lines about worth and worthiness are perfectly pitched. On a technical level, I resonate strongly to your alternating sections of long and short lines, your use of internal rhyme and your traverses between the concrete, the abstract, the descriptive and the activist. It’s difficult to write well that way, and very difficult to hold attention when using this method. You do so in an an emotionally convincing and morally compelling way. Very glad to have read “Branded,” and delighted that Doug gave it a forum.

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

We all screamed for ice cream



This week's story is by my good friend Anthony Accardi, a lifelong resident of Somerville.

The summer of 2020, as different as it has been, slowly heading toward its end. Just another month or so and we will be putting the summer of 2020 into the books.

Summer for us New Englanders is so precious. The weather never feels like summer until at least July and even in August we have very cold nights. One thing though that always makes it feel like summer is an ice cream cone. Ice cream is the ultimate way to cool off when the thermometer hits 90 degrees.

Growing up in Somerville, we had lots of places to get ice cream. In Winter Hill the closest was a short walk to Brigham's on Broadway. Brigham's was next to the old Winter Hill Star Market. You could have your ice cream to go or you could sit at the counter or in one of the many booths.

Besides their delicious ice cream Brigham's was also famous for their frappes (a frappe is what the rest of the world calls an ice cream or milk shake). Because of their size, frappes were served

in 2 glasses when you drank them in the restaurant. Their hot fudge sundaes were served in these huge glasses that resembled a vase and their banana splits were big enough to serve 3 people. They also hand packed their ice cream in pint, quart or half gallon sizes.

Sometime (sadly) in the late 80's – early 90's Star Market took over their space in order to expand. It was such a loss for Winter Hill, not only for taking away a place to get an ice cream cone, but also for taking away a place for many of the older Winter Hill people to have a cup of coffee and chat with friends.

To the right of The Winter Hill Federal Savings bank, where their parking lot and drive through window now resides, was a block of stores. There was a printing company, a hair salon – Lori's Place I believe it was called – the original Maria's Cold Cuts and a small walk up/take out window ice cream place. They only served soft serve, which back then was just vanilla and chocolate, both of which could be dipped into this either chocolate or strawberry liquid that turned into a hardened candy like covering. I do not remember the name of this place. Hopefully, once this is published, someone with a better memory than mine can recall its name.

At the corner of Cedar St. and Highland Ave., we also had a Friendly's Ice



A line in front of Steve's Ice Cream in the '70's.

Cream restaurant. Friendly's was exactly like Brigham's – Ice cream and a small food menu. I believe the old Friendly's building is still there and is now a bank.

On Cedar St, we had the nationally famous Dairy Queen. Now, Dairy Queen was also soft serve only and back then I don't believe they had a food menu, or their famous Blizzards for that matter. It was ice cream cones, sundaes and banana splits.

Dairy Queen closed a while back, maybe in the early 90's. It was replaced by Royal White Laundry, a dry cleaner and laundry company that was very famous in Somerville. They too eventually went out of business and I believe the old Dairy

Queen building has been torn down and replaced, most likely with condos.

In East Somerville there is a walk up/take out window called Louie's Ice Cream. They have been in business since the early 80's. Before that, there was always a take-out ice cream place there. They would close for the winter and if my memory serves me right, they always had a new name when they opened up the following spring. Don't ask me any of the older names. Again, hopefully the readers will recall.

Back then Ice cream was so simple. It all tasted good to us. That was until "designer" ice cream came to Somerville in the form of Steve's Ice Cream. *Continued on page 10*

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Getting into hot water at McDonald's

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the McDonald's restaurant on McGrath Hwy. last Wednesday on reports of a man threatening a customer with hot water and a knife.

Upon arrival, officers were met by the reporting party who told them that while inside McDonald's waiting for his Uber Eats order, an unknown man started yelling at him.

The reporting party told police that he ignored the man in hopes that he would leave him alone, but he reportedly continued to yell and said that he was going to throw his drink at him which, was hot water.

The man eventually left the restaurant, after which the reporting party picked up his order, went out to his car in the parking lot, placed the food on the passenger side seat then walked over to the driver's door.

While looking at his phone to see where he was going to be taking his order, the reporting party heard the same man yelling, "Come here, nigger."

The reporting party noticed that the man was running towards him with a knife in his hand, so he ran back into McDonald's to for safety and called the police.

The alleged assailant never went back inside McDonald's.

While officers were talking to the reporting party, the suspect in question was walking out of the drive through and towards McGrath Hwy., at which time the reporting party said, "I think that's him."

The officers approached the man, later identified as Marco Ellison, of Cambridge, and asked if he had been in McDonald's. Ellison reportedly spotted the reporting party and asked if they were stopping him because of that "punk."

Ellison reportedly admitted to yelling at the reporting party in side of McDonald's because he was standing too close to him. Additionally, Ellison said he left the restaurant and nothing happened after that, according to reports.

After a pat frisk of Ellison, a multi-purpose folding tool equipped with multiple knives was located in his front left pants pocket.

Ellison was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge assault with a dangerous weapon.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	August 18, 8:24 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant	charge of larceny over \$1200.	bridge, August 19, 7:33 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on	a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.
	Jason Ventolieri, of Boston,	Marco Ellison, of Cam-		

Three test positive for COVID-19 while Tufts students flow onto campus

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within the region (New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Connecticut) will quarantine until they get one negative test result.

Liam Romaker and Maggie Basinger, are both second-year, out-of-region students. They have been testing negative in the several days they've been back on campus. Once they have tested negative three times they can move around on and off-campus with a mask. After the initial testing period is over, students (both on and off-campus) will be tested twice a week.

"The tests are very easy to do," says Romaker. "You just swipe the swab up your nose, put it in a tube, and give it to a medical professional there monitoring the swab collections. It didn't even take five minutes. We get the results very quickly," Basinger says. "Students want to be on campus – many of us have worked hard to get here. I have a lot of confidence in President Monaco. I think his plan can work if everyone gets the tests, doesn't have big parties, and wears a mask."

The backbone of Tufts' reopening plan is predictive modeling. Dr. Michael Jordan, Tufts Infectious Disease Director, says four early warning indicators feed real-time information into a predictive modeling matrix that Tufts is relying on for decisions, including a possible closure. One key indicator is the "RT rate" or "real-time reproductive rate" which helps measure how fast the virus is growing.

According to Dr. Jordan, the model is currently predicting an RT rate of 1.5 for returning students. That is 15 positive results. He says, "With respect to closure we have proposed that an RT rate of 2.5 would really indicate to us a serious epidemic or serious spread of infection on campus. An RT of 2.5 equates to 80-100 students infected at any given time.

Tufts is pushing forward with its reopening plan buoyed by the first week of negative test results for the Somerville/Medford campus. 5300 undergraduate students will be returning in total, with about two-thirds on campus and about one-third off-campus.

According to Rocco DiRico, Tufts Director of Community Relations, the plan is backed by science. "I know many people are concerned about off-campus enforcement and to that end, the university is conducting an extensive education and social norms campaign," he says. "This will impress upon students the need to observe all protocols including masking and social distancing."

Media reports of off-campus parties, like the one at Holy Cross where it has been confirmed a case of COVID-19 stemmed from an off-campus party, concern Somerville residents. Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott says he has already witnessed students without masks. "Why the hell am I seeing students wandering around the square without masks on?" he asks of Tufts officials. "I know my neighborhood. These kids just got back. Does quarantine mean something other than what I think it means?" According to Tufts, one possible explanation is those students may have been living in Somerville all summer and, as such, need only one negative test.

Tufts has recently decreased the number of returning students. Roughly 1600 students are learning remotely. As of Monday, August 17, Rocco DiRico said remote learning students are not required to be tested.

Somerville Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rosetti believes data will show many remote learning students are actually residing in Somerville because they have signed leases. She says, "I'm concerned. I think there's going to be a large number of the population receiving remote education who in fact are living in Somerville, who opted for remote but were stuck into a lease so they're still living here, but now they're not bound to be tested. That highly raises a red flag for me."

Residents are also concerned. On August 19, Somerville and Medford residents gathered outside Tufts University President Anthony Monaco's house to protest. Marianne Waller, of Our Revolution Somerville PILOT, believes Tufts is not being transparent. "It's the lack of transparency we're concerned with," she says. "Somerville is the most densely populated city in New England. What happens at Tufts isn't contained to the campus!"

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone has not signed off on the Tufts reopening plan. He has asked Tufts administration to submit their plan to peer review, stagger the return of students, increase faculty and staff testing, and reduce the student population, among other things. He says, "We reserve the right to use the authority afforded to us here in the city of Somerville in the event these and other questions have not been sufficiently addressed."

Tufts University will soon be making a dashboard publicly available so the community is aware of test results. For up-to-date information on Tufts' reopening visit their website: <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu>.



According to Tufts Infectious Disease Director Dr. Michael Jordan, data such as student behavior is woven into a very extensive predictive modeling matrix. For example, an RT rate of 2.5 indicates the serious spread of the disease. That is 80-100 infections which may indicate a closure.



Second-year students Liam Romaker and Maggie Basinger have returned to campus for in-person learning from Ohio and California. Romaker says, "Nobody I know of wants to get sent home. We're all following guidelines and doing what's asked of us. We don't want anyone to screw it up for us."

— Photos by Denise Kenniston

Vote by mail ballot applications due on Wed., August 26

Early voting at City Hall through Fri., August 28

Vote by mail ballot applications for the September 1 primary election must be received by the City of Somerville Elections Department by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26.**

Because the deadline is near, you should not mail in your ballot application. It can be returned one of three ways by 5 p.m., Wednesday: put it in one of the ten secure drop boxes throughout the city (locations listed below), scan and then email the application to vote@somervillema.gov, or fax it to 617-625-5643.

Please note: Electronic signatures are acceptable, but your signature has to be similar to your hand-written signature. You can sign your name on a computer or phone using a mouse, finger, or stylus. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

As a reminder, vote by mail ballots must be received by the Elections Department by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1. While you can mail your ballot back, you may want to use one of our ballot drop boxes as we get closer to election day to ensure your ballot is in on time.

Vote by mail application and vote by mail ballot drop boxes are located at:

- In front of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.
- 31 College Ave. (at the corner of Morrison Ave.)
- Outside of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd.
- At the entrance to the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St.
- At the Glen Street entrance to the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
- Near Fire Engine 7, 269 Highland Ave.
- In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St.
- In front of The Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.
- Near 351 Summer St. in front of the Dilboy Post
- Near 182 Summer St. in front of St. Catherine of Genoa Parish's parking lot (near the corner of Spring Street)

In-Person Voting: Early Voting or Election Day

As a reminder, early voting is taking place at City Hall through Friday, August 28. For early voting hours, please visit www.somervillema.gov/elections.

To find your polling place for the September 1 Primary, visit www.somervillema.gov/elections. Please note that five polling locations have been moved to allow for greater social distancing due the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/votebymail or contact the Elections Office at (617) 625-6600 x4200 or elections@somervillema.gov.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Greek Salad

I absolutely love salads during the summer months. We have a small garden in our yard and usually just grow tomatoes and herbs. But this year, we added zucchini and cucumbers to the mix. Needless to say, we had an abundance of great vegetables. About 50 tomatoes, some picked already, and some still growing on the vines. Many zucchinis, I was able to make zucchini bread and zucchini meatballs, all meatless of course.

So, with all this goodness picked from the garden, I thought I would share one of my go to salads. Serves 2 as a side, or 1 as an entrée.

1 cucumber, ends trimmed and quartered lengthwise, cut into large chunks
2 tomatoes, cut in half, each half cut into 8 slices

1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup Kalamata olives
4 oz. feta, sliced
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, thinly sliced, plus whole leaves for garnish
2 tablespoons of red wine vinegar
2-3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
Freshly ground black pepper, about 5 turns of the mill
Generous pinch of Maldon Sea Salt Flakes

Place the cucumber, tomatoes, onion, and olives onto a shallow plate. Drizzle the vinegar over the vegetables along with two tablespoons of the olive oil. Add the mint and feta. Drizzle the remaining olive oil over the feta and season with the salt and pepper. Garnish with the mint leaves. If you have some lettuce you would like to add, I recommend



chopped romaine hearts. Or whatever other lettuce you like. Serve right away.

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Survey highlights impacts of elder mental health outreach

By Nathan Lamb

A Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) program dedicated to helping older adults with behavioral health conditions is earning high marks from participants, even amid the pandemic.

The Elder Mental Health Outreach Team (EMHOT) provides case management and short-term counseling for issues such as poor self-care, substance use, hoarding, depression or anxiety.

We recently surveyed program participants and received the following response:

- ♦ 94% felt the program helped them deal better with daily challenges and crises.
- ♦ 94% said they are more aware of helpful resources.
- ♦ 94% said they received the help they were looking for.
- ♦ More than two-thirds said their symptoms improved.
- ♦ 100% said staff cared about what they had to say and treated them with respect.

SCES Clinical Director Stephanie Becker said the results illustrate EMHOT’s impact for clients, who in many cases are under increased stress due to the pandemic.

“This program has been so important for the people we serve,” said Becker. “The regular meetings with our social workers have helped mitigate isolation

and anxiety due to COVID, and many of the clients we work with would not have any other formal support, if not for EMHOT.”

EMHOT was established in 2018, with help from a state grant that recognizes older adults are traditionally under-served when it comes to behavioral health.

The Mass Aging and Mental Health Coalition advises that many people over 55 who experience behavioral health challenges do not seek help due to lack of transportation, isolation, or stigma. The EMHOT model seeks to remove those barriers by providing in-home assistance. While the pandemic has shifted the focus to telephone and videoconferencing, Becker said it’s still effective.

“It has been an adjustment, but we are still able to tailor our work to the client’s needs, providing a combination of home-based case management and telephonic support,” she said.

EMHOT Social Worker Cassie Cramer added that the widespread shift to remote meetings has actually helped reduce one longtime obstacle for many clients.

“In some ways getting help is easier than ever, as transportation is no longer a barrier for people to meet with a therapist or other behavioral health provider,” said Cramer.

The survey also asked clients



EMHOT Social Worker Shaina Benoit uses videoconferencing to connect with her colleague Courtney Johnson. Video conferencing has been an essential tool for the program during the Coronavirus, helping social workers maintain connections with older adults facing behavioral health challenges.

how the program is helpful. This was one of the responses:

“I don’t know where to start,” wrote the client. “The social worker helped me so much, she found me a place to live and connected me to so many resources. I was homeless and I don’t know where I would’ve been without this program. She also got me a therapist I enjoy working with. I can’t tell you how much I appre-

ciate this program.”

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. EMHOT is available free-of-charge for Cambridge and Somerville residents who are age 50 and over. Referrals to EMHOT can be made by calling the SCES Aging Information

Center at 617-628-2601 or emailing info@eldercare.org.

Funding for the EMHOT project was provided in part by the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, under a Service Incentive Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Any opinions expressed in this piece are solely the opinion of SCES.

Stay cool, Somerville: Show us how you beat the heat

The City of Somerville, in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), is seeking submissions of original photography and artwork for the Keep Cool Somerville photovoice project and survey.

The Keep Cool Somerville initiative aims to advance health equity and climate resilience in the city by documenting residents’ experiences with hot weather and how they’re staying cool during this unprecedented summer. Submissions to the Keep Cool Somerville project will inform a forthcoming toolkit of strategies to reduce the health risks of extreme heat. Participants have a chance to win a \$25 gift card and have their images included in an outdoor public exhibit this fall. Photovoice submissions will be accepted through September 12, 2020.

How to Participate:

Draw, paint, or take photos of places and things that show your experiences with extreme heat and what you do to keep cool. Do you spend time by the water or a shady tree? Enjoy a cold drink? Change how you get around town? Your image will tell your story.

Submit your photos or artwork online at www.mapc.org/keep-cool-somerville or email them to Jeanette Pantoja at jpantoja@mapc.org. You can also post images on social media with the hashtag #keepcoolsomerville to inspire others. Provide a brief description of your image that includes the location and why you took it.

Guidelines for Imagery:

Photos should be taken in Somerville. Please avoid selfies and posed photos; instead, document what you see in your daily life. Please ask permission when taking photos of people.

By submitting your photos or artwork, you agree that MAPC can use them in any medium and for any purpose related to this project.

For more information about the Keep Cool Somerville photovoice project, please visit www.mapc.org/keep-cool-somerville or contact Jeanette Pantoja at jpantoja@mapc.org.

For more heat-safety tips and resources, visit www.somervillema.gov/keepcool.



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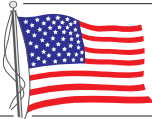
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Be sure to get out to vote in the State Primary next week.

Our View Of The Times



For some of us it feels like forever since we’ve shaken off the cares and concerns that seem to be bearing down so heavily on us.
Not just the strain and worry over the coronavirus pandemic and its effects on the economy and our personal lives, but there are also the political divisions and discord that have been so prevalent in our society over the past few years.

Amidst all this, we are now tasked with making decisions at the polls next week that will affect all of us yet again.
The State Primary is just around the corner, and the national election is coming up a couple of months later. The balance of power in the country as a whole will be in play, and more than ever it seems as though so much will be at stake in that particular election cycle, no matter

which side we align with.
If you’re opting to vote early for the Primary, there is still time to do so until Friday, August 28 at City Hall. Applications for the September 1 primary election ballot must be returned to the City of Somerville Elections Department by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26. You can go to <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections/early-voting> for

more details about these voting options.
For those who will be going to the polls in person on September 1, we thank you for doing your civic duty. And remember to practice proper COVID-19 safety measures while doing so. Wear your mask and be sure to observe proper distancing guidelines. Our political system needs your vote, but your health and safety are needed even more so.

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the answer. We wish him the best! Happy birthday to Rick Pye, we wish him the best as well. Happy birthday to **State Representative Christine Barber**, who is also celebrating. We hope she has a great day with her family and friends here in the city. Happy birthday to our good friend **Jonathan Bowers**, we wish him a great year ahead. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Kathleen Goss, Ellie Loder Chute, Louise Cruz-Partee, John McDermott, Bob Baxter, Kimberly Anderson, Cheryl Endicott-Ribeiro, Michael Madden, Leesette Bengar, Isabel Mercauto, Nancy Batterton, Thomas B. Mercier** and **Donna M. Morabito**, 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.

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. 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.

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 27** at 6:00 p.m. on **Zoom**. Visit [somervillema.gov/preventionservices](https://www.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](https://www.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.

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, 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.

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 [my-2020census.gov](https://2020census.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.

The city has set up a separate website dedicated to **local business needs** during this health crisis. Please bookmark [somervillema.gov/COVIDBizHelp](https://www.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.

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What U.S. states allow all prisoners the right to vote?

2. What product used the slogan "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride"?

3. What is the smallest country in the world?

4. The *Hunger Games* series was written by which author?

5. Who played the Church Lady on *Saturday Night Live*?

6. Who is known as the "Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement"?

7. What band did Eric Idle play in that performed parodies of The Beatles?

8. Who is often referred to as the "Father of Vegetarianism"?

9. In knitting, what is meant by the initials "PSSO"?

10. What is a new born baby whale called?

11. Where is Alcatraz Island located?

12. At what age does a horse go from being classed as a filly to a mare?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Only one in two billion people will live to be 116 or older.

2. Fingernails grow nearly four times faster than toenails.

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1980s LYRICS

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1. Lascaux and Mammoth, e.g.

6. At the stern

9. Eyeball rudely

13. Inuit boat

14. And not

15. Sing like Sinatra

16. Manicurist's file

17. Old-fashioned "before"

18. "If you ____, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"

19. "Steve walks warily down the street with the brim pulled way ____"

21. "She's just a girl who claims I am ____"

23. "Play it, ____, " from "Casablanca"

24. Boris Godunov, e.g.

25. "All right stop collaborate and listen, ____ is back..."

28. Between Phi and Kappa

30. Restriction limiting use of lights during air raid

35. J.D. Power awards competitors

37. "Oh, back on the chain ____"

39. Ann Patchett's novel "Bel ____"

40. Slightly

41. Algorithmic language

43. French "place"

44. Kind of potato masher

46. Brickowski's brick

47. Cleopatra's necklace

48. Canine's coat

50. Sol or fa

52. National Institutes of Health

53. "____ Christmas, I gave you my heart"

55. Trinitrotoluene

57. "You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar when I ____"

60. "I wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who ____"

64. Lithograph, for short

65. Holstein sound

67. Radio sign

68. Killed, like dragon

69. Commotion

70. Yiddish shrew

71. Sleep in rough accommodations

72. Gourmet mushroom

73. Cancel an edit, pl.

4. Brings home the bacon

5. First U.S. space station

6. Again

7. "Hello, is it me you're looking ____?"

8. Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.

9. Black and white cookie

10. One from Goa

11. "And I'm never gonna make it like you do, making ____ out of nothing at all"

12. Compass reading

15. One of religious orders

20. Last letter of Greek alphabet

22. Experienced

24. Sine over cosine

25. "I long to see the sunlight in your hair and tell you time and time again how much ____"

26. Northwoods dwelling?

27. The Goldbergs sibling

29. "Cuase I'm your ____ cool one, and I'm built to please"

31. Scotch ingredient

32. Kitchen tear-jerker

33. Wombs

34. "Ooh, what's the matter with the crowd I'm seeing? Don't you know that they're out of ____?"

36. Petals holder

38. "Wake me up before you ____"

42. It creates instant millionaires

45. Count on, two words

49. One from Laos

51. Emissaries

54. Poison ivy or Poison oak

56. Religious doctrine

57. Venus de ____

58. Greek Hs

59. Not that

60. Pilot's stunt

61. Not loony

62. Catcher's gear

63. Geological time periods

64. Psychedelic acronym

66. Lyric poem

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Somerville Museum features award-winning history teacher and students

Earlier this year, students from the Somerville High School Local History Club, with guidance from their teacher Adda Maria Santos and the Somerville Museum, curated an exhibition, The Basement Project: Not Your Usual Basement Junk.

Through objects from the museum's collection, each student thoughtfully reflected on Somerville's past and their experience as a Somerville resident today. Unfortunately, the show was cut short by the pandemic.

Join in over Zoom on Thursday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m. to hear about the exhibit development process and the students' object selections, as well as their reactions to the exhibition being cut short. Panelists include Somerville High School students and recent graduates along with teacher Adda Maria Santos and museum education professional Jodie Smith.

Panelists:

- Silas Booth (2021)
- Brian Chan (alumn)



- Isaias Hernandez Rivera (2021)
- Owen Hughes (alumn)
- Alex Leite (alumn)
- Isabella Milanowski (2021)
- Esmay Pricejones (2021)
- Mozn Shora (alumn)
- Adda Maria Santos, Somerville High School history teacher and local History Club advisor
- Jodie Smith, Museum education professional

Adda Maria Santos was named this year's recipient of the William Spratt Award for Excellence in Social Studies by the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies. The award, presented annually to one outstanding Massachusetts High School educator, recognized Adda's work with the students of the Somerville High School Local History Club including The Basement Project exhibit.

Jodie Smith is a Somerville resident and museum professional with expertise in school-aged education

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, September 15, 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**.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5061283329277933838>

Webinar ID 990-561-283

TO CALL IN

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DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (PUBLIC HEARINGS)

HPC.ALT 2020.15 - 8 Aldersey Street (re-advertised)
Applicant: Matt Ball
Construct rear deck

HPC.ALT 2020.20 - 15 Campbell Park (re-advertised)
Applicant: Contempo Builders
Owner: Victor Del Porto
Construct left elevation dormer; re-build front porch

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

HPC.ALT 2020.23 - 50 Spring Street (re-advertised)
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 (re-advertised)
Applicant: Sara O'Neill of Sunbug Solar
Owner: Jess Torres & Ariane Davison
Install 22 solar panels on roof

HPC.ALT 2020-27 – 24 Summer Street
Applicant: Steven Azar
Owner: same as applicant
Construct second story deck on left elevation

HPC. ALT 2020-36 – 36 Beacon Street
Applicant: 36 Beacon, LLC (Dave Cameron, Mgr.)
Owner: same as applicant
Add rear egress stairs

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

HPC.DMO 2020.16 - 4 Princeton Street (re-advertised)
Applicant: KAP Development, LLC
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish all structures on lot

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

HPC.DMO 2020.19 - 24 Webster Avenue (re-advertised)
Applicant: The 24 Webster Building Trust
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure

HPC.DMO 2020.20 – 13 Clyde Street
Applicant: Scott Zink
Owner: Clyde St, LLC / Scott Zink
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 emailed comments **must** be received **by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting**.*

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City of Somerville
PLANNING BOARD
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

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

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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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The Somerville Housing Authority invites bids for a Three-Year Service Contract for Corian Shower Surrounds and Installation for the Federal Elderly Housing Developments in Somerville, MA.

Bids are subject to Davis-Bacon Rates.

A walkthrough will be held at **10:00AM on Friday, September 11rd, 2020**.

Bid packages will be available Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020. Please email Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org to request a bid package.

Bids must be received no later than **11:00AM on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020** by preferred method of email to travisp@sha-web.org.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on **Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 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.

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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang and property owner Imran Khan proposing to amend the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street to UR.

Property owner LaCourt Foundation LLC proposing to amend the zoning map to change 34-36 Merriam St to UR.


15 registered voters proposing to amend the zoning map to change six lots along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street to MR6.

Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen proposing to amend the zoning map to change six lots fronting McGrath Highway to MR4 and two lots fronting McGrath Highway to UR.

The proposed amendments identified above may be viewed online at http://somervillecityma.igq2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=3073.

Interested persons may provide comments at the hearing or by submitting written comments by email to planning@somervillema.gov prior to the hearing.

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites Quotes from contractors to complete the Administrative Building Carpet Installation at 30 Memorial Road in Somerville, MA.

Quotes 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.

A walkthrough will be held at **10:00AM on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020**.

Quote packages will be available Wednesday, August 26th, 2020. Please email Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org to request a quote package.

Quotes must be received no later than **11:00AM on Thursday, September 10th, 2020** by preferred method of email to travisp@sha-web.org.

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

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We all screamed for ice cream CONT. FROM PG 3

Cream. Steve's was famous for its "mix ins." They would put a couple of scoops of ice cream on this refrigerated surface and using two paddle-like devices, mixed in your choice of anything from peanuts to m&m's or candy bars. The line to get into Steve's was always out the door and down the sidewalk.

We also had a "make your own sundae" place in Teele Square. Joey's Ice Cream was started by Somerville native Joey Crugnale. For a price you got either one, or multiple scoops of ice cream and then you built your own sundae using many of their numerous toppings. From what I remember, Joey's only lasted a year or two and Joe Crugnale went on to start Bertucci's Pizza. The original one on Elm Street, next to Steve's Ice Cream.


So who had the best ice cream? I guess that depends on who you ask and what kind of taste for ice cream you had. You also had to factor in those that only liked hard ice cream or those that only liked soft serve, or both. Those who like the more upscale ice creams – Steves, Ben & Jerry's, etc. – and of course those who liked all of them.

If you ask me, Brigham's always had the best ice cream. I still think it's the best, even though it is now made by Hood. Going for ice cream is one of my fondest memories of growing up in Somerville. My dad or one of my uncles would pile us kids into their car and take us for a ride with a cool refreshing reward at the end of the ride. You got cool relief from the heat, something to do for an hour or two, and another precious memory added to your storybook.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday September 9, at 7:00 p.m.** via virtual meeting on the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan and invites community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. To join the public hearing you may follow the link below which will also be posted on the City of Somerville Calendar page at somervillema.gov/calendar on the day of the public hearing.

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.

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General questions and written comments regarding the public hearing must be submitted by **Friday October 9, 2020** and should be sent via mail to OSPCD@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP#21-15

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed bids for:
Temporary Modular Boiler for the City Hall

The City is seeking the services of a firm that specializes in comprehensive accident recovery services on behalf of municipalities to provide said services on behalf of the City for all aspects of accident recovery claims.

The Request for Proposals may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing **08/26/2020**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **09/09/2020 12:00PM 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.


This RFP is pursuant to MGL c. 149 construction. Prevailing Wages are applicable to this project.

5% bid bond is required with the proposal submission which must be included in the sealed envelope for price proposal.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB #21-11 SEWER PIPES AND SUPPLIES

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed bids for:
Sewer Pipes and Supplies


An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, 08/26/2020**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, 09/09/2020 at 12 PM** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for further information.

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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 travisp@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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP 21-14

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:
Main Streets Revitalization

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **August 26th, 2020**.


Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **September 16th, 2020 at 2:00 pm ET**.

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 email tcukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang, MCPPO
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP#21-16

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed bids for:
Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector Supplemental Services

The City is seeking the services of a firm that specializes in comprehensive accident recovery services on behalf of municipalities to provide said services on behalf of the City for all aspects of accident recovery claims.

The Request for Proposals may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing **08/26/2020**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **09/09/2020 12:00PM 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.

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2. Listerine

3. Vatican City

4. Suzanne Collins

5. Dana Carvey

6. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks

7. The Rutles

8. Sylvester Graham

9. Pass Slipped Stitch Over

10. A calf

11. San Francisco Bay

12. Four years of age

Victim falls from platform at Sullivan Sq. station



On Tuesday morning, a woman fell between the platform and an Orange Line train at the MBTA Sullivan Square station. A Boston Fire Department Tech Rescue Response team extricated the person, who was then taken the hospital. The identity of the victim and the extent of her injuries has not yet been confirmed. Orange Line delays of approximately 15 minutes were reported, while shuttle buses were put into service between Wellington and North Station.

— Photos courtesy of the Boston Fire Department

A free farm stand for all



A homemade farm stand was set up at 49 Cherry St. in Somerville, and a generous donation of some tomatoes was immediately added to it. Anyone is welcome to take away and add to the stand as they like.

Preparing for remote schooling

For the past 2-3 weeks, Somerville teachers have had scheduled times to enter their school buildings to retrieve any material they may need to start the remote year. All school buildings have scheduled times for students to drop by to pick up or exchange chromebooks.



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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 26

- 1429 – Joan of Arc makes a triumphant entry into Paris.
- 1789 – The Constituent Assembly in Versailles, France, approves the final version of the Declaration of Human Rights.
- 1862 – Confederate General Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson seizes Manassas Junction, Virginia, and moves to encircle Union forces under General John Pope.
- 1883 – The Indonesian island of Krakatoa erupts in the largest explosion recorded in history
- 1920 – The 19th Amendment to the Constitution is officially ratified, giving women the right to vote.
- 1957 – Ford Motor Company reveals the Edsel, its latest luxury car.
- 1978 – Sigmund Jähn becomes first German to fly in space, on board Soviet Soyuz 31.

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and archival history research. She supported the Somerville High School students through object selection, content development, and label writing for the Somerville Museum's Basement Project exhibit.

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SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

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Wednesday, August 26

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 27

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 28

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 29

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
6:00pm 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 30

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
2:00pm SNN Neighborhood Update
3:00pm 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 31

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, September 1

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am NASA TV
8:00am Democracy Now!
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Strata
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm SMC Youth Media
4:30pm Going Postal
5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm From My Heart to Yours
7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The World Fusion Show
10:00pm Totally Working Out
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

Wednesday, August 26

6:30am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone
8:40am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19
9:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
9:30am Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus
10:30am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:30am School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
2:30pm Chair Yoga w/Janine
3:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
4:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
5:00pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
5:30pm Somerville Public Schools Re-Opening
6:10pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
7:00pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
10:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
10:30pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers
11:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers

Thursday, August 27

12:00am Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados
1:19am Atualizacoes em Tempos de Coronavirus
1:30am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20
6:30am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing
8:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
8:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
9:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
9:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:30am ArtBeat 2020
11:50am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30pm School Planning Town Halls
2:30pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus
4:00pm Chair Yoga w/Janine
4:30pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers
6:00pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

7:00pm City Council Meeting 8.27.20 - LIVE

Friday, August 28

12:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
1:00am ArtBeat 2020
1:20am Pride Flag Raising 2020
1:30am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone
6:30am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing
8:00am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
8:30am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
9:00am Somerville's Phase 3 Re-Opening Plans
9:30am Saude Mental e Cuidados
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
11:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
12:00pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
4:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
6:00pm Raising Families
6:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
7:00pm Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20
10:30pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers
11:30pm ArtBeat 2020
11:50pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

Saturday, August 29

12:00am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20
1:25am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone
1:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
3:00am SPD Ride Along
6:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone
7:31am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
8:45am ArtBeat 2020
9:01am Somerville Public Schools Re-Opening
10:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:30am Somerville's Phase 3 Re-Opening Plans
12:00pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

1:00pm Finance Committee of the Whole 7.9.20
6:30pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
7:15pm ArtBeat 2020
7:31pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
8:00pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
11:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados

Sunday, August 30

12:00am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20
6:00am School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
9:00am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing
10:30am SPD Ride Along
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
11:30am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30pm City Council Meeting 8.27.20
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
4:30pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
5:30pm Raising Families
6:00pm ArtBeat 2020
6:20pm Pride Flag Raising 2020
6:30pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
7:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
7:30pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
8:00pm City Council Meeting 8.27.20

Monday, August 31

12:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers
1:30am Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados
6:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone
8:10am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19
8:27am What are the Symptoms of COVID-19
8:30am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
9:00am SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
9:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
11:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine
11:30am City Council Meeting 8.27.20
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

4:30pm School Planning Town Halls
6:15pm SPD Ride Along
6:30pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
7:00pm ArtBeat 2020
7:30pm School Committee Meeting 8.17.20
10:20pm Saude Mental e Cuidados
11:00pm SPL: Gardening w/Green City Growers
11:30pm Raising Families

Tuesday, September 1

12:00am City Council Meeting 8.27.20
6:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
7:00am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo
7:30am Doenas Cr4nicas e Cuidados
8:50am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone
9:00am Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers
10:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine
10:30am Cooking w/Ellen: Mac & Cheese 6.2.20
10:38am Cooking w/Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:30am ArtBeat 2020
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30pm Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing
2:00pm Somerville's Phase 3 Re-Opening Plans
2:30pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
4:30pm Chair Yoga w/Janine
5:00pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz
6:00pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20
7:25pm Atualizacoes em Tempos de Coronavirus
7:30pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
8:00pm Chair Yoga w/Janine
8:30pm School Planning Town Halls
10:10pm Somerville Public Schools Re-Opening
11:00pm Water & Sewer Rates Info Session 6.11.20

Wednesday, September 2

12:00am Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey
12:30am School Committee Meeting 8.17.20

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Wednesday, August 26

7:00am Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020
9:00am SHS Drive Up Graduation
10:30am SHS Drive Up Graduation
12:30pm WHCS Virtual Moving Forward Ceremony
2:00pm ESCS Virtual Moving On Ceremony
4:30pm Brown School Moving On Ceremony 2020
5:00pm Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020
7:00pm SHS Drive Up Graduation
8:30pm SHS Drive Up Graduation
10:30pm WHCS Virtual Moving Forward Ceremony

Thursday, August 27

12:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown
1:10am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden
4:00am Public Domain Theater [6.19]
7:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett [2.13.17]
8:30am SHS Hockey vs Everett [1.15.20]
10:00am SHS Girls Volleyball v Everett [10.18.18]
11:00am SHS Drive Up Graduation
12:30pm SHS Drive Up Graduation
3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden [1.6.17]
4:30pm SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18
5:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Malden - 1st Rd Playoff
7:00pm SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden [5.21.18]
9:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden [1.23.18]
10:40pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20

Friday, August 28

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

1:35am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
7:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs MC [12.14.10]
9:00am SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]
10:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime
11:00am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
1:30pm SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]
3:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert
3:35pm Argenziano School Winter Concert
6:30pm School Planning Town Hall - 8.5.20
8:12pm SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]
9:30pm Healey School Moving Forward Ceremony
10:30pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
11:00pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
11:30pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

Saturday, August 29

1:30am SHS Graduation 2019
3:30am Public Domain Theater
7:00am School Planning Town Hall - 8.5.20
9:00am SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]
10:30am SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]
12:00pm SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
2:30pm SHS Boys Basketball @ Beverly [1.30.18]
4:05pm SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]
6:30pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
7:00pm School Planning Town Hall - 8.5.20
9:00pm SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]
10:30pm SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19]

Sunday, August 30

12:00am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
2:30am SHS Boys Basketball @ Beverly [1.30.18]
4:05am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]
7:00am Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
7:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3
8:00am Boys' Intramural Soccer Championship
9:00am Girls' Intramural Soccer Championships
10:00am Girls' Basketball Finals '18
11:00am Boys' Basketball Finals 2018
12:00pm Girls' Indoor Soccer Final - ESCS v WHCS
Boys Intramural Basketball Championship
Girls Intramural Basketball Championship
SHS Drive Up Graduation [Beacon & Elm]
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10:00pm Girls' Basketball Finals '18
11:00pm Boys' Basketball Finals 2018

Monday, August 31

12:00am Girls' Indoor Soccer Final - ESCS v WHCS
1:00am Boys Intramural Basketball Championship
2:00pm Girls Intramural Basketball Championship
7:00am SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
8:30am SHS Girls Soccer vs Haverhill
10:00am Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
10:30am El Sistema Spring Concert
11:30am Girls' Indoor Soccer Final - ESCS v WHCS

12:30pm WSNS Spring Concert
1:30pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]
3:30pm Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC
5:00pm SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
6:30pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Haverhill
8:00pm Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
8:30pm El Sistema Spring Concert
9:30pm Girls' Indoor Soccer Final - ESCS v WHCS
10:30pm WSNS Spring Concert
11:30pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

Tuesday, September 1

1:30am SHS Football vs Cambridge
7:00am Kennedy School Gr. K-3 Winter Concert
8:00am Gardening at SPL 7.16.20
8:30am SHS Football vs Pentucket Reg.
10:30am SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
1:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden
2:30pm SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [5/26]
3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut
4:30pm SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18]
6:00pm Argenziano School Spring Concert 2019
7:00pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]
9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
10:30pm WHCIS Innovation Fashion Show 2014
11:00pm Next Wave Virtual Graduation 2020
12:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden
1:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut
3:00am SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Brandon Wilson

talks about the mission of The

Somerville Historical Commission

In these times of pandemic and gentrification, it was imperative for me to speak to someone about the preservaton of what we have. So I contacted Brandon Wilson, Executive Director of the Somerville Historical Preservation Commission.

Doug Holder: Can you describe the mission statement of the Commission?

Brandon Wilson: The mission of the Commission is to ensure Somerville's most important historic properties are preserved. It was established by municipal ordinance in 1985 and is comprised of 14 volunteer members that typically includes architects, architectural historians, owners of locally designated houses, contractors, real estate agents and others with a strong interest in local history. The Commission benefits from Staff provided by the Historic Preservation Division of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD).

Together the staff and the Commission members keep Somerville's history alive by protecting historic properties, collecting photos and documents, and raising awareness of Somerville's history as a community.

DH: How have things changed or not because of COVID?

BW: Interesting question! Like most offices we have pivoted quite a bit, using Zoom for public meetings, working remotely with less access to helpful materials and colleagues, and figuring out ways to highlight Somerville's historic assets to a variety of audiences, in a physically safe and hopefully interesting manner. The pandemic prevents us from bringing groups of people together to enjoy our usual walking tours, bike rides, talk and film series, and docent guides, so we started virtual programming.

Perhaps one of the most popular ideas that we recently launched is a 'I Spy Somerville' series. Every week or so we release a sample image of an often-overlooked physical feature in "Historic Somerville" and we challenge our audience to find other examples around the City. The goal is to highlight Somerville's historic assets and charm, give helpful direction to folks' regular walking and biking during COVID-19, and encourage all to explore different neighborhoods in the City, whether actively or via their computer. We ask everyone to submit a photo, the address, and any lore they know about the image, to win bragging rights, possibly win a prize, and make others aware, and possibly find the object too. Ultimately, we intend to create and map a collection of historically interesting and unique objects around Somerville, including some which may be changing, like artistic manhole covers, or disappearing altogether, like in-ground trash pails.

DH: Not all cities have historical preservation commissions, and if they do, I think many have less visibility than yours does. Why do you think Somerville merits an active historical commission?

BW: It is certainly my hope to give notable visibility to our Preservation Commission because Somerville has such a rich history and architectural legacy to showcase! You often hear about Lexington, Concord and Boston as places to learn about the founding of our nation, but seriously Somerville, as far back as when it was known as 'Beyond the Neck' and part of Charlestown, has many claims to fame too. It was here that the Redcoats' Raid of the Old Powder House took place on September 1,1774 and was said to spark the American Revolution, and that the very high hill overlooking Cambridge and Boston served as the site for George Washington to command the raising of the First Flag of the United Colonies on January 1, 1776.

In addition to our historical significance, Somerville can attest to an amazing array of architectural styles, distinguished architects, and unique buildings like the Round House, the Prospect Hill Tower, and the Somerville Armory, to name but a few examples. The structures also reflect our rich heritage of skilled artisans and builders whose fine craftsmanship is difficult or unaffordable to recreate, so it is important to preserve them, for current, as well as future generations.

The Preservation Commission, in partnership with other local offices and organizations, needs to be both active and

assertive, to ensure the city is recognized as "Historic Somerville!"

DH: You have home preservation awards. Can you talk a bit about this, and how does one qualify for such an award?

BW: The Commission initiated an Awards Program in 1995, making this year our 25th anniversary! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we have hit the pause button for any true celebration. However, not to be totally deterred, we are amid recognizing the 9 property owners who are winning 2020 Preservation or Director Awards for work done over the past couple of years. Owners may nominate their own property or may be nominated by others in the community. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, removal of inappropriate siding materials, repair or restoration of damaged or missing architectural details, removal of enclosed porches or inappropriate windows, repainting with historic colors, and additions that are "historically sympathetic."

As part of our virtual programming, in a periodic newsletter to over 1,000 subscribers, we are highlighting the fine exterior work on the owners' properties with Before, In Progress, and After photos. Later more details will be posted on our website via a PowerPoint presentation which would normally be shown at our annual Awards Ceremony. It is held as part of Preservation Month in May at the Somerville Armory, but naturally it's on hold now. Also, each of the owners were personally interviewed, to hear what restoration or renovation work they did and any helpful lessons they learned. The Somerville Times is publishing the interviews and photos periodically in their weekly newspaper.

What really distinguishes our Awards Program from most other communities is that it involves the students at Somerville High. They create an original piece of artwork representing one of the winning properties, using many forms such as watercolors, pen and ink, computer art, and ceramic tiles. The winning pieces are professionally framed, and a copy is given to the student for their portfolio, as well as to the owner, following a yearlong mobile exhibit to different parts of the City, to showcase both groups' impressive work. The Awards Program benefits from the generosity of local businesses, including Century Bank, Stanhope Framers, restaurants, and several space exhibitors.

DH: What is your own history with Somerville?

BW: I have been a city planner working with the city for several decades, serving under 5 different mayoral administrations, and enduring 40 years this past May! During this time I have been involved with many different types of planning, beginning with citizen participation and school reuse planning in the 1980's, land use and zoning as Planning Director for 14 years, and more recently doing community events, outreach and historic preservation planning. While not my hometown, I love living and working in Somerville where I raised a family, renovate old houses, and engage in lots of civic efforts.

DH: Is rapid gentrification of the city interfering with historical preservation?

BW: Gentrification is a challenge for all cities, and Somerville is no different. It's ironic to me that when I first started working here in 1980 many native residents were leaving for the leafier, less dense, and newer houses in the suburbs, and seemed less interested in the older building stock and local history. Over the years, with new folks coming from all over the country and globe, many of them have been excited to learn about their new community, its history and traditions, and are eager to fix up, adaptively reuse, and appreciate the older architecture here. This change of spirit has made a welcome difference for those of us who care about preserving the beauty and charm of "Historic Somerville" evident in its architecture, artifacts, and community-wide celebrations.

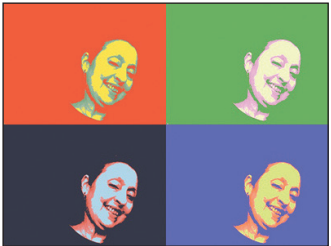


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Thin Pudding Sliding off my Spoon

Sour memories about three sets of
sweatshirts and pants I brought Dad
in his Brookline nursing home

two weeks later not in the laundry gone
stolen despite labels sewed on just a screw-you
mockery of rags dumped on his shelves

whispering 'idiot you absurdly assumed
new sweats would sit here untouched
how stupid can you get how sadly stupid?'

years later Mom's at Belmont Manor
more together than Dad was but some days it's like
thin pudding sliding off my spoon since she knows

I'm her daughter but thinks maybe that woman
across the room is too maybe both of us and I
can't get used to losing connection

drive in tears blistering flares of rage
that her condition's unchangeable can't fix it
can't light sweet fires of calm and comfort

then Sunday notice her fingers bare ask where are
the rings she never takes off her gold wedding ring
and two silver I gave her and though she tries she

can't recall when or where maybe bathing then
turns and opens a drawer by her bed and hands me
a little box with aquamarine earrings saying

"take these home before someone steals them too"
sharp and clear salvaging what she can
managing to give me what's left.

— Nina Rubinstein Alonso

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