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Public state of emergency declaration requested for homelessness in the city



Homelessness in the city is reaching a critical stage according to some city officials and residents.

Somerville City Council members requested that the mayor declare homelessness a public state of emergency at the latest Somerville City Council meeting on Thursday, August 24.

Several resolutions by Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin were approved by the Council, including that the administration update the Council on progress towards providing homeless services. McLaughlin also said that efforts should be made to find suitable temporary and long-term

Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis stated that there should not only be one facility in Davis Square but multiple establishments throughout the city Continued on page 4

Somerville Music Spaces tend to home-grown talent

By Jason Gutierrez

Like many others, my heart ached as live performance faded to oblivion during the COVID-strewn years. Since then, we have witnessed (and perhaps participated) in the post-pandemic concert boom. This renaissance proves the power of live performance and the creative force behind it.

So why is it so difficult for local musicians to hone

Budding and tenured musicians alike face the challenge of finding space to create. Rehearsal opportunities may appear as an unlocked university practice room, your downstairs neighbor's last nerve, or, to our collective dismay, it may not appear at all. The Somerville Music Spaces hopes to offer another option: to create unhindered. Continued on page 4



Rehearsal and performance space issues for musicians and other performing artists are being partially alleviated with the opening of Somerville Music Spaces. — Photos courtesy of Somerville Music Spaces





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In 2022, the Somerville community lost 22 residents due to opioid-related overdose. To commemorate our friends, neighbors, and loved ones who passed away, City of Somerville will place 22 purple flags on the front lawn of City Hall on August 31. One larger flag will also be displayed, representing all Somervillians who have been lost to an opioid-related overdose in the past. City Hall will also be illuminated purple in recognition of National Recovery Month. The flag and light displays will be viewable for the entire month of September.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, and city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m., to learn more, share your experiences using Tufts Street, and discuss what changes you'd like included in its redesign. Learn more and attend at somervillema.gov/tuftsstreet.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to our own photographer, Claudia Ferro. We are very happy to have her as our photographer. We wish her a very happy birthday. Happy birthday Patty Oppedisano. We wish her a great day. Happy birthday to the sister of our former publisher, Marilyn Publicover, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Michael Madden, Leesette Bengar, Isabel Mercauto, Thomas B Mercier, Continued on page 7

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 30 – September 5 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
3 5	Wednesday August 30	Thunderstorms	79°/59°	77%	53%	SW 9 mph
*	Thursday August 31	Sunny	75°/54°	3%	2%	NNW 13 mph
*	Friday September 1	Sunny	74°/57°	2%	1%	NE 7 mph
*	Saturday September 2	Sunny	80°/61°	5%	3%	SW 9 mph
Š	Sunday September 3	Partly Cloudy	81°/65°	10%	7%	S 9 mph
*	Monday September 4	Sunny	86°/64°	5%	3%	SW 8 mph
*	Tuesday September 5	Sunny	87°/67°	7%	4%	S 8 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Cabot, Cabot & Forbes and Cannon Hill Capital Partners Acquire Mystic Avenue Site in Somerville, MA

McLovin says:

Umm no Bill you're wrong Home Depot is closing there and thank god the Loss Prevention guy there was caught online trying to solicit what he thought was a 12 year old girl. Big goofy lookin creeeep!

Response to: Howard Johnson's, Wellington Circle

Steve Keenan says:

The fire was on a cold January night. It was a three alarm fire. People were eating and unaware of

I was in the Golden Egg one morning about 1am years ago. A big brawl broke out. The waiter handing me a menu said" this looks like the biggest one yet." Then a guy all bloodied appears outside the window I was seated at.

Paul Mallahan says:

My Mom worked there for 40 years, they called her ML

Eileen Mallahan/Devlin says:

Oh boy do I remember this place. Spent a lot of weekends there after a night of drinking. This was the place to go to. Oh and by the way my mom worked there for about 40 years. She was a waitress and then the hostess.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Matignon closes



Cambridge, an awful lot of Somerville kids went to Matignon High School. The school is closed for good so I asked for peoples' memories

of Matignon. My own two sons graduated from there and we used to get involved with the social activities. I think it's a shame that it's closing. Each new comment is in quotes.

"Class of '63. It broke my heart to see the school close, but it was inevitable. Extremely high tuition meant fewer kids enrolling. Couldn't keep it open with such low enrollment."

"I think it was a damn shame. They gave kids, families and staff no notice. They found out three weeks before school ended. They had to know before that time that

Even though it was in it was a possibility. It is too bad. I really wish Massachusetts let the money follow the student so we could have school choice. If it did, more would be in Catholic/private school. Especially with the condition of the schools in this city. This is the problem. Politicians know if they do that, public schools would be empty."

> "As demographics in the area changed over the last 30 years, the student population had dwindled to about 200 students. That included a foreign student program and classes for students involved in a hockey program. Couple those enrollment difficulties with the value of Matignon land and the question became not if but when it would close."

> I enjoyed the years that my two sons went to Matignon. It's just a sad day due to another closing.

> I went to St. Clements in grammar school. It also closed down.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

315 Broadway, in conjunction with Micozzi Management are pleased to announce an

Affordable Rental Open Waitlist Opportunity

The application period for a one-bedroom (1BR) Affordable Rental Waitlist will begin on 8/28/2023 at 2pm and end on 9/28/2023 at 2pm.

The Household size must be no more than 2 people.

315 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145

Located in the Winter Hill neighborhood of Somerville, the units offer open-concept floor plans and modern features. Parking is available based on availability and for an additional fee.

Eligible households of 1 or 2 people whose income does not exceed the following:

Maximum Annual Income					
80% AMI	1 Person	2 Persons			
Income	\$82,950	\$94,800			

Eligibility Requirements

- The rental unit must be used as the renters' primary residence.
- Income and residency restrictions will apply throughout tenancy. Income eligibility will be reviewed annually.
- Head of households claiming full-time student status are not eligible.
- Total Household Liquid Assets cannot exceed \$75,000

Applications will be available beginning on 8/28/2023 at 2pm.

To obtain an application, please contact Micozzi Management and reference "315 Broadway 80%" Telephone: 617-254-5576 ex 112 or email: eburkart@micozzimanagement.com

> Completed applications must be submitted to Micozzi Management at eburkart@micozzimanagement.com

or mailed to 159 Cambridge Street, Suite 2, Allston, MA 02134 by 9/28/2023 at 2pm.

Applications received after the deadline will not be added to the waitlist. All qualified applications will be ranked by date and time received. All mailed applications will receive a 7-day grace period





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Somerville Media Center to move to a temporary new facility

The Somerville Media Center (SMC) announced today that it has secured a temporary site in Somerville effective September 1, 2023. With assistance from Rafi Properties, owner, and operator of Somernova (aka Somerville's Innovation Hub), a 7.4-acre innovation campus and community located just outside Union Square. SMC will begin their move from the old firehouse in Union Square next week and expects to begin limited operation at Somernova in a currently vacant space located in the heart of the campus at 12 Tyler Street on September 15, 2023.

The city owned building that SMC has occupied for over 35 years, located in the heart of Union Square at 90 – 92 Union Square, was closed by the City of Somerville and has ordered the current tenants, SMC and the Massachusetts Alliance for Portugese Speakers to vacate the building no later than September 30, 2023.

Jesse Buckley, SMC Board President, states that "Somernova has really come through for us, showing that they are invested in our long-term success by providing temporary space for SMC to continue with our afterschool program and other services while we are in the midst of a more permanent relocation. The fact that our temporary home is so close to the space we will be building for the future makes a difficult time much easier. They are a true partner."

— Somerville Media Center



Public state of emergency declaration requested for homelessness in the city CONT. FROM PG 1

City officials say that around 21 unhoused individuals were sleeping in Chuckie Harris Park, and Mc-Laughlin estimates that hundreds of residents live on the streets.

"This is an emergency that has been ignored and downplayed for far too long," said Somerville resident Kate Bryne, on behalf of Pastor Jordan Harris, adding that the homeless crisis "is a moral failure on the city's part to live in their purported values."

The administration said they were exploring all the options

that are available, including the \$300,000 emergency response fund, set aside to address common necessities of life for residents.

Somerville residents interested

in virtually attending the next city council meeting on September 14 can find the link at: https://somervillema.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

Somerville Music Spaces tend to home-grown talent CONT. FROM PG 1

Jessica Jacobs Tybursky and Mike Tybursky, Somerville Music Spaces co-founders and professional musicians, created the space to bridge the gap between conception and creation. The comfortable and affordable business invites all creatives to flex their musical muscle, meet with collaborators, and create high-quality recordings.

The business offers seven private, acoustically treated rehearsal and performance spaces starting at \$20/hour. Although

Jessica Jacobs Tybursky and the design of each room caters to acoustic, non-amplified instruments and groups, the business welcomes community gatherings, non-musical performances, dance rehearsal, etc.

Housed in the CALA development between Davis and Teele Square, the building itself has been consciously designed with aesthetic appeal and accessibility in mind. Self-service entry ensures low costs and a low barrier to entry for all seeking creative asylum.

The presence of local talent

has never been a question. Perhaps this stimied the development of a space for local musicians to thrive. The Somerville Music Spaces fills that gap and then some, providing creatives affordable, high-quality rehearsal spaces and the ability to connect to their greatest resource – each other.

Somerville Music Spaces is located at 1060 Broadway Suite C101B, Somerville, MA 02144. Online at: https://www.somervillemusicspaces.com.



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City Council addresses community issues and provides updates on city matters

By Cassidy Beek

The Somerville City Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 24, by Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. Topics included the unionization efforts of the State House staff, an update from Mayor Ballantyne on the Winter Hill School and a discussion about the Armory building.

The first item approved was a resolution by Ewen-Campen in support of the Massachusetts State House Employees union. Morgan Simko, one of the lead organizers of the union, was present to speak on the resolu-

tion. The purpose is to acknowledge state legislative staffers' right to decide whether they want to collectively bargain with their employer.

"We expedite workers unemployment claims, bridge the gap that often exists in our Health Care Systems, provide civic engagement opportunities for our communities and we draft legislation that has quite literally saved people's lives," said Simko.

The council then approved items ordered by Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin. The first ordered the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services to conduct

compliance checks on establishments serving liquor to prevent over-serving of alcohol.

McLaughlin mentioned the program Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) which aims to prevent adolescents from getting involved with drugs and alcohol. McLaughlin advocated for the adoption of one of their programs for Somerville, which hires volunteers to visit liquor stores and see if they will be served alcohol without a license.

Orders for the Commissioner of Public Works, Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Inspectional Services to conduct Continued on page 12



Massachusetts State House Employees union organizer Morgan Simko appeared before the Somerville City Council to advocate for a resolution in support of the union's efforts to allow collective bargaining for its members.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on the percentage of times local senators voted with their party's leadership in the 2023 session through August 25.

Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 61 votes from the 2023 Senate session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or on local issues.

The votes of 34 Democrats were compared to Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton), second-in-command in the Senate. We could not compare the Democrats' votes to those of Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) because, by tradition, the Senate president rarely votes.

The senator who voted with Creem the least percentage of times is Sen. Walter Timilty (D-Milton) who voted with her only 52 times (85.2 percent). Rounding out the top four who voted with Creem the least number of times are Sens. John Keenan (D-Quincy) who voted with her 55 times (91.6 percent); and Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and Becca Rausch (D-Needham) who each voted with her 57 times (93.4 percent).

Beacon Hill Roll Call contacted these four senators and asked them to comment on the percentage of times, lower than the other senators, each one voted with the leadership. Only one of the four responded. "I always respect and value the views and contributions of all my colleagues," said Sen. Keenan. "I also recognize the difference in our perspectives and the politics of the districts we represent, and these sometimes lead to differences in voting records. What has always guided me in voting is doing what I believe is right and what best benefits my constituents and all the residents of the commonwealth."

Sens. Timilty, Finegold and Rausch were contacted three times but did not respond.

Overall, 33 of the 34 Democrats (97 percent) voted with Creem 90 percent or more of the time -- including 19 (55.8 percent) who voted with Creem 100 percent of the time and nine (26.4 percent) who voted with Creem all but one time.

The votes of the two Republican senators were compared with those of GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) voted with Tarr 61 times (100 percent) while Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) voted with Tarr 60 times (98.3 percent).

SENATORS' SUPPORT OF THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 25

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times the senator supported his or her party's leadership so far in 2023. The number in parentheses represents the number of times the senator opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some senators voted on all 61 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll calls. The percentage for each senator is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 98.3 percent (1)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DUELING VERSION OF TAX REDUCTION BILLS ARE STILL STUCK IN COMMITTEE (H 377 and S 2406) – A 6-member House-Senate conference committee, appointed on June 20, is still negotiating

ence committee, appointed on June 20, is still negotiating the hammering out of a compromise version of different versions of competing tax relief packages approved by each branch. The Senate's package would cost the state about \$590 million annually, while the House's would cost close to \$1.1 billion.

In the meantime, there are dozens of tax relief bills pending before the Revenue Committee. Here are some of them:

CHARITABLE DEDUCTION (S 1801) – Would allow the state's charitable deduction to be claimed only by taxpayers who do not itemize their federal returns -- a group that supporters say generally consists of lower to moderate income people. They say the bill makes the charitable tax deduction more progressive.

"This bill strikes the right balance between encouraging charitable contributions and ensuring that our tax code is fair," said sponsor Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Marlborough).

DEDUCT COLLEGE TUITION COSTS (S 1884)

 Would allow students or their parents, on their state tax returns, to deduct up to 50 percent of their tuition payments to public colleges in the Bay State.

"An individual choosing to pursue higher education is a student making an investment not only in their own future, but also in the future of the commonwealth," said sponsor Sen. Mike Moore (D-Millbury). "I believe we ought to encourage and celebrate that. At a time when higher education is becoming increasingly unaffordable, creating a tax deduction for students pursuing a degree at one of Massachusetts' world-class colleges or universities seems like a no-brainer. Increasing access to education makes all of us more competitive, more productive and

more successful. Let's do what we can to make higher ed possible for every student who wants it."

ALLOW STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL FEES PAID BY RESIDENTS (H 2868) – Would provide a tax deduction for the school fees that parents must often pay for their public school children and for trash pick-up and disposal fees.

Supporters say most public schools levy a variety of fees on their students including fees to park cars in school lots, to enroll in full-day kindergarten, to ride the school bus, to participate in after-school sports and to join clubs and other extracurricular activities.

"I filed this bill because many families in my district and in MetroWest pay over \$1,000 per year in school fees," said sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick). "All these services were formerly funded through the local property tax, though that is no longer the case. [The bill] will benefit the middle class and help to uplift the purpose of well-rounded public schools."

CONSERVATION LAND TAX CREDIT (H 2839)

– Makes changes to the state's current Conservation Land Tax Credit (CLTC) law which provide an incentive for individuals to donate land in Massachusetts to a public or private conservation agency. The CLTC provides an up to \$75,000 refundable state tax credit equal to 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated property. The land being donated must have significant conservation value, which includes forest land, farmland, land used for wildlife protection and projects essential to water quality protection.

The bill would increase the current annual statewide maximum total CLTC cap allowed from \$2 million to \$5 million over a three-year period.

The \$5 million cap will remain in effect until December 31, 2034, at which time the cap will revert back to \$2 million.

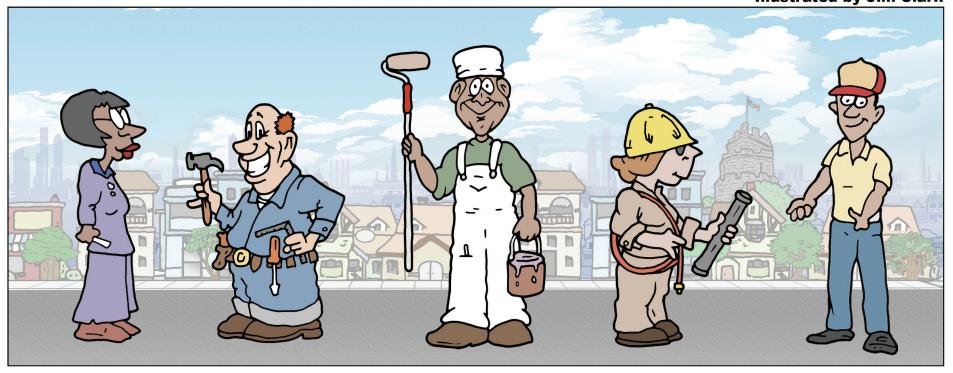
"For every \$1 in tax credits paid out under this program, the state has leveraged \$4.16 of private land donated value, which is a tremendous return," said sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "Since the CLTC was launched, it has protected over 15,000 acres of land with an appraised value of over \$89 million, with many more projects already lined up seeking a tax credit. Increasing the annual cap will help clear up the waiting list and allow more landowners to take advantage of the tax credit while also ensuring that more of the state's natural resources are protected."

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



America's labor force enjoys its special day.

Our View Of The Times



While its precise origins in the late nine-teenth century are a bit unclear, the observance of Labor Day has generally come to signify a celebration of the common working class in America, in a somewhat similar fashion as that of International Workers Day on May 1 throughout other parts of the world.

The occasion also traditionally marks the symbolic end of the summer high sea-

son, when kids are back in school and vacation time is over for many. Still, a few lingering remnants of summer can be enjoyed on weekends and anytime one has a day off or well-earned vacation time to spend.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street

parade to exhibit "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

While we don't hold parades on this day in our community, we do tend to celebrate in our own ways, with late season picnicking, family get togethers, backyard grilling, and the like.

For some, simply sitting back in a favorite lounge chair, enjoying a celebratory beverage and watching TV on that extra day off is more than enough.

So, let's take a moment to congratulate one another on one more year of work well done and faithful service in our jobs.

It's not a small thing at all, really.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Donna M Morabito, Mary Casavant, Len Glionna, Dennis Kacoyanis, Len Glionna, Patty Oppedisano, Nick Stavre and Guillermo Hamlin 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.

September is also Recovery Month. Attend a virtual overdose prevention and Narcan administration training on Tuesday, September 5, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Follow this link to attend: bit. ly/odprevention23. Additional Narcan distributions will take place Thursday,

September 14, at 165 Broadway and Thursday, September 28, at Statue Park in Davis Square, both from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit: www.somervillema.gov.

Somerville Jr. Highlanders Softball is looking for more participants. Please email jrhighlandersoftball@gmail.com with any questions.

The Somerville Council on Aging hosts Bowling at Flatbread Company/Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Free. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Somerville Fire Department's annual fire hydrant inspections have begun and will continue through Saturday, September 2. Disturbed water main sediment can potentially cause rusty or discolored water, but does not pose a health hazard. It could stain fabric, however, so residents are advised not to do laundry while water is discolored. This rusty condition will be temporary. Anyone with questions about this procedure may contact the Somerville Fire Department at 617-623-1700. Learn more at city's website: https://

www.somervillema.gov.

Visit the Somerville Flea, Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., through October 29. Four dozen local vintage and artisan vendors, farm stand, live music, and DJ, all in the heart of Davis Square. The best local vintage purveyors and artisans are back. Come on out and support them and what they do. Shop small and shop local. Explore and discover that special thing you never knew you even existed but can't live without. One hundred steps from the Davis Square T stop.

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's lio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. When is World Letter Writing Day?

mixture, hodgepodge

2. When is National Cheese Pizza Day?

3. Why is Labor Day celebrated?

4. Which president signed the bill that made Labor Day a national holiday?

5. When did the first Labor Day parade in the nation take place?

6. When was the law that enacted the 8-hour workday for railway workers passed?

7. According to the Emily Post Institute,

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is it okay to wear white clothing after Labor Day?

8. Who was the only member of The Beach Boys who actually surfed?

9. Where was boxing champ Rocky Marciano born?

10. When did New England's Dark Day occur?

11. When was the last year that Lincoln Wheat Pennies were minted?

12. Who is known to be the first coin collector?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.

2. Queen Elizabeth II's cows slept on waterbeds.

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ACROSS

1. Century Gothic, e.g.

5. Good times

8. Pi times radius squared

12. D'Artagnan's sword

13. Before "saw" and "conquered"

14. Honeybunch

15. Contagious skin bump

16. Centers of activity

17. One of a duo on "Sesame Street"

18. Estrogen and testosterone

20. Tiny piece of anything

21. Pertaining to ear

22. Pocket watch chain

23. Bed "on the tree top"

26. Home ground

30. Yankee's foe 31. Heart-to-heart

34. First Nation nation

35. Clumsy

37. Summer mo.

38. Boris Godunov and Nicholas Romanov

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40. Last in octad

42. Intelligent humor

43. Win or go home competition

45. Actor Snipes

47. Not stood

48. Knitter's unit

50. Eye part

52. Vitamins' partners

55. Old-time calculators

56. Port of Yemen

57. Memorization method

59. Greek Bs

60. Bank on

61. Crazy one

62. Yamaguchi or Hamill's jump

63. "Bad" cholesterol, acr.

64. Rudolph, e.g.

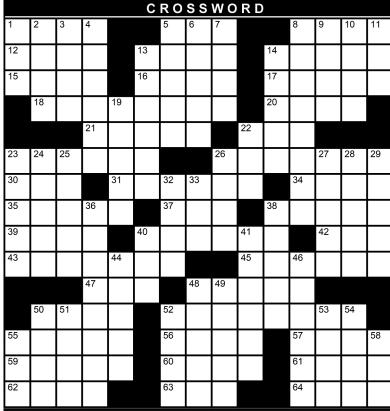
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1. Like proud marines

2. Moonfish

3. Infamous Roman Emperor

4. Between triad and pentad





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5. Flora's partner

6. Umbrella-like inflorescence

7. "The Untouchables" leader

8. Richard Simmons' workout

9. Deliver a tirade

10. Lake north of Cleveland

11. Sailor's assent

13. Uncontrollable movement disorder

14. Retire from military

19. Deprive by deceit

22. "All the rage" diet, e.g.

23. Way to curl hair

24. Pertaining to kidneys

25. Manila hemp

26. H in HIIT

27. Type of fishing net

28. Eagle's nest

29. Easily irritated

32. Naive, alt. spelling

33. Excavated

36. Annual exam

38. Not our

40. Young newt

41. Maid to a maid

44. Desert mirage

46. L. Carroll's and J. Heller's characters

48. Chose between competitors

49. Funereal bell sound

50. Wild goat

51. Loan attribute

52. Lime-rich soil

53. Dirty money

54. Greek portico

55. Legal grp.

58. Heart test acronym

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Tenoch Mexican

I have driven past this location many times only to think to myself, I must give this place a try. Well, I finally went, and now I'm kicking myself for not going sooner. I guess better late than never!

Upon walking in, I noticed there were about seven tables. Not a very big place, but I observed many orders were take-out. The staff was very friendly and eager to provide answers to any questions.

There were many great items to choose from, tortas chingonas, tacos, burritos quesadillas, plates of rice, beans, pico de gallo, and choice of protein, and enchiladas.

They also run specials. On this particular day they had gamachas, two corn tortillas, beans, suadero beef, po-

tatoes, fresco cheese, onions, and hot sauce. Of course, I ordered the special along with two tacos, one chicharon, and the other carnitas. Needless to say, there was plenty of food for myself and my partner in crime.

The tacos were extremely fresh and bursting with flavor. The pork was very tender and succulent. And the avocado crema cooled it down a bit. The gamachas were a total meal within itself.

Typically, suadero beef has a tendency to be a bit tough, but it was tender enough with a slight chew that was barely noticed with the rest of the accourrements. This is definitely a fantastic value.

Currently there are seven locations, and three of them offer breakfast options. This one in Somerville is one of them. They also offer catering services. Check out the link to the web-



site below.

Tenoch Mexican 382 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144 617-764-1906 tenochmexican.com \$3.75-\$9.50

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.

Visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

Notice of Death

Ruth (Tseko) DiGregorio of Somerville, MA, peacefully passed away at age 95 on August 1, 2023.

Ruth was beloved wife (66 years) of Anthony DiGregorio, also from Somerville, and devoted mother of Michael DiGregorio, of New York and Donna DiGregorio, of Wellfleet, MA.

Ruth was the last surviving child of the 8"TSEKO" siblings. She was also a dear aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Ruth spent her entire life helping others!

A memorial talk will be on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 1pm. Location: Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 11 North Street, Somerville, MA 02144.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated April 28, 2023 given by I K Real Estate Development, LLC to RD W SPV LLC, said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 81477 Page 381, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of September 2023 at 23-25 Day Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: 23-25 Day Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly side of Day Street, distant 43 feet from Orchard Street; thence running

Northwesterly at right angles with Day Street, about Seventy-Nine (79) feet to land now or late of Charles W. Parkhurst; thence running

Northeasterly by said land now or formerly of Charles H. Parkhurst. Forty-Five (45) feet, more or less, to land now or late of Susan Collins; thence running

Southeasterly on land now or late of Susan Collins, eighty one feet and five inches (81'5") to Day Street; thence running

Southwesterly on said Day Street, forty-Eight feet and Five inches (48'5") to the point of beginning.

Subject to, and with the benefit of, all rights, rights of way, reservations, restrictions, easements, agreements and appurtenances of record, insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

For title reference, see deed recorded herewith at the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds [Book 81477, Page 378].

Premises to be sold and conveved subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

RD W SPV LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610 Quincy, MA 02169

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 9/13/2023 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Jose Vega unit #0621; Shantal Fury unit #1592; Cleston Jose Nunes/Orion Builders INC unit #368MZ. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS County of Middlesex The Superior Court

CA. No. 2381CV02315

RE:

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ResCap Liquidating Trust, successor in interest to Residential Capital, LLC and its subsidiary, GMAC MORTGAGE LLC s/b/m to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, its successors, assigns and/or any persons claiming by, through or under any of it

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by John F. Page, Personal Representative to the Estate of Timothy Page wherein they are seeking alternative service of process by publication in this quiet title and declaratory judgment action pertaining to the title to the real estate at 77 Liberty Avenue, Unit 6, Somerville, MA more particularly described in a deeds filed with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 31035, Page 342.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on NOVEMBER 13th, 2023 (insert return date) or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Superior Court Clerk of Court at 200 Trade Center, 2nd Floor, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, with a copy to Scott J. Clifford, Esquire, Law Offices of Lipsey Clifford, P.C., 1165 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339 and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the Defendant identified herein above that after diligent search Plaintiff can find no such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service, it is **ORDERED** that notice of this suit be given to the Defendant by publishing on 2 occasions in The Somerville <u>Times</u>, with said publication to be at least 20 days before the return

Dated at Woburn, Massachusetts this 15th day of AUGUST, 2023.

<u>Sarrouf</u> , Justice

Clerk of the Courts

Arthur Johns Deputy Assistant Clerk

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB # 24-12

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

Residential Property Rodent Control Assistance Program

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) may be obtained online at www.bidexpre https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 3:00 pm, Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The Chief Procurement Officer 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

Please email Felisa Garate at fgarate@somervillema.gov for more information.

> Felisa Garate Procurement Analyst 617-625-6600 x3406

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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 virtual public hearing on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/108482648579988822 Webinar ID: 204-029-771

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0052 Access code: 670-295-869

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

45 Mystic Ave

Mystic 45 Development LLC proposes a Master Plan for a Lab Building and a Pocket Plaza in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD), which requires a Special Permit.

394 McGrath Hwy Sugarloaf Development seeks a Major Amendment to a previously granted Site Plan Approval (P&Z 21-122) for an Apartment Building in the MR4 zoning district.

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

rvillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zo 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 PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #24-06

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

Kennedy School Chiller Replacement

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after

Filed sub-bids for DCAMM category HVAC Mechanical and Electrical are due by 9/21/2023 at 2:00pm

Sealed general bids with DCAMM certification General Construction are due by 10/22/2023 at 2:00pm.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves 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 Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more

5% Bid Deposit required. Prevailing wage applies.

Andrea Caruth Deputy Chief Procurement Officer 617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS KATJANA BALLANTYNE MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on <u>Thursday September</u> <u>7th</u>, <u>6:30 PM</u>. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this hearing will

REGISTER ONLINE

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JmAe0NSyQ-uhkqzt_2i8tw

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning

- NRL WSC 200 Inner Belt Prop, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 200 Inner Belt Road from Commercial Industry (CI) to High-Rise (HR).
- Daniel C. and Lieba R. Savitt requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 113 Prospect Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence
- · David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 10.3, Development Standards, and Table 10.4.1. to include vegetated roofs

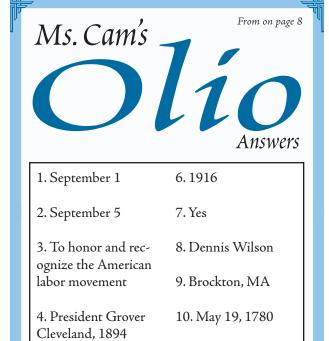
Zoning amendments may be viewed online by searching the Somerville City Council's online meeting calendar: https://somervillema.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process.

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Somerville invites community to help update city's Climate Action Plan



The City of Somerville is updating its climate action plan, Climate Forward, and Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is calling on community members to get involved. Launched in 2018, Climate Forward established 13 top strategies to reduce Somerville's contribution to climate change and to create a more climate-resilient community. It provides the framework for collective action on climate change across different sectors, including buildings, mobility, natural environment, community, and leadership.

Climate Forward was designed to be updated every five years to meet changing needs and seize new strategies to reach our goals. Since 2018, our community has made tremendous progress on the original action items in the plan, reducing greenhouse gas emissions while enhancing equity-centered resiliency. Now it's time to renew Climate Forward, drawing on more recent climate data and community feedback. Input from local stakeholders is essential to shaping our collective response to climate change.

"Climate change isn't some far away event that we are buckling up for. It's here now, it's a crisis, and we must act to slow the impacts," said Mayor Ballantyne. "Getting involved with Somerville Climate Forward is a good way to make a difference. Rethinking city policies and systems can have a large impact on carbon emissions as well as on resources for residents - especially the most vulnerable who will otherwise be hardest hit by climate impacts. We are fortunate to live in a community where people are ready to come together, brainstorm good ideas, and do our part. I hope to see a big response to this. Our planet - and our kids that we will leave it to - certainly need us."

There are several ways to make your voice heard:

Take the Climate Forward Community Survey: Answer questions about resiliency, energy, transportation, behavior changes, engagement, and more. The survey is available online in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Nepali, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese at somervillema.gov/climateforward2023.

Connect with City staff: Find the Climate Forward table at an event this summer and fall, like SomerStreets, Fluff Festival, and the Fall 2023 City Hall Community Meetings.

Leave a comment, idea, or question on the Climate Forward 2023 website.

Join a focus group: The city will launch a series of focus groups later this year. Keep an eye out for more information and participation instructions.

The city will continue gathering feedback through December 2023, and the final update will be published April 2024.

For more information, go to somervillema.gov/climateforward2023 or contact Emily Sullivan at esullivan@ somervillema.gov or 781-823-9248.

Somerville commemorating Annual International Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) invite the community to join in recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2023. Somerville Prevention is also hosting several awareness events throughout the month of September, which has been designated National Recovery Month to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and addiction recovery practices.

In 2022, the Somerville community lost 22 residents due to opioid-related overdose. To commemorate our friends, neighbors, and loved ones who passed away, City of Somerville will place 22 purple flags on the front lawn of City Hall on August 31. One larger flag will also be displayed,

representing all Somervillians who have been lost to an opioid-related overdose in the past. City Hall will also be illuminated purple in recognition of National Recovery Month. The flag and light displays will be viewable for the entire month of September.

Community members interested in learning more about overdose prevention are also invited to join Somerville Prevention for a virtual Overdose Prevention and Narcan Administration training on September 5 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Follow this link to attend: bit.ly/odprevention23.

The training will teach attendees how to prevent, recognize, and respond to an opioid-related overdose.

In addition, Somerville Prevention staff will also host three Narcan Distribution Events to distribute free overdose prevention information and harm reduction materials, including Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, CPR face shields, and syringe disposal boxes.

The events are currently scheduled for:

Thursday, August 31, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)

Thursday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., East Somerville (165 Broadway)

Thursday, September 28, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Davis Square, Statue Park

Through September, community members are also encouraged to wear or display the color purple to help raise awareness of the national opioid epidemic. Examples of ways to show support include wearing a purple ribbon



22 purple flags will be placed in remembrance of those in Somerville who have lost their lives to overdoses in 2022. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

or purple clothing, hanging a purple flag or ribbon, or installing a purple light bulb in a porch light or in a lamp visible from a window.

For more information, please

contact Prevention Services
Manager Matthew Mitchell at
mmitchell@somervillema.gov
and be sure to follow Somerville
Prevention on Instagram: @
somervilleprevention.

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daily inspections of liquor stores were approved. The orders seek to ensure cleanliness outside of the properties and fine business in violation.

Mayor Ballantyne conveyed a communication on the Winter Hill Community Innovation School situation. School is set to start on time at the two new Winter Hill locations. The Edgerly Education Center will welcome grades 1-8 on Wednesday, August 30, and the Capuano Early Childhood Center will welcome Pre-K and kindergarten students on September 5. Work is currently underway at Edgerly with final construction finishing and cleanup still ongoing.

Ballantyne thanked the teams involved that worked tirelessly all summer to ensure a safe learning environment for the children of Somerville. "In 9 short weeks we mobilized countless resourc-

es to move over 430 students and staff to two new buildings. We have brought in an Emergency Management Consultant to set up an incident command center and built a team of over 30 people from a dozen different departments, running task forces, managing food and nutrition, transportation and mobility recreation, after school programming, communication and finance, and of course renovation and construction," said the mayor.

Tours will be provided for Edgerly families on the evenings of Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29, to get a sense of the new space.

While the last nine weeks have primarily been focused on safely moving students to new locations, the city has also been assessing the Winter Hill Community Innovation school at Sycamore Street. The engineers and

architects have completed their broader structural evaluation of the existing Winter Hill building and are currently using the data to prepare conceptual designs, including renovations, additions or total reconstruction. Ballantyne said their finished reports are expected by September.

To review the timeline for the continued work, watch for updates on the Winter Hill website at somervillema.gov/whcis.

The council then shifted to the regular order of business by approving to reappoint Kimberly M. Wells to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.

One order by Councilor At-Large Jake Wilson requested the Director of Mobility work to install wayfinding signage on the Community Path, including freeway exit style signage on the Community Path Extension as some segments limited access. Wilson also ordered the Director of Mobility to update the council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city with a focus on Davis Square and Union Square, including using intersection daylighting space for bike racks. Ewen-Campen agreed with the demand for additional bike parking spaces in the city and added the high school to this list of places in need of bike racks. Following Ward 5 Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad's addition of Ball Square to the list, the order was approved.

Lastly, Gomez Mouakad discussed an order for the Director of the Arts Council and Director of Economic Development to take the steps outlined within, relative to the Armory building. Gomez Mouakad initiated the order as she felt the Directors of Arts of the Arts Council and Economic Development must immediately engage The Arts at

the Armory and other Arts tenants in the planning process for the Armory building and include them in the master plan advisory committee

Also discussed was a resolution by Gomez Mouakad for the administration to report to the council on the usage of the Armory building by existing tenants, city tenants and the vacancies within the building. Full transparency was solicited on the issue, including assessments on the tenants that currently reside, how the space is being used and the fees collected. Councilors At-Large Willie Burnley, Jr. and Kristen Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen also signed on.

"I feel optimistic that we can do right by Arts at the Armory and all the other important tenants in the Armory and give them a longterm home," said Ewen-Campen, agreeing with Gomez Mouakad.

State health officials announce first two human cases of West Nile virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced the first two human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in state residents this year. One individual is a female in her 70s who was exposed to the virus in another part of the country. The second individual is a male in his 40s who was exposed in Middlesex County, an area already known to be at moderate risk.

The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in the Greater Boston area (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties), and in parts of Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire, Plymouth, and Worcester counties. There are no additional risk level changes indicated at this time.

"This is the first time that West Nile virus infection has been identified in Massachusetts residents this year," said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. "August and September are the months when most people are exposed to West Nile virus in Massachusetts. Populations of mosquitoes that can carry and spread this virus are fairly large this year and we have seen recent increases in the number of WNV-positive mosquito samples from multiple parts of the Commonwealth."

In 2022, there were eight human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

"We are coming to the unofficial end of summer but mosquitoes with West Nile virus will persist for several more months," said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. "To avoid mosquito bites, use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, wear clothing to reduce exposed skin, drain standing water and repair window screens. We also encourage everyone to regularly visit DPH's mosquito-borne diseases web pages to stay informed on when and where WNV activity is occurring."

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors.

Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.

The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito

Wearing long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools - especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV



and EEE positive results, can be found on Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases

calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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Come find out more about Pack 3's ADVENTURES!

• Friday, September 8, 2023 @ 6:00 PM @ Powder House Park - 850 Broadway, Somerville

Open house with Pizza and Games in the park All are welcome - Bring chairs if you have them Contact us for rain location

• Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 5:45 PM @ Connexion – 149 Broadway, Somerville September Pack Meeting – skits, songs, snacks, and info All are welcome

Check Out Scouts BSA instead: http://troop3somerville.org RSVP today! Can't make the meetings? No problem—we do something awesome almost every week. Contact us for more info or to join in!

Facebook: facebook.com/somervillepack3 Email: info@somervillepack3.org

Questions? Get in touch! Website: **somervillepack3.org**

Cub Scouts is a program for kids and their families--every family pitches in to help out. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a Do Your Best attitude. Can't make the September meetings? No problem—contact the pack, and we'll keep you informed about future activities. Annual fees will be about \$300 for this school year--the rest of us can help out if the cost is a showstopper for you. Pack 3 is an all-volunteer group of families who welcome and embrace people of diverse race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic status, family structure, and physical or mental ability. We practice character, citizenship, sportsmanship, fitness, outdoor skills, personal and family growth, respect for others, and friendly service, and we have lots of fun!













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Moving season reminders and resources for Somerville residents

September 1 is approaching, which means moving season is upon us. If you're getting ready to move, here are some reminders and resources to help make the process go smoothly:

Get a Permit for Your Moving Van

You can apply for a moving van permit and pay to reserve a parking spot before you move. Permits cost \$40 per day for up to three days, and parking signs cost \$5. If there's a meter, you'll need to pay an additional \$35 per day to reserve the spot.

Bring your completed application to the Parking Department for immediate processing, or mail it to 133 Holland St. If you mail in your application, you can pick up the permit within 10 business days. Find the permit application and instructions at somervillema. gov/parking.

You'll probably have a lot of trash to get rid of after unpacking. Thankfully, most of your trash is probably fine for curbside pickup. Put moving boxes out with your recycling in 3'x3' pieces tied together in a bundle. To recycle a mattress, contact 311 (617-666-3311 from outside of Somerville) and schedule pickup. Find out how to get rid of any item using the Waste Wizard at somervillema.gov/ wastewizard, or call 311.

Get a Permit for Your Personal Vehicle and for Your Visitors

If you'll be keeping a car in Somerville, you'll need a resident parking permit. Apply online, or bring in or mail your completed application to the Parking Department (133 Holland St.) with a copy of your vehicle registration showing that your car is registered in Massachusetts and Get Rid of Trash and Recycling garaged under the Somerville

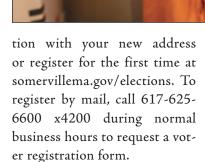
address. You will also need proof of residency, like a utility bill or bank statement.

If you need to update your vehicle registration or are waiting for proof of residency, you can apply for a 30-day temporary parking permit free of charge. Bring your current registration and a copy of your signed lease/ rental agreement. You can also apply for a two-day (\$20) or three-day (\$40) visitor parking permit with proof of residency. For all parking permit applications and instructions, go to somervillema.gov/parking.

Check Street Signs to Avoid **Parking Tickets**

The City of Somerville regularly cleans the streets from April to December. Check posted street signage to confirm when parking restrictions are in effect.

Update Your Voter Registration Update your voter registra-



Update Your City Alert Regis-

If you're new to Somerville, sign up to receive City alerts by

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville invite community members to provide public comments about rent stabilization at a third and final listening session. The City hosted two listening sessions last month and is holding a third session for anyone who was unable to attend earlier or has additional comments. The City has also extended the written comment period through September 10. Comments should address specific elements of Somerville's proposed new rent stabilization rules, which, if approved by the City Council and the State Legislature, would become Somerville law. Some example considerations are:

Tools to ensure sustainably affordable rental prices:

Should rent stabilization take effect starting the day the law is passed? If not, when should it take effect? (Example: One year before the day the law is passed.)

Should income be used to decide who lives in rent-stabilized units? (Example: Low-income tenants prioritized over higher earners.)

How much can landlords raise rent when a lease is renewed?

Who should make sure the rent stabilization law is followed? The City Council? A new board?

Tools to ensure housing production is not slowed down:

If a tenant moves out of an apartment, should the rent increase limit still apply, or can a landlord raise it more?

Should property owners be allowed to raise rents if they improve the unit or if taxes or utilities go up?

Should anyone be exempt from the rent stabilization law?

Should the rent stabilization law apply to new buildings?

The final listening session is on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be hosted in a hybrid format, with the opportunity to participate in person at the Armory or remotely on Zoom. This session will be recorded and posted on voice.somervillema.gov/adtf and the cityTV YouTube channel at youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV.

How to Provide Comment

Register & Speak at a Listening Session: Advance registration is required to speak at the session. Sign up by Sunday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. at voice.somervillema. gov/adtf or by calling 311 (617-666-3311). Registration is only required for those providing comments. If you do not register ahead of time but wish to speak, we will do our best to accommodate you but cannot guarantee you will have an opportunity to do so.

Submit Written Comment: Written comments will also be accepted until midnight on Sunday, September 10, by email to adtf@somervillema.gov or by mail at: City of Somerville, Attn: Luis Quizhpe, Office of Community Development and Strategic Planning, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

How to Attend the Listening Session

Attend in person at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.

Join online: Find the Zoom link at voice.somervillema.gov/adtf

Join by phone: Dial +1 646-931-3860 - Enter Webinar ID: 868 4093 0785 - Enter Passcode: 464941

Project Delta Kits donated by area Masons

On Friday, August 25, members of the King Solomon's Masonic Lodge of Somerville along with the Delta Lodge of Braintree donated Project Delta Kits to the Somerville Police Department.

The kits are small bags filled with stuffed animals. They are meant to be used to provide comfort to a small child by a first responder, where they can give the child a stuffed animal to keep. It allows for a distraction, redirection, or something to focus on while the child may be involved in a situation of stress or trauma; an accident, a fire, domestic situation etc.

The bags that these kits are made up of can also be used in an emergent situation

to gather together belongings should the need arise and there is a sudden requirement to remove the child for any reason.

Kits were provided for every police cruiser and the Masons will replenish them as needed, free of charge.

The same Lodges also went to the Department of Children and Families right after this and donated ten large stuffed animals along with bags for similar reasons to Case manager Alfred Totten and Jacob McNally. It is the 3rd donation of this kind to them since April of this year.

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Masons attending the presentation included Mark AuBuchon and Andrei Gregori, both from King Solomon's Lodge, along with Jonathan Hinthorne from Delta Lodge, who is the inspiration for the kits and Lt. William Rymill of the Somerville Police Department from Thomas Talbot Lodge. He, Lt. Carmine Vivolo, and Captain Jefferey Digregorio are the officers attending from the Somerville Police Department.

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The Massachusetts State Budget – How will It Impact Somerville in FY2024?



Bv Will Mbah Candidate for Somerville City Councilor at Large

Each year at this time, when the state of Massachusetts finishes its budget, our finance officers at city hall must take a careful look at what the governor and legislators have done, in order to determine

what new monies or cuts in funding the city can expect.

This exercise, of course, is very important for the Mayor, councilors and agency heads. It should also be of interest to citizens so that we can better understand the financial process, adjust our expectations, and more effectively advocate for the programs we need.

Here is how I am looking at the new State Budget

First, I have started by checking the two largest transfers of state monies that come to the city every year:

- + Aid to the Schools (called "Chapter 70 Aid") is distributed to each city and town based its public school enrollment. The funds go into the city school budget and are spent on basic operations of the schools. Somerville's share this year will be \$21.2 million, a small increase from \$20.9 million in FY2023.
- + Unrestricted General Government Aid is a distribution of the Lottery and Gaming revenue to the towns and cities. These monies go into the city's general fund to be used for any agency operations or services, with emphasis on education and transportation. Somerville's share will be \$30.1 million, up from \$29.1 last year.

No last minute changes were made in these lines in the state budget, so the corresponding Somerville budget lines will not need any adjustment.

The more interesting part of the state budget involves a variety of grant programs - some of which we have already come to rely on in Somerville, but a few of which are new in 2024. As a council candidate, I am looking at areas, such as economic development and workforce support and training, clean energy, and traffic/transportation infrastructure grants. As a parent, I am looking closely at school-related programs and, in particular, at the state's assistance for early education and childcare.

A few of my first observations

First, a very welcome new program will provide free meals for all children in the public schools. This will end the requirement for the schools to administer eligibility and handle lunch payments. It ends any stigma or bias among the kids and should insure that everybody gets a nutritious breakfast or lunch. Somerville reported spending \$4.2 million on school meals in 2022. Now the FY2024 state budget has appropriated \$69 million of new money for school lunches - which calculates at \$100 per child statewide. If my math is correct, Somerville will see about \$440,000 in new school meals funding.

A second area, where the state budget shows expanded funding is for pre-Kindergarten and child care programs. However, calculating Somerville's share will require a somewhat more complicated analysis. There is some confusion in the numbers because the new state money is, in large part, intended to replace federal COVID and ARPA grants that will be finishing by the end of FY2024. The confusion appears to result from the way the appropriations have been structured in different line items in the state FY2024 budget.

In the past two weeks there have been reports that Head Start and possibly other early education programs in Somerville will suffer a substantial loss of funding, because the Governor's vetoed two line items in the Early Education appropriations. Other reports, however, have noted substantial increases in the funding for Early Education and Childcare.

My own fast reading of the state budget appears to show the following. There will be a total of \$1.36 billion for all the programs of Early Education and Childcare, which is an increase of \$200 million over last year and \$500 million over FY2022.

This broad total has been divided into 18 specific line items. The two largest are traditional programs that are "per child" based and, therefore, remain fairly steady year to year. These are (i) the program of the Department of Children and Families that pays child care costs for homeless, disabled and foster care children (\$346 million statewide) and (ii) Income-Eligible Child Care that pays child-care and pre-K fees for low-income families (\$407 million statewide).

For a three years period, the COVID/ARPA grants

have provided \$750 million statewide for support the operations of early education programs; to supplement teacher salaries and provide professional training, and to assist parents to find, enroll and pay for child care and pre-K. These monies appear in the line item called "C3 Stabilization," which last year had \$373 million and in FY2024 will have \$475 million.

Somerville has reported its share of the three-year COVID/ARPA funding at \$6.6 million (reported in March 2023 by the Schools Committee).

In addition to these large programs the state budget has line items for 15 smaller programs, which focus on specific groups of families and providers - public school pre-K programs, Head Start, partner programs with the city schools, and independent licensed child care centers. It is among these smaller programs that certain advocates have noted a potential shortfall at the local level.

Specifically, the Governor has vetoed a line item titled "Center-Based Child Care Rate Increase," which was proposed at \$35 million statewide. It was to provide funds to pay higher rates for children receiving pre-K and child care from licensed centers. A second parallel line item titled "Early Education and Child Care Rate Increase" was approved for \$20 million, state-wide. It would fund rate increases for all types of programs, school-based, partnership and licensed centers. A third parallel item, entitled "Grants to Head Start Programs" was set at \$16.5 million, which is one million dollars less than the legislators proposed.

The Community Action Agency of Somerville, which runs a Head Start program for 220 children, has called these reduced allocations to be "unconscionable cuts that undermine the value and respect for educators." By contrast, the Governor in her veto/reduction statements said that the funds for these purposes are found in the other programs, which can cover the same needs and same providers.

Will Somerville be facing a shortfall in its state-assisted early education funding? The answer to this question appears to lie in the details of applicability and eligibility that the state Department of Early Education will fix for each program. We will be tracking this carefully.

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Tufts street transportation safety improvements community meeting



Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, and city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting about transportation safety improvements on Tufts Street.

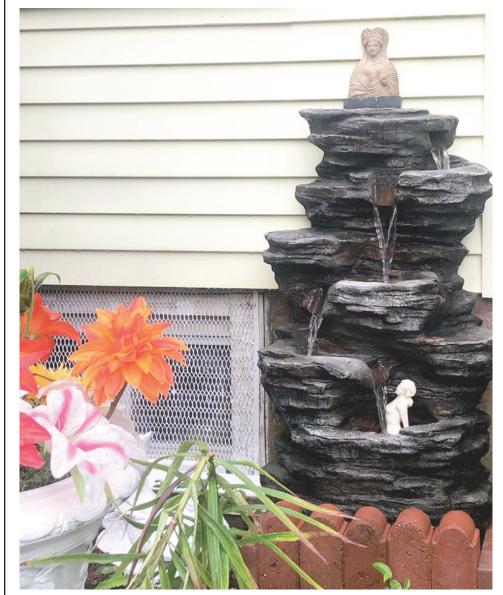
The city is reconstructing Tufts Street and its sidewalks as part of the citywide Pavement and Sidewalk Management Program.

This presents an opportunity to redesign the street to make it safer for all users. Tufts Street is a residential street that serves as an important connection to the new East Somerville Green Line station. It's also designated as a Neighborway in the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan, so the new design will prioritize traffic-calming elements to reduce speeds and discourage cut-through traffic. Join this community meeting to learn more, share your experiences using Tufts Street, and discuss what changes you'd like included in its redesign.

The city will continue community engagement through the fall, share a conceptual design for public feedback this winter, and present final designs next spring. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2024 and continue through 2025.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. You can also take a 5-minute survey on the project website to help inform the street's redesign. Learn more, take the survey, and find the virtual meeting link at somervillema.gov/tuftsstreet.

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Urban oasis...

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On This Day in Kistory

August 30

1781 – The French fleet arrives in the Chesapeake Bay to aid the American Revolution.

1860 - The first British tramway is inaugurated at Birkenhead by an American, George Francis Train.

1892 - The Moravia, a passenger ship arriving from Germany, brings cholera to the United States.

1932 - Nazi leader Hermann Goering is elected president of the Reichstag.

1963 - Hot Line communications link installed between Moscow and Washington, DC.

1967 - US Senate confirms Thurgood Marshall as first African-American Supreme

1979 - First recorded instance of a comet (Howard-Koomur-Michels) hitting the sun

1983 – The Eiffel Tower welcomes its 150 millionth visitor.

1986 - KGB arrests journalist Nicholas Daniloff (US News World Report) on a charge of spying and hold him for 13 days.

Kiwanis annual school supplies donations

For the fourth year, members of the Kiwanis Club of Somerville have been providing school supplies and backpacks for middle school and high school students who are most in need of assistance.

Some of those students may be living in foster homes or shelters but attending school in Somerville. The students who will receive the backpacks have been identified by the Somerville Parent Information Center and the Prospect Hill Academy.

Over the past month, Kiwanis members have collected school supplies donated by local businesses, residents, supporters and members, including many supplies donated at two weekend donation events at Staples at Assembly Row.

The biggest single donation of 200 high-quality backpacks was made by PUMA North America and their Joint Venture Partner United Legwear. PUMA North American headquarters is located at Assembly Row. In addition to the backpacks, eleven PUMA North America employees assisted Somerville Kiwanis members in packing 200 backpacks with school supplies that were donated or purchased by the club.

On Thursday afternoon of last week,

Kiwanis President Haley Adams led the members and volunteers in packing and preparing the backpacks for distribution. Other members participating included District Lieutenant Governor Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, Treasurer Catia Aruda, Secretary Paul Upton, Distinguished Past Presidents Bob Nissenbaum, Susan Callahan, Past Presidents, Frank Wright, Bill Lemos, Members Rod Laurenz, Tom Bent and Steve Coughlin, with volunteers Sonia Trinh with Kaisen and Taeden Trinh.

PUMA volunteers were led by Megan Klein, Coordinator of Workplace Experience, and employees Brittany Bianchi, Matthew Belsito, Cathy Tran, Heather Bentall, Mark Mulvaney and Chris Shuley.

President Haley Adams expressed the Club's thanks to everyone who donated supplies, especially PUMA North America and their Joint Venture Partner United Legwear for donating the 200 backpacks. Without their generous support and the help of so many in our community, this program would not be possible.

To learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, visit their website: www. somervillekiwanis.org or like them on Facebook: Kiwanis Club of Somerville.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Somerville: Seated L-R, Rod Laurenz, Catia Aruda, President Haley Adams, Susan Callahan and Paul Upton. Standing, Bill Lemos, Tom Bent, Frank Wright, Bob Poupolo, Steve Coughlin and Bob Nissenbaum.



Puma volunteers: Seated L-R, Cathy Tran, Brittany Bianchi, Heather Bentall, Megan Klein and Amy Biladeau. Standing; Matthew Belsito, Chris Shuley and Mark Mulvaney.



200 backpacks packed and ready for distribution.



Kiwanis Club members and PUMA volunteers.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call CONT. FROM PG 6

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"As senseless acts of gun violence continue to take the lives of innocent people across the commonwealth and country, we should be doing everything we can to protect the public – including barring those with restraining orders for domestic violence from having access to deadly weapons. The lower court's ruling makes society less safe and ultimately places domestic violence survivors in a position of greater danger. Commonsense gun measures save lives and now more than ever, we need our courts to recognize this fact." — Attorney General Andrea Campbell on behalf of 25 state attorneys general urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse a lower court's decision striking down a federal statute that bars individuals subject to domestic violence restraining orders from accessing guns.

"This is a great day for our state. This is a big step forward for students who have grown up here, worked here and followed their dreams here in Massachusetts. It's what is fair and what is right. They're going to continue their journey on the same terms as their peers." — Gov. Maura Healey on the new state law that would allow undocument-ed/illegal immigrants to qualify for the lower in-state college tuition rate if they attended high school here for at least three years and graduated or completed a GED.

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 21-25, the House met for a total of 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 36 minutes.

Mon. August 21 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.

Tues. August 22 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. August 23

No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. August 24 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Fri. August 25 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

A full sit-down Senior Picnic has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trum Field. For any questions and to get a new ticket, call the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville invite community members to provide public comments about rent stabilization at a third and final listening session on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Comments should address specific elements of Somerville's proposed new rent stabilization rules. Attend in-person at the Armory building (191 Highland Ave.) or online via Zoom. Written comments will also be accepted until September 10. Learn more and register to speak at the session: voice.somervillema.gov/adtf.

Take a Docent Tour at any of three historic sites in Somerville. Docent tours of Prospect Hill Tower will take place every second Thursday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; except September and October 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and every third Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at 68 Munroe St. Docent Tour of Old Powder House will be every first Thursday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; except September and October 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and fourth Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and Milk Row Cemetery, 440 Somerville Ave., every third Thursday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; except September and October 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and first Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Inclement weather

cancels any event. Call 311 (617-666-3311) for updates and check the city's calendar: https://www.somervillema.gov/events. Sponsored by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and the Somerville Museum, www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation and http://somervillemuseum.org.

Somerville students returned back to school today, this year school meals are free for all Somerville Public School students.

The Project Outlook, Low Vision Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. All are welcome.

It's time to fire things up with the 11th Annual Ignite Festival! The festival will be held on Saturday, September 30, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, October 1) in Union Square. Questions? Email: somartscalls@gmail.com.

The Somerville 5K Road Race returns for a 28th year on Saturday, September 30 in Davis Square. Staff, clients, supporters, and local partners will come together once again to raise awareness and support for our most underrepresented neighbors. Help in the fight to end home-

lessness, hunger, and eviction? Whether you want to run, jog, or walk alone or with a team, your support will help is needed to go the distance for our clients. Learn more and register here: https://bit.ly/Somerville5KRoadRace.

The Row's most anticipated event, Riverfest, returns on September 16. Celebrate the end of summer with a bang – literally – during a free, fun-filled day for the whole family, all culminating with a spectacular fireworks show over the Mystic River. With live music, kids activities, an artisan market and so much more, you won't want to miss our biggest event of the year. Visit their website for the full event details: http://assemblyrow.com/visit/events/riverfest-2023/.

On Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., East Somerville Main Streets invites you to Broadway to embark on a culinary journey around the world for the 12th annual Foodie Crawl. They will highlight tastes from El Salvador, Brazil, Italy, France, Mexico, Portugal and more. Come experience the best that East Somerville has to offer and find a new favorite restaurant (or five!). This year, ticket sales will be on a sliding scale, starting at \$10 for children, \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. Purchase tickets here: https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/foodiecrawl.

Another event coming up is the **Somerville Greek Festival**. Enjoy delicious,

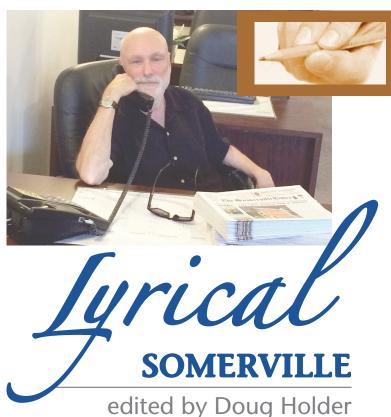
authentic Greek food and pastry, dance under the big tent to live music and enjoy a cold beer or wine while taking in the excitement at the largest Greek food festival in town. The festival will run September 8 and 9, from 12:00 to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 10, from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. Plenty of free parking. The menu will be posted ahead of this event, with plenty of vegetarian options. The Somerville Greek Festival is an annual event of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 29 Central St., Somerville, and open to the general public. It is a major fundraiser which allows the community of faithful to continue to serve the Somerville community through philanthropy, liturgical services, classes, youth ministries and much more. Visit dormition-church.org. *********

Enjoy free outdoor movie, popcorn, candy, and fun at The Block at Boynton Yards, all summer long. Friday Flicks Outdoor Movie Nights at Boynton Yards will start at 7:00 p.m. with yard games and fun, followed by candy, popcorn, and movies once the sun sets. Bring a blanket and get ready for a fun-filled evening. September 15: The Little Mermaid (1995 version).

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Boynton Yards, 110 South Street.

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Zen? (a koan)

if a coffee cup an oversized metal travel mug

is dropped

bounces between several pairs of sturdy boots

and slides

out the open door of an American helicopter

hovering above

the dusty streets of Quetta

spewing droplets

a chrome meteor

spinning down

shining through the sunlight

filling cool

desert morning air

gathering a

thousand feet of speed before

striking a

child on a bicycle

splitting her

head like a dark haired pumpkin

whacked by

an axe

does it make a sound in America?

— Ryan Stovall

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FF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

MY COVID: The Paths Not Taken

In May of 2023, I was a participant in an international poetry festival at the U/Mass Lowell Campus, in Lowell, MA. Many of the poets and writers there were from South America, and it was a pleasure to meet, read, and talk with many of these folks. In May we were confident that the dreaded virus was not a threat. The reports from the media indicated that the numbers had greatly diminished.

During this festival, many of the panels, etc., took place indoors, and for a number of hours. Many of the participants were without masks, and I was one of them.

Two days after the said event, I woke up with muscle aches and flu-like symptoms. I tested myself and the line was brazenly bright red. This was a straightno-chaser moment. I was a home for the virus. Friends left food at my door, etc., but I live basically alone with my cat Klezmer. People told me to take Paxlovid, but I brushed them aside. I thought, "I can sweat this out, like other times when I was sick." But those other times were when I was younger, not a 68-year-old man – who should know better.

So as it turned out this saga turned into an elongated Long Day's Journey into Night. I was feverish, experiencing chills, cold sweats, coughed up copious amounts of phlegm. I lost a lot of weight in a short time, damp tissues surrounded me on my bed. I looked like something out of a Lucien Freud nightmare.

One night I was fitfully sleeping. I woke up, and there was a gaudy man in a cheap polyester sports jacket. He looked like some snake oil salesman from the Twilight Zone or a "Crazy Eddie" ad. And he was real as day. His thinning hair seemed to be slicked down on his scalp by a wave of Vitalis. He said with a cracked smile through a TV screen of sorts, "Elegant and Eternal, Elegant and Eternal." What was he pitching? A boat ride to hell? Elegant coffins? I shot



Painting by Denise Penizzoto.

up from my pillow and there he was again - in my frightened face. "Elegant and Eternal, Elegant and Eternal." I got up shaking. I took a shot of whiskey to stabilize myself, then went back to bed.

Later that night, I found myself in a vivid dream. It was a pastoral scene, walking with my late wife Dianne, flowers abounded, the air perfumed, a hint of music was in the background. I was incredibly happy, and I did not want to leave. Just as I decided to stay, my cat jumped up on me, and woke me up from this dream. I guess he knew something was wrong. Cats are that way.

I finally recovered, but it took me most of the month of May. Since then, I have thought about this incident a lot, and the two paths that were offered to me.

Frankie and the Witch Fingers are coming

LA psych rock leaders Frankie and the Witch Fingers are headlining Crystal Ballroom on Tuesday, September 26.

Their first album in three years, Data Doom will be out September 1 via Greenway Record / The Reverberation Appreciation Society and also welcomes new members bassist Nikki "Pickle" Smith (formerly of Death Valley Girls) and drummer Nick Aguilar.

Tuesday, September 26. Show 8:00 p.m. Doors 7:00 p.m. Crystal Ballroom at Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square Somerville, MA 02144 - 617-245-2900





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